

Press Release: PRC Announces New Appointments
Including First Inspector General

Washington, DC – June 12, 2006 – Dan G. Blair, chairman of the Postal Regulatory Commission, announced today the appointment of the Commission's first inspector general, as required by the Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006.

Jack Callender, minority counsel to Ranking Member Tom Davis (R-VA) on the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, has been selected as the first Inspector General of the Postal Regulatory Commission, effective June 25, 2007.

Callender has served on the Government Reform Committee since 1999, and assisted the Committee in the drafting and enactment of the Act. He advised Mr. Davis and other House Members on postal law and policy throughout his long tenure with the Committee. Callender received a law degree from the University of Florida where he graduated with honors in 1996.

"The Commission takes seriously its new responsibilities under the Act," Blair said. "We are moving forward on several fronts – developing a new postal ratemaking system, closing out pending business under the old Postal Reform Act, and reorganizing internally to become the regulatory body envisioned by the Act."

In addition to Callender's appointment, Chairman Blair said that Nanci E. Langley, former deputy staff director to Senator Daniel K. Akaka (D-HI) on the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Oversight of Government Management and Federal Workforce Subcommittee, has been selected as the Commission's first director of public affairs and government relations. Langley assumed her post on April 2, 2007, after serving as Senator Akaka's senior advisor on postal and civil service issues for 17 years and communications director for the late U.S. Senator Spark Matsunaga for eight years. She is a graduate of the University of Southern California.

Earlier this year, the Commission announced that Ann C. Fisher was named chief of staff and Judy McCoy Grady was appointed as Special Assistant to the Chairman. Fisher served as deputy staff director on the Senate Homeland Security Committee, where she directed the Committee's legislative and support staff and was the principal advisor to Chairwoman Susan Collins (R-ME) on postal matters. Grady worked for the Ohio Office of the Secretary of State as Director of Elections and served as Special Assistant to Chairman Blair from April 2002 to July 2003 at the Office of Personnel Management as a confidential advisor on administrative and program issues.

"These individuals bring a wealth of talent and energy to the Commission, and they will be tremendous assets as we transition to our new responsibilities as the Postal Regulatory Commission," said Blair.

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The Postal Regulatory Commission is an independent federal agency comprised of five Presidentially-appointed and Senate-confirmed Commissioners, each serving terms of six years. The Chairman is designated by the President. In addition to Chairman Blair, the other four Commissioners are Ruth Goldway, Tony Hammond, Dawn Tisdale, and Mark Acton.