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Postal Regulatory Commission Statement Regarding Postal Service Announcement of New Delivery Schedule

Washington, DC – Today, the Postal Regulatory Commission learned of the Postal Service's plans for a new Saturday delivery schedule, to be implemented this August. Under the Postal Service's revised delivery schedule, mail delivery to street addresses will occur Monday through Friday. Packages will continue to be delivered six days a week, Monday through Saturday. Mail addressed to post office boxes will also continue to be delivered on Saturday. Post offices currently open on Saturdays will remain open on Saturdays.

In March 2011, the Commission issued an <u>Advisory Opinion</u> on a previous Postal Service proposal to largely eliminate Saturday deliveries. The Commission provided a significant analysis of that proposal to modify mail delivery schedule from six to five-days.

The Postal Service's announcement today provides only a broad outline of its new Saturday delivery schedule. Thus, the Commission is currently unable to evaluate how the new plan differs from the previous proposal.

The Postal Service states that details of the new plan will be made available to the public in March.

The Postal Regulatory Commission is an independent federal agency that provides regulatory oversight over the U.S. Postal Service to ensure the transparency and accountability of the Postal Service and foster a vital and efficient universal mail system. The Commission is 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 Goldway, the other Commissioners are Vice Chairman Robert Taub, Mark Acton, Tony Hammond and Nanci Langley.