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Commissioner Robert Taub Named Vice Chairman of the PRC

Washington, DC – The Postal Regulatory Commission announced today that Commissioner Robert G. Taub will succeed Commissioner Nanci Langley in the role of Vice Chairman effective January 1, 2013. Taub was unanimously selected by his colleagues. Under PRC policy, Taub will serve as Vice Chairman for a term of one year.

"I am honored to be elected Vice Chairman by my colleagues, and look forward to continuing our efforts to ensure transparency and accountability of the Postal Service. The PRC's dedicated staff is critical to our success. While these are challenging times for our nation's postal system, I remain committed to working with all stakeholders to address the current difficulties," said Taub.

Taub was sworn in as Commissioner in October 2011, following his nomination by President Obama and confirmation by the U.S. Senate. During his time at the agency, the PRC has seen a large increase in its work, issuing decisions in three major cases regarding changes to post offices and overnight delivery standards, reviewing an extensive number of post office appeals, evaluating a major negotiated service agreement, adjudicating several complaint cases, and completing work on a wide array of rate and classification cases as well as annual compliance determinations. Taub has had a particular focus on helping ensure effective implementation of the PRC's five-year Strategic Plan.

When appointed Commissioner, Taub was Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, John M. McHugh. Earlier, he worked in the U.S. House of Representatives, including a decade as Chief of Staff to then Congressman McHugh. He has extensive expertise with postal policy and was instrumental in developing the 2006 Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act. Taub also served for 12 years on the House of Representatives' Oversight & Government Reform Committee in a series of senior positions, including as Staff Director of its former Postal Service Subcommittee. Prior to this time with the House, Taub worked for eight years at the U.S. Government Accountability Office, the investigative arm of Congress. He also served as a staff member for three different Members of Congress, and state and county officials in upstate New York.

A native of Gloversville, New York, Commissioner Taub earned both a Master of Arts and a Bachelor of Science degree from American University in Washington, D.C. A copy of Commissioner Taub's complete biography is available at: Robert G. Taub Biography.

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 Nanci Langley, Mark Acton, Tony Hammond and Robert Taub.