



# Postal Regulatory Commission

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## Press Release

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### Commissioners Robert Taub and Mark Acton begin their new terms at the PRC

**Washington, DC** –Officially sworn in on October 8<sup>th</sup>, Postal Regulatory Commissioner Robert Taub assumed his new responsibilities, while Vice Chairman Mark Acton began his second term. They join PRC Chairman Ruth Y. Goldway and Commissioner Nanci Langley.

Currently, the Commission is engaged in crucial deliberations regarding the future of the United States Postal Service, including the number of its post offices, the level of service it will provide and its future financial stability.

Immediately prior to joining the PRC, Taub served as Special Assistant to United States Secretary of the Army John McHugh. Earlier, Taub worked in the U.S. House of Representatives, including service for 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 U.S. House of Representative's Oversight & Government Reform Committee in a series of senior positions, including service as Staff Director of its former Postal Service Subcommittee.

Commissioner Acton was nominated to his first term by President George W. Bush in November of 2005 and subsequently nominated for a second term by President Barack Obama in May of 2011. He was elected by his fellow commissioners to serve a one-year term as Vice Chairman this past December. Prior to his appointment, Acton served as Chief of Staff at the former Postal Rate Commission, assisting in managing all aspects of agency operations since 2002.

Chairman Goldway said, "I am very pleased to welcome back Mark Acton whose diligence and sense of fairness have contributed to the widespread acceptance of Commission decisions. And I am enthusiastic in welcoming Robert Taub whose proven combination of professionalism and devotion to postal issues will add to our strength as an independent agency."

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 comprises five Presidentially-appointed and Senate-confirmed Commissioners, each serving terms of six years. The Chairman is designated by the President. In addition to Chairman Ruth Y. Goldway, the other Commissioners are Vice Chairman Mark Acton, Nanci Langley and Robert Taub. There is currently one vacancy.*