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Commission Welcomes Return of Tony Hammond

Washington, **DC** – On May 1st, Commissioner Tony Hammond was sworn in for the third time to again become a Commissioner at the Postal Regulatory Commission. Hammond joins Chairman Ruth Goldway, Vice Chairman Nanci Langley and Commissioners Mark Acton and Robert Taub.

Hammond served on the Postal Regulatory Commission and its predecessor agency, the Postal Rate Commission, from August 2002 to October 2011, as an appointee of President George W. Bush. During that time, he was elected to two separate terms as Vice Chairman of the Commission. President Obama nominated Commissioner Hammond to fill a vacancy in a term on the Commission that ends in November 2012.

"We are all glad to now have a full complement of Commissioners and to have someone joining our ranks who is both fully familiar with the work and has well-established relationships with so many of our staff and so many in the postal community," said Chairman Goldway.

Prior to his service on the Commission, Hammond was owner and managing member of T. Hammond Company, LLC, a private consulting firm with offices in Arlington, Virginia and Newport Beach, California. He also served as Senior Vice President of the direct marketing firm, FL&S.

Commissioner Hammond served on Capitol Hill for ten years on the staff of Missouri Congressman Gene Taylor. During Taylor's tenure as Ranking Member of the Post Office and Civil Service Subcommittee, Hammond dealt with the diverse issues and interests concerning the U.S. Postal Service rates and operations. Hammond received a B.S. from Missouri State University.

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, Robert Taub and Tony Hammond.