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PRC Achieves Perfect Marks in 2012 DOJ FOIA Assessment

Washington, DC – The Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) has excelled in achieving all milestones identified by the Department of Justice (DOJ) in carrying out the policies of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The PRC is one of only nine federal agencies that have met all the criteria, out of a total of 99 agencies submitting Chief FOIA Officer reports.

A January 2009 Memorandum by President Obama directed Attorney General Eric Holder to develop Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) guidelines to be implemented by all federal agencies. In his order, the President wrote “All agencies should adopt a presumption in favor of disclosure, in order to renew their commitment to the principles embodied in FOIA, and to usher in a new era of open government...”

The 2012 assessment by the DOJ Office of Information Policy, released this week, provides a snapshot of agency activities in five key areas, specifically:

- applying the presumption of openness,
- increasing efficiencies,
- making information available proactively,
- using technology, and
- reducing backlogs and improving timeliness.

“The results of the DOJ report underscore the PRC’s mission of ensuring accountability and transparency,” noted PRC Chairman Ruth Y. Goldway. “We couldn’t be happier with the results.”

A copy of the full report can be found at: <http://www.justice.gov/oip/docs/sum-2012-chief-foia-officer-rpt.pdf>

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.