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JANUARY 22, 2012 MAILING SERVICES PRICE CHANGE

BACKGROUND:

Prices for most Postal Service mailing services changed on January 22, 2012. Mailing services includes First-Class Mail, Standard Mail, Periodicals, Package Services and Extra Services. Prices for shipping services also changed on January 22.

While actual percentage price increases for various products and services varies, the overall average price increase across all mailing services is capped by law at 2.1 percent, the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

FIRST-CLASS MAIL HIGHLIGHTS:

- Letters (1 oz.) – 1-cent increase to 45 cents. This is the first increase in the price of a First-Class Mail stamp since May 2009.
- Single-piece letters additional ounce rate – unchanged at 20 cents.
- Postcards – 3-cent increase to 32 cents
- Letters to Canada or Mexico (1 oz.) – 5-cent increase to 85 cents
- Letters to other international destinations – 7-cent increase to $1.05
- The second ounce will be free for First-Class Mail Presort pieces weighing between one and two ounces.

ADDITIONAL PRICE ADJUSTMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- The price increase for Standard Mail Letters is slightly below the overall average at less than 1.9 percent
- A new 3-month pricing option will be available to rent PO Boxes for people on the move and others that need a PO Box for a shorter time period.
- Delivery Confirmation will be free for several parcel products as the Postal Service continues to make tracking an integral component of parcels mailed at commercial rates.

PERCENTAGE OF PRICE CHANGE BY CLASS OF MAIL:

Class	Percent Change
First-Class Mail	2.133
Standard Mail	2.124
Periodicals	2.133
Package Services	2.133
Extra Services	-0.663*

*With the exception of Delivery Confirmation and Confirm, most Extra Services prices increase at about 2.1 %. Adding Delivery Confirmation and Confirm services as included services for some parcels results in the overall price reduction for Extra Services.

ROLE OF THE POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION:

The new prices were filed with the Postal Regulatory Commission on Oct. 18, 2011. The Commission had 45 days to review the prices to verify they comply with the overall 2.1 percent price cap for each class of mail. The new prices are valid as of January 22, 2012.