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LET YOUR MAIL FOLLOW YOU DOWN THE ROAD ***“Premium Forwarding” designed to meet the needs of a more mobile society***

ATLANTA, GA – Traveling business executives, military personnel, college students, summer renters and “snow birds” all benefit from a service announced today by the United States Postal Service.

The Postal Service’s Board of Governors approved a two-year test of USPS Premium Forwarding Service, a personalized service for sending mail from a primary residential address to a temporary address using Priority Mail. It is designed for residential customers who want to receive all of their mail at a temporary address.

With Premium Forwarding Service, the Postal Service boxes and reships mail to a temporary address for customers who are away from their primary address for at least two weeks and up to one year.

“Customers won’t have to wait for important correspondence and favorite magazines until they return home,” said Stephen M. Kearney, Vice President of Pricing and Classification. “Premium Forwarding gives customers one more way to enjoy their mail in a timely manner.”

Interested customers simply complete an application at the Post Office servicing their primary address. Necessary information including name, address of primary residence, temporary address, contact numbers and start and end dates is required. Premium Forwarding Service is temporary, but it does not replace the temporary or permanent Change-of-Address option.

The Postal Service collects the mail, boxes it and sends it to the temporary address once a week by Priority Mail. Express Mail, First-Class Mail or Priority Mail packages too large to fit inside the Premium Forwarding Service package are rerouted separately at no additional charge.

Premium Forwarding was designed to make life on the road or separation from friends and family a little easier.

“Convenience to the customer is key,” said Nick Barranca, Vice President of Product Development. “Whatever your situation may be, the Postal Service has several convenient

service options for handling your mail. You may be away from home, but your mail doesn't have to be."

There is a one-time enrollment charge of \$10. Customers are charged \$10 for each weekly shipment during the period they are enrolled in the Premium Forwarding Service. The Postal Rate Commission approved the proposed fee structure in April. Premium Forwarding Service is expected to begin in August.

In addition to Premium Forwarding Service, the Postal Service also offers Hold Mail Service, permanent forwarding and temporary forwarding.

Since 1775, the Postal Service has connected friends, families, neighbors and businesses by mail. It is an independent federal agency that visits 142 million homes and businesses every day and is the only service provider delivering to every address in the nation. The Postal Service receives no taxpayer dollars for routine operations, but derives its operating revenues solely from the sale of postage, products and services. With annual revenues of more than \$69 billion, it is the world's leading provider of mailing and delivery services, offering some of the most affordable postage rates in the world. The Postal Service delivers more than 46 percent of the world's mail volume- some 206 billion letters, advertisements, periodicals and packages a year- and serves seven million customers each day at its 37,000 retail locations nationwide.