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1. Postal Service starts reorganizing to cut costs

By Ed O'Keefe

The U.S. Postal Service thinned its top ranks Friday as it prepares a series of anticipated changes to cut costs and boost revenues.

Postmaster General Patrick R. Donahoe announced the elimination of a senior vice president position and realigned responsibilities related to domestic sales, retail operations and customer and industry affairs. Some senior vice presidents will be reassigned to lower vice president slots, according to a spokeswoman.

The Postal Service lost \$8.5 billion in the fiscal year that ended in September as mail volume and revenues plummeted farther than previous years.

The changes announced Friday are part of Donahoe's plans to cut \$750 million in administrative costs. They mirror suggestions made by postal watchdogs in September.

Donahoe also announced plans to close a regional office located in Memphis, Tenn. that will result in the departure or reassignment of 119 workers, the spokeswoman said.

Donahoe assumed the top postal job in early December and will be formally sworn in next Friday.

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2. U.S. Postal Service Eliminates Management Position

By Angela Greiling Keane - Jan 8, 2011 3:47 AM GMT+0700

The U.S. Postal Service, which had a loss of \$8.5 billion for fiscal 2010, said it will eliminate a management rank, cutting officer jobs to 37 from 44.

The service, based in Washington, will scrap the title of senior vice president, cutting the number of people in officer positions by 16 percent, Joanne Veto, a spokeswoman, said today by telephone.

The agency, which has forecast a \$6.4 billion loss for its 2011 fiscal year, will eliminate jobs including senior vice presidents for customer relations, retail products and operations, Veto said.

The Postal Service, which has said it wants to reduce costs by shuttering facilities, also said it will close its southeast area office in Memphis, Tennessee.

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