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The Washington Post Company Declares Increased Quarterly Dividend

WASHINGTON – January 17, 2008 – The Washington Post Company (NYSE: WPO) announced today that its Board of Directors has approved an increase in the annual dividend rate on the company's common stock, from \$8.20 to \$8.60 per share.

The dividend for the first quarter of 2008, \$2.15 per share, is payable on February 8, 2008, to shareholders of record on January 28, 2008.

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