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## **CHAIRMAN PAI ANNOUNCES NEW CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, AND MEMBER OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIVERSITY AND DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT**

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This Public Notice announces that, consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act,<sup>1</sup> Chairman Ajit Pai has made three appointments to the Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment (ACDDE). Chairman Pai has appointed current ACDDE Vice Chair Diane Sutter, President, ShootingStar Broadcasting, to serve as the new Chair of the ACDDE. Ms. Sutter replaces Julia Johnson, President, NetCommunications, who has resigned from the ACDDE. Also, Chairman Pai has appointed Anna Gomez, Partner, Wiley Rein LLP, as Vice Chair and full committee member of the ACDDE, building on her role as a member of the Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group. Ms. Gomez previously served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Chairman Pai stated: “I want to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Julia for her service as the first Chair of the Advisory Committee on Diversity and Digital Empowerment. Julia was instrumental in getting the Committee off to its tremendous start. She brought her expertise as one of the leading female African-American entrepreneurs in the communications industry to the advisory committee. I am sorry to see her depart, and I wish her the very best in the future. I also want to thank Diane Sutter for her willingness to serve as the new Chair of the Committee. Diane is well known in the broadcast industry for her thought leadership on a range of issues pertaining to financing, ownership, and management training. She has a long history of service to the Commission, having been a member of a previous diversity committee. I am excited to have her lead the Committee and I look forward to working with her on these important issues. I also welcome Anna Gomez to her new position as Vice Chair of the Diversity Committee. Anna is a recognized expert in regulatory, policy, and transactional matters concerning domestic and international telecommunications. Anna will bring a fresh perspective and a ‘can-do’ attitude to the challenging issues we are committed to addressing with this advisory committee.”

In addition, Chairman Pai has appointed Susan Au Allen, a member of the Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group, as a full member of the ACDDE. Ms. Allen is President/CEO, U.S. Pan Asian American Chamber of Commerce. The Digital Empowerment and Inclusion Working Group

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<sup>1</sup> 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

examines issues surrounding access, adoption, and use of broadband and new technologies by under-resourced communities.

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