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COMMON CARRIER ACTION

MICHELLE CAREY APPOINTED CHIEF, POLICY AND PROGRAM PLANNING DIVISION, COMMON CARRIER BUREAU

Washington, D.C. – Michelle Carey has been appointed Chief of the Common Carrier Bureau's Policy and Program Planning Division.

Since December 1998, Ms. Carey has been Deputy Chief in the Policy Division of the Common Carrier Bureau, where she supervised work on the Bell Atlantic 271 application for New York and the SBC-Ameritech merger. As Chief of the Policy Division, Ms. Carey will be responsible for the implementation of numerous key provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, including evaluating applications by the Bell Operating Companies to enter the long distance market, and reviewing license transfer applications filed by common carriers.

Before becoming Deputy Chief of the Policy Division, Ms. Carey was a senior attorney in the Policy Division, and a staff attorney in the Common Carrier Bureau's Enforcement Division.

Prior to joining the Commission, Ms. Carey served as a law clerk for the honorable Hart T. Mankin of the United States Court of Veterans Appeals in Washington, D.C. She received her B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Georgetown University and received her J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center.