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ROBERT ATKINSON APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH AMERICAN NUMBERING COUNCIL

Washington, DC – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today announced the appointment of Robert Atkinson as Chairman of the North American Numbering Council (NANC). The NANC advises the FCC on matters relating to the administration of numbering resources. Mr. Atkinson replaces John Hoffman, who resigned last month.

Mr. Atkinson was formerly a Deputy Chief of the FCC's Common Carrier Bureau from January 1999 to June 2000. He is currently the Executive Director of the Columbia Institute for Tele-Information (CITI) at Columbia Business School in New York.

“Bob Atkinson’s experience, demonstrated skill in telecommunications, and his prior work at the Commission will serve him well as the Chairman of the NANC,” said Yog Varma, Deputy Chief, Common Carrier Bureau. “I am certain that Bob will be able to forge a consensus among NANC members and ensure that NANC’s recommendations serve the public interest,” Mr. Varma added.

Atkinson joined the FCC at the beginning of 1999 after a 27-year career in the telecommunications industry including 13 years with Teleport Communications Group (TCG), the nation’s first Competitive Access Provider (CAP) and Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC).

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