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## **KATHLEEN Q. ABERNATHY SWORN IN AS FCC COMMISSIONER**

Washington, DC – Kathleen Q. Abernathy was sworn in today as a member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term that expires June 30, 2004.

Before her appointment to the FCC, Abernathy was director for government affairs at BroadBand Office, Inc.; a partner in the Washington, DC, law firm of Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP; vice president for regulatory affairs at U.S. West (now known as Qwest Communications); and vice president for federal regulatory at AirTouch Communications. She also served as legal advisor to FCC Commissioner Sherrie Marshall and Chairman James Quello.

Commissioner Abernathy issued the following statement following her swearing in: “I am humbled and honored that the President and Congress have selected me to serve the American people as an FCC Commissioner. Having worked at the FCC as a legal advisor to two commissioners, I feel a particular sense of pride and responsibility in following in the footsteps of such fine public servants. I look forward to working with Chairman Powell, my fellow commissioners, and the talented and dedicated Commission staff to make the best, most prompt decisions possible for the American people.”

Abernathy received a B.S. from Marquette University and a J.D. from Columbus School of Law, The Catholic University of America. She is a member and former President of the Federal Communications Bar Association and a member of the Washington, DC, Bar.

Abernathy, her husband, Charles Abernathy, and their daughter, Julia, reside in Bethesda, MD.

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