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MARLENE H. DORTCH NAMED ACTING DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Washington, DC -- Marlene H. Dortch has been named Acting Director of the Office of Communications Business Opportunities (OCBO), effective June 11, 2001. OCBO works to promote opportunities for ownership and employment in the telecommunications and broadcasting industries for small businesses. In her new position, Dortch will have primary responsibility for overseeing the Commission's compliance with the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act and the Small Business Administration size standard rules issued pursuant to the Small Business Act.

Dortch served as Chief of the Equal Employment Opportunity Staff in the Commission's Mass Media Bureau since March 2000.

Prior to that she was an attorney-advisor in the Television Branch of the Bureau's Video Services Division. In that position, Dortch focused primarily on broadcast transactions and issues related to the Commission's multiple ownership rules. She also worked on ITFS issues in the Video Services Division.

She holds a J.D. degree from The Ohio State University College of Law and an A.B. from Georgetown University.

Dortch lives in Maryland with her husband, Llewellyn.