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PRESS STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. COPPS
ON JONATHAN ADELSTEIN
JOINING THE COMMISSION

Today is a win-win for the FCC and for all who are interested in the work it performs. We have a new Commissioner of outstanding ability and a Commission at full complement, at last.

Jonathan Adelstein joins our ranks as we prepare to embark upon one of the most momentous years in the long history of the FCC. Important votes that will dramatically affect the telecommunications and media landscapes will occur in the coming months. We are fortunate that, as we deliberate these issues, we will have Jonathan's intelligence, experience and good judgment to call upon as we chart our way to a better communications world for all our citizens. On many of these issues, we are at a true crossroads. I am confident that our chances of finding the road to take have been significantly improved with the arrival of Commissioner Adelstein.

I also want to commend Jonathan for the exemplary way in which he handled the long process of nomination and confirmation. This process, for all who have been through it, is never easy. In Jonathan's case, totally extraneous circumstances complicated the process beyond what anyone could have expected. Through it all, he conducted himself with uncommonly good judgment, infinite patience and an inner confidence that in the end, all would be well. It is.

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