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## ABERNATHY ANNOUNCES HIRING OF JENNIFER A. MANNER

Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy announced today that Jennifer A. Manner will join her staff as Senior Counsel, effective January 13, 2003. Ms. Manner will focus on wireless and international issues. "I am delighted to have the opportunity to work with someone as talented and well-versed as Jennifer," Abernathy stated.

Ms. Manner currently serves as Director, International Alliances for WorldCom, Inc., where she is responsible for developing and implementing the company's international alliances. From 1996-2000, Ms. Manner served as Associate Counsel in WorldCom's legal department, where she advised business units on international and wireless regulatory issues. Before joining WorldCom, Ms. Manner was an associate in the communications group of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer, and Feld, and she served for two years as Attorney-Adviser in the FCC's Common Carrier Bureau.

"Jennifer not only has a strong professional track record but is an accomplished author and professor," said Abernathy. Ms. Manner's book *Spectrum Wars* will be published in early 2003, and she also published *Global Telecommunications Regulation* in 2002. In addition to these books, Ms. Manner has published several scholarly articles on international and wireless telecommunications policy. Since 2000, she has served as Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center. She has also been extensively involved in the Federal Communications Bar Association, the Women's Bar Association, and the D.C. Bar.

Ms. Manner earned an L.L.M from Georgetown University Law Center and her J.D. from New York Law School. She was an undergraduate at the State University of New York at Albany.

Commissioner Abernathy had previously announced her intention to hire Carolyn Groves, a partner with Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP. "Unfortunately," Abernathy said, "due to recusal issues, Carolyn withdrew her candidacy." Abernathy added, "I am disappointed to lose Carolyn — she is a stellar lawyer and a person of tremendous character. She would have made a great advisor. I wish her the best of luck in continuing her law practice."