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STATEMENT OF FCC CHAIRMAN MICHAEL K. POWELL ON CHANGES TO THE FEDERAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE FEDERAL-STATE JOINT BOARD ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE

Washington, D.C.—Michael K. Powell, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), today announced the appointment of Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein to the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (Joint Board).

"I am pleased that Commissioner Adelstein has accepted appointment to the Joint Board. I know that the Joint Board will benefit from his insights and expertise in the coming year as it works to ensure that all Americans have access to telecommunications service at affordable rates.

"Commissioner Copps has been a valued member of the Joint Board since 2001. I wish to thank him for his contributions to this important forum and look forward to continuing to work with Commissioner Copps to preserve and advance universal service."

The Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service was established by the FCC in 1996 to advise the Commission on matters related to universal service.

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