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MARSHA MACBRIDE TO STEP DOWN AS FCC CHIEF OF STAFF

WASHINGTON - Marsha J. MacBride announced today she is resigning as Chief of Staff of the Federal Communications Commission, stating "It is with difficulty I choose to leave my post as Chief of Staff at this time. Although the Chairman has a challenging agenda ahead of him, the time is right for me to pursue new opportunities."

FCC Chairman Michael Powell said, "It is with deep regret that I accept Marsha's decision to step down. Marsha is my most trusted and loyal advisor. She has served me, the FCC and the American people with exceptional skill and grace for the past two and a half years as Chief of Staff. She is an exceptional leader who has worked tirelessly to make the FCC more efficient and more responsive to the needs of the American public. She is a friend, and I will sorely miss her as we forge ahead with the Commission's work."

Ms. MacBride rejoined the Commission, where she began service in 1991, in January 2001, to serve as Chairman Powell's Chief of Staff. She at that time was serving as Vice President, Government Relations, for the Walt Disney Company. In addition to her duties as Chief of Staff, Ms. MacBride heads the Commission's Homeland Security Policy Council.

During her prior tenure at the FCC, Ms. MacBride served as Legal Advisor to then Commissioner Michael Powell. She was principally responsible for advising the Commissioner on broadcast, cable television and various international issues. Prior to joining Commissioner Powell's personal staff, Ms. MacBride served as Executive Director of the FCC's Task Force on Year 2000 Conversion, chaired by Commissioner Powell. From December 1996 to November 1997, Ms. MacBride was Legal Advisor to Commissioner James H. Quello for matters relating to broadcast and cable television, including digital television transition, closed-captioning and inside wiring proceedings.

Ms. MacBride joined the Commission as an attorney in the Political Programming Branch of the Mass Media Bureau's Enforcement Division, and subsequently served as Acting Deputy Chief of the Cable Services Bureau and Senior Legal Advisor to the Mass Media Bureau. Prior to joining the FCC, Ms. MacBride practiced communications law in Washington for six years.

Ms. MacBride is a 1981 graduate of Douglass College, Rutgers University, where she received, with magna cum laude distinction, a B.A. degree. In 1985, she earned her law degree from the George Washington University School of Law in Washington, D.C.