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INTERNATIONAL BUREAU ANNOUNCES STAFF CHANGES

Washington, D.C. -- Today, Donald Abelson, Chief of the International Bureau and Kathryn O'Brien, Chief of the Strategic Analysis & Negotiations Division (SAND) announced new staffing appointments within the FCC's International Bureau.

Office of the Bureau Chief

- **Jacqueline M. Ponti** has been appointed to a new role as Associate Bureau Chief for Licensing and Operations. In this position, Ms. Ponti will oversee long-term International Bureau licensing and operations activities, and focus on information technology initiatives. Ms. Ponti has worked for the International Bureau since 1994, serving in several positions including Chief of Staff.
- Jacquelynn Ruff is the Bureau's new Chief of Staff and also has the title of Associate Bureau Chief. Ms. Ruff will oversee short and medium-term strategic planning and development for the Bureau as well as agency-wide coordination of Bureau items and initiatives. She also will continue to oversee Bureau work on international trade issues. Ms. Ruff joined the International Bureau in 1999, where she served most recently as Assistant Bureau Chief.
- John V. Giusti has joined the Office of the Bureau Chief as an Assistant Bureau Chief. Mr. Giusti will oversee Bureau policy and activity regarding international outreach, including International Telecommunication Union matters, regulator-to-regulator dialogues and cross-border issues. Mr. Giusti started with the International Bureau in 1996 and most recently served as Deputy Division Chief of the SAND Division.

Strategic Analysis & Negotiations Division

• Linda B. Dubroof and Julie A. Barrie have become Deputy Division Chiefs of the SAND Division. In these roles, Ms. Dubroof and Ms. Barrie will assist in executing the Division mission and managing its projects and staff. Ms. Dubroof, who joined the International Bureau in 1997, most immediately served as Assistant Division Chief of SAND. Ms. Barrie, who joined the International Bureau in 2001, most recently served as the Chief of SAND's International Telecommunications and Development Branch.

• Christopher J. Murphy is the new Chief of the International Telecommunications & Development Branch. Mr. Murphy will oversee the Division's work with the ITU Telecommunications Standardization Sector and the ITU Development Sector, as well as participation in major ITU conferences and meetings. Mr. Murphy joined the International Bureau in 1996 and served in the Office of the Bureau Chief since 2000.

These appointments took effect November 3, 2003.