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POWELL ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN FCC OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING; JANE MAGO TO LEAVE FCC; LINDA BLAIR NAMED ACTING CHIEF

Washington, D.C. – FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell announced today that Jane E. Mago, Chief of the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis (OSP), will be leaving the Commission at the end of September. He also announced that Linda Blair, currently Deputy Chief of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau and Deputy Director of the FCC's Homeland Security Policy Council (HSPC), will serve as Acting Chief of OSP. Mago will join the National Association of Broadcasters as Senior Vice-President – General Counsel.

Powell said, "In the course of our work, we occasionally encounter that government professional who truly personifies the ideals of public service: integrity, devotion, intellectual rigor, compassion, open-mindedness. Jane Mago captures that ideal. She has been a tireless advocate for the public interest in every role during her twenty-six years at the agency. If a government agency can be said to have a soul, Jane Mago is a part of the Commission's. She will be missed by all of us as a colleague, confidante, and friend. We wish her well."

Powell said, "Linda Blair's homeland security and enforcement work have demonstrated her abilities to lead, manage complex issues and get things done. Her 'can do' spirit and keen intellect will serve the Commission and OSP well. I look forward to having Linda serve the Commission in this new capacity."

Jane Mago began her career at the FCC in 1978, serving as a staff attorney in the former Common Carrier Bureau. Before taking on her current job heading OSP, she served as General Counsel of the agency from 2001 through 2003. Earlier in her career, Ms. Mago served as a Litigation Attorney and later as Assistant General Counsel for Trial and Enforcement. She also served as Deputy Chief of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau from 1999 to 2001, and as Deputy Chief of the Land Mobile and Microwave Division in the former Private Radio Bureau from 1986 to 1988. She received a J.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo, where she also received her B.A. and M.A. in communications.

Linda Blair, as Deputy Chief of the Enforcement Bureau, oversees the Bureau's broadcast and spectrum-related enforcement work, as well as the work of the Bureau's field offices. As HSPC Deputy Director, she works with the Chairman's office and with senior managers throughout the FCC to coordinate the agency's Homeland Security policy initiatives. Ms. Blair came to the Commission from private practice in June 1988. Before joining the Enforcement Bureau in May 2001, she worked in the former Private Radio Bureau, the Office of General Counsel, and the former Mass Media Bureau, where she was a Division Chief. She

received a B.A. from the College of William and Mary and a J.D. from American University's Washington College of law.

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