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CHAIRMAN POWELL AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY GALLAGHER MEET TO PLAN AND COORDINATE SPECTRUM POLICY

Washington, D.C. - Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Michael K. Powell and Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information Michael D. Gallagher today met formally to plan and coordinate the efforts of the FCC and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) on spectrum policy issues. The meeting included senior spectrum policy teams from both organizations. Its purpose was to continue the coordinated efforts of the two agencies on spectrum policy as required by 47 U.S.C. Section 922.

FCC Chairman Powell said, "I am pleased that the FCC and NTIA teams are continuing to work closely on these challenging issues that are important to the continued development of new and enhanced spectrum-based services for businesses, consumers and the military and other federal users. With mutual cooperation and a strong technical foundation, we are making great progress both on the introduction of new technologies and the identification of spectrum for those technologies, as well as improving our IT processes. I look forward to working with Assistant Secretary Gallagher to achieve our common goals."

Assistant Secretary Gallagher stated, "The close cooperation and mutual respect between NTIA and the FCC has led to a strong level of achievement. We have met President Bush's call for creating an innovation environment by implementing policies that support advanced wireless services, next generation networks, ultrawideband, and most recently, broadband over power lines. I am proud to say that we have made more spectrum--both licensed and unlicensed--available for new purposes than ever before, while continuing to protect critical government systems from harmful interference. I am thankful for Chairman Powell's leadership and contribution to our joint efforts."

The Communications Act assigns joint jurisdiction for spectrum management to the FCC and the NTIA at the Department of Commerce. The FCC is responsible for non-Federal spectrum uses, e.g., broadcast, commercial, public safety, and state and local government users, and NTIA is responsible for Federal spectrum uses.