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COMMISSIONER ABERNATHY ANNOUNCES STAFF CHANGES

Washington, DC — Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy announced today that Russell Hanser, Special Counsel to the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau's Competition Policy Division, has joined her office as Acting Legal Advisor for Wireline Competition Issues. In his position in the Wireline Competition Bureau, Mr. Hanser has focused on matters involving local competition and IP-enabled services. He previously has served as Special Counsel to the General Counsel. Before arriving at the Commission, Mr. Hanser practiced law at Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering and at Ropes & Gray, and was a law clerk to the Honorable Norman Stahl of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School and Amherst College. Commissioner Abernathy stated: "I am delighted to have someone of Russ's caliber join my team. I am confident he will make a valuable contribution, and I appreciate his willingness to serve."

Commissioner Abernathy further announced that Lauren "Pete" Belvin, who has recently focused on wireline competition matters, will assume primary responsibility for media-related issues. John Branscome will continue to advise Commissioner Abernathy on wireless, international, and technology issues.