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DEBORAH TAYLOR TATE SWORN IN AS FCC COMMISSIONER

Washington, D.C. – Deborah Taylor Tate was sworn in today by Chairman Kevin J. Martin as a member of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Before joining the FCC, Tate was appointed by former Governor Don Sundquist to serve a six-year term as a Director of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA), where she served as Chairman from 2003-2004. In that position, she also had been appointed to the Federal-State Joint Board on Advanced Telecommunications Services. As a member of the national utilities association (NARUC), she was Chairman of the Washington Action Committee, and was on both the Consumer Affairs and Gas Committees.

Prior to her service at the TRA, Tate served as an attorney and senior policy advisor to former Governor Lamar Alexander and former Governor Don Sundquist. She specifically served as a senior mental health and juvenile justice policy advisor, and was instrumental in the creation and implementation of a statewide plan establishing a Mental Health Revision Commission culminating in the passage of an entire new mental health law for Tennessee.

Tate earned her B.A. and J.D. degrees from the University of Tennessee, and also attended Vanderbilt University Law School. Certified as a Rule 31 Mediator by the Tennessee Supreme Court, she is a member of the Nashville Bar Association and the Lawyer's Association for Women (L.A.W.), and was inducted as a Fellow by the Nashville Bar Foundation. On the University level, Commissioner Tate was the Director of the State and Local Policy Center at Vanderbilt Institute for Public Policy Studies, served on the adjunct faculty of the Vanderbilt School of Nursing, and as a guest lecturer at the Vanderbilt University Law School.

A native of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Tate is married to William H. Tate, a partner in the law firm of Howard, Tate, Sowell, Wilson and Boyte. They have three children, Will, Taylor and Carlton, and reside in Nashville, Tennessee. Commissioner Tate is the daughter of the late Brigadier General and Mrs. Louis Carlton Taylor of Clay County, Tennessee.

Tate was sworn in for a term that runs until June 30, 2007.

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