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CHAIRMAN KEVIN J. MARTIN NAMES ACTING MANAGING DIRECTOR AND ACTING CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Washington, DC - Today, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Kevin J. Martin named Anthony Dale as Acting Managing Director and Mark Stephens as Acting Chief Financial Officer.

Mr. Dale has been with the FCC for almost 10 years working on a broad range of management and policy roles. Most recently, Mr. Dale served as Acting Deputy Managing Director in the Commission's Office of Managing Director. Mr. Dale also served as interim director of the Commission's Office of Legislative Affairs. He served in management positions in the Wireline Competition Bureau (where he also served as special advisor for homeland security), the International Bureau, the Enforcement Bureau, and the Common Carrier Bureau. In these roles, Mr. Dale supervised a variety of issues, including Universal Service Fund policy and management issues, budget presentation and execution, financial reporting and compliance, audits and investigations, mergers and competition policy, homeland security matters, and various proceedings addressing telecommunications issues.

Previously, Mr. Dale worked in the telecommunications industry as an account executive with a computer networking and systems integration firm. Mr. Dale also worked for the Maryland Emergency Management Agency training firefighters and other emergency response personnel on chemical and environmental disaster preparedness and response. After college, Mr. Dale served as an infantry officer in the United States Army, both on active duty and in the National Guard, working in leadership and staff positions in peacekeeping and disaster relief operations.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies from Dickinson College and his law degree with honors from the University of Baltimore.

Mark Stephens has over 20 years experience in financial management, auditing, and accounting in both the public and the private sectors. Most recently, Mr. Stephens served as Acting Deputy Chief Financial Officer in the Commission's Office of Managing Director. In that capacity, he managed the Commission's financial reporting and compliance, oversaw preparation and implementation of the Commission's budget, and provided advice on financial management and accounting matters. Mr. Stephens also served as Special Advisor for Universal Service Fund Oversight in the Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau, where he worked to strengthen the FCC's safeguards against potential waste, fraud, and abuse. Mr. Stephens also

worked as a senior audit manager and systems accountant in the Wireline Competition Bureau (including the former Common Carrier Bureau) and the Enforcement Bureau. Mr. Stephens joined the Commission in 1991 as an audit manager in the Common Carrier Bureau's Accounting & Audits Division, where he directed and managed audit teams evaluating compliance with regulatory accounting and cost allocation rules.

Before joining the Commission, Mr. Stephens served as financial controller and manager for two corporations, where he supervised the accounting departments and managed compliance with financial reporting and accounting standards. Mr. Stephens also worked as an auditor at the private accounting firm Grant Thornton, LLP, where he performed financial statements audits and other reviews of companies involved in government contracting, real estate services, the retail sector, insurance, and the non-profit sector. Before starting his career in accounting and auditing, Mr. Stephens served in the United States Navy.

Mr. Stephens received his Master's of Arts in Telecommunications from the George Washington University and his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Loyola College. Mr. Stephens is a Certified Public Accountant licensed to practice in Maryland.

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