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CHAIRMAN KEVIN J. MARTIN ANNOUNCES PERSONAL STAFF CHANGES

Today, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Kevin J. Martin named Michelle Carey his Legal Advisor for Media Issues and Ian Dillner his Legal Advisor for Wireline Issues. In addition, Chairman Martin announced two acting advisors. Erika Olsen will be his Acting Wireless Advisor and Nick Alexander will be his Acting Wireline Advisor during Ian Dillner's transition to the Chairman's Office.

"I am pleased that Michelle and Ian have agreed to assume these new responsibilities and I appreciate their continued service to the Commission," Chairman Martin said. "I also want to thank Heather Dixon for her extremely valuable contribution as my legal advisor on media matters during the past two years. Heather's extraordinary capacity for work and her dedication to detail led to progress on a variety of policy fronts and helped us move ahead on numerous initiatives. I look forward to working with Michelle and Ian in their new roles and I look forward to a new role for Heather at the FCC," Chairman Martin said.

Michelle Carey has been Chairman Martin's Legal Advisor for Wireline Issues since April 2005, after serving as Deputy Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau since September 2004. Prior to that, she was Chief of the Competition Policy Division for nearly five years and also supervised numerous adjudicatory proceedings. Ms. Carey served as Deputy Chief and staff attorney in both the Policy and Enforcement Divisions of the former Common Carrier Bureau. Before joining the Commission, Ms. Carey clerked for the Honorable Hart T. Mankin of the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals. Ms. Carey received her B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Georgetown University and her J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center.

Ian Dillner is currently Legal Advisor to FCC Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate, after serving as Acting Legal Advisor to FCC Chairman Kevin J. Martin on Wireline Issues. Previously, Mr. Dillner served as a legal advisor to the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau and as a Senior Attorney in the Competition Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau. Mr. Dillner received his B.A. with distinction from Goucher College and received his J.D. *cum laude* from the George Mason University School of Law.

Ms. Olsen most recently served as the Deputy Chief of the Telecommunications Access Policy Division in the Wireline Competition Bureau. Prior to joining the Commission, Ms. Olsen was a partner at the law firm of McDermott Will and Emery. Ms. Olsen received her B.A. from Yale University, and her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from the Washington and Lee University School of Law, where she was elected to the Order of the Coif.

Nick Alexander is an Attorney Advisor in the Competition Policy Division of the Wireline Competition Bureau. Prior to joining the Commission, Mr. Alexander was an associate at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP. He is a graduate of the University of Colorado School of Law, where he was a member of the Order of the Coif, and earned a B.S. in Industrial Management from Carnegie Mellon University. Prior to entering the practice of law, Mr. Alexander served as an infantry officer in the U.S. Army.

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