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CHAIRMAN KEVIN J. MARTIN ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL COUNSEL AND DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL

Today, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Kevin J. Martin named Matthew Berry as General Counsel. Chairman Martin also announced that Ajit Pai will serve as Deputy General Counsel.

Of this announcement, Chairman Martin said, "I want to thank Matthew and Ajit for agreeing to serve the Commission in these new capacities. The Commission is fortunate to have Matthew's stellar experience in government and in the law. Matthew has exhibited enormous dedication to this agency and to public service in general and I look forward to working with him in this new role. I am also pleased that Ajit has agreed to take over as Deputy General Counsel. Ajit has been an enormously valuable member of the Commission's legal team, and I look forward to his service in this new capacity."

Matthew Berry most recently served as Deputy General Counsel. Before joining the Commission, he served as Counselor to the Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Policy in the U.S. Department of Justice, where he earned the Department's John Marshall Award for providing legal advice related to counter-terrorism policy. Prior to joining the Office of Legal Policy, Mr. Berry served as an attorney-adviser in the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel. Mr. Berry was previously a visiting professor at William and Mary School of Law, and he has served as a law clerk for United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Clarence Thomas and Judge Laurence Silberman of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Mr. Berry graduated *summa cum laude* from Dartmouth College and received his J.D. from Yale Law School.

Ajit Pai will be Deputy General Counsel. He most recently served as Associate General Counsel. Before joining the Commission, Mr. Pai served as Chief Counsel of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Constitution; as Senior Counsel at the Office of Legal Policy at the U.S. Department of Justice; as Deputy Chief Counsel of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts; as Associate General Counsel at Verizon Communications Inc.; as an Honors Program trial attorney in the Telecommunications Task Force at the U.S. Department of Justice's Antitrust Division; and as a law clerk to Judge Martin L.C. Feldman of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Mr. Pai graduated with honors from Harvard College and from the University of Chicago Law School, where he was an editor of the *University of Chicago Law Review*.