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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL COPPS
ON THE ARRIVAL OF CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
AND THE DEPARTURE OF COMMISSIONER ADELSTEIN**

This is a day of welcome and farewell. We welcome our new Chairman Julius Genachowski who begins what promises to be a public-spirited and distinguished tenure as Chairman. He knows the FCC well, brings impressive private sector and technology experience with him, and enjoys deserved renown for innovative thinking and new approaches. I look forward to working with him on the many issues awaiting his attention.

But having to bid farewell to my friend and colleague Jonathan Adelstein makes it a difficult day, too. Jonathan and I have worked closely together on so many issues that it makes it hard for me to imagine a Commission without him. Our thoughts most often run in the same direction, whether the issue is media, broadband, rural America, the disabilities communities, reaching out to non-traditional stakeholders or upholding a shared vision of the public interest. His intelligence, good judgment, wide experience and invariably good humor combined to make him a highly productive Commissioner across a wide gamut of issues. I will miss him here but wish him all good things as he moves ahead in the confirmation process toward becoming Administrator of the Rural Utilities Service at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. I look forward to our continuing work together and to our friendship through the years.