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FCC CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI ANNOUNCES SENIOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY BUREAU APPOINTMENTS

Washington, DC -- Today, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski announced the chief of the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) and two deputies, who will join the other senior staff in the bureau. Today's announcements include: Bureau Chief Rear Admiral (ret.) Jamie Barnett, Deputy Chief David Furth and Deputy Chief Jennifer Manner.

"Communication is essential during times of disaster – both natural and man-made – and the FCC must ensure that our nation's communications networks serve our public safety needs," said Chairman Genachowski. "These experienced professionals understand the importance of preparation and foresight in emergency response. I am delighted that Admiral Barnett, with his broad and deep experience with public safety issues and familiarity with the concerns of state and local governments, will be joining the agency. I am also pleased to be elevating David Furth and bringing Jennifer Manner back to the agency. This team will provide the expertise required to enable a public safety infrastructure for the twenty-first century, with the advanced technology needed to serve our firefighters, police officers, and other first responders."

Chief of Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Rear Admiral (ret.) Jamie Barnett: Admiral Barnett served 32 years in the United States Navy and Navy Reserve, retiring in 2008. His last active duty assignments were Deputy Commander, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command and Director, Naval Education and Training in the Pentagon. For the last two years, Admiral Barnett has been a Senior Research Fellow at the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies, a policy think tank focusing on science and technology issues of importance to the nation, including cyber conflict and cyber security. From 1984 to 2001, Mr. Barnett was a senior partner at Mitchell, McNutt and Sams, P.A. in Tupelo, Mississippi with a governmental law practice representing municipalities, counties, law enforcement agencies, schools and local government officials.

Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, David Furth: David Furth has served at the FCC since 1992 and in the Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau since the Bureau's formation in 2006. Since January 2009, Mr. Furth has served as Acting Chief of the Bureau. Previously, Mr. Furth was an Associate Bureau Chief in PSHSB, focusing on public safety spectrum policy issues, particularly 800 MHz rebanding and the 700 MHz rulemaking proceeding.

Mr. Furth also worked in the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau in various capacities, including Deputy Chief and Chief of the Commercial Wireless Division, Senior Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, and Chief Counsel and Associate Bureau Chief. Mr. Furth also served as a Legal Advisor to FCC Commissioner Rachelle Chong. Prior to joining the Commission, Mr. Furth was in private law practice in Washington, DC and San Francisco, California.

Deputy Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Jennifer Manner: Most recently, Ms. Manner was a principal at ZComm Strategies, LLC, where she advised telecommunications companies on regulatory policy issues. Prior to that, Ms. Manner was Vice President of Regulatory Affairs at SkyTerra Communications, L.P. Ms. Manner served as Senior Counsel to FCC Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy, with responsibility for wireless, technology and international issues. Before joining the Commissioner's office, Ms. Manner worked at Worldcom, Inc., in the communications group at Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld, LLP, and as an Attorney-Advisor at the FCC.

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