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FCC CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI ANNOUNCES SENIOR STAFF IN MEDIA, ENFORCEMENT AND WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAUS

Washington, DC -- Today, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski announced senior staff in the Media Bureau, Enforcement Bureau, and Wireline Competition Bureau including: Media Bureau Chief **William Lake** and Wireline Competition Bureau Chief **Sharon Gillett**. Other appointments announced today include Media Bureau Deputy Chiefs **Robert Ratcliffe** and **Kris Monteith** and Enforcement Bureau Deputy Chief **Suzanne Tetreault**, who will join the other senior staff in those bureaus.

“This extraordinarily talented senior staff has extensive experience in the private sector, the academy, and the public sector, including here at the FCC and in state government,” said Chairman Genachowski. “With their help, the agency will pursue policies that advance a vibrant media sector, unleash innovation and job creation, protect consumers, and promote competition.”

Media Bureau

Chief, Media Bureau, William Lake: Mr. Lake most recently served as the head of the DTV task force at the FCC. Previously, Mr. Lake was a partner at WilmerHale in Washington, D.C., where he led the communications regulatory practice for many years. In government, Mr. Lake has previously held positions at the Department of State, EPA, and the Council on Environmental Quality. He began his legal career as a law clerk to the Honorable John M. Harlan of the U.S Supreme Court and the Honorable Henry J. Friendly of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Deputy Chief, Media Bureau, Robert Ratcliffe: Mr. Ratcliffe most recently served as the Acting Chief of the Media Bureau. Previously, he was a Deputy Chief of the Enforcement Bureau, where he was responsible for media enforcement matters. Prior to his assignment to the Enforcement Bureau, Mr. Ratcliffe spent more than 20 years in various positions in the Media Bureau and its predecessors, including Deputy Chief of the Bureau, senior legal advisor to the Bureau Chief and Assistant Chief of the Video Services Division and the Policy and Rules Division. He also served as interim legal advisor on media issues to former Chairman Alfred Sikes in 1989. Mr. Ratcliffe began his career at the FCC in the original Cable Television Bureau, where he served as Chief of the Policy Review and Development Division and the Research Division before the bureau was combined with the Broadcast Bureau in the early 1980s.

Deputy Chief, Media Bureau, Kris Monteith: Ms. Monteith has been at the FCC for 12 years, most recently as Chief of the Enforcement Bureau and Deputy Bureau Chief for Outreach and Intergovernmental Affairs in the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau. Ms. Monteith previously served as Chief of the Policy Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Deputy Chief of the former Common Carrier Bureau's Competitive Pricing Division, the Designated Federal Official to the North American Numbering Council, and as a Senior Attorney in the then-Common Carrier Bureau's Network Services Division. Before joining the Commission in 1997, Ms. Monteith was in private practice with the law firms of McDermott, Will & Emery and Keller and Heckman. Ms. Monteith's appointment will become effective August 10, 2009.

Enforcement Bureau

Deputy Chief, Enforcement Bureau, Suzanne Tetreault: Ms. Tetreault is currently serving as Acting Deputy Chief of the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau, overseeing the work of the Disabilities Rights Office and Consumer Policy Division. Since 1991, Ms. Tetreault has held a variety of positions at the Commission, including Chief of Staff of the Enforcement Bureau, Acting Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau, and Deputy Associate General Counsel. Prior to joining the Commission, Ms. Tetreault worked at the Federal Trade Commission, and practiced antitrust and communications law with Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue. Ms. Tetreault will serve as Acting Chief beginning August 10, 2009.

Wireline Competition Bureau

Chief of Wireline Competition Bureau, Sharon Gillett: Ms. Gillett is the Director of the Massachusetts Broadband Institute and previously served as the head of the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable. Ms. Gillett was at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1995-2006, where she engaged in academic research, program management, and teaching focused on Internet and telecommunications policy and technology, with a particular focus on broadband. Before joining MIT, Ms. Gillett was a software engineer and manager at Thinking Machines Corp. and BBN Communications Corp., where she worked on ARPANET computer networking technology. Ms. Gillett will become Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau on August 28, 2009.

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