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FCC CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI ANNOUNCES ENFORCEMENT BUREAU CHIEF

Washington, DC -- Today, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski announced the appointment of P. Michele Ellison as Chief of the Enforcement Bureau. Ms. Ellison will take the helm of the Enforcement Bureau starting on September 28, 2009.

“Protecting and empowering consumers through effective and timely enforcement of the Commission’s rules and policies is a top priority for the FCC,” said Chairman Genachowski. “Michele is a talented leader with vast communications experience and sound legal judgment and I look forward to working with her in her new capacity.”

Ms. Ellison is currently Deputy General Counsel, a position she has held for the last twelve years, and most recently served as Acting General Counsel of the FCC through July 2009. In addition to her other duties, she also was named Transition Counsel to Commissioner Mignon Clyburn. Ms. Ellison joined the Office of the General Counsel in 1995 and has had a rich and varied practice at the agency, from her initial years of handling complex FCC litigation before the federal courts to her current focus on competition policy in the context of mergers and acquisitions and on spectrum and fraud matters involving billions in auctions and universal service funds.

Ms. Ellison also has provided leadership in other policy areas, including co-chairing the Commission’s Localism Task Force, leading a Task Force on expanding communications opportunities to small businesses and developing countries, and serving as senior advisor to former Chairman Kennard on a variety of agency-wide substantive and operational matters. Before joining the Commission, she was a partner with the law firm of Williams and Connolly, with a litigation practice. Ms. Ellison began her career as a law clerk for the Honorable Damon J. Keith in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit in Detroit, Michigan and for the Honorable Paul R. Webber III in the Superior Court for the District of Columbia.

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