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FCC CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI ANNOUNCES SENIOR STAFF IN THE OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL AND INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Washington, D.C. -- Today, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski announced key senior agency staff in Office of the General Counsel (OGC) and the International Bureau (IB). These positions include: Deputy General Counsel Peter Karanjia and IB Deputy Troy Tanner.

“These exceptional individuals have extensive experience in the private sector and in public service, including here at the FCC,” said Chairman Genachowski. “With their help, the agency will promote U.S. world leadership in communications by pursuing policies that catalyze investment in our nation’s 21st century infrastructure, unleash innovation, create jobs, protect consumers, and spur competition.”

Deputy General Counsel, Peter Karanjia: Mr. Karanjia will have primary responsibility for OGC’s representation of the Commission in the courts, including defending FCC orders that are subject to legal challenge. He will also advise the General Counsel and the Commission on litigation matters. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Karanjia served as Special Counsel to the Solicitor General at the Office of the New York Attorney General. In that capacity, he argued and supervised appeals, including cases presenting First Amendment and Internet-related issues, before the federal and state courts. Previously, Mr. Karanjia was a partner at Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, where he specialized in media and communications law, and intellectual property law. Earlier in his career, he was an associate in the litigation department of Davis Polk & Wardwell in New York City. Mr. Karanjia holds an LL.M from Harvard Law School, where he studied as a John F. Kennedy Scholar, as well as a Master’s Degree in Law from Oxford University, from which he graduated with First Class Honors.

Deputy Chief, International Bureau, Troy Tanner: In this position, Mr. Tanner will play a leadership role in shaping the Bureau’s policies and strategy in fulfilling the FCC’s ambitious international agenda to promote sound telecommunications policies globally and strongly represent U.S. interests internationally. Prior to this appointment, Mr. Tanner worked for eleven years in the firm of Bingham McCutchen LLP (formerly Swidler Berlin LLP) serving as Of Counsel and a member of the Telecommunications, Media and Technology Group. Mr. Tanner brings an outstanding portfolio and wealth of knowledge with him to his new position, having served at the FCC previously for over seven years prior to joining the firm. Mr. Tanner holds a B.A. from Brigham Young University and a J.D. from George Washington University.

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