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**COMMISSIONER ROBERT M. McDOWELL ANNOUNCES STAFF CHANGE:
ANGELA GIANCARLO, CHIEF OF STAFF, TO LEAVE FCC**

Federal Communications Commissioner Robert M. McDowell announced today that his Chief of Staff, Angela Giancarlo, will step down in February. Erin McGrath, Legal Advisor for media issues, has acquired the wireless, international and public safety portfolio.

Commissioner McDowell said of the announcement, “As my Chief of Staff, Angela has played an indispensable role in developing and establishing American communications technology policies covering the wireless, media and broadband Internet sectors, in addition to international policy matters. Angela has worked tirelessly on many key proceedings, including: auction and licensing rules for the 700 MHz spectrum band, media ownership, unlicensed use within the TV white spaces, public safety spectrum operations, promotion of wireless medical body area technologies, universal service contribution reform, and countless transactions involving satellite, media and wireless licenses. Our nation’s communications consumers have benefited from Angela’s outstanding judgment and substantive expertise, not to mention her boundless energy throughout her eight years of government service. Our office will miss her strategic vision, creativity and sense of humor. I wish her every success as she transitions to the next step in her career.”

Ms. Giancarlo has served as Chief of Staff and Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner McDowell since 2007. Prior to joining Commissioner McDowell, she was Associate Chief for Spectrum Policy in the Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. Prior to her service at the Commission, she practiced telecommunications law in the Washington, D.C. office of Hogan & Hartson L.L.P. (now Hogan Lovells), where her primary focus was advising clients on commercial and private wireless regulation, auction-related transactional matters and strategic planning on spectrum allocations. Ms. Giancarlo is an active member of the Federal Communications Bar Association. She began her career in the congressional office of former U.S. Representative Jack Kemp (R-NY), serving in a number of capacities over the course of four years. Ms. Giancarlo received a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Trinity College in Washington, D.C. and a Juris Doctor degree from the Columbus School of Law at Catholic University of America.

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