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## **INTERNATIONAL BUREAU PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Washington, D.C. -- Today, Federal Communications Commission International Bureau Chief, Mindel De La Torre, announced Robert Nelson will become Chief Engineer for the International Bureau. Mr. Nelson was most recently the Chief of the International Bureau's Satellite Division. Fern Jarmulnek, Deputy Chief of the Satellite Division, will serve as Acting Chief of the Satellite Division.

"I look forward to working with Bob Nelson in his expanded role in the International Bureau. He brings a wealth of private and public sector expertise to this position and will help the Bureau with complex communication and technology issues," said Mindel De La Torre. "Fern Jarmulnek has provided the Commission with outstanding guidance and leadership on satellite issues for almost 30 years. The International Bureau is fortunate that she will be serving as Acting Division Chief."

International Bureau Chief Engineer, Robert Nelson: In his new position, Mr. Nelson will be responsible for leading the Bureau's work on key technical issues, including, satellite communications and cross-border technical issues. He will also play a significant role in the Bureau's preparations for major international conferences and meetings. Prior to serving as the Chief of the Satellite Division, Mr. Nelson was the Chief of the Satellite Division's Engineering Branch. Before joining the Commission, Mr. Nelson held various engineering positions in the private sector where he was involved in the design, manufacture, and implementation of domestic and international satellite networks. He has participated as a member of several International Telecommunication Union (ITU) working parties, both as an FCC official and as a private sector representative. He holds degrees in engineering and management from the University of New Hampshire and Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

Acting Satellite Division Chief, Fern Jarmulnek: Ms. Jarmulnek has been with the Federal Communications Commission for 30 years, with 29 years of experience on satellite communications. She has been instrumental in shaping the policies that have allowed the U.S. commercial satellite industry to evolve from a nascent industry providing primarily domestic fixed satellite services to a highly successful, mature industry offering all types of fixed, mobile, and broadband offerings in the United States and throughout the world. She also helped draft the framework that opened the U.S. satellite market to satellites licensed by other countries, providing U.S. consumers with increased choices. She held a variety of management positions in the Satellite Division, including Branch Chief and Associate Division Chief before becoming a Deputy Chief of the Division in 2002. She holds a bachelor's degree from Brooklyn College and a law degree from Harvard Law School.

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