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STATEMENT FROM FCC CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI ON PRESIDENT OBAMA'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW FCC LEADERSHIP

"Today President Obama announced his intent to nominate Tom Wheeler to serve as Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission and designate Commissioner Mignon Clyburn to serve as Acting Chairwoman upon my departure. These are excellent selections, and I commend the President.

"I've had the pleasure of knowing Tom personally and professionally for almost 20 years. I was pleased to appoint Tom as Chairman of the FCC's Technological Advisory Council in 2010, and under his leadership the TAC has made strong contributions to the FCC's work, including on unleashing spectrum for mobile, removing barriers to private investment, and strengthening our cyber security. At this exciting time in this important sector, I can attest to Tom's commitment to harness the power of communications technology to improve people's lives, to drive our global competitiveness, and to advance the public interest. The FCC's role has never been more essential, and with Tom's deep policy expertise and his first-hand experience as a technology investor, he is a superb choice to advance the FCC's mission of promoting innovation, investment, competition, and consumer protection.

"Tom will be a great FCC Chairman, and I urge his swift confirmation.

"It has been a great honor and pleasure to serve with Commissioner Clyburn for the past four years. Mignon is a strong, experienced, and thoughtful leader. She has distinguished herself through her work to modernize universal service and promote competition, and as a champion for closing America's digital divide. With this appointment, Mignon will also distinguish herself as the first woman to lead the FCC. I congratulate my friend and colleague on this honor.

"With this nomination and appointment, when I depart in mid-May, I'll be leaving a revitalized FCC in great hands."

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