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**WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES**

**CHRIS HELZER AS CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE BUREAU**

Washington, D.C. – The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau of the Federal Communications Commission announced the appointment of Chris Helzer as the Chief Engineer for the Bureau.

“The Wireless Bureau is fortunate to have an engineer with Chris’s experience in our front office.  His recent experience in the Broadband Division, combined with years in the private sector, make Chris an ideal choice to serve as the Bureau’s Chief Engineer.  I know he will be a tremendous asset to the Bureau as we work on the challenging technical issues before us,” said Wireless Bureau Chief Roger Sherman.

Before joining the front office of the Wireless Bureau, Chris previously worked as an engineer in the Broadband Division in the Bureau.  Prior to joining the Commission in 2011, Chris worked 19 years in the cellular industry, including five years as Partner at Wireless Strategy, LLC, a consulting company focusing on executive engineering services. Chris also worked six years as Director of Radio Architecture at Nextel Communications, and seven years as an RF engineering consultant at LCC International.

Chris received Bachelor of Science degrees in both Electrical Engineering and Physics from the University of Maryland.

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