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## **FCC CHAIRMAN TOM WHEELER ANNOUNCES STAFF CHANGES**

Washington, D.C. – Federal Communications Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler announced today the new position of Gigi Sohn as Counselor to the Chairman. In addition, he announced the appointment of Emmaka Porchea-Venezsee as Special and Confidential Assistant to the Chairman.

Ms. Sohn will serve as the Chairman’s representative at a variety of public forums across the country. She will also continue her role as an advisor to the Chairman and a principal contact for third-party stakeholders in the Office of the Chairman. Prior to joining the Chairman’s office in November 2013 as Special Counsel for External Affairs, Sohn served as the President and CEO of Public Knowledge from 2001 to 2013.

“Gigi has been an invaluable contributor to our work at the Commission,” said Chairman Wheeler. “I greatly value her wise counsel and am proud of her work representing my office both in Washington and across the country.”

Ms. Porchea-Venezsee has joined the chairman’s office after serving as Executive Assistant to the Executive Director of the President's Intelligence Advisory Board. “In just a short time, Emmaka has already proven to be a very strong addition to our team,” said Chairman Wheeler.

She also served as Resource Manager for the National SIGINT Committee at the National Security Agency. In addition, she has been Confidential Assistant to the Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2 (Army Intelligence). Ms. Porchea-Venezsee began her career on active duty with the U.S. Navy.

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