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FCC ANNOUNCES STAFF CHANGES IN WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU AND CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission today announced that Julie Veach, Wireline Competition Bureau Chief, will be departing the Commission on May 22. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler intends to name Deputy Bureau Chief Matt DelNero as her replacement. In addition, Chairman Wheeler intends to name Alison Kutler as Acting Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, and Kris Monteith, Acting Chief of CGB, as Deputy Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau.

“Julie’s leadership and intelligence have made lasting positive impacts on the Commission’s work,” said Chairman Wheeler of Ms. Veach, who has worked at the FCC since 2001 in WCB and the Office of General Counsel. “We will greatly miss her wise counsel and creative problem solving.”

Mr. DelNero joined the FCC as Deputy Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau in February 2014. Previously, he was a partner in the Communications & Media and Privacy & Data Security practice groups of Covington & Burling LLP. He also has taught communications and media law as an adjunct professor at George Mason University School of Law. Mr. DelNero received his law degree, magna cum laude from Harvard Law School and his undergraduate degree, summa cum laude from Tufts University.

“Matt has been a key player in a series of major policy initiatives since joining the FCC last year,” said Chairman Wheeler. “His substantive experience and strong leadership skills will enable him to excel in leading WCB as it takes on the next set of policy challenges.”

Chairman Wheeler intends to name Alison Kutler as Acting Chief of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau and Special Advisor to the Chairman for Digital Opportunity, effective June 1. Ms. Kutler has an extensive background in both public service and the private sector. Most recently, Ms. Kutler was Senior Vice President at VISA Inc. She previously served in senior positions at the Export-Import Bank, and the International Trade Administration in the Department of Commerce, and was a partner in the international law firm Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP. Ms. Kutler also serves as Vice President of Kids Enjoy Exercise Now (KEEN), a nonprofit that provides sport opportunities to children with severe and profound disabilities. She earned her J.D. at Stanford Law School and her B.A. from Georgetown University.

“It is a great opportunity for the agency to be able to add a skilled policy and legal professional like Alison to our team,” said Chairman Wheeler. “The consumer-facing work of the bureau is vitally important in our effort to serve the public.”

Ms. Monteith, the Acting Chief of CGB since February 2012, has held a wide variety of leadership positions within the Commission since joining the agency in 1997. She served as Chief of the Enforcement Bureau, Deputy Bureau Chief of the Media Bureau and Deputy Bureau Chief for Outreach and Intergovernmental Affairs in CGB. She has also served as Chief of the Policy Division of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau and Deputy Chief of the former Common Carrier Bureau's Competitive Pricing Division. She received her B. A. from the University of Colorado and her J. D. from the George Washington University.

“Kris has been a terrific asset for the Commission in a variety of roles,” noted the Chairman. “Most recently, Kris guided CGB through a series of major consumer policy initiatives and programmatic changes, including consumer complaint reform. Her knowledge of wireline policy issues in addition to her management experience will make her a valuable addition to the Wireline Competition Bureau team, which has a heavy agenda.”

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