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**For Immediate Release****FCC ANNOUNCES STAFF CHANGES IN WIRELESS  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU AND OFFICE OF THE  
MANAGING DIRECTOR**

WASHINGTON, January 29, 2016 – The Federal Communications Commission today announced that Roger C. Sherman, Chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, will be departing the Commission at the end of February. FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler intends to name Jon Wilkins, currently the Commission’s Managing Director, as his replacement.

“Roger has done a tremendous job here at the Commission,” said Chairman Wheeler. “His expertise and leadership in protecting the open Internet, streamlining infrastructure deployment, helping establish the historic market-based spectrum reserve, and playing key roles in vitally-important spectrum policy initiatives – from the historic AWS-3 auction to the broadcast incentive auction to our work on 5G – will have a lasting impact.”

The Chairman intends to name Jon Wilkins as the new Chief of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. In addition, the Chairman plans to name Mark Stephens as acting Managing Director.

“Jon has been invaluable as our chief operating officer and an advisor,” said Chairman Wheeler. “Notably, he has led the modernization efforts in the E-rate and Lifeline programs, and has worked closely with the Incentive Auction Task Force on operational preparations for the upcoming, first-of-its-kind auction. Having someone with Jon’s managerial skills and understanding of the Incentive Auction is particularly important as we put in place plans for the post-auction transition.”

“I also am very grateful to Mark for his willingness to fill the vitally important Managing Director position at the FCC,” said the Chairman about Mr. Stephens. “He has an exemplary track record as the FCC’s Chief Financial Officer, and we all expect continued success.”

Prior to joining the Commission in 2013, Mr. Sherman served as Democratic Chief Counsel to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and held a variety of senior policy and legal positions in Congress since 2007. Previously, Mr. Sherman spent 10 years working on wireless issues as a Director of Regulatory Affairs and Senior Attorney at Sprint Corporation and two years at the law firm Wiley Rein. He earned a law degree from Harvard Law School and a bachelor’s from Amherst College.

Mr. Wilkins joined the Commission in late 2013 as the FCC's chief operating official and served as the Chairman's advisor for management. Prior to joining the Commission, Wilkins spent 16 years at McKinsey & Company in Washington, DC, where he was a partner and a leader in the company's Telecommunications, Media, and Technology practice. He earned a law degree from Yale Law School and a bachelor's from Dartmouth College.

Mr. Stephens has served as the FCC's Chief Financial Officer since 2006, serving as a senior advisor in areas including on budgeting, financial management, and internal controls. Mr. Stephens also has held a number of other senior management positions at the FCC. Before joining the Commission, he served as a controller in the private sector. He earned a bachelor's from Loyola College and a master's from the George Washington University.

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