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COMMISSIONER ABERNATHY CONGRATULATES KEVIN MARTIN ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS FCC CHAIRMAN

Washington, DC — Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy issued the following statement today:

"I congratulate my colleague Kevin Martin on his appointment as FCC Chairman. Commissioner Martin, who has served with distinction over the past four years, has been a strong voice for broadband deployment and for rationalizing the rules that apply to broadband services. He has also focused on ensuring that new technologies and services are delivered to rural America.

There are many significant challenges ahead as technology continues to change the way we live and work. I look forward to working with Commissioner Martin in his new capacity as Chairman and I am confident he will effectively steer the agency into the new broadband future."