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**CHAIRMAN KEVIN J. MARTIN NAMES NANCY J. VICTORY AS CHAIR OF THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION'S INDEPENDENT PANEL
REVIEWING THE IMPACT OF HURRICANE KATRINA ON COMMUNICATIONS
NETWORKS**

Today, Federal Communications Chairman Kevin J. Martin announced that Nancy J. Victory will serve as Chair of the Commission's Independent Panel Reviewing the Impact of Hurricane Katrina on Communications Networks. The Panel, composed of public safety and communications industry representatives, will review the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the telecommunications and media infrastructure in the affected area and will make recommendations to the Commission regarding ways to improve disaster preparedness, network reliability, and communication among first responders.

Nancy J. Victory is the former Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information and Administrator of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, where she served as President George W. Bush's telecommunications policy advisor and the manager of the federal government spectrum. She recently authored "Homeland Security and Communications: A Compendium of Federal Programs," which provides a detailed review of ongoing federal efforts to address public safety and homeland security needs of the country. Ms. Victory is a partner at the Washington law firm of Wiley Rein & Fielding LLP.

Chairman Martin said, "The destruction that Hurricane Katrina caused to communications facilities, and therefore the services upon which first responders and citizens rely, was extraordinary. We must review the disaster's affect on the infrastructure and determine ways to minimize such destruction in the future. Nancy Victory is particularly well qualified to serve as Chair of this important Panel, and I appreciate her willingness to serve in this capacity. I look forward to working with Nancy and the Committee on this vitally important issue."