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CHAIRMAN POWELL ANNOUNCES INTENTION TO FORM A FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO ASSIST THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IN ADDRESSING DIVERSITY ISSUES

FCC Chairman Michael Powell announced his intention to form a Federal Advisory Committee to assist the agency in formulating new ways to create opportunities for minorities and women in the communications sector.

Chairman Powell said, "To grow and continue to provide services needed by the American people, the communications sector needs to tap the strength and vibrancy that flows from the diversity of the American people."

The Diversity Committee will tap the expertise of high-level players in the communications sector as well as the financial and technology communities. The Diversity Committee will develop a set of recommendations including potential regulatory actions and education initiatives to promote and enhance opportunities for minorities and women.

Specifically, the Diversity Committee will advise the FCC on policies and practices designed to increase the diversity of ownership and create employment opportunities in the communications sector as well as other related sectors of the economy. The Diversity Committee will also prepare periodic and final reports to aid the FCC in its oversight responsibilities and its regulatory reviews in this area. In conjunction with such reports and analyses, the Diversity Committee will make recommendations to the FCC concerning the need for any guidelines, incentives, regulations or other policy approaches to promote diversity of participation in the communications sector. The Diversity Committee will also develop a description of best practices within the communications sector for promoting diversity of participation.

Jane E. Mago, Chief, Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis, will be the Designated Federal Official (DFO) from the FCC responsible for the administration of the Committee, including calling all meetings, approving meeting agendas and conducting all meetings.

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