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## **CHAIRMAN POWELL NAMES MEMBERS OF FCC'S INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Washington, DC – Michael Powell, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission), has named 15 members to the Commission's newly formed Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC) and has named Jim Dailey, Mayor of Little Rock, Arkansas, as the committee chairman.

In announcing the members, Chairman Powell said, "The FCC is very fortunate to have such a distinguished group of state, local and tribal officials serving on this important committee. I am particularly delighted that Mayor Dailey has agreed to serve as committee chair. I look forward to working with him and the entire Committee to provide the Commission guidance on telecommunications issues impacting state, local, and tribal governments."

The Committee was re-chartered as the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee to reflect greater balance between state, local and tribal representation, and urban and rural representation, as well as to gain expertise in homeland security and rural matters. The IAC's predecessor, the Local and State Government Advisory Committee (LSGAC), was created by the Commission in 1997.

During the IAC's two-year term, the committee will address a number of topics including:

- Homeland security and public safety issues;
- Matters unique to the provision of telecommunications services in rural areas, such as broadband deployment, universal service programs, and deployment of telecommunications services in Indian Country;
- Barriers to competitive entry; and,
- Cable and local franchising issues, including public rights-of-way matters.

The Commission received 47 applications for membership on the Committee, from 27 states and 10 tribal representatives. After a careful review of these applications, 15 members

were appointed to the Committee. This group is representative of the FCC's many constituencies, and the expertise and diversity of those selected is expected to provide a balanced point of view to the Commission.

**The members of the committee are:**

1. Denise M. Bode, Chairperson, Oklahoma Corporation Commission
2. Carlito P. Caliboso, Chairman, Hawaii Public Utilities Commission
3. Jim Dailey, Mayor, Little Rock, Arkansas (IAC Chair)
4. Steven L. Grey, Chair, Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission
5. Jenny Hansen, Manager, Public Safety Services Office for the State of Montana, Department of Administration
6. Merita A. Hopkins, Corporation Counsel, City of Boston
7. David Jones, Director of Emergency Services, Spartanburg County Government, South Carolina
8. Dean Paul Kruithof, Deputy City Administrator, Fort Smith, Arkansas
9. Frank LaGrotta, Member, Pennsylvania House of Representatives
10. Timothy Loewenstein, Supervisor, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Buffalo County, Nebraska
11. Patrick Lloyd McCrory, Mayor of Charlotte, North Carolina
12. Gary Resnick, Councilman for the City of Wilton Manors, Florida
13. Sylvester Sahme, Member, Oregon Telecommunications Coordinating Council
14. Randolph Townsend, Senator, Nevada State Senate
15. J.D. Williams, General Manager, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribal Telephone Authority

At the first meeting to be announced and held in early 2004, the Committee will address matters of internal business and organization, as well as its forthcoming work priorities. Because the IAC discussions involve government to government deliberations, the meetings are not open to the public.

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