



NENA Statement on Confirmation of Michael Copps and Deborah Taylor Tate to Be FCC Commissioners

Arlington, VA (December 22, 2005) – Last night the United States Senate unanimously approved the nominations of Deborah Taylor Tate and Michael Copps to be Commissioners on the Federal Communications Commission. NENA congratulates both Commissioners who each have a proven track record as communications regulators.

Commissioner Copps delivered a passionate speech earlier this year at the NENA “9-1-1 Goes to Washington” Critical Issues Forum where he highlighted the critical importance of 9-1-1 to the public for daily emergencies and homeland security. The speech was an inspiring reminder of the importance of 9-1-1 and the need for all parties to work together cooperatively to complete the E9-1-1 challenges we still face. “Commissioner Michael Copps is a thoughtful and dedicated leader that has always supported the needs of the 9-1-1 community. We are grateful for the leadership he has provided over the past five years and look forward to continue working with him and his staff on the many important issues that are before us today,” said NENA President David Jones, ENP.

“Deborah Tate has been an effective leader as the Director of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority and in her role with the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). She has consistently shown that she understands the importance of advanced communications technology which will be essential as an FCC Commissioner. NENA looks forward to working with Commissioner Tate on important 9-1-1 issues as communications technology continues to advance and impact the 9-1-1 system,” added Jones.

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