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FCC ENFORCEMENT BUREAU ANNOUNCES NEW CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER TO ADVISE ON ENFORCEMENT MATTERS INVOLVING CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGIES

EB CTO Hendrickson Will Also Support the FCC's Privacy and Data Protection Task Force

WASHINGTON, October 3, 2024—The FCC's Enforcement Bureau today announced the addition of Andy Hendrickson as its new Chief Technology Officer to provide strategic and technical advice on technological developments and issues with respect to the Enforcement Bureau's work and as part of the ongoing effort to strengthen the Bureau's technical expertise in support of its privacy, data protection, cybersecurity, and network outage enforcement work.

The establishment of a Chief Technology Officer position in the Enforcement Bureau continues the FCC's efforts to confront the challenges of modern communications systems, including its revived focus on privacy and data protection. Hendrickson will work with the FCC's Privacy and Data Protection Task Force, which Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel established to combat issues such as data breaches of telecommunications, cable, and satellite providers; network outages caused by cyberattacks; and supply chain vulnerabilities involving third-party vendors that service regulated communications providers, including cloud providers.

"Andy's expertise and deep understanding of how communications networks operate, and how they have come to operate with the rapid development of new technologies and new networks, will only enhance our investigatory capabilities," said **Loyaan A. Egal, Chief of the Enforcement Bureau and Chair of the FCC's Privacy and Data Protection Task Force**. "I am delighted that someone with Andy's background in the private sector is joining the Enforcement Bureau to serve the American public and help protect the communications networks we rely on in so many aspects of our everyday lives."

Hendrickson served as a technology executive in the private sector with over 20 years of experience in telecommunications, specializing in business and technology transformation. As Senior Director of Technology at Verizon, Hendrickson was instrumental in the rollout of the 5G network and the engineering and operations of the Verizon Cloud Platform. He has also worked for Esri Inc., where he led global technology initiatives. He has worked as a part-time Lecturer at Rutgers University teaching Environmental Geomatics and is an active member of industry organizations such as the Open Infrastructure Foundation and the Network Time Foundation. He holds dual degrees from Rutgers University's School of Environmental and Biological Sciences and the School of Communication and Information.

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