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**GOVERNOR PATRICK SWEARS-IN KAREN CHARLES PETERSON AS
NEW COMMISSIONER OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE**

BOSTON – WEDNESDAY, August 6, 2014 – Governor Deval Patrick today swore in Karen Charles Peterson as the new Commissioner of the Department of Telecommunications and Cable (DTC). She was officially appointed Commissioner on July 15.

“I am delighted to welcome Commissioner Peterson to this key role within our Administration,” said Governor Patrick. “With her extensive leadership skills and experience in public service, Karen is uniquely qualified for this new role.”

With years of leadership experience in city and state government, Peterson formerly served as Chief of Staff for the DTC. In other roles she served as Chief of Staff for the Executive Office of Transportation, Chief of Staff of the Registry of Motor Vehicles and acting Chief of Staff for the MBTA.

“It is an honor to serve in the Patrick Administration,” said Commissioner Peterson. “In this new role I will ensure that the DTC continues to prioritize responding to the telecommunications and cable issues across Massachusetts cities and towns and educating consumers about their rights and responsibilities in the marketplace.”

Commissioner Peterson is a 1993 graduate of Suffolk University, where she received a B.S. in Government, and is a 1997 graduate of the Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy at the University of Massachusetts Boston. She is the past president of the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO), and the 1999 recipient of the Wonder Woman Award from The Massachusetts Women’s Political Caucus. Commissioner Peterson served as a Trustee at the Advent School in Boston, where she recently led the search for the new Head of School. She lives in Boston with her husband Kevin.

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