

Dennis F. Strigl Appointed to PNC's Board of Directors

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The PNC Financial Services Group (NYSE: PNC) announced today that Dennis F. Strigl has been appointed to its Board of Directors and to the Board of Directors of PNC Bank, National Association, its principal banking subsidiary. Strigl is president and chief executive officer of Verizon Wireless, the largest wireless service provider in the country. Strigl was in charge of integrating Verizon last April, by combining Bell Atlantic Mobile, Vodafone AirTouch and GTE Wireless.

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"Denny's outstanding track record in the telecommunications industry will be a strong asset to PNC as we continue to drive our company's growth and diversification," said James E. Rohr, chairman, president and chief executive officer of The PNC Financial Services Group. "His experience in a rapidly consolidating and fiercely competitive business will complement the breadth of leadership now represented on PNC's board."

Prior to his current position, Strigl served as president and chief executive officer of Bell Atlantic Mobile and group president and chief executive officer of Bell Atlantic Global Wireless, Bell Atlantic's wireless portfolio, with domestic operations in 28 states and international investments in Latin America, Europe and the Pacific Rim.

As chief executive officer of Bell Atlantic Mobile, Strigl established an entrepreneurial culture designed to minimize corporate bureaucracy, make wireless communications easy for consumers, and fuel the company's growth. He also initiated the company's "Wireless at Work" community service program, a philanthropic effort to enhance the quality of life in local communities by improving safety and emergency communications through wireless products and services.

Strigl joined Bell Atlantic in 1989, serving as vice president-product management for Network Services and later as vice president-operations and chief operating officer and a member of New Jersey Bell's board of directors. He was named president and chief executive officer of Bell Atlantic Mobile in 1991, and oversaw its merger with Metro Mobile CTS. He subsequently was named president and chief executive officer of the combined Bell Atlantic Mobile and NYNEX Mobile when those two companies merged in 1995.

Strigl holds a degree in business administration from Canisius College in Buffalo, NY, and an MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Rutherford, NJ, which recently named him to its Pinnacle Society for distinguished alumni.

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