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Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Nominations for Seven Board Member Positions on Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors

CC Docket Nos. 97-21, 96-45

Nominations Due: October 28, 2005

Pursuant to section 54.703(c) of the Federal Communications Commission's rules,¹ the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks nominations for the following Board member positions on the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

- Representative for competitive local exchange carriers (position currently held by Jonathan Askin)
- Representative for low income consumers (position currently held by Karen Buller)
- Representative for incumbent local exchange carriers (other than Bell Operating Companies) with annual reporting revenues of \$40 million or less (position currently held by Edwin Eichler)
- Representative for rural health care providers that are eligible to receive discounts (position currently held by Alison Hughes)
- Representative for interexchange carriers with annual operating revenues of \$3 billion or less (position currently held by James Jackson)
- Representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts (position currently held by Brian Talbott)
- Representative for commercial mobile radio service providers (position previously held by Diane Cornell)

Except for Ms. Cornell, who resigned her position on the USAC Board of Directors effective August 27, 2005, the terms of the Board members listed above will expire on December 31, 2005. On behalf of the Commission, we thank each of the Board members listed above for their diligent efforts and dedicated service on the USAC Board.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(c).

Pursuant to section 54.703(c)(1) of the Commission's rules, only members of the industry or non-industry group that a Board member will represent may submit a nomination for that position (*e.g.*, only cable operators may submit nominations for the Board member who will represent cable operators). In order to expedite the appointment process, members of the relevant industry or non-industry group are encouraged to nominate a single candidate who possesses substantial experience in, and knowledge of, telecommunications issues. If members of the relevant industry or non-industry group fail to reach consensus on a candidate to serve on the Board, or fail to submit a nomination for the particular Board member seat, the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission will select an individual from that industry or non-industry group to serve on the Board.

Pursuant to section 54.703(c)(2) of the Commission's rules, each nomination must be captioned: **"In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrator's Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45."**² An original and four copies of each nomination must be filed, in accordance with Part 1 of the Commission's rules, with the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. In addition, two copies of each nomination shall be submitted to Sheryl Todd, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B540, Washington, DC 20554. Each nomination shall specify the position on the Board of Directors for which such nomination is submitted and shall be accompanied by the nominee's professional and biographical information, such as a résumé or professional biography. Nominations received prior to the release of this public notice will be considered and do not need to be resubmitted. **All nominations must be filed with the Office of the Secretary by October 28, 2005.**

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

Nominations filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, parties must transmit one electronic copy of the filing to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, parties should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit nominations by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions, filers should send an e-mail to ecfs@fcc.gov, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form ." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

² 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(c)(2).

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For further information, contact Sheryl Todd, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-7400.