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Chairman Genachowski Names Five Members to the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company

CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21

On March 1, 2010, Chairman Julius Genachowski named five members to the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). In a public notice released on September 28, 2009, the Wireline Competition Bureau solicited nominations to fill vacancies on the USAC Board of Directors in accordance with the nomination and appointment procedures of section 54.703(c) of the Commission's rules.¹ The nominations period closed on November 1, 2009.² These five members are selected as successors to Board members whose terms expired on December 31, 2009.³

Chairman Genachowski named the following members to the USAC Board of Directors:

- Representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts: Dr. Sheryl Abshire, Chief Technology Officer, Calcasieu (Louisiana) Parish Public Schools
- Representative for incumbent local exchange carriers (incumbent LECs) (other than Bell Operating Companies) with annual operating revenues in excess of \$40 million: D. Michael Anderson, Vice President of External Affairs, Iowa Telecom
- Representative for state telecommunications regulators: Hon. Anne C. Boyle, Commissioner, Nebraska Public Service Commission
- Representative for information service providers: David P. McClure, President and CEO, US Internet Industry Association
- Representative for rural health care providers that are eligible to receive discounts: Jay Sanders, M.D., President and CEO, The Global Telemedicine Group

The Bureau welcomes these five individuals to the USAC Board of Directors and looks forward to working with them. We also remind interested parties that the USAC Board will hold its next meeting

¹ The Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Nominations for Six Board Member Positions on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, Public Notice, DA 09-2127 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. Sept. 28, 2009) (USAC Board Nominations Public Notice); 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(c).

² USAC Board Nominations Public Notice, DA 09-2127 at 1.

³ See Letter from D. Scott Barash, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Universal Service Administrative Company, to Sharon Gillett, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21 (dated Sept. 9, 2009).

on April 27, 2010, at USAC's Washington, DC office (2000 L Street NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036).⁴ All Board of Directors quarterly meetings are open to the public.⁵

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⁴ Meeting Schedules – USAC Governance – About USAC,

http://www.universalservice.org/about/governance/board-directors/meeting-schedules/default.aspx (last visited Mar. 1, 2010).

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(e). Further information about the USAC Board of Directors can be found in the Commission's 1997 *Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration*. *Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service,* CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21, Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration, 12 FCC Rcd 18400 (1997) (*Report and Order and Second Order and Second Order on Reconsideration)*.