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CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI NAMES MEMBERS TO THE FCC-NATIVE NATIONS BROADBAND TASK FORCE

On March 3, 2011, Chairman Julius Genachowski named 30 members to the FCC-Native Nations Broadband Task Force (“Task Force”). In a public notice released on June 2, 2010, the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission”) sought nominations of Native Nations to serve on the Task Force.¹ The Task Force members will assist the Commission in fulfilling its commitment to increasing broadband deployment and adoption on Tribal lands. The Task Force will be responsible for, among other things, assisting in developing and executing a Commission consultation policy, eliciting input to ensure that Native concerns are considered in all Commission proceedings related to broadband, developing additional recommendations for promoting broadband deployment and adoption on Tribal lands, and coordinating with external entities, including other federal departments and agencies. The Task Force will be comprised of elected and appointed leaders from Native Nations and senior Commission staff.²

Chairman Genachowski named the following members to the Task Force representing Native Nations and communities:

- Honorable Susie Allen: Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
- Honorable Marlin Fryberg: Tulalip Tribes
- Honorable Joe Garcia: Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo
- Honorable Jeffrey Harjo: Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
- Honorable Bradley John: Seneca Nation of Indians
- Honorable Bill Kekahbah: Kaw Nation
- Honorable Joseph Manuel: Gila River Indian Community
- Honorable Jim Shakespeare: Northern Arapaho Tribe
- Mark Bilton-Smith: Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
- Lewis Christman: Tule River Indian Tribe
- Valerie Fast Horse: Coeur d’Alene Tribe
- Debby Gallenberg: Sokaogon Chippewa Community
- Pearl Mikulski: Kawerak

¹ *FCC Establishes FCC-Native Nations Broadband Task Force and Seeks Nominations for Tribal Representatives*, Public Notice, DA-10-1008 (rel. June 2, 2010) (*Nominations PN*).

² *Id.*

- Carroll Onsaie: Hopi Tribe
- Matthew Rantanen: Pala Band of Mission Indians
- Brian Tagaban: Navajo Nation
- Michael White: Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
- James Williams: Tanana Chiefs Conference
- Michelle York: Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

Chairman Genachowski named the following Task Force members from the Federal Communications Commission:

- Geoffrey Blackwell: Office of Native Affairs and Policy
- Irene Flannery: Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau
- David Furth: Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau
- Jane Jackson: Wireless Telecommunications Bureau
- Elise Kohn: Wireline Competition Bureau
- Mark Lloyd: Office of General Counsel
- Kris Monteith: Media Bureau
- Robert Nelson: International Bureau
- Jamison Prime: Office of Engineering and Technology
- Thomas Reed: Office of Communications Business Opportunities
- Suzanne Tetreault: Enforcement Bureau

Chairman Genachowski also named Geoffrey Blackwell, Chief of the Commission's Office of Native Affairs and Policy, as a co-chair of the Task Force. At its first meeting, another co-chair will be elected from among the Native Nation representatives on the Task Force by those representatives.

EXEMPTION FROM THE FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT FOR "INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMUNICATION"

Pursuant to the "intergovernmental communication" exemption in Sec. 204(b) of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 ("UMRA"), 2 U.S.C. §1534(b), the Task Force will not be subject to the requirements or procedures set forth in the Federal Advisory Committee Act ("FACA"), 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (1988).

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