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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON NOMINATION FOR A BOARD MEMBER POSITION ON THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21

Comment Date: April 25, 2012

The Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on a nomination made by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) to fill a position on the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors, to represent state telecommunications regulators.<sup>1</sup> This position, which is currently vacant, was formerly held by South Carolina Commissioner Randy Mitchell.<sup>2</sup> NARUC has nominated Florida Commissioner Ronald A. Brisé. Per NARUC's nomination, Mr. Brisé has been a state commissioner since July 2010 and currently serves as Chair of the Florida Public Service Commission.<sup>3</sup> Chairman Brisé also serves on multiple NARUC Committees, as well as the Federal Communications Commission's Intergovernmental Advisory Committee.<sup>4</sup>

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.<sup>5</sup> To expedite the appointment process, members of the industry or non-industry group that a board member will represent 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, pursuant to section 54.703(c)(3) of the Commission's rules, the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission will select an individual from that industry or non-industry group to serve on the board.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Letter from James Bradford Ramsay, NARUC, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21 (dated Feb. 24, 2012) (attaching resume of Ronald A. Brisé) (NARUC Nomination).

<sup>2</sup> See Letter from D. Scott Barash, Acting Chief Executive Officer, USAC, to Sharon Gillett, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC (dated Feb. 3, 2012) (attaching resignation letter of Randy Mitchell).

<sup>3</sup> See NARUC Nomination.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

<sup>5</sup> Cf. 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(c)(1) (stating that only members of the industry or non-industry group that a board member will represent may submit a nomination for that position).

<sup>6</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(c)(3).

Comments on this nomination should be captioned: "Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45."

All comments must be filed with the Office of the Secretary by April 25, 2012. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or by filing paper copies.<sup>7</sup>

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- (2) Vickie S. Robinson, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B418, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: [Vickie.Robinson@fcc.gov](mailto:Vickie.Robinson@fcc.gov); and
- (3) Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-A452, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: [Charles.Tyler@fcc.gov](mailto:Charles.Tyler@fcc.gov).

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<sup>7</sup> See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Red 11322 (1998).

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For further information, please contact Vickie S. Robinson, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400 or TTY (202) 418-0484.

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<sup>8</sup> 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

<sup>9</sup> *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

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