



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

April 25, 2013

DA 13-608

D. Scott Barash  
Acting Chief Executive Officer  
Universal Service Administrative Company  
2000 L Street, N.W.  
Suite 200  
Washington, D.C. 20036

Re: USAC Board of Directors Appointments

Dear Mr. Barash:

On September 13, 2012, and March 12, 2013, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) issued public notices soliciting nominations to fill seats on the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).<sup>1</sup> The Bureau sought nominations for thirteen seats with expired terms or vacancies. The Commission received specific nominations for eleven of the thirteen seats on the Board, as well as two general nominations, as listed in the attached Appendix.<sup>2</sup>

Pursuant to section 54.703(c)(3) of the Commission's rules,<sup>3</sup> Chairman Julius Genachowski appoints the following persons to serve on the USAC Board of Directors:

- Representative for incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) (other than Bell Operating Companies) with annual operating revenues in excess of \$40 million

Kenneth F. Mason

- Representative for ILECs (other than Bell Operating Companies) with annual operating revenues less than \$40 million

Geoffrey A. Feiss

- Interexchange carriers with annual operating revenues of \$3 billion or less

Rochelle D. Jones

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<sup>1</sup> See *Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Nominations for Nine Board Member Positions on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors*, WC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, Public Notice, 27 FCC Rcd 10995 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2012); *Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Nominations for Four Board Member Positions on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors*, WC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd 2292 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013).

<sup>2</sup> See Appendix.

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

- Representative for competitive local exchange carriers  
Joseph Gillan
- Representatives for schools that are eligible to receive discounts pursuant to section 54.501 of the Commission's rules  
Daniel A. Domenech, Ph.D.  
Brian L. Talbott, Ph.D.  
Julie Tritt Schell
- Representative for low income consumers  
Ellis Jacobs
- Representatives for rural health care providers that are eligible to receive supported services pursuant to section 54.601 of the Commission's rules  
Eric Brown  
Katharine Hsu Wibberly, Ph.D.
- Representative for state telecommunications regulators  
Ronald A. Brisé
- Representatives from the telecommunications industry<sup>4</sup>  
Raquel R. Noriega  
Olivia Wein

The Commission welcomes these thirteen individuals to the USAC Board of Directors and looks forward to working with them. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Veach  
Chief  
Wireline Competition Bureau

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<sup>4</sup> The Bureau did not receive nominations for the seats representing interexchange carriers with more than \$3 billion in annual operating revenues or information service providers. *See Appendix.* On April 25, 2013, the Bureau released an order waiving section 54.703(b) and 54.703(c)(3) of the Commission's rules to enable the Chairman of the Commission to designate members of the USAC Board of Directors from the general telecommunications industry for those two seats, enabling USAC to operate with a full complement of Board members. *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.; Nominations for Board Member Positions on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, Order, DA 13-607 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. Apr. 25, 2013).

Enclosure

cc: Ronald A. Brisé  
Eric Brown  
Dr. Daniel A. Domenech  
Geoffrey A. Feiss  
Joseph Gillan  
Ellis Jacobs  
Rochelle D. Jones  
Kenneth F. Mason  
Raquel R. Noriega  
Julie Tritt Schell  
Dr. Brian L. Talbott  
Olivia Wein  
Dr. Katharine Hsu Wibberly

**APPENDIX**

**PARTIES FILING NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS ON THE  
UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**CC Docket No. 96-45**

**CC Docket No. 97-21**

| <b>Nominee</b>         | <b>Nominating Entity</b>   |
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| Dr. Sheryl Abshire     | American Association of School Administrators, American Library Association, Association of Education Service Agencies, Consortium for School Networking, International Society for Technology in Education, National Association of Independent Schools, National Association of Elementary School Principals, National Catholic Educational Association, National Education Association, National Rural Education Advocacy Coalition, National Rural Education Association, National School Boards Association |
| Ronald A. Brisé        | National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners   |
| Eric Brown             | California Hospital Association, California State Rural Health Association   |
| Aubrey Jerome Browning | Conecuh County Board of Education  |

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| Dr. Daniel A. Domenech | Plevna School District 55, East Helena Public Schools, McMinnville School District 40, Education and Library Networks Coalition, American Association of School Administrators, Association of Education Service Agencies, Organizations Concerned with Rural Education, National Rural Education Association, New York State Intermediate BOCES, Abington School District, School Administrators of Iowa, Region 2, American Association of School Administrators, Hampton Public Schools, Bergen County Association of School Administrators, Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District, Washington Association of School Administrators, New York State Council of School Superintendents, Cooperative Council for Oklahoma School Administration, Illinois Association of School Administrators, Mercer County Public Schools, Vermont Superintendents Association, Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators, The Rural School and Community Trust, Harrisonburg City Public Schools, Santa Ana Unified School District, Kingsport City Schools, Ponca City Public Schools, Storey County School District, The School District of Lancaster, New Mexico Coalition of School Administrators, Minnesota Association of School Administrators, Virginia Association of School Superintendents, North Carolina Association of School Administrators, Talbot County Public Schools, Kansas School Superintendents' Association, Arizona School Administrators, Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, Georgia School Superintendents, United School Administrators of Kansas, Fort Smith Public Schools, Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents, Texas Association of School Administrators, Alaska Association of School Administrators, Sen. Mark Warner |
| Geoffrey A. Feiss      | National Telecommunications Cooperative Association, The Organization for the Promotion and Advancement of Small Telecommunications Companies, Western Telecommunications Alliance   |
| Joseph Gillan          | COMPTEL  |
| Ellis Jacobs           | National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, National Consumer Law Center  |
| Rochelle D. Jones      | tw telecom, Inc.   |
| Kimberly L. Klupenger  | Oregon Business Development Department   |
| Dr. Peter J. Kragel    | East Carolina University, Dr. Nicholas Benson  |
| Latoya A. Livingston   | Minority Media and Telecommunications Council  |
| Dr. Anthony Machado    | Council of the Great City Schools  |

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| Kenneth F. Mason           | Frontier Communications, Independent Telephone and Telecommunications Association, United States Telecommunications Association   |
| Chris Nierman              | General Communications, Inc.  |
| Raquel R. Noriega          | Connected Nation, Inc.  |
| Becky Sanders              | National Rural Health Association   |
| Julie Tritt Schell         | State E-rate Coordinators' Alliance   |
| Russell Selken             | State E-rate Coordinators' Alliance, California Department of Education, California County Superintendents Educational Services Association, California Public Utilities Commission, California State Board of Education, California State Library, The Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California, Association of California School Administrators, Tehama County Office of Education, Los Angeles Unified School District - Information Technology Division, Imperial County Office of Education, Steve Midgley, Mixrun, LLC |
| Kipman Scott Smith         | National Rural Health Resource Center, National Rural Health Association  |
| Dr. Brian L. Talbott       | American Association of School Administrators, Education and Library Networks Coalition   |
| Dr. Katharine Hsu Wibberly | Virginia Telehealth Network   |
| Olivia Wein                | AARP  |
| Louis Wenzlow              | National Rural Health Resource Center, National Rural Health Association  |