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## WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR SIX BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS ON THE UNIVESAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21

Nominations Due By: October 20, 2025

Pursuant to section 54.703(c) of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks nominations for the following Board member positions on the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) listed below for a three-year term:<sup>1</sup>

- Representative for commercial mobile radio service providers (position currently held by Indra Sehdev Chalk, Senior Director, Federal Regulatory Affairs, T-Mobile USA, Inc.)
- Representative for cable providers (position currently held by Christine Sanquist, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, Charter Communications)
- Representative for libraries that are eligible to receive discounts pursuant to section 54.501
  of the Commission's rules (position currently held by Amber Gregory, Manager of E-Rate
  Services, Arkansas State Library)
- Representative for incumbent local exchange carriers (Bell Operating Companies) (position currently held by Stephanie Polk, Sr. Vice President of Customer Success and Advocacy, Lumen Technologies)
- Representative for state consumer advocates (position currently held by Jeffrey Jay Waller, Chief Assistant Attorney General, Section Supervisor, State of Alaska, Department of Law)
- Representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts pursuant to section 54.501
  of the Commission's rules (position currently held by Julie Tritt Schell, Pennsylvania ERate Coordinator, Pennsylvania Department of Education)

We are persuaded that having Board members with substantive areas of expertise relevant to running a large and complex organization with such skills as accounting, finance, auditing, procurement, data management and information technology will improve the management, administration and oversight of USAC. If members of the relevant industry or non-industry group fail to reach consensus on a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 CFR § 54.703(c).

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 as outlined in section 54.703(c)(1).<sup>2</sup>

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." Nominations may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or by filing paper copies.

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <a href="https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings">https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/filings</a>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.
   Because more than one docket appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for the additional docket.
  - Filings can be sent by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.
  - Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701
  - U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 45 L Street, NE, Washington, DC 20554.

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In addition to the electronic or paper filing, copies of each nomination should be submitted to Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, via email <a href="mailto:Charles.Tyler@fcc.gov">Charles.Tyler@fcc.gov</a>. Each submission should specify the position of the Board of Directors for which such nomination is submitted and should be accompanied by the nominee's professional and biographical information, such as a résumé or professional biography. All nominations must be filed by October 20, 2025.

For further information, please contact Philip Bonomo (<a href="Philip.Bonomo@fcc.gov">Philip.Bonomo@fcc.gov</a>), Assistant Division Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-2778.

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<sup>3</sup> 47 CFR § 54.703(c)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 47 CFR § 54.703(c)(1).