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## **FCC ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE FEDERAL- STATE JOINT BOARD ON UNIVERSAL SERVICE**

*Commissioners Abernathy and Martin to Represent the FCC*

*Commissioners Jaber and Dunleavy to Represent the States*

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) today announced the appointment of new federal and state members to the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service (Universal Service Joint Board). FCC Commissioners Kathleen Abernathy and Kevin Martin have been appointed to serve as federal representatives on the Universal Service Joint Board. They fill the vacancies created by the departure of former FCC Commissioners Susan Ness and Harold Furchtgott-Roth. Commissioner Abernathy will serve as Federal Chair of the Joint Board.

Commissioner Lila Jaber of the Florida Public Service Commission and Commissioner Thomas Dunleavy of the New York Public Service Commission have been appointed to serve as state representatives on the Universal Service Joint Board. Commissioners Jaber and Dunleavy were nominated for the Joint Board posts by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). They fill the positions previously held by Pat Wood, former Chairman of the Texas Public Utility Commission, and the late Laska Schoenfelder, former Commissioner of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission and State Chair of the Joint Board.

FCC Chairman Michael Powell welcomed the addition of the new Joint Board members. “I am pleased that Commissioners Abernathy, Martin, Jaber, and Dunleavy have accepted appointments to the Universal Service Joint Board. They bring a wealth of experience and expertise to their new positions and will be valuable assets to the Joint Board as it addresses many challenging universal service issues in the months and years ahead.”

The Universal Service Joint Board was created by the FCC in 1996 to advise the Commission on matters related to universal service. The Joint Board consists of eight members: three FCC commissioners, four state commissioners, and one state consumer advocate. The existing members of the Joint Board are Gloria Tristani, FCC Commissioner; Bob Rowe, Commissioner of the Montana Public Service Commission;

Nan Thompson, Chair of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska; and Martha Hogerty,  
Public Counsel of the Missouri Office of the Public Counsel.

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