

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
)
Federal-State Joint Board on) CC Docket No. 96-45
Universal Service)

ORDER

Adopted: June 29, 2004

Released: June 30, 2004

By the Commission: Commissioner Adelstein issuing a statement.

1. Pursuant to sections 254(a)(1) and 410(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,¹ the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) appoints the Honorable Robert Nelson, Commissioner of the Michigan Public Service Commission, to serve on the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service.² This appointment fills the position currently occupied by the Honorable Nan Thompson, Commissioner of the Regulatory Commission of Alaska, and becomes effective on July 1, 2004.³ The Commission gratefully acknowledges the contributions of Nan Thompson to the work of the Federal-State Joint Board.

2. Henceforth, a copy of all filings in this proceeding shall be served on Robert Nelson at the following address:

The Honorable Robert Nelson
Commissioner
Michigan Public Service Commission
6545 Mercantile Way
Lansing, Michigan 48911

3. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to sections 254(a)(1) and 410(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §§ 254(a)(1), 410(c), this Order is ADOPTED.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISISON

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary

¹47 U.S.C. §§ 254(a)(1), 410(c).

²The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) nominated Robert Nelson to serve as a member of the Federal-State Joint Board. See Letter from Stan Wise, President of NARUC, to the Honorable Michael Powell, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, CC Docket No. 96-45 (filed May 4, 2004).

³*Id.* (stating that Commissioner Thompson is retiring from public service this July).

**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER JONATHAN S. ADELSTEIN**

I am pleased that Commissioner Nelson has agreed to serve on the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service. With numerous challenging issues before the Joint Board, we will all benefit from his wealth of experience and expertise. I look forward to working with Commissioner Nelson as we endeavor to preserve and advance universal service for all Americans.

I would also like to thank Commissioner Thompson for her service and contributions to the Joint Board. Her leadership, insights, and collegiality have greatly enhanced the work of the Joint Board.