

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: December 28, 2004

Released: December 30, 2004

By the Commission:

1. Pursuant to sections 254(a)(1) and 410(c) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,<sup>1</sup> the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) appoints the Honorable Elliot Smith, Board Member of the Iowa Utilities Board, and the Honorable Ray Baum, Commissioner of the Oregon Public Utility Commission, to serve on the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service.<sup>2</sup> These appointments fill the positions recently vacated by the Honorable Lila Jaber, Commissioner of the Florida Public Service Commission and the Honorable Bob Rowe, Chairman of the Montana Public Service Commission.<sup>3</sup> The Commission gratefully acknowledges the contributions of Lila Jaber and Bob Rowe to the work of the Federal-State Joint Board.

2. Henceforth, a copy of all filings in this proceeding shall be served on Elliot Smith and Ray Baum at the following addresses:

The Honorable Elliot Smith  
Board Member  
Iowa Utilities Board  
350 Maple Street  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069

The Honorable Ray Baum  
Commissioner  
Oregon Public Utility Commission  
550 Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 215  
P.O. Box 2148  
Salem, Oregon 97308-2148

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 COMMISSISON

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary

<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. §§ 254(a)(1), 410(c).

<sup>2</sup> The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) nominated Elliot Smith and Ray Baum to serve as members of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service. See Letter from Stan Wise, President of NARUC, to the Honorable Michael Powell, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (dated November 15, 2004).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* (stating that Commissioner Jaber and Chairman Rowe are retiring from public service at the end of this year).