

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

In the Matter of)	
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Federal-State Joint Conference on)	CC Docket No. 99-294
Advanced Telecommunications Services)	

ORDER

Adopted: May 21, 2008

Released: May 22, 2008

By the Commission:

1. By this Order, and pursuant to section 410(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Communications Act),¹ we hereby fill six vacancies created by previous departures from the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Services (Joint Conference).² These appointments fill the positions vacated by Susan P. Kennedy (California Public Utilities Commission), Thomas L. Welch (Maine Public Utilities Commission), Paul G. Afonso (Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy), Connie O. Hughes (New Jersey Board of Public Utilities), and Jo Anne Sanford (North Carolina Utilities Commission). A vacancy was also created when Deborah Taylor Tate left the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, but she is a member of the Joint Conference by virtue of her position as a Commissioner at this Commission, and she will also serve as Chair of the Joint Conference.³ The Commission gratefully acknowledges the important contributions of these individuals to the work of the Joint Conference.

2. The Joint Conference was convened in 1999 as part of the Commission's ongoing efforts to ensure that advanced services are deployed as rapidly as possible to all Americans.⁴ The Joint Conference serves as a forum for an ongoing dialogue among the Commission, state regulators, and local and regional entities regarding the deployment of advanced telecommunications capabilities. The Joint Conference is comprised of commissioners from state public utilities commissions and from the Federal Communications Commission and is chaired by the FCC Chairman or his designee.⁵

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 410(b).

² On March 19, 2008, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) announced that it was reconstituting the Joint Conference and sought nominations for state commission representatives from the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) for vacant seats. *See Commission Seeks Nominations for Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Services*, CC Docket No. 99-294, News Release (rel. Mar. 19, 2008) (Joint Conference News Release).

³ *See id.*

⁴ *See Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services*, CC Docket No. 99-294, Order, 14 FCC Rcd 17622 (1999).

⁵ On March 19, 2008, FCC Chairman Kevin J. Martin designated FCC Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate to serve as Chair of the Joint Conference. *See Joint Conference News Release.*

3. Therefore, to help the Joint Conference achieve its broad mandate, and pursuant to section 410(b) of the Communications Act,⁶ the Commission hereby appoints the Honorable Mark K. Johnson, Commissioner, Regulatory Commission of Alaska; the Honorable Rachelle Chong, Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission; the Honorable Betty Ann Kane, Commissioner, District of Columbia Public Service Commission; the Honorable Krista Tanner, Commissioner, Iowa Utilities Board; the Honorable Vendean V. Vafiades, Commissioner, Maine Public Utilities Commission; and the Honorable Randy Mitchell, Commissioner, Public Service Commission of South Carolina.⁷

4. Henceforth, a copy of all filings in this proceeding shall be served on each of the following members of the Joint Conference at the following addresses:

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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The Honorable Michael J. Copps, Commissioner
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The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
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The Honorable Deborah Taylor Tate, Commissioner
Chair, Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services
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The Honorable Robert M. McDowell, Commissioner
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The Honorable Mark K. Johnson, Commissioner
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⁶ 47 U.S.C. § 410(b).

⁷ The only current state representative on the Joint Conference is the Honorable Larry Landis, Commissioner, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. Commission Landis was appointed in 2005. See *Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services*, CC Docket No. 99-294, Order, 20 FCC Rcd 2979 (2005).

The Honorable Rachelle Chong, Commissioner
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 5205
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The Honorable Betty Ann Kane, Commissioner
District of Columbia Public Service Commission
1333 H Street NW, 2nd Floor, West Tower
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The Honorable Larry S. Landis, Commissioner
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The Honorable Krista Tanner, Commissioner
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The Honorable Vendean V. Vafiades, Commissioner
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The Honorable Randy Mitchell, Commissioner
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8. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to section 410(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 410(b), the Honorable Mark K. Johnson, Commissioner, Regulatory Commission of Alaska; the Honorable Rachelle Chong, Commissioner, California Public Utilities Commission; the Honorable Betty Ann Kane, Commissioner, District of Columbia Public Service Commission; the Honorable Krista Tanner, Commissioner, Iowa Utilities Board; the Honorable Vendean V. Vafiades, Commissioner, Maine Public Utilities Commission; and the Honorable Randy Mitchell, Commissioner, Public Service Commission of South Carolina, are appointed to the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary