

**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: July 11, 2011**

**Released: July 12, 2011**

By the Commission:

1. By this order, and pursuant to section 410(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Communications Act), we hereby fill a vacancy created by a previous departure from the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Services (Joint Conference).<sup>1</sup> 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 and it 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.<sup>2</sup> The Joint Conference is comprised of representatives from state public utility commissions and from the Federal Communications Commission.<sup>3</sup>

2. Pursuant to section 410(b) of the Communications Act, the Commission hereby appoints the Honorable Geoffrey G. Why, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable, to serve on the Joint Conference.<sup>4</sup> This appointment fills the position vacated by Krista Tanner, Commissioner of the Iowa Utilities Board. The Commission gratefully acknowledges the important contributions of Ms. Tanner to the work of the Joint Conference.

3. Henceforth, a copy of all filings in this proceeding shall be served on Geoffrey G. Why at the following address:

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<sup>1</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 410(b); Letter from James Bradford Ramsey, General Counsel, NARUC, to Julius Genachowski, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, CC Docket No. 99-294 (dated June 6, 2011) (Nomination Letter).

<sup>2</sup> See *Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services*, CC Docket No. 99-294, Order, 14 FCC Rcd 17622, 17623 para. 3 (1999).

<sup>3</sup> See *id.* at 17625, para. 9; *Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services*, CC Docket No. 99-294, Order, 18 FCC Rcd 27065, 27066 para. 5 (2003) (increasing the number of state commission representatives on the Joint Conference from five to seven).

<sup>4</sup> 47 U.S.C. § 410(b); Nomination Letter at 1.

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4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to section 410(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 410(b), this order IS ADOPTED.

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to sections 1.103(a) and 1.4(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.103(a), 1.4(b)(2), this order SHALL BE EFFECTIVE upon release.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary