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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR SIX BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS ON THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CC Docket No. 96-45
CC Docket No. 97-21

Nominations due by: November 16, 2015

Pursuant to section 54.703(c) of the Commission's rules, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks nominations for the following Board member positions on the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) listed below for a three-year term.¹

- Representative for incumbent local exchange carriers (other than the Bell Operating Companies) with annual operating revenue in excess of \$40 million, (position currently held by Kenneth Mason);
- Representative for information service providers (position currently held by Olivia Wein);²
- Representative for interexchange carrier with revenue more than \$3 billion (position currently held by Raquel Noriega);³
- Representative for rural health care providers that are eligible to receive supported services pursuant to section 54.601 (position currently held by Eric Brown);
- Representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts pursuant to section 54.501 of the Commission's rules (position currently held by Julie Tritt Schell); and
- Representative for state telecommunications regulators (position currently held by Commissioner Ronald A. Brisé).

We encourage nominees with expertise relevant to running a large and complex organization with such skills as accounting, finance, auditing, procurement, data management and information technology. We are persuaded that having Board members with such substantive areas of expertise will improve the management, administration and oversight of USAC. If members of the relevant industry or non-industry

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(c).

² In 2013, the Wireline Competition Bureau did not receive nominations for this position and as a result, waived 47 C.R.F. §§ 54.703(b) and 54.703(c)(3) to appoint members from the general telecommunications industry to the seats. See *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.; Nominations for Board Member Positions on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, Order, 28 FCC Rcd 5011 (Wireline Comp. Bur. rel. Apr. 25, 2013).

³ *Id.*

group fail to reach consensus on a candidate to serve on the Board, or fail to submit a nomination for the particular Board member seat, the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission will select an individual from that industry or non-industry group to serve on the Board.

Pursuant to section 54.703(c)(2) of the Commission's rules, each nomination must be captioned: **"In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45."**⁴ Nominations may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or by filing paper copies.

- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.
 - All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.
 - Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
 - U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.

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In addition to the electronic or paper filing, two copies of each nomination should be submitted to Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-A452, Washington, DC 20554. Each nomination should specify the position on the Board of Directors for which such nomination is submitted and should be accompanied by the nominee's professional and biographical information, such as a résumé or professional biography. **All nominations must be filed with the Office of the Secretary by November 16, 2015.**

For further information, please contact Garnet Hanly (garnet.hanly@fcc.gov) of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, (202) 418-0995.

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⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(c)(2).