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The Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Nominations for Six Board Member Positions on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors

CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21

Nominations Due By: November 1, 2009

Pursuant to section 54.703(c) of the Commission's rules,¹ 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):

- Representative for incumbent local exchange carriers (incumbent LECs) (other than Bell Operating Companies) with annual operating revenues in excess of \$40 million (position currently held by D. Michael Anderson).
- Representative for state telecommunication regulators (position currently held by Anne C. Boyle).
- Representative for interexchange carriers with more than \$3 billion in annual operating revenues² (position currently held by Rex Knowles).
- Representative for information service providers (position currently held by David P. McClure).
- Representative for rural health care providers that are eligible to receive discounts (position currently held by Jay H. Sanders, M.D.).
- Representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts (position currently held by Phyllis Simon).

The terms of the above board members are scheduled to expire on December 31, 2009. On behalf of the Commission, the Bureau wishes to thank these individuals for their diligent efforts and dedicated service on the USAC board.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(c).

² On May 20, 2008, the Bureau released an order waiving sections 54.702(b)(1) and 54.703(c) of the Commission's rules to allow the Chairman of the Commission to designate a member of the USAC Board of Directors for the seat from an interexchange carrier, regardless of its operating revenues. *See Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Changes to the Board of Directors for the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.; Nominations for Two Board Member Positions on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors*; CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21, Order, 23 FCC Rcd 8260 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2008).

Pursuant to section 54.703(c)(1) of the Commission's rules, only members of the industry or non-industry group that a board member will represent may submit a nomination for that position.³ To expedite the appointment process, members of the relevant industry or non-industry group are encouraged to nominate a single candidate who possesses substantial experience in, and knowledge of, telecommunications issues. If members of the relevant industry or non-industry 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, pursuant to section 54.703(c)(3) of the Commission's rules, the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission will select an individual from that industry or non-industry group to serve on the board.⁴

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."**⁵ 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. Nominations received prior to the release of this public notice will be considered and do not need to be resubmitted.

All nominations must be filed with the Office of the Secretary by November 1, 2009.

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://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.
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The Commission's contractor will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, D.C. 20002.

³ 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(c)(1).

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(c)(3).

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(c)(2).

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- (2) Jamie Susskind, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B418, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: Jamie.Susskind@fcc.gov; and
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