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USAC Announces CEO Departure

Washington, D.C. – The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) announces the departure of Acting Chief Executive Officer D. Scott Barash, effective February 14, 2014. Barash is leaving after more than 14 years at USAC, having served as Acting CEO since January 2006. Barash joined USAC in 1999 as General Counsel, USAC’s first in-house attorney. He is leaving to become General Counsel at the University of the District of Columbia.

About his years at the company, Barash said, “USAC has been a wonderful place to work, where the important mission of universal service is carried out by talented, committed people doing outstanding work. I want to thank all of them for making my job so rewarding and enjoyable. I also want to thank the dozens of USAC Board Members who provided guidance and support to me and the organization, making sure that USAC did the best job it could helping to make access to affordable telecommunications and Internet services available. My 14 years at USAC have been rich and full of satisfying accomplishments, and I will take great memories with me as I leave.”

The Chairman of USAC’s Board of Directors, Dr. Brian Talbott, said, “Scott brought uniquely effective leadership to USAC during a time of growth, challenge, and high visibility for the company. His deep knowledge of universal service, understanding of the stakeholder community, and steady eye on the organization’s best interests led to great accomplishments and put USAC in a strong position for future successes. We wish him the very best in his new work.”

USAC has appointed Chief Operating Officer Richard Belden to serve as interim CEO while the Board of Directors conducts a search for a permanent CEO.

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About the Universal Service Administrative Company

The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is an independent, not-for-profit corporation created in 1997 to administer universal service programs and the universal service fund. USAC collects FCC-mandated contributions from telecommunications carriers and distributes funds across the four universal service programs—High Cost, Lifeline, Rural Health Care, and Schools and Libraries—pursuant to the requirements of FCC rules. Universal service is the federal policy of helping provide communities across the country with affordable telecommunications services. For more information, please visit: www.usac.org.