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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch,

It is my pleasure to re-nominate Matthew Gerst, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, as the designated representative for commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers on the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). Mr. Gerst is willing and committed to serving on USAC's Board of Directors for the three-year term of service and participating in all meetings in Washington, D.C. Please note that Mr. Gerst is not a registered federal lobbyist.

CTIA represents the U.S. wireless communications industry and the companies throughout the mobile ecosystem that enable Americans to lead a 21st-century connected life. The association's members include wireless carriers, device manufacturers, suppliers, as well as apps and content companies. CTIA vigorously advocates at all levels of government for policies that foster continued wireless innovation and investment. The association also coordinates the industry's voluntary best practices, hosts educational events that promote the wireless industry, and co-produces the industry's leading wireless tradeshow. CTIA was founded in 1984 and is based in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Gerst leads the association's efforts before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on a variety of policy matters, including universal service, 9-1-1 and emergency communications, and access for people with disabilities. Mr. Gerst has played a key role in advocating and shaping effective regulatory policy at the FCC, including universal service, public safety, telecommunications network, and consumer issues. Specifically, Mr. Gerst has led and



supported CTIA's efforts and advocacy on low-income, high-cost and connected healthcare universal service issues. In addition, Mr. Gerst has served on multiple FCC advisory committees and working groups, including the North American Numbering Council (NANC), Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC), Disability Advisory Committee (DAC), Communications, Security, Reliability and Interoperability Council (CSRIC), and Emergency Access Advisory Committee (EAAC). A complete biography is attached as Attachment A.

As a member of USAC's Board of Directors since 2015, Matthew Gerst has represented the interests of CMRS providers on the Board's High-Cost and Low Income and Nominating Committees. He has diligently advised USAC on administrative, management and oversight issues through leadership transitions and consistent with the Commission's direction. Mr. Gerst has also served as a liaison between USAC and CMRS providers on critical administrative and oversight issues related to the Commission's Lifeline program, including the National Lifeline Accountability Database and the National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier.

The following is the contact information for Mr. Gerst:

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CTIA has a long history of providing administrative and policy expertise to USAC. Mr. Gerst's extensive experience on universal service issues as well as administration and project management skillset will continue to be invaluable to the USAC Board of Directors as it addresses increasingly complex and important universal service administrative issues.

CTIA looks forward to assisting USAC to further its administrative objectives. Please contact me if you need additional information concerning this nomination.



Very truly yours,

/s/ Scott Bergmann

Scott Bergmann
Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs
CTIA-The Wireless Association®

cc: Jesse Jachman, Wireline Competition Bureau



ATTACHMENT A

Matthew Gerst Biography September 2019

Matthew Gerst is Vice President of Regulatory Affairs at CTIA. Matthew leads CTIA's efforts before the Federal Communications Commission on a variety of policy matters, including consumer protection, universal service, 9-1-1 and emergency communications, and access for people with disabilities. He also supports the operations of the 9-1-1 Location Technologies Test Bed LLC and the National Emergency Address Database LLC.

Mr. Gerst has served on multiple FCC advisory committees and working groups, including the North American Numbering Council (NANC), Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC), Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC), Emergency Access Advisory Committee (EAAC), Disability Advisory Committee (DAC), and Communications, Security, Reliability and Interoperability Council (CSRIC). In addition, he serves on the Universal Service Administrative Company's Board of Directors.

Mr. Gerst graduated from Ohio University and received his J.D. from New York Law School, where he was editor-in-chief of *Media Law & Policy* and participated in the Advanced Communications Law & Policy Institute. He also served as an adjunct professor of law in the scholarly writing program at the George Washington University School of Law focusing on the *Federal Communications Law Journal*. Mr. Gerst is admitted to the bars of New York and Washington, D.C.