



October 2, 2018

Marlene H. Dortch  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Room TW-A325  
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:

By this letter, the United States Telecommunications Association (“USTelecom”) supports the nomination of Ken Mason of Frontier Communications to serve as the USAC Board representative of incumbent local exchange carriers (other than Bell Operating Companies) with annual operating revenues in excess of \$40 million annually.

Mr. Mason currently holds that seat and has done an excellent job representing the industry. As detailed on the recently filed letter from Frontier (September 10, 2018, Letter from Mark Neilsen, Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission), Mr. Mason has broad experience with the operations of the relevant class of carrier both on the business and policy sides. As such, he will certainly continue to provide valuable insights to USAC and to the business community should he be selected to serve on the Board of Directors.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this information.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Spalter  
President & CEO

cc: Charles Tyler, Wireline Competition Bureau