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**Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington DC 20554**

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

**NOMINATION OF JULIE TRITT SCHELL FOR THE USAC BOARD**

This letter is submitted in support of Julie Tritt Schell to serve as a school representative on the USAC Board. Ms. Schell is a committed public servant with vast knowledge and experience of the E-rate program. The Board, and by it the overall E-rate community, will benefit from the breadth and depth of her expertise.

Ms. Schell is a leading authority in the E-rate program with a background in K-20 educational technology, public funding, telecommunications policy, and government relations. As Pennsylvania's first and only E-rate Coordinator, she has faithfully represented the interests of both rural and urban schools in her home state for nearly two decades. She has first-hand knowledge of what it takes to fill out E-rate paperwork, lead a statewide technology consortium and negotiate statewide telecommunication contracts.

Furthermore, Ms. Schell's service to schools extends far beyond Pennsylvania's borders. She is recognized as a leader and advocate for E-rate applicants across the United States. Her support of schools manifests itself in many ways: informal consultation with distant schools who reach out to her for help; her leadership in the State E-rate Coordinator's Alliance (SECA); and her prior experience serving on the USAC Board. Taken together, these actions demonstrate Ms. Schell's devotion to helping schools and her dedication to the health and proper functioning of the E-rate program.

It is essential that USAC Board members possess an intimate, working knowledge of the E-rate program. Julie Tritt Schell is such an individual. She possesses one-of-a-kind know-how, understanding and perspective on the E-rate program. Ms. Schell is a hard-working professional with a strong track record of serving schools well, and the E-rate program would be well-served by Ms. Schell's service on the USAC Board.

I support the appointment of Julie Tritt Schell to the USAC Board.

Sincerely,

John D. Harrington  
Chief Executive Officer

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