

October 5, 2017

IN THE MATTER OF:

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

Nomination of Geoffrey A. Feiss

The undersigned statewide telecommunications associations support the nomination of Geoffrey A. Feiss to continue to serve as the representative on the USAC board for incumbent local exchange carriers (non-Bell Operating Companies) with \$40 million or less in annual revenues.

Mr. Feiss brings to the USAC Board years of experience and expertise in rural telecommunications operations and policy, and his background will serve him well as a representative of small telecommunications providers on the USAC Board. Mr. Feiss understands deeply the role of Universal Service in broadband deployment and the myriad benefits of access to broadband communications, including education, health care, low income economic opportunity, *inter alia*, as supported by the Universal Service Program. Further, Mr. Feiss has demonstrated a thorough understanding of USAC's role in implementing universal service, and regularly informs his constituency of USAC operations. His active leadership on USAC's board continues to yield positive results for both USAC and the constituency he represents. Mr. Feiss has served admirably on the USAC Board and the undersigned associations strongly endorse his nomination.

Dave Duncan, CEO
Iowa Communications Alliance

Colleen R. Jamison, Executive Manager
State Independent Telephone Association of Kansas

Tyler Campbell, Executive Director
Kentucky Telecom Association

Larry Henning, President
Louisiana Telecommunications Association

Brent Christensen, President/CEO
Minnesota Telecom Alliance

Robert Puckett, President
New York State Telecommunications Association

Alan Terrell, President
Indiana Exchange Carrier Association

John Koppin, President
Indiana Telecommunications Association

David Crothers, Executive Vice President
North Dakota Association of Telephone Cooperatives

Christine O'Connor, Executive Director
Alaska Telephone Association

Bob Stafford, Executive Vice President
Oklahoma Telephone Association

Betty Buckley, Executive Director
Washington Independent Telecommunications Association

Nola Armstrong, Executive Director
South Carolina Telecommunications and Broadband Association

Mike Eifert, Executive Director/Treasurer
Nevada Telecommunications Association

Brant Wolf, Executive Vice President
Oregon Telecommunications Association

Ric Telthorst, President & CEO
Missouri Telecommunications Industry Association

Randy Nehrt, President
Illinois Telecommunications Association

Charley Moses, President
Ohio Telecom Association

Rich Coit, Executive Director
South Dakota Telecommunications Association

Levoy Knowles, Executive Director
Tennessee Telecommunications Association

Lyn Kamerman, Executive Director
Texas Telephone Association

Bill Esbeck, Executive Director
WSTA-Wisconsin's Broadband Association

Pete Kirchof, Executive VP
Colorado Telecommunications Association

Steve Samara, President
Pennsylvania Telephone Association

Weldon Gray, CEO
Texas Statewide Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Kira M. Slawson,
Utah Rural Telecom Association

Scott Stevenson, President
Telecommunications Association of Michigan

Eric Carstenson, President
Nebraska Telecommunications Association

Mary Jane Stankiewicz, Executive Director
Kansas Rural Independent Telecommunications Association