



October 13, 2017

Marlene H. Dortch  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th 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 Secretary Dortch:

INCOMPAS, the California Association of Competitive Telecommunications Companies ("CALTEL"), Competitive Carriers of the South, Inc. ("CompSouth"), and the Midwest Association of Competitive Communications ("MACC") are pleased to submit this letter as a formal nomination and request for consideration of Mr. Atilla Tinic for a three-year term on the Universal Service Administrative Company's Board of Directors as the representative for interexchange carriers with annual operating revenues of \$3 billion or less. Mr. Tinic has served as this representative on the USAC Board since 2015 and has made significant contributions to USAC during this short tenure. If re-appointed to serve, Mr. Tinic would continue to offer his immense technical and business expertise in the transformation and ongoing reforms of USAC and the programs it manages.

As you know, INCOMPAS, CALTEL, CompSouth, and MACC represent competitive communications and technology companies large and small. Each of the associations represents competitive companies that offer interexchange service, and they advocate for laws and policies that promote competition, innovation and economic development. The members of our organizations are catalysts for creating economic growth and improving the quality of life of all Americans through technological innovation, new services, affordable prices and greater choice. These entrepreneurial companies offer a wide array of broadband voice, video, Internet and data offerings, using both wireline (copper/fiber) and wireless networks to reach their customers. Among the state-of-the art solutions they deliver are managed services, cloud computing and unique applications that are developed and deployed via next-generation, IP-based managed networks.

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Mr. Tinic is an IT executive with over two decades of experience in the competitive communications industry. His significant business and technical background has been a boon to the USAC board. As USAC continues to go through a significant amount of transformation, much of that is based on technology capabilities required in order to fulfill FCC and constituent mandates. Having both an IT and telecommunication background, Mr. Tinic brings a unique skill set to the board that will help provide insight and oversight that creates additional benefits to USAC, industry, and the constituents that USAC serves. Accordingly, we urge you to reappoint him to another three-year term on the USAC board.

A copy of Mr. Tinic's resume is attached to this letter. Should you have any questions about this nomination request, please feel free to contact us at any time.

Respectfully,

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Attachment