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National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

February 9, 2019

The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman
Office of the Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 – 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

***RE: In the Matter of the Federal-State Joint Board on Separations, CC Docket 80-286
Nomination of the Honorable Dan Lipschultz and John Gavan to the Joint Board on Separations***

Dear Chairman Pai,

The Federal State Joint Board on Separations was created to advise the FCC on the allocation of costs between the federal and State jurisdictions. Two vacancies have arisen on this Joint Board as the result of the recent retirement of Commissioners Travis Kavulla (MT) and Wendy Moser (CO). In response, the Honorable Nick Wagener, President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), with the concurrence of NARUC's Board of Directors, pursuant to Sections 410(c) [47 U.S.C., Sec. 410(c)], nominates the following Commissioners to fill those vacancies:

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As is customary, I have e-mailed copies of this letter to your Chief of Staff, Senior advisors, Legal Advisor to Commissioner O'Reilly (FCC Chair of the Separations Joint Board), the Wireline Competition Bureau Chief, and others. If you have any questions about this nomination, please do not hesitate to call me at 202.898.2207 or jramsay@naruc.org.

Respectfully Submitted

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John Hunter, Chief Policy Counsel, Pricing Policy Division, WCB*



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Colorado Commissioner John Gavan

John Gavan was appointed December 17, 2018. His term expires in January of 2023. Gavan, from Paonia in western Colorado, was a member of the Board of Directors for Delta-Montrose Electric Association for five years prior to his appointment. He also has served on boards for Delta County Economic Development, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, and Solar Energy International. Gavan has spent most of his career involved in technology, beginning in the U.S. Navy, where he served as an engineering and communications officer on a guided missile destroyer. After the navy, he spent 19 years as a director of information technology at MCI Communications. He worked as an information technology contractor at NASA headquarters in Washington, D.C., before being recruited by GXS Corporation in Colorado Springs, a leader in business-to-business technology. He served as director of the project management office until 2011. He also served four years as Delta County Libraries IT manager.



Minnesota Commissioner (and Vice Chair) Dan Lipschultz

Dan Lipschultz was appointed a Commissioner on February 14, 2014, and appointed Vice Chair, January 23, 2017. He is a member of the Minnesota State Bar Association. He served previously as Chair of the Bar Association's Public Utilities Law Section and its Communications Law Section. He continues to serve on the Executive Council of the Public Utilities Law Section. Commissioner Lipschultz has practiced law in the areas regulated by the Commission for over 25 years. Prior to his appointment, he was an attorney and shareholder for 11 years with the Minneapolis Law Firm, Moss & Barnett, P.A., where he practiced before the Commission, Minnesota's district and appellate courts, the Federal District Court for the District of Minnesota and the Eighth Circuit. Before joining Moss & Barnett, he worked as an Assistant General Counsel for a telecommunications carrier. Prior to that, he served as an Assistant Attorney General and lead counsel in the Minnesota Attorney General's Residential Small Business Utilities Division representing residential and small business ratepayers and in the Public Utilities Division representing the Commission. Prior to joining the Attorney General's Office, Commissioner Lipschultz worked as an Attorney in the Commission's Legal Division. Commissioner Lipschultz received a B.A. from Iowa State University, and a J.D. from the University of Iowa College of Law. His term will expire on January 6, 2020.