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National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

February 15, 2018

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

RE: *NARUC Nomination of the Honorable Gregg Sayre to replace Commissioner Ronald Brisé on the Universal Service Joint Board (who has left public service). Filed in the proceeding captioned: In the Matter of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45.*

Dear Chair Wheeler,

As you know, the Universal Service Joint Board was created by Congress to provide recommendations to the full Commission on universal service issues. Recently, Florida Commissioner Ronald A. Brisé's term as a State commissioner ended. That opened up a vacancy on the board. Section 254 of the 1996 Act requires the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) to submit a nomination to fill his spot on the Joint Board. Accordingly, NARUC's President John Betkoski, III with the concurrence of NARUC's Board of Directors, as required by NARUC's bylaws, pursuant to 47 U.S.C., §§ 410(c) & 254, nominates the following State commissioner to serve on the Universal Service Joint Board in lieu of Commissioner Brisé:

The Honorable Greg C. Sayre
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We respectfully request you confirm NARUC's nomination at your earliest convenience. A copy of his biography is attached. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 202.898.2207 or jramsay@naruc.org.

Sincerely,

James Bradford Ramsay
NARUC General Counsel

CC: *The Honorable Michael O'Reilly, FCC Chair of USF Joint Board*
Jay Schwartz, Wireline Legal Advisor to the Chair
Amy Bender, Legal Advisor to Commissioner O'Reilly
Kris Monteith, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau
Trent Harkrader, Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau
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Gregg C. Sayre was appointed Commissioner of the New York State Public Service Commission on June 21, 2012, his term began on July 9, 2012 and runs through February 1, 2018. On March 9, 2017, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo designated Mr. Sayre as Interim Chairman of the Public Service Commission and Interim Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Public Service, he served in this capacity until June 21, 2017.

Prior to starting with the Commission, Mr. Sayre was Associate General Counsel of Frontier Communications Corporation. While at Frontier, Mr. Sayre was responsible for all regulatory legal issues and proceedings in New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Indiana. Mr. Sayre began his career with a law firm in Portland, Oregon. Later, he became an attorney in the Rates Division of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Law Bureau, primarily litigating rate-of-return rate cases filed by electric utilities. After leaving the Pennsylvania Commission, Mr. Sayre worked as a regulatory attorney for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Cos. Subsequently, he joined Frontier's predecessor company, Rochester Telephone Corporation.

In addition to his employment at Frontier, Mr. Sayre has done extensive work with the New York Bar Association's Public Utility Law Committee.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) appointed Mr. Sayre to the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services, a forum among the FCC, state regulators, and local and regional entities regarding the deployment of advanced telecommunications capabilities. He is active on the NARUC Committee on Telecommunications.

Mr. Sayre obtained his B.A. degree from Grinnell College, his J.D. degree from Harvard Law School, and a Master of Science in Information Technology degree from Rochester Institute of Technology. Mr. Sayre was admitted to the bar in 1975.

Mr. Sayre and his wife, Susan, reside in Fairport, NY. They have three grown children.