



October 20, 2016

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**In Re: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of
Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

CTIA hereby nominates Matthew Gerst, CTIA's Director for Regulatory Affairs, to continue as designated representative for commercial mobile radio service providers on the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). Mr. Gerst is willing and committed to continue serving USAC for the three-year term of service and participating in all meetings in Washington, D.C. Please note that Mr. Gerst is not a registered federal lobbyist.

CTIA® (www.ctia.org) represents the U.S. wireless communications industry and the companies throughout the mobile ecosystem that enable Americans to lead a 21st century connected life. The association's members include wireless carriers, device manufacturers, suppliers as well as apps and content companies. CTIA vigorously advocates at all levels of government for policies that foster continued wireless innovation and investment. The association also coordinates the industry's voluntary best practices, hosts educational events that promote the wireless industry and co-produces the industry's leading wireless tradeshow. CTIA was founded in 1984 and is based in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Gerst leads CTIA's efforts before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on a variety of policy matters, including universal service, 9-1-1 and emergency communications, and access for people with disabilities. Mr. Gerst has also represented CTIA before state regulators and other state public policymakers and officials on a variety of universal service matters, including the Indiana Universal Service Fund Oversight Committee. Mr. Gerst currently serves on the USAC Board of Directors and the FCC's Disability Advisory Committee and North American Numbering Council.



Mr. Gerst also has supported the administration and management of CTIA's associated organizations and websites, including the 9-1-1 Location Accuracy Test Bed LLC and National Emergency Address Database LLC. He was responsible for developing and overseeing the maintenance of CTIA's www.AccessWireless.Org, an award-winning, outreach and educational tool that provides information about the accessibility of wireless products and services for people with disabilities.

CTIA has a long history of providing administrative and policy expertise to USAC. Mr. Gerst's extensive experience on state and federal universal service issues as well as administration and project management skillset will continue to be invaluable to the USAC Board of Directors as it addresses increasingly complex and important universal service administrative issues.

The following is the contact information for Mr. Gerst:

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CTIA looks forward to continuing to assist USAC to further its administrative objectives. Please contact me if you need additional information concerning this nomination.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Baker" with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Meredith Attwell Baker
President and CEO
CTIA



Matthew Gerst Biography
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Matthew Gerst is Director of Regulatory Affairs at CTIA. Matthew leads CTIA's advocacy before the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") on a variety of policy matters, including universal service, 9-1-1 and emergency communications, and access for people with disabilities. In addition to serving on the Universal Service Administrative Company's Board of Directors, Matthew represents CTIA on the FCC's Disability Advisory Committee and North American Numbering Council.

Matthew is a graduate of Ohio University and received his J.D. from New York Law School, where he was editor-in-chief of *Media Law & Policy* and participated in the Advanced Communications Law & Policy Institute. He is admitted to the state bars of New York and Washington, D.C. and also served as an adjunct professor of law in the scholarly writing program at the George Washington University School of Law focusing on the *Federal Communications Law Journal*.