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Dear Mr. Caton:

On behalf of the 15,000 members of the American Association of School Administrators, I wish to forward a letter of support for the nomination of Dr. Brian Talbott for the Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) Board of Directors.

Dr. Talbott is well qualified for this prestigious appointment. His 21-year membership has been highlighted by numerous appointments and volunteer opportunities within AASA. As a volunteer on the AASA Legislative Corps, he is called upon to advocate for federal education and children's issues on a weekly basis. He is also a member of the Washington State Association of School Administrators and has received numerous leadership awards from them.

Dr. Talbott was recently hired as the Executive Director of the American Association of Educational Service Agencies (AAESA). This professional organization advocates for consortium building with numerous school districts at the local, state and federal levels. These entities will play a vital role in the implementation of the "E-rate" discounts throughout America. His current position as Superintendent and General Manager of Educational Service District 101 in Spokane, Washington serves 59 public school districts and 54 private schools and their respective governing boards. This demonstrates a strong testament for his ability to work with public and non-public school districts and their boards to build upon a common theme for the betterment of all students.

His experience on boards (such as the local public television station, United Way and many education related boards) in elected and appointed positions, speaks well of his abilities to lead, build consensus amongst a board, and persuade its members for the betterment of the organization. He is well published, respected by his peers, and has demonstrated his talents and skills in the education field throughout the nation.

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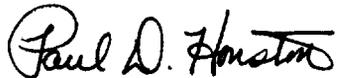
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Throughout Dr. Talbott's career, he has served in many capacities and would bring these experiences with him to the USAC Board. He has been a teacher, principal and school district superintendent. The roles of these professionals and the students they serve will be in the forefront of any position he holds.

Please consider the nomination of Dr. Brian Talbott for the USAC Board of Directors and the Schools and Library Corporation. Should you have any questions that I may be able to answer on behalf of AASA, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,

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Paul D. Houston, Ed.D.
Executive Director

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Dear Sir:

I am writing on behalf of the National Association of State Telecommunications Directors (NASTD) to urge the FCC to consider appointing a NASTD member to the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

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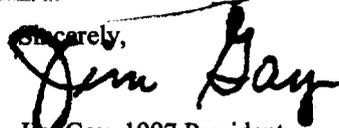
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Attached you will find some information on Mr. McCann's professional qualifications. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Strengths & Skills:

- Telecommunications Planning and Management ● Supervision
- Policy Development ● User and Vendor Relations
- Budget and Administrative Management
- Network Design and Implementation

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Honorable E. Reed Hundt
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) submits three names for your consideration as a library representative to the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and the Board of the Schools and Libraries Corporation. These three state librarians have played leadership roles in ensuring public libraries receive support under the National Telecommunication Act of 1996 and their respective state legislation.

Richard Akeroyd, Connecticut State Librarian. He participated in the implementation working group convened by Secretary of Education Riley and made important contributions to the recommendations which were submitted to you on July 30, 1997. His resume is attached.

Nancy Bolt, Deputy State Librarian, and Assistant Commissioner, Colorado. She is also being nominated by the American Library Association. During the last three years she has implemented statewide library networking grants from the US Departments of Education and Commerce. These used telecommunications to deliver library and information services throughout her state.

Karen R. Crane, Director of the Alaska State Library Archives and Museums. She has been a national leader in telecommunications for Alaska remote communities. She also has worked on telecommunication policies for the Western Library Network (WLN). Crane is also being nominated by the Western Council of State Libraries.

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As state librarians these people offer a strong combination of policy work and implementation of complex programs. All work within the political process. They would be excellent at performing outreach and public education functions.

Thank you for your consideration of these three individuals.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Reed Hundt
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

I support the selection of Brian L. Talbott, Ph.D., to the new Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board.

Oklahoma State University has had a long association with Dr. Talbott and the STEP/Star Network through the federal Star Schools program. Under his leadership, STEP/Star has become one of the nation's foremost providers of K-12 "distance learning" programs.

Through the years, Dr. Talbott has distinguished himself for his commitment to educational technology, his political acumen and his broad base of knowledge and experience in all aspects of education.

I believe he would make an outstanding member of the USAC Board. As a problem-solver and coalition-builder, he would be well suited to helping implement Section 254 (the e-rate provision) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. Caton:

Attached hereto please find the August 13, 1997 Order of the Alabama Public Service Commission (APSC) in Docket 25980, In Re: Implementation of the Universal Service Requirements of Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Pursuant to the terms of said Order, and this correspondence, the APSC herein notifies the Federal Communications Commission of this Commission's election to conduct an Alabama-specific forward-looking economic costing for purposes of determining universal service support for non-rural carriers. This election is rendered pursuant to the May 8, 1997 Order of the Federal Communications Commission in CC-Docket 96-45.

Should you have questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Administrative Law Judge John A. Garner in the APSC's Legal Division at (334) 242-5200.

Sincerely,

Jim Sullivan, President

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**IN RE: IMPLEMENTATION OF UNIVERSAL
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DOCKET 25980

THIRD ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

In our Second Order and Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Second Order) entered in this cause on July 18, 1997, we discussed at length the request of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that state commissions notify the FCC of their intentions with respect to forward-looking economic cost studies for purposes of determining universal service support for non-rural carriers.¹ More specifically, we discussed the FCC's requirement that states elect by August 15, 1997, whether they will conduct their own forward-looking economic cost studies for universal service funding purposes or whether they will rely on the methodology which will ultimately be developed by the FCC. We noted that a state-specific costing approach appeared meritorious, but nonetheless sought comments from interested parties to assist us in the rendering of a final decision concerning this matter.

II. DISCUSSIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission received comments concerning the establishment of a state-specific,

hereto and collectively referred to as the Rural LECS). The comments received generally favored the establishment of a state-specific costing methodology.

In its comments BellSouth emphasized that universal service in Alabama could be adversely affected if the cost of universal service in this State is not accurately determined. BellSouth asserted that the Commission is uniquely qualified to develop a cost model for Alabama based upon the knowledge of the circumstances and cost of providing service in this state. BellSouth accordingly reasoned that the Commission should not defer to the FCC for the development of a costing methodology.

AT&T also recommended that the Commission develop its own forward-looking economic cost study for submission to the FCC. AT&T stressed the importance of utilizing the ongoing unbundled network element pricing proceedings as a basis for the determination of a universal service costing methodology in order to minimize resource duplication and diminish arbitrage opportunities that might arise from using inconsistent methodologies for the establishment of unbundled network element network prices and universal service support levels.

GTE urged the Commission to elect to adopt an Alabama-specific costing methodology for universal service purposes, but further urged the Commission to consider cost studies designed to insure that each universal service provider in Alabama fully recovers its cost. GTE emphasized that in order to accurately determine the level of universal service support needed for Alabama, each provider of universal service in the state should have its cost estimated using company-specific cost studies and/or a model which best predicts the actual cost that each company is likely to incur in providing service.

Sprint indicated that it would not be inappropriate for the Commission to rely on the forward-looking economic cost model which will eventually be developed by the FCC for purposes of determining universal service support. Sprint further indicated that should the

time. The Rural LECS correctly pointed out that the FCC has established an entirely different time frame for determining universal service support for rural companies.

Our assessment of the FCC's May 8, 1997 Universal Service Order and the comments discussed herein has led us to conclude that this Commission should elect to develop our own forward-looking economic cost study for purposes of determining universal service support levels. Given the present uncertainty concerning the methodology the FCC will utilize and the adverse impact that an inaccurate determination of universal service costs specific to Alabama could have on universal service in this state, we believe this decision to be the most consistent with the public interest. We would specifically note, however, that this election applies to the establishment of a costing methodology for non-rural carriers only. A determination concerning a costing methodology for rural carriers will be made when it is more appropriate for the Commission to render such a determination.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED BY THE COMMISSION, That we herein elect to develop an Alabama-specific, forward-looking costing methodology for purposes of determining universal service support for non-rural carriers in Alabama.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That jurisdiction in this cause is hereby retained for the issuance of any further order or orders as may be deemed just and reasonable in the premises.

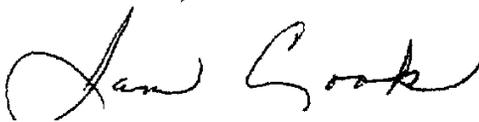
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That this Order shall be effective as of the date hereof.

DONE at Montgomery, Alabama, this 13th day of August, 1997.

ALABAMA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Jim Sullivan, President



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APPENDIX A
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ALLTEL-Alabama, Inc.
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Blountsville Telephone Company
Brindlee Mountain Telephone Company, Inc.
Castleberry Telephone Company, Inc.
Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
Frontier Communications of Alabama
Frontier Communications of Lamar County
Frontier Communications of the South, Inc.
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Goshen Telephone Company, Inc.
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The library organizations of Missouri and the Missouri State Library submit the name of Annie Busch, Director of the Springfield-Greene County Library, to serve on the Boards of Directors for the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and the Schools and Libraries Corporation.

Mrs. Busch is known throughout Missouri and the nation for voicing library positions and needs on telecommunications. Her work on the Governor's Commission on Information Technology has enabled her to influence Missouri's telecommunication policy. She worked closely with the Missouri Public Service Commission, the Missouri consumer advocate, and the Missouri Legislature on telecommunication issues.

Her appointment to these boards would have libraries represented by a director who has immediate experience in arranging telecommunications for both an urban and rural libraries. She would be an excellent choice to represent all public libraries.

Thank you for considering Mrs. Busch.

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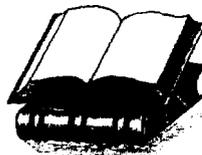
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August 11, 1997

Mr. Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Hundt:

It is with great pleasure that the Missouri Public Library Directors Group submits the name of Mrs. Annie Busch for the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors. Mrs. Busch's experience in both libraries and telecommunications makes her an ideal candidate to represent us on this board. Her resume and other endorsement letters follow under separate cover.

Thank you for considering Mrs. Busch for the USAC Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Doennig". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

David Doennig
Chairman,
Missouri Public Library Directors

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August 12, 1997

Reed E. Hundt, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

As President-Elect of the Missouri Library Association, I submit to you the name of Annie Busch to serve on the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company and Schools and Libraries Corporation. Her resume and other letters of nomination follow under separate cover.

Ms. Busch is a professional librarian with 20 years experience. Her overall achievements are impressive and many are directly related to the tasks of the USAC. She is a skilled budget manager currently administering a \$5.5 million budget as the director of the Springfield-Greene County Library District. Since becoming director, she increased spending on library materials five-fold without increasing the tax load to the community she serves. Her successes in implementing and supporting advanced technologies to provide access to information demonstrate her commitment to the future of information technologies. She has an exceptional knowledge of telecommunications issues and is committed to the ideal of providing services equitably to all citizens. Her service on the executive committee of the Missouri Research and Education Network, the Governor's Technology Task Force, and Commission on Information Technology, the Ozarks Regional Information Online Network, the Springfield Telecommunications Committee and a local educational network, CPEN speaks not only to her dedication and involvement, but also to the confidence that state, regional and local leaders have in her abilities and knowledge.

Annie Busch knows her community, listens to their expressed concerns and needs and works tirelessly and effectively to provide access to information and lifelong learning. Her skills and abilities are an excellent match for service on the Universal Service Administrative Company.

Sincerely,


Elizabeth R. Ader, President-Elect
Missouri Library Association



SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

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ANNIE BUSCH

Springfield-Greene County Library District
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SUMMARY:

Professional Librarian for 20 years with experience in fiscal management and a long record of innovative technological adaptation of library facilities. Strong background in intergovernmental cooperation and community service.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Library

- Responsible for directing the eight-facility Springfield-Greene County Library District, located in the third largest metropolitan area in Missouri.
- Administers a \$5.5 million budget and supervises more than 150 employees in a public library system that circulates annually more than 2 million books and other materials.
- Increased spending on library materials five-fold since becoming director, with no increase in taxes to the community.
- Renovated and expanded every branch in system.
- Developed the state's second community information network, ORION.
- Networked all branches to become the region's center for electronic resources.
- Responsible for raising more than \$120,000 in state technology, foundation and individual grants for Info-Link, a project that provides digitized electronic resources on the Internet.
- Served in leadership roles in the Missouri Library Association, including four years as chair of the committee that monitored and lobbied for legislation favorable to Missouri libraries.

Main Library (417) 837-5000 Ash Grove Branch Library (417) 751-2933
 Brentwood Branch Library (417) 888-1818 Keamey Branch Library (417) 837-5080
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Library (continued)

- Organized local public, academic and special librarians into the Southwest Missouri Library Network, Springfield Area Library Association and other consortiums to realize benefits of mutual cooperation.

Telecommunications

- Chaired the executive committee of MOREnet (Missouri Research and Education Network) which provides collaborative networked information service to education and government.
- Helped design an implementation plan to meet the Governor's goals for elementary and secondary education by serving on the Technology Task Force, Goals 2000 Educate American Act, committee.
- Helped draft a report on telecommunications to the Missouri General Assembly while serving on the Governor's Commission on Information Technology
- Serves on the board of the Ozarks Regional Information Online Network, a comprehensive local information provider with free access to local and global information on the Internet.
- Helped determine a strategy for meeting the city's telecommunication needs as a member of the Springfield Telecommunications Committee.
- Part of a local educational network, CPEN, that includes college and public schools in a consortium to coordinate a plan to expand service through the use of telecommunications services.

Community

- Serves on numerous local boards—from the Springfield Public School Foundation Advisory Board to the Chamber of Commerce Business/Education Alliance—with the purpose of finding ways the public library can aid in the community's educational goals.
- Participates in various community and civic organizations—from the Springfield Rotary Club to the Vision 20/20 Coordinating Committee—to provide ways to aid in making Springfield a better place to live.

WORK HISTORY:

1990-present	<u>Springfield-Greene County Library (Springfield, MO)</u>
	Director (1990-present)
	Management Team (1989)
	Branch Manager (1985-1990)
1984-1985	<u>Peterson Business Systems (Fenton, MO)</u>
	Sales Representative - Southwest Missouri Region
1977-1984	<u>St. Charles City-County Library (St. Charles, MO)</u>
	Branch Manager (1982-1984)
	Chief, St. Charles Area Services (1980-1982)
	Branch Manager (1977-1980)

EDUCATION:

- Master of Arts in Library Science, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Missouri
- Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, University of Missouri-Columbia, Columbia, Missouri
- High School Diploma, Neosho High School, Neosho Missouri

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- American Library Association
- Missouri Public Library Directors
- Missouri Library Association
- Springfield Area Library Association
- Marquis Who's Who of American Women
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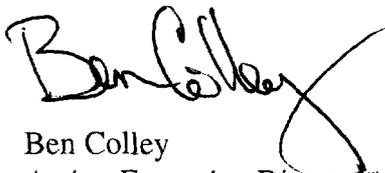
I am writing to endorse the nomination of Annie Busch, Director of the Springfield-Greene County Library to the Board of Directors of the Schools and Libraries Corporation.

Ms. Busch has a long history of interest and involvement with telecommunications. She was appointed by Gov. Mel Carnahan to the Governor's Commission on Information Technology. This commission was tasked to "develop a state telecommunications strategy that provides universal access and maximum benefits to Missouri residents...." As a result of this commission's work, the state of Missouri now has a vision and strategic telecommunications plan. Significantly, the Governor's commission recommended in its report (Jan. 1995) that the state of Missouri create a state universal service fund.

Among her many accomplishments, under the strong leadership of Ms. Busch, several public agencies established the Ozarks Regional Information Online Network (ORION) to serve the public information needs of the public agencies and citizens of the Springfield area. Ms. Busch has also served as chair of the MOREnet Executive Board to oversee policy and services provided by the consortium. Ms. Busch has been a particularly effective advocate for telecommunications policies and planning and is outspoken in the need to support the efforts of schools and libraries to participate in the National Information Infrastructure.

Since MOREnet provides and facilitates telecommunications services on behalf of nearly 700 school and library districts in Missouri, the implementation of the E-Rate discounts for schools and libraries are of particular interest. Ms. Busch brings an expertise both at the "ground level" and in the area of policy development that would make her a valuable member of the board. MOREnet strongly supports the nomination of Annie Busch to the Schools and Libraries Corporation Board of Directors.

Sincerely,


Ben Colley
Acting Executive Director