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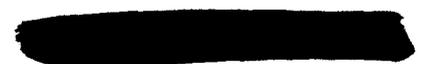


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The Honorable Reed Hundt, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street NW, Room 814
Washington, D.C. 20554

Via Fax: (202) 418-2801

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I am writing on behalf of the Wisconsin School Administrators Alliance in support of the nomination of Dr. Brian Talbott for the Universal Service Administrative Company's (USAC) Board of Directors.

The Alliance represents the superintendents, principals, business officials, and directors of special education and pupil services in Wisconsin's school districts.

Through Dr. Talbott's professional and civic service he has demonstrated the skills necessary to serve effectively on the USAC Board. His experience in education, public television, and the United Way coupled with his personal commitment to the issue of advancing universal service for our students (and all of our citizens) would be a great asset to the board.

The USAC Board will be key to the successful implementation of the universal service provisions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. These provisions represent an incredible opportunity for our country. We believe Dr. Talbot will provide the leadership necessary on the board to ensure that we make the most of this historic opportunity.

If you have any questions regarding the Wisconsin School Administrators Alliance's strong support for Dr. Talbott's nomination contact me at (608) 242-1370.

Sincerely,

James M. Lynch
Director of Government Relations

Wyoming Telecommunications Association

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Mr Reed E. Hunt, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Hunt:

The Wyoming Telecommunications Association, representing the twelve independent member companies serving rural Wyoming, is pleased to nominate Mr. Gerry Anderson, General Manager of Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Circle, Montana, for the Subset Three position on the Universal Services Administrative Committee (USAC).

Mr. Anderson has served with distinction on numerous Boards of Directors and industry committees representing the interests of the rural West and small telecommunications providers nation wide. His grasp of current telecommunications issues and his knowledge of the industry have made him an extremely valuable addition to both the Rocky Mountain Telecommunications Association and the National Exchange Carriers Association.

The Wyoming Telecommunications Association member companies feel that Mr. Anderson will serve well in the USAC Subset Three position, and will continue to offer insight and direction ultimately of great benefit to high-cost rural America.

Any consideration of this nomination on your behalf would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Larry J. Nash
President

FAX

Date 8-15-97

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Nomination for Subset Three Position on the Universal Services
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Mr. Bill Caton
Office of the Secretary
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RE: Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Messrs. Hundt and Caton:

I write to place my name in nomination for the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). I do this at the request of the Board of Directors of the 2B1 Foundation, a not-for-profit Internet access company where I serve as president and chief executive officer, and out of a deep concern that advanced telecommunication and information services serve to close rather than expand the gap between the digital haves and the digital have nots, particularly as the gap affects children.

The mission of the 2B1 Foundation is to bring the benefits of digital learning and communication to all the primary school children of the world. We are developing new information delivery mechanisms, and piloting methods of using connectivity in the classroom to enhance children's ability to direct their own learning in all economic and geographic settings. Our equal goal is to reduce, through digital connectivity, the isolation of lower income and remote school districts

The founder and chairman of the foundation is Nicholas Negroponte, founder of the Media Lab at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, author of *being digital* (1995), and a forceful theorist and advocate for the broadest and highest standards of value achievable from new communication technology and connectivity. 2B1's vice chairman is Dr. Seymour Papert, author of *Mindstorms* (1980) and *The Children's Machine* (1993) and a pioneer in applying computer technology to primary level education.

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Our advisory board includes Mitchel Resnick, who founded the Computer Club providing after school access to computer and Internet technology for urban teenagers, and Clotilde Fonseca, director of the Fundación Omar Dengo, which has transformed primary education in Costa Rica through the use computers in teaching and has added an Internet initiative to its latest phase of expansion beyond the 50 percent of that nation's schoolchildren Omar Dengo already reaches.

Mr. Hundt spoke to 2B1's worldwide workshop on children, learning and computers at MIT in July of this year. The audience of more than 100 educators in attendance, many from low income and marginalized communities around the world, lauded the vision of the recent Act and of the Universal Service initiative.

Our direct interest in service on the USAC Board is to see that universal service supports the availability of services like ours and other information and access providers equally across the country. Our broader charter is to raise awareness in industry and government of the precise nature of the enormous benefits connectivity and information services access have for children. My appointment would bring the Board a steady voice for the interests of information services and access providers, state-of-the-art understanding of the value of advanced telecommunication and information technology in classroom and daily life, and a broad institutional vision of the value attainable through universal access to the benefits promoted by the Commission.

I have enclosed a brief biography and would happily provide any additional information that may be required.

Sincerely



Peter Cawley
President

Attachment

cc: Mike Nelson
FCC Office of Plans and Policy (Fax: 202.418.2807)

Peter B. Cawley
17 Gault Avenue
Westport, CT 06880

Peter Cawley is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the 2B1 Foundation and a founding member of its Board of Directors. The foundation is organized as a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of New York and under the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States. The mission of the foundation is to accelerate the growth of Internet access for primary school children around the world, and to develop enhanced learning methods via computer and Internet technology. The foundation believes that the benefits for children in being digital are both deep and wide, and center upon inclusion, not exclusion, from a burgeoning world digital community.

Mr. Cawley was formerly the Chief Financial Officer and Acting Executive Director of New York City's Big Apple Circus – a \$15 million not-for-profit organization that operates a one-ring classical circus, pediatric health care at 12 hospitals in several Eastern cities, and an inner city arts in education program.

Mr. Cawley previously held planning and financial posts at textbook publisher John Wiley & Sons, where he introduced new publishing technology methods and became a featured speaker at the Seybold Conferences on Technology. He earlier served as head of financial planning at the telecommunications-based information services and satellite direct broadcast services venture CNR Partners, a \$90 million investment of Nynex, General Electric and Citicorp which he co-developed as a corporate planning and business development manager at General Electric's NBC division.

In an earlier career as a journalist, Mr. Cawley was a reporter and editor at the Associated Press. He holds master's degrees in public and private management from Yale University (1983) and in journalism from Northwestern University (1977), and an undergraduate degree in comparative literature from Brown University (1974).

Mr. Cawley has served as a member of the board of directors of the alumni association of the Yale School of Management, as president of the Compo Homeowner's Association, and as a soccer coach and elementary school parent/teaching assistant in the Westport (Conn.) public schools. With his wife, Leslie, a graduate of Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public Policy (1979) and of the Yale School of Management (1984), he lives in Westport with their three sons, Peter, aged 9, Geoffrey, aged 6 and Jay, aged 4.

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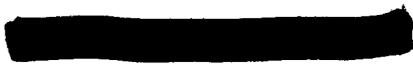
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Re: Nominations to the Universal Service Administrative Company
Board of Directors

Dear Chairman Hundt:

The Personal Communications Industry Association ("PCIA") and the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association ("CTIA") hereby submit two nominations for director positions representing commercial mobile radio service ("CMRS") providers on the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") Board of Directors.¹ The first nomination submitted by PCIA and CTIA is Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Vice President, Federal Regulatory, with AirTouch Communications, Inc. A copy of Ms. Abernathy's resume is attached to this letter. As indicated in the resume, Ms. Abernathy is highly qualified to represent the CMRS industry on the USAC Board of Directors. She has served with AirTouch, a leading provider of a broad range of wireless services, including paging, cellular, and PCS, for more than four years. Through its paging, cellular, and PCS operations, AirTouch provides wireless service to most regions in the country. AirTouch also is the largest wireless-only provider of service in the United States. Prior to that, Ms. Abernathy served as legal advisor to Commissioner James Quello, as well as serving in other positions throughout the Commission. She also has been employed in other contexts in the telecommunications industry. It is clear, as suggested in the Public Notice soliciting nominations, that Ms. Abernathy possesses substantial experience in and knowledge of telecommunications issues, and is well-suited to serve on the USAC Board of Directors.

PCIA and CTIA also nominate Jonathan M. Chambers, Vice President of External Affairs and Associate General Counsel of Sprint PCS to serve as a CMRS representative director. A copy of Mr. Chambers' resume is attached to this letter. As indicated in the resume, Mr. Chambers is highly qualified to represent the CMRS industry on the USAC Board of Directors.

¹ See FCC Public Notice, *Nominations Sought for Universal Service Administrative Company, Schools and Libraries Corporation, and Rural Health Care Corporation Boards of Directors*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, DA 97-1561 (Aug. 1, 1997).

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He has served with Sprint PCS, a leading nationwide provider of personal communications service, since the company's inception in the Spring of 1995.

Sprint PCS is a joint venture, formed by subsidiary partnerships or corporations of Sprint Corporation, Cox Communications, Inc., Tele-Communications, Inc., and Comcat Corporation, to provide nationwide personal communications services. Sprint PCS holds, through affiliates, broadband (A and B Block) PCS licenses, or interests in licenses, in 32 Major Trading Areas covering a population of 190 million people. Sprint PCS is providing service in more than 60 major cities across the United States. Prior to his service at Sprint PCS, Mr. Chambers served in a number of Congressional staff positions, most recently as Minority Staff Director of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. In that capacity, Mr. Chambers oversaw committee work on a wide range of telecommunications issues. It is clear, as suggested in the Public Notice soliciting nominations, that Mr. Chambers possesses substantial experience in and knowledge of telecommunications issues, including the passage and implementation of the 1992 Cable Act and the 1993 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act. We believe Mr. Chambers is equally well-suited to serve on the USAC Board of Directors.

The fact that PCIA and CTIA are submitting two nominations underscores the conclusion, previously asserted by PCIA and CTIA reflected in their respective comments in CC Docket No. 97-21 (Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc.), that a single representative on the USAC board on behalf of the entire CMRS industry is inadequate. CMRS providers offer a wide range of very different services, using a variety of distinct technologies. The operators range from very small to large, with a diversity of interests. Thus, it is difficult – if not impossible – for any single person to be a spokesperson representing a consolidated viewpoint on behalf of a highly diverse industry segment.

PCIA and CTIA anticipate that the persons selected to hold the CMRS representative director seats will work with both associations as well as with all other associations and private entities representing or participating in the CMRS industry and interested in the issues that may come before the USAC Board of Directors. In order to serve effectively as the director representing the CMRS industry, it is essential that these individuals actively coordinate with CMRS representatives, including PCIA and CTIA, to keep them fully informed about, as well as to solicit their input regarding, the issues being considered by the USAC Board of Directors. Such efforts will help to determine CMRS industry consensus positions as well as to highlight those areas where CMRS licensees do not share a common viewpoint, in a way that can then be communicated to the USAC Board of Directors.

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In the event only a single CMRS representative is to be selected to the USAC Board of Directors, we request the opportunity to consult further with you regarding the nomination. Should you have any questions concerning this nomination, please contact either one of us.

Respectfully submitted,

Personal Communications Industry
Association

Cellular Telecommunications Industry
Association

By: 
Mark J. Golden

By: 
Brian F. Fontes

cc: Office of the Secretary

JONATHAN CHAMBERS

Johnathan Chambers is Vice President of External Affairs and Associate General Counsel of Sprint PCS. Sprint PCS is a nationwide provider of personal communications service. When the Sprint PCS network is completed it will provide the most extensive PCS system in the United States.

With the company since its inception in the Spring of 1995, Mr. Chambers opened Sprint PCS's Washington office and was initially responsible for all federal regulatory and legislative matters. Currently, Mr. Chambers manages a group of professionals, in Washington and Kansas City, responsible for developing Sprint PCS's public policy positions and representing its interest before federal, state and local governments.

Prior to joining Sprint PCS, Mr. Chambers served as Minority Staff Director of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. As staff director, Mr. Chambers oversaw committee work on a number of telecommunication issues, including: passage of the 1992 Cable Act, the 1993 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (which provided the FCC with spectrum auction authority), and the Committee's initial legislative efforts to open the local telephone market to competition.

In the Senate, Mr. Chambers also worked as Legislative Director for Senator John Danforth (R-MO), and as a professional staff member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. From 1990-1992, Mr. Chambers served as Senator Danforth's chief advisor on all legislative initiatives, including passage of the 1991 Civil Rights Act. From 1989-1990, Mr. Chambers staffed the Intelligence Committee on a variety of matters, including political developments in Eastern Europe and southeast Asia. In 1990, Mr. Chambers observed the Nicaraguan elections as a member of President Carter's election monitoring team.

Mr. Chambers received a B.A. in economics from Yale University, an M.A. in international affairs from Columbia University, and a J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center. He is a member of the Connecticut Bar and the Federal Communications Bar Association.

Mr. Chambers grew up in Connecticut and currently resides on Capitol Hill.

KATHLEEN Q. ABERNATHY

Kathleen Q. Abernathy is Vice President, Federal Regulatory for AirTouch Communications. In this position she represents AirTouch's interest before the Federal Communications Commission provides support for AirTouch Cellular, AirTouch Paging and AirTouch International.

Prior to joining AirTouch, Ms. Abernathy served as Legal Assistant to Federal Communications Commission Chairman James Quello. In this position, she was responsible for providing legal advice on all telecommunications issues. Her previous FCC experience includes serving as legal advisor to Commissioner Sherrie Marshall and special assistant to the FCC's General Counsel.

Before moving to the FCC, Ms Abernathy was employed at Comsat Corporation as Director, Federal Affairs. She also spent three years in private practice representing small independent telephone companies at both the federal and state level.

In addition to her AirTouch employment, Ms. Abernathy is the immediate past president of the Federal Communications Bar Association and is an active member of American Women in Radio and Television. She also volunteers her time to fund raising efforts for the American Diabetes Association. In addition, she was an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center and Catholic University School of Law for six years where she taught International Telecommunications Regulation.

Ms. Abernathy received her J.D. degree from Catholic University, Columbus School of Law and her B.S. degree, magna cum laude, from Marquette University.

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Honorable Reed E. Hundt
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street, N.W., Room 814-0101
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Hundt:

Please accept this letter of support for the nomination of Thomas W. Hertz for a position on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors.

I serve as the Chairman of the Board of Dakota Telecom, Inc. ("DTI") of Irene, South Dakota. DTI has cable operations in twenty-six towns in South Dakota, Iowa and Minnesota.

Mr. Hertz came to DTI in the fall of 1995. In the time that Mr. Hertz has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of DTI, DTI has acquired nineteen of its twenty-six cable systems. In each of these towns, Dakota upgraded operations to increase customer choice and improve the technology. Construction is in progress for a centralized head-end for centralized operations for many of these towns. Hybrid Fiber Coaxial ("HFC") systems are being installed in four towns this summer to provide telephony to cable subscribers. Mr. Hertz provides the leadership qualities necessary to guide the company through new growth.

Mr. Hertz is an excellent candidate for the position and will bring to the Board the necessary telecommunication and cable knowledge, skills and background to be an effective and contributing Board member.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey J. Goeman
Chairman

Enclosures

BIOGRAPHY

Thomas W. Hertz
29801 County Road 11
Menno, South Dakota 57045-7221
Phone: 605-387-5696

Education

Graduate of Menno High School (1964), South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (1968, B.S. in Metallurgical Engineering) and University of South Dakota Law School (1977, J.D. - Law).

Experience

Student, well-driller, farm hand, draftsman, lab assistant, miner and truck driver, in South Dakota, Oregon, Minnesota, Michigan and Iowa (1960-1968); civilian Nuclear Engineer/Project Engineer, U.S. Navy, Bremerton, Washington (1968-1974); nuclear metallurgy Ph. D. program, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa (1974-1975); practicing attorney, *ULMER, HERTZ & BERTSCH, P.C.*, Menno, South Dakota (1977-1995); Chief Executive Officer and General Manager, Dakota Telecommunications Group, Inc. (1995-present).

Thomas W. Hertz

Ulmer, Hertz & Bertsch, P.C.
219 South 5th Street, P.O. Box 535
Menno, South Dakota 57045-0535
Phone 605/387-5658 FAX 605-387-2322

Objective: General Manager of Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc.

Personal and Family

Born March 7, 1946, Viborg, South Dakota
Married (25+ years, Mary Saylor Hertz), two children (Sara & Elizabeth)
Member, Grace Lutheran Church, Menno, South Dakota

Professional Experience

January 1978 to Present

Ulmer, Hertz & Bertsch, P.C.
Menno, South Dakota
Managing Attorney, with primary practice in the area of cooperative and regulatory law, secondary practice in corporate and tax law, estate planning, and general practice

July 1968 to July 1974

Puget Sound Naval Shipyard
Bremerton, Washington
Nuclear Engineer, Project Engineer, coordinating overhaul of nuclear submarines and nuclear-powered surface ships.

Other Work Experience

June 1960 to June 1968

general farm labor, southeastern South Dakota
well driller, Menno, South Dakota
Chicken & turkey ranch labor, Beaverton, Oregon
lab technician, Rapid City, South Dakota
civil draftsman, City of Rapid City, South Dakota
engineering assistant, taconite plant, Beaver Bay, Minnesota
engineering assistant, iron mine, Ispeming, Michigan

Education

1975 to 1977

University of South Dakota - Law School
Vermillion, South Dakota
J.D. (law)

1974 to 1975

Iowa State University
Ames, Iowa
one year as graduate student in PhD program in Nuclear Metallurgy

1964 to 1968

South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
Rapid City, South Dakota
B.S. Metallurgical Engineering.

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Marion, South Dakota
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Baltic, South Dakota
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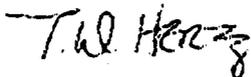
Broin Enterprises, Broin & Associates (ethanol plants, design, operation and construction)
Scotland, South Dakota and Sioux Falls, South Dakota
South Dakota General Counsel

largest internet service provider in South Dakota.

Mr. Law, Chief Operating Officer of Iway, has served this position since Iway was incorporated in 1994. Iway is aggressive in providing dedicated access connection to business users and school districts. It is implementing the latest technology including 56K modems, Microsoft commercial internet service and real audio. Mr. Law provides the leadership qualities necessary to guide the company through new growth.

Mr. Law is an excellent candidate for the position and will bring to the Board the necessary knowledge, skills and background to be an effective and contributing Board member.

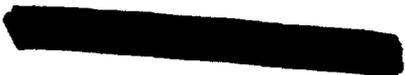
Sincerely,



Thomas W. Hertz
Chairman/CEO

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Mr. Reed Hundt
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

The Texas Telephone Association which represents 56 small local exchange carriers in Texas, would like to offer support of the nominee Mr. Gerry Anderson, General Manager of Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. to serve as the Subset III (Small Telephone Company Representative) on the Universal Services Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors.

Gerry Anderson has served the telephone industry well as a representative on numerous national, state, and local industry Boards. He is knowledgeable of the industry and especially of the Universal Service Fund.

It is our understanding that Mr. Anderson's biography has been supplied to you by other organizations. We appreciate your consideration of Mr. Anderson's nomination of the USAC Board. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Tim Raven, CAE
President

TR/nr



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VIA FAX

Dear Chairman Hundt:

I write to strongly recommend the appointment of Dr. Brian L. Talbott, Ph.D., to serve as a member of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board, which will manage implementation of the "e-rate" in the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Dr. Talbott is an excellent candidate for this position.

Dr. Talbott is a constituent and currently serves as superintendent of Educational Service District 101, Spokane, Washington. During his more than 30-year career in education, Dr. Talbott has built a reputation as a national expert on educational technology. For the last 12 years, he has administered one of the nation's largest K-12 distance learning networks - the STEP/Star Network - which delivers live, instructional programming by satellite, cable and computer.

For the last seven years, STEP/Star also has been a member of the prestigious "Star Schools" program administered by the U.S. Department of Education.

Dr. Talbott has been nominated by the American Association of Educational Service Agencies to serve on the USAC board. Based on his experience, credentials and commitment to education, I ask that Dr. Talbott receive every proper consideration.

Cordially,

George R. Nethercutt, Jr.
Representative in Congress

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cc: William Caton, Secretary

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August 15, 1997

Mr. William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street N.W., Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21

Dear Mr. Caton:

Attached is a letter to Chairman Hundt nominating Mr. Richard Teel from BellSouth to a seat on the Board of the Universal Service Administrative Company per the Public Notice (DA 97-1561) issued on August 1, 1997. Please make this letter part of the record in the above-captioned proceeding.

Sincerely,



Cynthia K. Cox

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cc: Chairman Hundt

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August 15, 1997

The Honorable Reed Hundt
Chairman
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

BellSouth Corporation, SBC Communications Inc., GTE, and US West, Inc., are pleased to nominate J. Richard Teel to a seat on the Board of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). Mr. Teel's twenty-three years of experience in the telecommunications industry and his position, as Vice President - Regulatory and External Affairs for BellSouth Telecommunications, makes him eminently qualified to serve as a USAC Director.

Mr. Teel began his career in 1974 as an attorney with South Central Bell Telephone Company. From 1977 to 1980, Mr. Teel was a member of AT&T's legal department. In 1980, Mr. Teel returned to South Central Bell's Legal Department. In 1984, he was appointed General Counsel for BellSouth's telephone equipment company. Mr. Teel was appointed General Counsel, BellSouth Services, Inc. on October 1, 1985. He was elected an Officer of BellSouth in January 1988. Mr. Teel accepted his present position in 1991.

Over the course of his career, Mr. Teel has worked extensively with both state and Federal regulators. He has had overall responsibility for BellSouth's pricing, costing, separations, and tariff preparation. In his current position, Mr. Teel has overall responsibility for developing state and Federal regulatory policy and planning for BellSouth's telephone operations.

In addition to this nomination, the undersigned companies further recommend the subsequent adoption of a new Rotational Plan for the Bell Operating Company ("BOC") and GTE directorship. The Rotational Plan should include the five Regional Bell holding companies and GTE.

Sincerely,



Robert T. Blau
Vice President - Executive and Federal Regulatory Affairs
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