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Mr. Reed E. Hundt
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

In response to the Public Notice (DA-97-1561) for nominations pursuant to the Commission's Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45, the Public Service Telecommunications Corporation (PSTC) recommends Arthur D. Sheekey for the Board of the Schools and Libraries Corporation. Dr. Sheekey served as President of PSTC from May 1995 to December 1996, and continues to represent our organization as a Senior Policy Associate. He also serves as Treasurer and Board Member for the Alliance for Public Technology.

Dr. Sheekey has had more than twenty years experience in the federal government. He was a senior program manager and policy analyst in the U.S. Department of Education, an educational policy analyst at the Office of Management and Budget, and science policy fellow at the White House Science Office and Federal Communications Commission. Few individuals have had such broad experience in the development and implementation of national educational policy. Dr. Sheekey is thoroughly familiar with federal and state efforts to improve schools and libraries. In the Department of Education, he served as the principal planning and budget director for state-grant and discretionary programs, including programs authorized by the Library Services and Construction Act. His recent book, *Education and Telecommunications: Critical Issues and Resources* is designed to assist educational decision-makers and practitioners to make productive applications of advanced telecommunications facilities and information services.

In advocating the appointment of Arthur Sheekey to the Board of Directors for the Schools and Libraries Corporation, we provide your office with a highly qualified candidate who has demonstrated a personal commitment to the development of national public policies that serve to strengthen and improve the quality of schools, libraries and public information services.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis A. Bransford
Chairman and CEO
Public Service Telecommunications Corporation



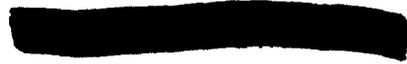
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The Honorable Reed Hundt
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FAX #(202) 418-2801



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.

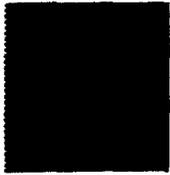
Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Smith L. Holt
Dean

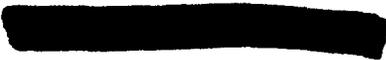
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Subject: Nomination of Andrew Blau and Jorge Reina Schement for the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company

Dear Chairman Hundt:

Pursuant to the Commission's request for nominations for membership on the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administration Company ("USAC"), the Benton Foundation is pleased to nominate two candidates: Jorge Reina Schement and Andrew Blau. Both would make excellent board members in light of their many years of work on universal service programs and policies. The work of each includes both academic analysis and practical involvement with providers, regulators, and the intended beneficiaries of universal service efforts.

Jorge Reina Schement is Director of the Institute for Information Studies at Penn State University and the former Director of the Federal Communications Commission's Information Policy Project, which studied universal service programs and households without telephone service. Professor Schement is one of the nation's top scholars on universal service and access issues, who has put a special emphasis on the telecommunications policy issues that relate to America's fast growing Latino population. He is also the author of two pathbreaking analyses of "phonelessness" among low-income Americans, *Universal Service from the Bottom Up*, and *Beyond Universal Service: Characteristics of Americans without Telephones*.

Professor Schement is a member of the Benton Foundation Board of Directors, and the boards of directors of the Media Access Project and Libraries for the Future. He is also a member of advisory boards to the Advertising Council, the American Library Association, the Tomas Rivera Center, and the Center for Media Education, and he is a participant in the National Latino Telecommunications Taskforce.

Andrew Blau is the Director of Communications Policy and Practice at the Benton Foundation. He directs the foundation's efforts on telecommunications policy, including its efforts on universal service. He was the principal organizer of the *Public Interest Summit*, the first national meeting to bring together leaders from nonprofits, foundations, and the Clinton Administration to discuss public interest policies in communications. Before joining Benton in 1993, Mr. Blau worked with such public interest groups as the Electronic Frontier Foundation, the Alliance for Community Media, and the United Church of Christ ("UCC"). At UCC, he developed and directed one of the earliest efforts to expand participation in Link Up and Lifeline programs among the poor in Jackson, Mississippi, Tucson, Arizona, and St. Louis, Missouri. He also researched the public policy implications of network evolution while on the staff of Columbia University's Institute for Tele-Information (CITI).

Mr. Blau has testified before Congress about the role of nonprofits in the information age. He serves on the Executive Committee of the Urban Libraries Council and is an advisor to Microsoft's "Libraries Online!" initiative to bring networked computers to public libraries. He is also a member of the Chairman's Advisory Group on Education and Technology at the National Endowment for the Humanities. He has been a lecturer in the communications department at Fordham University, and his articles have appeared in U.S., British, and German publications.

Benton, a nonpartisan, private foundation committed to strengthening public interest efforts in shaping the emerging National Information Infrastructure, believes that communications in the public interest, including the effort to connect all Americans to basic communications systems, is essential to a strong democracy. Benton's mission is to realize the social benefits made possible by the public interest use of communications. Benton bridges the worlds of philanthropy, community practice, and public policy. It develops and provides effective information and communication tools and strategies to equip and engage individuals and organizations in the emerging digital communications environment. Over the past two years, the Benton Foundation has commissioned a number of research papers on the subject of universal service and now hosts the World Wide Web's most comprehensive library of universal service and access documents.

Benton strongly endorses Professor Schement and Mr. Blau's nomination and pledges our support in any responsibilities their appointments may entail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Larry Kirkman", followed by a horizontal line.

Larry Kirkman
Benton Foundation

Cc: Secretary of the Federal Communications Commission
Lori Wright, Common Carrier Bureau

Jorge Reina Schement is Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research in the College of Communications at Penn State University.

He received his Ph.D. from the Institute for Communication Research at Stanford University. His books include, *Tendencies and Tensions of the Information Age* (Transaction 1995), *Toward an Information Bill of Rights and Responsibilities* (Aspen Institute, 1995), *Between Communication and Information* (Transaction 1993), *Competing Visions, Complex Realities: Social Aspects of the Information Society* (Ablex 1988), *The International Flow of Television Programs* (Sage 1984), *Telecommunications Policy Handbook* (Praeger 1982), and *Spanish-Language Radio in the Southwestern United States* (Texas 1979). His research interests focus on the social consequences of the production and consumption of information, plus policy issues identified with the national information infrastructure especially as they relate to Latinos. His research has been supported by the John and Mary Markle Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the Federal Aviation Administration, the Federal Communications Commission, the Benton Foundation, Bell Atlantic, and PacTelesys. Schement sits on the editorial boards of five academic journals and is associate editor of *The Information Society*.

His policy research contributed to a Supreme Court decision in *Metro Broadcasting, Inc. v. Federal Communications Commission et al.* In 1994, he served, at the invitation of the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, as director of the F.C.C.'s Information Policy Project. He has served on advisory panels to the National Science Foundation, the National Research Council, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Office of Technology Assessment of the U.S. Congress, and the United States Commission on Civil Rights. He is a member of the boards of directors of the Media Access Project, Libraries for the Future, and the Benton Foundation. He is also a member of advisory boards to the Advertising Council, the American Libraries Association, the Tomás Rivera Center, and the Center for Media Education, as well as a participant in the National Latino Telecommunications Taskforce.

His interest in the history of printing led him to discover a discrepancy in chapter and line numbers between the 1667 and 1674 editions of *Paradise Lost*, as cited in the *Oxford English Dictionary*. He also studies the origins of information technologies, and World War II history. He lives in State College, Pennsylvania, with his wife Anne, and children, Elisa and Daniel.



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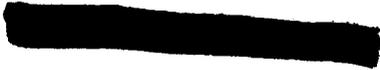
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Attn: Nominations for Universal Service Administrator Committees

Sheryl Todd
Federal Communications Commission
Universal Service Branch CC Docket No. 96-45
2100 M. Street, NW 8th Floor
Washington DC 20554

Dear Ms. Todd:

As State Librarian of Arizona, representing all types of libraries and a wide range of cultural institutions, I thank you for your call for nominations.

For the Universal Service Administrator Advisory Committee

I nominate Chris Cole
Maricopa County Library
17811 North 32nd Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85023

This individual has my complete confidence and the confidence of colleagues statewide. He would be an asset to these important efforts because he brings considerable knowledge and expertise to the tasks at hand. His resume is attached.

I would be happy to supply additional information or discuss this nomination in person (602) 542-4035.

Sincerely,

GladysAnn Wells, Director

c/e: Chris Cole

Christopher H. Cole
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Scottsdale, AZ 85250-5839
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602/596-1635 home

**Automation - Technical Services Coordinator, 1990-
County Librarian, 1994-1997
Maricopa County Library District, Phoenix, AZ**

Direct 2 professional and 11 support staff in the Technical Services Automation unit. This unit acquired over 16,000 titles and 75,000 items per year. Direct the courier operations serving the Library District's 12 locations and 14 other library systems.

Managed the operation of an on-line computer system with 180 terminals. The system serves a multi-type clientele of public, academic, and special libraries. This system features circulation, cataloging, opac, acquisitions, serials modules, full Internet connectivity, electronic mail and access to remote and local databases. Other features include automated telephone notification of request and overdue notices and automatic telephone book renewal. The system also features a CD-ROM server allowing wide area access to 12 different CD-ROM products.

Represented the Library District as County Librarian at Library meetings. Served as Chair of the Maricopa County Library Council. Coordinate the development of a county-wide masterplan for library service involving 14 separate institutions. Coordinated activities by the County Librarian's Association on the state aid program.

**Legislative Chair
Arizona Library Association, 1995-**

Work with a professional lobbyist and committee to develop and implement a legislative program. Legislative achievements include the exemption of library collection purchases from state and county sales tax. This effectively increased library's purchasing power by 5%. Implemented an annual legislative day for libraries at the state capitol.

Technical Services Manager, 1989-1990
Kalamazoo Public Library Kalamazoo, MI

Directs 2 professional and 28 support staff in the Cataloging, Acquisitions, and Material Processing unit (CAMP) and the Borrower Services Unit (BSU). The CAMP division acquires, catalogs, and processes 8,500 titles and 24,000 items per year. These items are purchased for the public systems and an additional 26 schools. The BSU division handles circulation, reserves and overdoes for the main library and system-wide patron registration. The Main Library circulates over 385,000 items per year.

Coordinated the specification and selection process to purchase an integrated on-line system. The RFP for this system was issued in collaboration with RMG Associates. Preliminary work included the cost analysis of a shared system with a local university versus a stand-alone system.

Coordinated system-wide microcomputer acquisitions, use, and training. These duties involve needs analysis, configuring of work stations, task analysis and creation of software solutions. Conduct the training of staff in computer basics and specific software packages.

Technical Services Coordinator, 1986-1989
Scottsdale Public Library, Scottsdale, AZ

Directed 2 professional and 8 support staff in the acquisitions, cataloging, and processing of 16,000 titles and 34,000 items per year. Exercised budget control over Technical Services section. This included determining employee salaries under Pay for Performance system. Implemented the installation of the ATLAS system in the Technical Services section. This included a complete reorganization of work flows and routines. The result was a reduction of average total processing time from 4-5 weeks to 5-7 days. Changes in processing and acquisitions procedures resulted in a 30% cost savings.

Served as computer liaison to the city data processing unit. Directed the acquisition and installation of all microcomputer equipment in library. This included determining equipment and software needed and coordinating training on both the UNISYS system and MS-DOS software. A special project was assisting in the design and implementation of two compact disk work stations for the Reference Department.

Technical Services Manager, 1977-1985
Cedar Rapids Public Library Cedar Rapids, IA

Directed 1 professional and 7 support staff in the acquisitions, cataloging, processing, mending, and binding of 8,000 titles and 14,000 items per year. Served as chief management negotiator for annual collective bargaining agreement.

Wrote the successful LSCA grant to fund the installation of an OCLC terminal. Reviewed and reorganized departmental work routines concurrent with the installation of OCLC. These changes removed a 10 month backlog of uncataloged materials and reduced average processing time to 7 days.

Directed the conversion of the library's collection of over 170,000 titles to a machine readable form. This conversion was performed by a special crew of 12 FTE temporary workers and library staff. Conversion of the collection took 11 months.

Planned and supervised the installation of the ATLAS on-line system. This system from Data Research Associates included a public access catalog, circulation, acquisitions, and cataloging modules. The computer system linked a main library with two branches and a mobile unit. Initial duties included writing the Request for Estimate and coordinating the selection committee. Subsequent duties included serving as contract administrator, system manager, and installing the ATLAS system in a new 80,000 square foot central library.

Planned and participated in the training of all library staff on the new ATLAS system. Helped formulate a multi-departmental approach to the implementation of the computer system. This approach included a complete reappraisal and rewriting of library policies and procedures in reaction to the changes brought by computerization. Team members represented all library departments and both management and the bargaining unit.

Visiting Instructor , 1981
University of Iowa Graduate Library School Iowa City, IA

Taught the beginning course in cataloging and classification in the graduate program. Teaching duties were in addition to a full-time position at the Cedar Rapids Public Library.

Technical Services Librarian, 1975-1977
Rock Island Public Library, Rock Island, IL

Supervised the acquisitions, processing, mending and binding of all book and audiovisual materials, and the maintenance of card catalogs. Cataloged all adult book and audiovisual materials. Regularly scheduled Reference Desk assignments answering queries and collection development.

EDUCATION:

B.A., History, 1973, Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, MI.
Awarded honors on departmental comprehensive examination.

M.L.S., 1974, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL.

M.B.A. coursework, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
17 semester hours in the night program.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Library Association, 1974 to present.
Arizona Association of county Librarians, 1995 - 1997
President, 1995
Arizona State Library Association, 1986-
Executive Board, 1996-
Legislative Committee, 1994 -
Central Arizona Library Cooperative, 1994 -
President, 1995 -
DRA Users Group, President 1992-93
Software Development Advisory Committee, 1996-
Cataloging Interest Group, Chair, 1988-89.
Kirkwood Community College, Library Technician Education Advisory Board, 1980-85
Iowa Library Association, 1977- 1985
Resources & Technical Services Section, Chair, 1983-84.
Iowa OCLC Council Executive Board, 1980-83.
Iowa AACR-2 Implementation Committee, 1979-80.
Michigan Library Association, 1989 - 1991
OCLC Users Council Alternate Delegate, 1990

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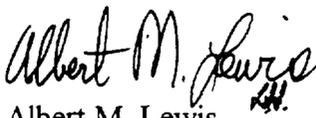
Re: Large IXC Nominee for the USAC Board of Directors

Dear Chairman Hundt:

The undersigned companies nominate Mr. Donald T. Lynch as a director of the Board of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to represent large interexchange carriers. Mr. Lynch is the Senior Vice President, Financial Operations and Local Markets, MCI Communications. Mr. Lynch's biographical information is attached to this letter.

Thank you for this opportunity to nominate a member to the Board.

Sincerely,



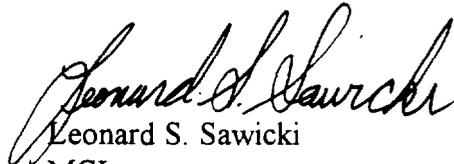
Albert M. Lewis
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Attachment

cc: Mr. William Caton
Ms. Lori Wright

DONALD T. LYNCH, Senior Vice President, Financial Operations, MCI Telecommunications Corporation

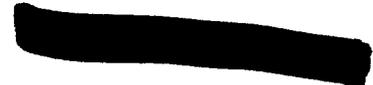
Don Lynch is senior vice president of Financial Operations for MCI Telecommunications Corporation. In this capacity, Mr. Lynch is responsible for all financial transactions affecting MCIT. His duties include managing MCIT's revenue operations, and controlling access and lease network expenses incurred by the company. His duties include cultivating new business opportunities, as well as gaining entry into the local markets. Mr. Lynch is also responsible for maintaining MCI's business relationships with all Local Exchange Carriers.

Mr. Lynch has been with MCI sixteen years. Prior to joining MCI in 1981 as Senior Manager of Revenue Accounting, he had a successful career with the accounting and management consulting firm of Ernst and Whinney (now Ernst and Young). Don Lynch served as MCI's Director of Accounting Services, and was named Vice President of Finance and Administration of the company's Southwest Division in 1985. More recently, Don served as Vice President of Carrier Management, and networkMCI Financial Services. B.S., M.B.A. Canisus University.



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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 Directors, ~~DTI~~ **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~~ **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.

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Sincerely,

Jeffrey J. Goeman
Chairman

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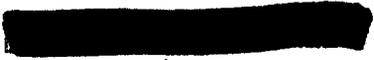
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Reed E. Hundt, Esq.
Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

As the President of the Board of the Center for Telemedicine Law, I hereby nominate Donna Hammack to serve on the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors. She is responsible for the coordination of telemedicine and telehealth services for Good Samaritan Hospital in Kearney, Nebraska, and is thus qualified to serve on the Board as a representative for rural health care providers. Her resume is attached.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter

Sincerely,

Yadin David, Ph.D., P.E., C.C.E.

Attachment

cc: William Caton
Sheryl Todd

Donna K. Hammack

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Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 236-7831

Work: Good Samaritan Hospital Fd.
Box 1810
Kearney, NE 68849
(308) 865-2700

Relevant Experience:

DIRECTOR OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS, Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation, Kearney, Nebraska. (1989-present)

-Responsibility for helping develop programs which involve seeking, applying for and securing grant funds from state and federal government sources, charitable, corporate, and organizational foundations to provide monetary or in-kind support for specified programmatic and capital needs of Good Samaritan Hospital, a 197-bed acute care facility, or Richard H. Young Hospital (an 80-bed psychiatric and chemical dependency hospital).

-Involves conducting research and networking activities with community, medical or other professional groups to determine need, programmatic direction and effective functioning of funded programs.

-Works with a variety of short or long-term tasks, such as rural networking with smaller communities outside of Kearney.

Prior Experience:

CONSULTANT for Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation (1988-1989). Identified funding sources and developed grant proposals. Assisted with physician recruiting.

BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS INSTRUCTOR at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (1987-1989). Taught oral and written communications skills, including research techniques, memo and letter writing, and career search activities.

Education:

M.S. in Education from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

B.S. in English from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Presentations:

Governor's Statewide Conference on Telecommunication.
Presentation on "Successful Rural Health--Specialty Health Care Network: Providing Care Through Telecommunications." Kearney on May 29, 1997.

The Nebraska Society for Clinical Laboratory Science and the Clinical Laboratory Management Association. Working Together As Partners for the Future. Presenter "Telemedicine in a Rural Environment." Omaha, Ne on May 7, 1997

American Telemedicine Association Second Annual Conference. Chair for Telemedicine Project Reports. April 5, 1997.

Telemedicine: Gateway to the Future Conference. Presenter at Conference in Kearney, NE on October 17, 1996.

Nebraska Rural Health Conference. "Telemedicine: A New Pathway for Rural Consumers and Providers." Presentation in Kearney, NE on September 4, 1996.

Cicom. "Challenges to the Delivery of Health Care in Rural America." Presentation in Madrid, Spain, on Nov. 30, 1995.

Catholic Managed Care Consortium. "Building Rural Health Care Networks." Presentation at national meeting in Chicago, Illinois on May 24, 1995.

Communities Can Coalition. "Serving Children With Disabilities in Rural Areas." Presentation at national meeting in Naples, Florida, November 3, 1994.

A Multi-Generational View of Respite in Nebraska. "Adults With Disabilities, Alzheimer's Disease or Other Functional Limitations," September 14, 1993.

Developing Your Grant Proposal. One day workshop at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, May 29, 1993.

Topical Symposia: "Serving Children with Special Health Care Needs in Rural Areas," presented at the National Rural Health Association Conference in Kansas City, Missouri, May 13, 1993.

Early Years: Children, Families and Communities Conference, "Developing a Continuum of Care for Families," Grand Island, Nebraska, March 26, 1993.

Second Annual Communities Can Campaign sponsored by Georgetown University Child Development Center, "Networking Community Based Services in Kearney," Seattle, Washington, August 1-3, 1992.

CASSP Training Institutes on Developing Local Systems of Care for Children and Adolescents with Severe Emotional Disturbances, "Developing and Financing Services for Children with Special Healthcare Needs," Breckenridge, Colorado, July 18-22, 1992.

Nebraska Home Economics Association Annual Meeting, "An Innovative Concept in Day Care," Kearney, NE, March 13, 1992.

Nebraska Council of School Administrators, "Communication Counts," Ramada Inn, Kearney, NE, March 20, 1991.

Mid-Winter Educational Conference, "Meeting Your Community's Needs and Finding Funding," Grand Island and Kearney, spring 1990.

Communities Can Campaign Conference, "Parent Assistance Network," Stowe Vermont, June 1990.

Nebraska Department of Social Services Respite Care Forum, "Respite Care Task Force," Lincoln, NE, December 7, 1990.

Tri-cities United Way Agencies, "Developing Your Grant Proposal," Kearney, NE, November 1989.

Activities:

American Telemedicine Association (Member)

Center for Telemedicine Law (Board Member)

Governor's Council on Highway Safety (Board Member)

President-Buffalo County Chapter of the American Cancer Society

University of Nebraska Community Relations Board Member
Committee

University of Nebraska College of Business and Technology
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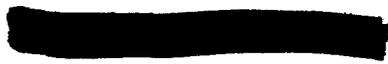
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William F. Caton
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RE: Universal Service Administrator Advisory Committee: CC
Docket No. 96-45

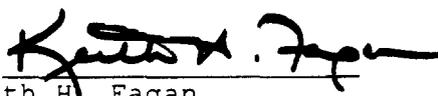
Dear Mr. Caton:

In response to the FCC's Public Notice released August 1, 1997 in the above-referenced docket, COMSAT Corporation, by its COMSAT World Systems business unit ("COMSAT"), hereby nominates Robert A. Mansbach, Senior Counsel, for a position on the Universal Service Administrator Advisory Committee. In support of its nomination, COMSAT submits the following information:

COMSAT, as an international satellite common carrier, will be directly impacted by the Universal Service mechanisms that will be established in the near future. Mr. Mansbach will actively participate in good faith in the work of the Committee and will represent the interests of COMSAT and other international carriers in identifying a neutral third party that the Committee will recommend to become the permanent Universal Service Administrator and in otherwise fulfilling the objectives of the Committee.

Mr. Mansbach's address is COMSAT Corporation, 6560 Rock Spring Drive, Bethesda, Maryland 20817. His telephone number is 301-214-3459; the fax number is 301-214-7145. We request that you contact Mr. Mansbach at the above address, if this nomination is successful.

Respectfully submitted
COMSAT Corporation
COMSAT World Systems

By 
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FCC REQUESTS NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CC Docket 96-45

On May 8, 1997, the Commission released the *Universal Service Order* creating the universal service support mechanisms that will provide support for designated services in high cost, rural, and insular areas, for low-income consumers and rural health care providers, and for discounts to eligible schools and libraries for telecommunications services. In the *Universal Service Order*, the Commission also announced its intent to establish a Universal Service Administrator Advisory Committee (Committee) to recommend a permanent neutral, third-party administrator of the universal service support mechanisms. See Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, *Report and Order*, CC Docket 96-45, FCC-97-157 (released May 8, 1997). The Committee will be organized under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., App. 2 (1988) (FACA), and will recommend a neutral, third-party administrator of the universal service support mechanisms within six months of the Committee's first meeting. The administrator of the support mechanisms will be responsible for the duties that were assigned to the Universal Service Administrative Company in Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc. and Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, *Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration*, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45, FCC 97-253 (released July 18, 1997). The administrator of the support mechanisms will be appointed for a five-year term. In addition, after the administrator has served for two years, the Commission will review the administrator's performance to ensure that it is fulfilling its responsibilities in an impartial manner.

The Committee will include representatives of: state public utility commissions; school and library groups; rural health care providers; low-income consumers; and the telecommunications industry, including wireless telecommunications carriers, incumbent local exchange carriers - rural and non-rural, competitive local exchange carriers, interexchange carriers, and private network operators. Because the Committee will include representatives from the telecommunications industry, the states, and consumers, the Committee's membership will be impartial and well balanced, as required by the FACA.

The Commission has directed that, in executing its responsibilities, the Committee shall consider the following policy objectives: (1) quality services should be available at

just, reasonable, and affordable rates; (2) access to advanced telecommunications and information services should be provided in all regions of the Nation; (3) consumers in all regions of the Nation, including low-income consumers and those in rural, insular, and high cost areas, should have access to telecommunications and information services, including interexchange services and advanced telecommunications and information services, that are reasonably comparable to those services provided in urban areas and that are available at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates charged for similar services in urban areas; (4) all providers of telecommunications services should make an equitable and nondiscriminatory contribution to the preservation and advancement of universal service; (5) there should be specific, predictable and sufficient Federal and State mechanisms to preserve and advance universal service; (6) elementary and secondary schools and classrooms, health care providers, and libraries should have access to advanced telecommunications services; and (7) the universal service support mechanisms and rules should be applied in a competitively neutral manner.

The Committee must recommend an administrator that: (1) is neutral and impartial; (2) does not advocate specific positions to the Commission in proceedings unrelated to the administration of the universal service support mechanisms; (3) is not aligned or associated with any particular telecommunications industry segment; and (4) does not have a direct financial interest in the support mechanisms established by the Commission.

FORMATION OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A. Procedure for Establishing an Advisory Committee

The Commission may establish a Federal Advisory Committee only after consultation with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and General Services Administration (GSA) and the filing of a charter with Congress. The Commission is preparing a charter and will initiate the requisite consultation process prior to the formation of the Committee.

B. Participants

The Commission must be satisfied that it has attained fairly balanced membership on the Committee. Entities may apply for, or nominate another entity for, membership on the Committee. Each application or nomination must include:

- (a) the name and title of the applicant or nominee and a description of the interests that the applicant or nominee will represent;
- (b) the applicant's or nominee's mailing address, e-mail address (where applicable), telephone number, and facsimile machine number;
- (c) evidence that the applicant or nominee is authorized to represent parties related to the interests the applicant or nominee proposes to represent;
- (d) the reasons why the applicant or nominee is an interested party; and
- (e) a written commitment that the applicant or nominee shall actively participate in good faith in the objectives of the Committee.

Nominations must be submitted by August 22, 1997. After receiving nominations, the

Commission will select the members and the Chairman of the Committee.

C. Agenda

The Committee's first meeting should take place within 90 days after approval of the Committee's charter. At this initial meeting, the Committee will begin the process of identifying a neutral, third-party that the Committee will recommend to become the permanent universal service administrator; such recommendation shall be made to the Commission in writing no later than 180 days from the initial meeting of the Committee.

D. Meetings and Compensation

The Federal Communications Commission will provide facilities needed to conduct the meetings, if the Commission has meeting facilities available. Otherwise, private sector members of the Committee will provide facilities. Members of the Committee will serve without any government compensation, and will not be entitled to travel expenses or per diem subsistence allowances. Members will not be considered special government employees for any purpose.

F. Record of Meetings

As required by FACA, the Committee will keep a record of meeting minutes, and a Designated Federal Official will be present at all Committee meetings. This record of the minutes will be placed in CC Docket 96-45. The Commission will announce Committee meetings in the Federal Register. These meetings will be open to the public.

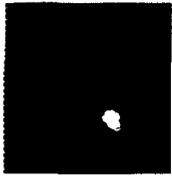
CONCLUSION

Nominations must be submitted by August 22, 1997. Original applications and nominations and one copy should be sent to the Office of the Secretary, CC Docket No. 96-45 Federal Communications Commission, Room 222, 1919 M. Street, NW, Washington, DC 20554. An additional copy should be sent to the Sheryl Todd, Federal Communications Commission, Universal Service Branch, CC Docket No. 96-45, 8th Floor, 2100 M. Street, NW, Washington, DC 20554. Parties should send one copy of their applications and nominations to the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., 1231 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Applications and nominations will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the Commission's Reference Center, Room 239, 1919 M. St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

For further information pertaining to membership on the Committee, contact:

Frances Downey, (202) 418-7371.

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Reed Hundt, Chairman
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**Subject: Letter of Support for the Nomination of Ellis Jacobs for
Universal Service Administrator Advisory Committee and the
Board of Directors of the
Universal Service Administration Company**

Dear Chairman Hundt,

Pursuant to the Commission's request for nominations for membership on the Universal Service Administration Advisory Committee ("USAAC") and on the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administration Company ("USAC"), the Benton Foundation strongly supports the nomination of Ellis Jacobs, council for the Edgemont Neighborhood Coalition.

Edgemont Neighborhood Coalition is a community organization based in a low-income African American neighborhood in the City of Dayton, Montgomery County, Ohio. The organization is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to improving economic opportunity and the quality of life for residents of the Edgemont neighborhood. Edgemont operates an urban gardening project, a storefront office, and "Edgenet," a community computer center. Edgemont has been an active participant in the Commission's universal service proceedings. Edgemont has long been concerned with utility matters and since 1993 has intervened in all telephone cases before the Ohio Public Utilities Commission (PUCO) involving Montgomery County. Edgemont has also filed Comments in PUCO dockets regarding disconnection and local competition.

Mr. Jacobs represents low income community organizations in telecommunications proceedings before the Ohio Public Commission and the FCC. He also chairs both the Ohio Community Computing Center Network, which administers the Ameritech Settlement Community Computing Friends, and the Universal Service Assistance Advisory Committee, which oversees a telephone lifeline program in Ohio.

Reed Hundt, Chairman
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Benton and Mr. Jacobs have worked together on several occasions. Both have been active participants in Common Carrier Docket # 96-45. Benton and Mr. Jacobs have worked most closely concerning Commission rules on Lifeline eligibility. We suggested, and the Commission adopted, non-participating state eligibility criteria based on existing assistance programs. Mr. Jacobs led breakout discussion meetings at the Benton and National Telecommunications and Information Administration co-sponsored *Up For Grabs* conference held in June 1996. The conference brought together Telecommunications and Information Infrastructure Assistance Program grant winners, other local-level practitioners, policymakers, and industry representatives to discuss implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the ability of the marketplace to meet the needs of communities, and other communications issues vital to the public interest. Earlier this year, Mr. Jacobs was also part of the Benton delegation to the *Global Knowledge '97* conference sponsored by the World Bank.

Benton, a nonpartisan, private foundation committed to strengthening public interest efforts in shaping the emerging National Information Infrastructure, believes that communications in the public interest, including the effort to connect all Americans to basic communications systems, is essential to a strong democracy. Over the past two years, the Benton Foundation has commissioned a number of research papers on the subject of universal service and now hosts the World Wide Web's most comprehensive library of universal service and access documents.

It has been our pleasure to work with Mr. Jacobs throughout this time. His skills, experience, and dedication to the issues facing low-income consumers make him a superb candidate for USAAC and the Board of Directors of USAC. Benton strongly endorses Mr. Jacobs' nomination and pledges our support in any responsibilities his appointment may entail.

Sincerely,



Larry Kirkman
Benton Foundation

Cc: Secretary of the Federal Communications Commission
Lori Wright
Sheryl Todd