

James H. Woody

Education

- Mountain View High School 1967: 4 years Varsity football and 2nd in State wrestling at 138 and 154 lbs. Honors in Algebra I, II, and Advanced Mathematics.
- Stevens-Heneger Business College 1970: Degree in Business Management and Accounting.
- USITA Telephone Cost Separations course Michigan State University 1971
- Arthur Anderson Co. Rate Case Process 1982
- Digital Equipment Corporation VAX/VMS System Management 1988
- Numerous other Industry Schools

Work Experience

- Timber Processing Inc.: Part time during High School-removing bark from logs/treating post & pole, operating logging equipment.
- Union Telephone Co.: Installer Repairman 1967-68: Telephone installation and repair of lines and cable
 Central Office Repair 1968-80: Switch installation and repairs, carrier, microwave repair
 Accounting and Office Manager 1970-89: General accounting, Toll Separation studies, traffic studies, and tariff filing
 Executive Vice President 1989-92
 Executive Vice President and General Manager 1992-April 1996
 Executive Vice President and Director Research & Corporate Development April 96-Present
 1970-Present: worked REA and RTB loans and requisitions, Cobank loans, Inter company agreements, Cellular Roaming agreements, Regulatory Oversight, Testified before Wyoming, Utah, and Colorado Commissions, Wyoming and Utah Legislature, and the United States Congress House Ways and Means Committee
- JJ Limited Inc.: Computer Software for Telephone Companies 1979-Present: Writing Toll Rating, Billing, General Ledger, Payroll, and Service Order programs for Telephone, T.V., and Cellular
- Exchange Carriers of Utah: Secretary 1987
 Vice President 1988
 President 1989
- Rocky Mountain Telephone Assoc.: Director 1978-84, 1996-Present
 2nd Vice President
- United States Telephone Assoc.: Director 1989-Present
 Present Member of National Services Advisory Committee
 Past Member of Small Company Committee, Infrastructure Sharing Committee, Bylaws Committee, Executive Committee, Long Range Planning Committee
- Western Rural Telephone Assoc.: Director 1995-Present

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Family

Son of Howard and Esther Woody born 1-7-49 in Evanston, Wyoming
Married Pamela Sue Wilson March 8, 1969
Sons James D. age 26 and Robert Brian age 24
Four Granddaughters and One Grandson

Outside Interests

Designed and constructed own two-story, 2900 sq. ft home.
Instrument rated pilot 2400 hours
Built Four place Airplane in spare time
Certified SCUBA diver
Part Time cattle rancher

JACK H RHYNER
TelAlaska, Inc.
2121 Abbott Road
Anchorage, Alaska 99507

WORK HISTORY:

TelAlaska, Inc.	1992 to Present
d/b/a Interior Telephone Company	1983 - 1992
President and General Manager	
Interior Telephone Company	1982 - 1983
Vice President and General Manager	
Interior Telephone Company	1979 - 1982
Vice President, Plant	
Interior Telephone Company	1978 - 1979
Plant Supervisor	

Mr. Rhyner's apprenticeship as "combination-man" with Interior Telephone Company began in 1969 during Interior Telephone Company's first installation and cut-over of local telephone service at Fort Yukon, Alaska. From 1969 to 1978, he accumulated extensive experience in the installation and maintenance of telecommunications equipment in the field in all nine of Interior Telephone Company's certified local exchange areas.

EDUCATION:

United States Independent Telephone Association
Management Development Program
University of Kansas at Lawrence 1981

United States Independent Telephone Association
Advanced Management Development Program
University of Kansas at Lawrence 1981

National Telecommunications Excellence in Leadership Awards
1988 - 1991

Numerous Telecommunications Industry Technical Schools
1969 - 1987

PROFESSIONAL DATA:

Alaska Telephone Association	
President	1991 - 1993
1st Vice President	1989 - 1991
2nd Vice President	1987 - 1989

During his fourteen year tenure as an Alaska Telephone Association Board Member, Mr. Rhyner has participated on numerous ATA standing committees, including Revenue Requirements (Chairman 1989 - 1991), Part 36 Task Force (Chairman 1989 - 1991), Engineering and Planning (1986 - 1989), By-laws Committee (1988), Executive Committee (1987 - 1993), and Government Affairs Committee (Chairman 1993 - present).

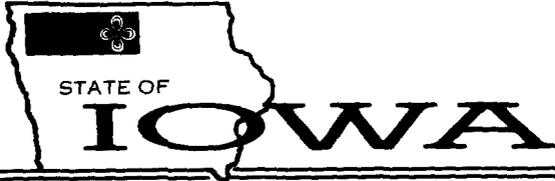
1993 Kagayyak Award recipient deemed to have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of Alaskan Telephony and the Alaska Telephone Association.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Alaska Exchange Carriers Association
Board of Directors, 1990 - Present
Chairman, Rate Development Committee, 1990 - Present
Chairman, Nominating Committee, 1995

Western Rural Telephone Association
Board of Directors, 1987 - 1996
Co-Chairman, REA Legislative Committee, 1989 - 1991
Member, Western Alliance Committee, 1994 - Present
Member REA Legislative Committee, 1993 - Present
Member, By-laws Committee, 1992
Member, Budget Committee, 1991 - 1992

National Telephone Cooperative Association
Co-Chairman, Commercial Company Taskforce, 1987 - 1989
Member, Commercial Company Committee, 1992



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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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FCC MAIL ROOM

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

Dear Mr. Caton:

RE: Nomination for Rural Task Force Category 2—Rural Carrier Representative
Docket CC-96-45

The Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) commends the FCC and the Federal-State Joint Board for its establishment of a Rural Task Force (RTF) to address universal service issues. The decision to include broad industry representation, which will be comprised of rural carriers and remote and insular areas' representatives, is very significant to the United States' geography and economy. It is especially important for Iowa, a predominately rural state, that an individual be designated to deal with rural concerns. Iowa has, in fact, more than 150 rural independent telephone companies.

Therefore, in response to the FCC's solicitation for RTF membership nominations, the IUB wishes to nominate an individual for Category 2. Category 2 includes rural competitive local exchange carriers. It is our recommendation that David Conn represent this "Category". Mr. Conn has a host of experience in consumer advocacy, law, natural gas/electric utilities, and the emerging competitive local exchange telecommunications in the state. He is the Associate General Counsel of McLeodUSA Incorporated (McLeod), which was one of the first providers of competitive local exchange (CLEC) service in Iowa. He is also currently on the Board of Directors for the "Competition Policy Institute." Since 1994, David has worked for McLeod providing both local and long-distance telecommunications. Previously he was employed by the state of Iowa's Office of Consumer Advocate and the Iowa Office of Commerce Counsel where he worked as an attorney overseeing all types of utility cases for 16 years. He has served on the board of the NASUCA (National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates) in various capacities from panelist to steering committee member over the past years, which

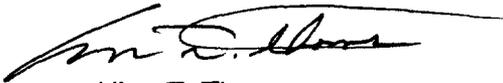
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required him to represent both a consumer perspective and a CLEC perspective respectively. Having dealt with federal/state policies, cross examinations of expert witnesses at hearings, economic, financial cost studies, and overall Iowa-related issues gives David a broad background into how a Forward Looking Economic Cost Mechanism should be considered for universal service implementation. He also has the resource backing by his company to devote to the project and the RTF. David Conn's resume is also attached to this letter for your review.

We recognize the complicated issues that universal service and competition face in the changing telecommunications environment. We believe that David can help you sift through those issues. He is a personable individual and one who weighs the opinions and facts that the various members bring to the table. We appreciate your consideration regarding our nomination for David Conn to the RTF under Category 2 and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Allan T. Thoms
Chairman

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Attachment

cc: David R. Conn, McLeodUSA Incorporated
Kent Jerome, Iowa Telecommunications Association
Federal-State Joint Board Service List
Astrid Carlson, FCC

DAVID R. CONN

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Cedar Rapids, IA 52402
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Fax: (319) 298-7901

Home: 6046 North 10th Street
Marion, IA 52302
Tel.: (319) 373-8468

Current Position

Associate General Counsel, McLeodUSA Incorporated

Employment Background

October 1994 - Present: Associate General Counsel, McLeodUSA Incorporated. McLeodUSA is a rapidly growing provider of local and long-distance telecommunications services. Its current focus is on small business and residential customers in second and third-tier markets in the Midwest and Rocky Mountain states. McLeodUSA, through its subsidiaries, provides both facilities-based and resold local services to customers in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Colorado, and Wyoming. In addition, McLeodUSA is in the process of installing its own fiber optic network, and publishes competitive telephone directories throughout the United States.

July 1983 - October 1994: Attorney with the Office of Consumer Advocate. The statutory duty of the Office of Consumer Advocate is to represent the interests of all Iowa consumers generally in proceedings before the Iowa Utilities Board, and in court proceedings involving utility regulatory matters. Fulfilling this duty requires preparation and oversight of all types of utility regulatory cases before administrative agencies and in court, including drafting pleadings, comments, testimony, and briefs; and conducting cross-examination of witnesses. Supervisory duties include responsibility for parts of both legal and clerical staffs.

September 1978 - July 1983: Assistant Commerce Counsel in the Iowa Office of Commerce Counsel. Duties included representing the public interest by appearing on behalf of the Commerce Commission staff in proceedings before the Commerce Commission, rendering legal advice to the Commission, and defending Commission decisions appealed to court.

January 1976 - May 1978: Teaching Assistant, University of Iowa Department of Political Science. Work involved teaching undergraduate sections in World Politics and Comparative Politics.

Regulatory and Telecommunications Experience

Primary responsibility at McLeodUSA for participation in interconnection and resale proceedings, including analysis of cost studies and cross-examination of witnesses in evidentiary proceedings. Also responsible for participation in state and federal regulatory proceedings where the interests of McLeodUSA require such participation, and for initiating proceedings where necessary to resolve regulatory issues. Advice to management on regulatory and legal requirements imposed by federal and state law on the conduct of telecommunications business, both for McLeodUSA and relating to ILEC obligations under the law. Participates with marketing and other segments of the company to implement market expansion plans, both in the offering of new products and in entering new geographic areas.

Work in both the Office of Commerce Counsel and the Office of Consumer Advocate included all aspects of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications public utility regulation. Had overall responsibility for the legal aspects of the implementation of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA) in Iowa, and participated in numerous rulemaking proceedings on that and other subjects. From 1984 to 1994, responsibilities emphasized telephone rate cases and other issues related to changes in the telecommunications industry, including issues related to deregulation, access charges, pricing principles, diversification, and introduction of new services. Analysis of issues involved detailed technical examination of various economic and financial data.

Presented Testimony before the U. S. House of Representatives, Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance, on behalf of the National Association of State Utility Consumer

Advocates (NASUCA), regarding the Telephone Consumer Privacy Protection Act of 1993, Washington, D.C., June 24, 1993.

Board of Directors, Competition Policy Institute (beginning July 1997)

Panelist, NASUCA Mid-Year Meeting, "Competition for Residential Local Exchange Customers", Charleston, SC, June 11, 1997

Member, Organizing Committee, and Panel Moderator, NASUCA conference "The Information Superhighway: Consumers at the Crossroads", Washington, D.C., April 21-22, 1994.

Member, Organizing Committee, and Panel Moderator, NASUCA conference "Telecommunications 2000: What's At Stake for Consumers in the Next Century?", Washington, D.C., April 22-23, 1993.

Member, Advisory Committee, "Study of the Role of the Telecommunications Industry in Iowa's Economic Development", October 1992.

Instructor, NARUC Advanced Regulatory Studies Program, Williamsburg, VA, February 16-21, 1992.

Panel Moderator, 1991 Annual Meeting of NASUCA, "Back to the Future?: Visions of RHC Entry Into Manufacturing and Information Services", San Antonio, TX, November 10-14, 1991.

Instructor, Continuing Legal Education program, "The Administrative Trial: Cross Examination of Expert Witnesses", Drake University Law School, Des Moines, IA, October 26, 1990.

Member, Steering Committee, NASUCA Conference on "Impacts on Consumers of Lifting the MFJ Restrictions," Washington, D.C., March 22-23, 1990.

Panelist, Nineteenth Annual Williamsburg Conference, "Alternative to Traditional Regulation: Options for Reform", Williamsburg, VA, December 7-9, 1987

Panelist, Second Annual Conference on Utility Regulation, "What Are the Future Directions For the State Regulation of Competitive Telecommunications Services?", Salt Lake City, Utah, February 9-12, 1986.

Publication: "A Critique of Holding Company Formations and Other Forms of Corporate Restructuring", *Alternatives to Traditional Regulation: Options for Reform* (Mich. State U. 1989).

Admitted to practice: Iowa (1978)

Educational Background

University of Iowa College of Law (May 1976 - August 1978): Enrolled in the Accelerated Program at the College of Law, providing for the completion of coursework in two academic years and three summers. Iowa College of Law stresses the development of writing skills through instruction in small sections. Member of the Moot Court Board. Received J.D. with Honors in August, 1978.

University of Iowa Graduate College (January 1976 - May 1978): Enrolled in the Joint Degree Program with the College of Law/Graduate College, allowing for completion of M.A. in Political Science in conjunction with J.D. degree. Masters Program in the University of Iowa Political Science Department stressed the use of statistical analysis and computer techniques. Received M.A. in Political Science in May, 1978.

University of Iowa College of Liberal Arts (August 1972 - December 1975): Political Science major, with additional emphasis in economics. Political Science Honors Program. 1975-76 Fairall Scholarship in Political Science. 1975 James D. Robertson Scholarship from the University of Iowa Foundation (outstanding junior student in the social sciences). Phi Beta Kappa, 1975. B.A. with Highest Distinction and Honors in Political Science, December 1975.