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In the Matter of:)
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Universal Service Administrator) CC Docket No. 96-45
Advisory Committee Nomination)

MOTION TO ACCEPT LATE-FILED NOMINATION

The United States Telephone Association (USTA) respectfully requests that the Commission approve USTA's motion to accept a second late-filed nomination in the above-referenced proceeding. USTA is the principal trade association of the local exchange industry, with over 1200 members from the large, mid-size and small company segments.

On September 12, USTA submitted a nominee from its mid-size company segment. In the course of making that nomination, USTA discovered that no one from the large ILECs were included among the USAAC nominees to date. As USTA explained in its September 12 filing, we had participated in the nominations for the USAC Board, but we did not realize that the USAAC was under a separate nomination process.

USTA again apologizes for its confusion, but believes that acceptance of the accompanying nomination of Mr. William Sonnett of Southwestern Bell will ensure the fairly balanced membership

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on the Committee that is required by the Federal Advisory Committee process. Since ILECs of all sizes are directly affected by the selection of the permanent administrator of the universal service support mechanisms, it is important that a large company representative be nominated and selected to the USAAC.

USTA does not believe that any party will be disadvantaged by the acceptance of this nomination, since the members of the USAAC have not yet been selected by the Commission.

Based on the foregoing, USTA requests that this nomination be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

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Re: Universal Service Administrator Advisory Committee Nomination
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Mr. Caton:

The United States Telephone Association hereby nominates Mr. William Sonnett, Director National Policy Issues, Southwestern Bell, to serve on the Universal Service Administrator Advisory Committee. This nomination is submitted pursuant to the Commission's August 1, 1997 Public Notice, DA Number: 97-1649.

The Universal Service Administrator Advisory Committee will have a vital role in helping choose the permanent administrator for the Universal Service Fund. It is important that all segments of the broader telecommunications industry have an opportunity to participate - including the large incumbent local exchange carriers. Therefore, USTA is pleased that it is able to nominate Mr. Sonnett to serve on the USAAC, in addition to its earlier nomination of Ms. Diane Smith. As the attached short resume indicates, Mr. Sonnett has had extensive experience in the telecommunications industry with a variety of companies. His continuing outreach efforts to industry groups has given Mr. Sonnett unique insight into the issues that will come before the USAAC. If he is chosen, USTA is confident that Mr. Sonnett will be a dedicated and highly qualified member of the USAAC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mary McDermott", written in a cursive style.

Mary McDermott

Vice President - Legal & Regulatory Affairs

cc: Tim Peterson
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