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National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

July 17, 2015

The Honorable Tom Wheeler, Chairman
Office of the Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 – 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554.

RE: *NARUC Nomination of the Honorable Sally Talberg to the Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service to replace retiring Commissioner Cawley (who has resigned).*

Filed in the proceeding captioned: *In the Matter of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45*

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

As you know, the Universal Service Joint Board was created by Congress to provide recommendations to the full Commission on universal service issues. Recently, Pennsylvania Commissioner Jim Cawley resigned from the Board. This resignation opened up a vacancy on the board. Section 254 of the 1996 Act requires the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) to submit a nomination to fill his spot on the Joint Board. Accordingly, NARUC's President Lisa Edgar, with the concurrence of NARUC's Board of Directors, as required by NARUC's bylaws, pursuant to 47 U.S.C., §§ 410(c) & 254, nominates the following State commissioner to serve on the Universal Service Joint Board in lieu of Commissioner Cawley:

The Honorable Sally Talberg
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As is customary, I have e-mailed copies of this letter to your Chief of Staff, **Ruth Milkman**, your Wireline Senior Advisor **Daniel Alvarez**, **Travis Litman**, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Rosenworcel (FCC Chair of the Universal Service Joint Board), and Wireline Competition Bureau Chief **Matt DelNero**. If you have any questions about this nomination, please do not hesitate to call me at 202.898.2207 or jramsay@naruc.org

Respectfully Submitted

/s/ J. Bradford Ramsay

James Bradford Ramsay,
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cc: *Ruth Milkman, Chief of Staff, Office of the Chairman*
Daniel Alvarez, Senior Advisor, Wireline, Office of the Chairman
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Matt DelNero, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau Chief



Sally A. Talberg, Commissioner

Sally A. Talberg was appointed by Governor Rick Snyder to the Michigan Public Service Commission on July 3, 2013. Her term ends July 2, 2019.

Prior to her appointment, Commissioner Talberg worked in the public and private sectors over the past 15 years with a focus on energy policy and utility regulation. Most recently, she served as a senior consultant at Public Sector Consultants where she conducted research and analyses and wrote reports on energy policy issues.

During her tenure at Public Sector Consultants, she also helped establish the state's premier energy efficiency financing organization, Michigan Saves. Commissioner Talberg previously served as an analyst at the Michigan Public Service Commission, managed enforcement and contested cases at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and advised commissioners at the Public Utility Commission of Texas. Her expertise includes energy issues at the state, regional, and federal level involving electric rates, retail and wholesale market design, transmission planning and siting, and energy efficiency.

Commissioner Talberg is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners and serves on the Telecommunications Committee. She also serves on the board of the Organization of MISO States.

Ms. Talberg holds a bachelor's of science degree in Environmental and Natural Resources Policy Studies from Michigan State University and a master's of Public Affairs from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas-Austin.