

August 17, 2015

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**In Re: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board
of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

CTIA-The Wireless Association® (“CTIA”)¹ hereby nominates Matthew Gerst, CTIA’s Director for Regulatory Affairs, as designated representative for commercial mobile radio service providers on the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (“USAC”). Mr. Gerst is willing and committed to serving on the USAC for the three-year term of service and participating in all meetings in Washington, D.C. Please note that Mr. Gerst is not a registered federal lobbyist.

Mr. Gerst leads the association’s efforts before the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) on a variety of policy matters, including universal service, 9-1-1 and emergency communications, and access for people with disabilities. Most recently, Mr. Gerst was the Director of State Regulatory and External Affairs where he represented CTIA before state regulators and other state public policymakers and officials on a variety of universal service matters, including the Indiana Universal Service Fund Oversight Committee. In addition, Mr. Gerst currently serves on the FCC’s Disability Advisory Committee and North American Numbering Council.

Mr. Gerst also has led CTIA’s administration and management of various websites and associated organizations. For example, Mr. Gerst was responsible for developing and overseeing the maintenance of CTIA’s www.AccessWireless.Org, an award-winning, outreach and educational tool that provides information about the accessibility of wireless products and services for people with disabilities. Similarly, Mr. Gerst was responsible for developing and overseeing the maintenance of www.GrowingWireless.Com, an informational tool to help parents and kids manage their wireless world. More recently, he has been responsible for CTIA’s efforts to lead the wireless industries’ implementation of the FCC’s recent rules to enhance wireless 9-1-1 location accuracy, including the administration of an independently administered Test Bed and National Emergency Address Database.

¹ CTIA-The Wireless Association® is an international nonprofit membership organization that has represented the wireless communications industry since 1984. Membership in the association includes wireless carriers and their suppliers, as well as providers and manufacturers of wireless data services and products. For more information, please visit www.ctia.org.

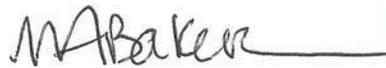
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CTIA has a long history of providing administrative and policy expertise to USAC through Scott Bergmann's distinguished representation of the wireless industry. Mr. Gerst's extensive experience on state and federal universal service issues as well as administration and project management skillset will be invaluable to the USAC Board of Directors as it addresses increasingly complex and important universal service administrative issues.

CTIA looks forward to assisting USAC to further its administrative objectives. Please contact me if you need additional information concerning this nomination.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Baker" followed by a horizontal line.

Meredith Attwell Baker
President and CEO
CTIA-The Wireless Association®

cc: Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline
Competition Bureau

Matthew Gerst Biography
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Matthew Gerst is Director of Regulatory Affairs at CTIA- The Wireless Association. Mr. Gerst leads the association's efforts before the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") on a variety of policy matters, including universal service, 9-1-1 and emergency communications, and access for people with disabilities. He also represents CTIA on the FCC's Disability Advisory Committee and North American Numbering Council.

Matthew is a graduate of Ohio University and received his J.D. from New York Law School, where he was editor-in-chief of *Media Law & Policy* and participated in the Advanced Communications Law & Policy Institute. He is admitted to the bars of New York and Washington, D.C. and also served as an adjunct professor of law in the scholarly writing program at the George Washington University School of Law focusing on the *Federal Communications Law Journal*.