



November 11, 2015

The Honorable Tom Wheeler, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

E-Rate Central is writing to express its strong support for the re-appointment of Julie Tritt Schell, the Pennsylvania State E-Rate Coordinator, to the USAC Board of Directors. As State E-rate Coordinators in New York, E-Rate Central has been privileged to have worked with Ms. Schell in SECA for many years. We have also witnessed firsthand the proactive expertise and passion she has brought to the E-rate program as a member of the USAC Board and, more recently, as Chair of the Board's Schools and Libraries Committee.

The USAC Board has had in the past, and continues to have today, a number of knowledgeable school and library members, but none with Ms. Schell's day-to-day experience working with applicants on procurement, eligible services, form preparation, application review, invoicing, audits, and all the other details which are an integral part of the E-rate system.

This is a critical period for E-rate as the FCC has refocused the program on broadband access and as USAC is introducing an entirely new portal. Both efforts require a high degree of cooperation between school E-rate applicants and USAC for which Ms. Schell has played, and must continue to play, a vital role.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Himsworth".

Winston E. Himsworth
Executive Director