



November 12, 2015

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

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

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

WiscNet strongly endorses the re-appointment of Julie Tritt Schell to serve as a school representative on the USAC Board. (We are a not-for-profit membership organization that provides research and education networking services to over 500 community anchor institutions in Wisconsin, including many K12 school districts.)

Over 80 percent of our members are school districts which receive Internet and other services from our organization. The E-rate program is very important because it helps support the cost for Internet access and other services (e.g., firewall) by these key community anchors. Thus WiscNet has a direct interest in the school representative on the USAC Board. To this end, we believe that Ms. Tritt Schell is superbly qualified to serve on the board. She has been the Pennsylvania State E-rate Coordinator for 17 years where she assists 1,250 schools and libraries by providing hands-on training and extensive outreach. Furthermore, she files E-rate applications for PAIUnet, the high speed broadband network that interconnects Pennsylvania's intermediate school units.

The recently completed E-rate modernization process has required the USAC Board to be more engaged than ever as all the changes to the program are implemented in the coming years. With Ms. Tritt Schell's in-depth knowledge of the E-rate she is eminently qualified to provide other board members and USAC staff with expert guidance to help ensure that the changes from the modernization process are implemented to the benefit of our schools.

In conclusion, WiscNet strongly encourages you to re-appoint Julie Tritt Schell to the USAC Board.

Sincerely,

David Lois
WiscNet = Chief Executive Officer