



November 17, 2015

VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

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

Dear Ms. Dortch:

By this letter the United States Telecommunications Association (“USTelecom”) supports the nomination of Kenneth Mason of Frontier Communications Corporation (“Frontier”) to serve as the representative on the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (“USAC”) for incumbent local exchange carriers other than Bell Operating Companies with annual operating revenues in excess of \$40 million (the position he currently holds on the Board).

Mr. Mason has 20 years of experience in the telecommunications industry, including a substantial background in federal and state regulatory and policy issues including Universal Service issues. He currently serves as Vice President, Business Operations for Frontier, and is responsible for the company’s financial operations in Frontier’s East Region. A copy of Mr. Mason’s professional biography is attached.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Walter B. McCormick, Jr.", is written over a white background.

Walter B. McCormick, Jr.
President & CEO

Attachment

cc: Charles Tyler, Wireline Competition Bureau (charles.tyler@fcc.gov)



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Kenneth F Mason

Ken Mason is currently Vice President, Business Operations for Frontier Communications Corporation (NASDAQ: FTR). As a result of growth through acquisitions, including Frontier's 2010 transaction with Verizon Communications and 2014 acquisition of AT&T's Connecticut footprint, Frontier is the 4th largest incumbent telecommunications company in the United States, and currently has operations in 28 states. Ken is responsible for financial operations in Frontier's East Region (Connecticut, New York and Pennsylvania). This includes the development of the region's budgets and forecasts, as well as the region's results towards those targets. He is also actively involved in the development of strategic initiatives in the region's day-to-day operations. Prior to this, Ken was the Vice President, Government and Regulatory Affairs, which included directing Frontier's legislative and regulatory activities within the states in which Frontier operates, as well as assisting in setting Frontier's federal and state policy positions and advocacy objectives. As part of his responsibilities, he has been intimately involved in the development and implementation of Universal Service goals and requirements. Ken has been a member of the USAC Board of Director's since May 2013.

Ken has almost 20 years of experience in the wireline and wireless telecommunications industry, and began his career with Frontier in 1996. Over that time he has held positions with increasing responsibility covering a variety of areas in the business. In addition, Ken has played a key role in attaining required regulatory approvals from state regulatory commissions, as well as the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), during Frontier's past transactions. He has spoken on numerous industry panels related to intercarrier compensation, Universal Service and rural broadband at the FCC and at NARUC conferences.

Ken's experiences have enabled him to develop a wide array of skills in people as well as issue management, negotiations, sales, marketing, government relations and advocacy, development of industry coalitions, budgeting and finance.

Ken holds a Bachelor's degree from St. Bonaventure University and an MBA from the State University of New York - Empire State.