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Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service
Administrator's Board of Directors
CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45,

Dear Ms. Salas:

In accordance with FCC Rule 54.703(c)(2), the accompanying letter to Chairman William Kennard submitting the name of Mr. Kevin Hess as the nominee to the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors for the director position representing ILECs (other than the Bell Operating Companies and the former GTE) with annual operating revenues in excess of \$40 million is being filed with you. Copies of this transmittal letter and the attached letter to Chairman Kennard have been provided to the individuals identified below. I request that you process this filing so that Chairman Kennard may give due consideration to this nomination.

Please contact me at (202) 326-7269 should you have questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lawrence E. Sarjeant

Lawrence E. Sarjeant
VP Regulatory Affairs
and General Counsel

attachments

cc: Honorable William Kennard
Katherine Schroder, Chief, Accounting Policy Division (2)
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Dear Chairman Kennard:

In accordance with Commission Rule 54.703(c),¹ the United States Telecom Association (USTA),² on behalf of its ILEC members (other than the Bell Operating Companies and the former GTE) with annual operating revenues in excess of \$40 million, hereby submits the name of Kevin Hess, an existing director on the Administrator's Board of Directors, whose term expires on December 31, 2000, for renomination to the Administrator's Board for the director seat representing ILECs (other than the Bell Operating Companies and the former GTE) with annual operating revenues in excess of \$40 million. Mr. Hess is Vice President of TDS TELECOM, one of the ILECs to be represented by this director. Mr. Hess has faithfully served as a director of the Administrator's Board in accordance with the requirements of Article II, Section 1. of the By-Laws of the Universal Service Administrative Company. Submitted herewith is professional and biographical information about Mr. Hess.

The renomination of Mr. Hess is by a consensus of the ILECs (other than the Bell Operating Companies and the former GTE) with annual operating revenues in excess of \$40 million. These ILECs agreed upon a process that permitted each of them, and them only, to nominate candidates and vote for a candidate whose name would be submitted to you as the consensus nominee to represent this ILEC group. Limiting the process as described, assured that

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(c).

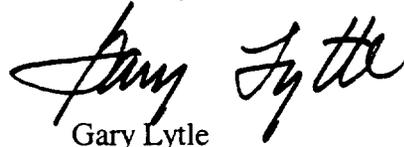
² USTA is the nation's oldest trade organization for the local exchange carrier industry. USTA represents more than 1200 telecommunications-related companies worldwide. Its carrier members provide a full array of voice, data and video services over wireline and wireless networks. USTA members support the concept of universal service and are leaders in the deployment of advanced telecommunications capabilities to American and international markets.

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only members of the industry group that this nominee will represent were responsible for his nomination. Mr. Hess is their consensus nominee.

Should you have questions concerning the renomination of Mr. Hess, please contact me or Lawrence E. Sarjeant, USTA VP Regulatory Affairs and General Counsel [(202) 326-7269]. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Lytle". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gary Lytle
Interim President and CEO

attachments

cc: Katherine Schroder, Chief
Accounting Policy Division (2 copies)
Scott Barach, Assistant Secretary
Universal Service Administrative Company

BIOGRAPHY OF KEVIN G. HESS

Kevin Hess, TDS TELECOM's Vice President of Federal Affairs, has served the telecommunications industry for the past 24 years. In his current role, Mr. Hess is responsible for the development of TDS TELECOM policy on regulatory and legislative issues, and promotion of these policies at the national level. Accordingly, he works closely with industry organizations, meets frequently with regulatory bodies and members of Congress, and directs the preparation of comments on Federal Communications Commission (FCC) matters.

In addition to his current position as the mid-size local exchange carrier (LEC) representative on the Universal Service Administrative Company(USAC) Board, Kevin is also on the Board of Directors of the Western Rural Telephone Association, and serves as Chair of USTA's Regulatory Issues and Advocacy Committee, which develops and executes regulatory strategies, advocacy plans and federal regulatory and judicial filings to achieve the association's policies and objectives. He is also a recent past-Chair of USTA's Mid Size Company Committee. Additionally, Kevin represents TDS TELECOM with the Independent Telephone & Telecommunications Association and the Rural Telephone Coalition. He has provided expert testimony before many state public service commissions, and before the U.S. Congress.

Prior to joining TDS TELECOM in 1984, Kevin spent eight years at Kiesling Associates, a public accounting and consulting firm, providing independent LECs with audit, accounting, tax, and regulatory expertise. He is a certified public accountant, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin - Madison, and has an MBA from the University of Tennessee.