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September 26, 2001 **DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL**

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

In accordance with FCC Rule 54.703(c)(2), the accompanying original letter (and four copies) to FCC Chairman Michael Powell submitting the name of Mr. Frank Gumper as the nominee to the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors for the **director position representing "the largest incumbent local exchange carriers"** is being filed with you. Two copies of this transmittal letter and the attached letter to Chairman Powell are also being provided to Sheryl Todd, Accounting Policy Division, Common Carrier Bureau, in accordance with *Public Notice DA 01-2078*, rel. 09/04/01. I request that you process this filing so that Chairman Powell 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
VP Regulatory Affairs
and General Counsel

attachments

cc: Honorable Michael Powell
Sheryl Todd, Accounting Policy Division (2)



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Walter B. McCormick, Jr.
President and Chief Executive Officer

September 25, 2001

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
Room 844
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I write to you on behalf of the USTA Large Company Committee to re-nominate Frank Gumper to a seat on the Board of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

As you know, Mr. Gumper has filled the seat designated for largest incumbent local exchange carriers since 1997. The USTA Large Company Committee, consisting of Verizon, BellSouth, and SBC believes that Mr. Gumper's reappointment to this seat is in the best interests of continuing the coordination between USAC and the largest of the local exchange providers.

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, I have enclosed a copy of Mr. Gumper's professional and biographical information. Mr. Gumper has been a leader within his company managing its telecommunications policy and regulatory filings. In addition, he is an accomplished veteran of our industries various cooperative committees such as the USTA Regulatory Issues and Advocacy Committee (RIAC) as well as USTA's Large Company Regulatory Tactics Committee. His expertise and experience combined with the excellent work he has done in his first term with USAC make him an ideal candidate to continue as a member of the USAC Board.

I am confident that when you review Mr. Gumper's resume you will agree that his unique abilities and experience, along with his unflinching dedication to improving education, make him a logical choice for reappointment to the USAC Board.

Sincerely,

Walter B. McCormick, Jr.

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Mr. Gumper recently retired from Verizon Communications after a 30-year career. In the future, he will continue to be associated with the large ILECs since he will act as a Public Policy Consultant for Verizon Communications.

Prior to his retirement Mr. Gumper was Vice President-Public Policy Development at Verizon Communications. He was responsible for the development of Verizon's positions on critical public policy issues. He was also responsible for the stakeholdering of these issues before regulatory commissions and within the industry.

Mr. Gumper began his career with New York Telephone in 1971, spending his first 15 years in forecasting and business research positions. In 1986 he moved into Federal Regulatory Policy and in 1991 became a NYNEX senior manager when he was named Managing Director – Federal Regulatory Policy. Mr. Gumper continued in Federal Regulatory Policy until the merger of Bell Atlantic and GTE when he became Vice President – Public Policy Development.

In the late 1980s, Mr. Gumper led the local exchange carrier industry effort to achieve the shift from rate of return to price cap regulation. With the passage of the 1996 Telecommunications Act, he played an active role in the FCC decisions on access reform and universal service and in implementing the E-rate program for schools and libraries. In recent years, Mr. Gumper led the Bell Atlantic team working on a major FCC decision that established a new structure in the industry for inter-exchange carriers to compensate price cap LECs for the use of their networks.

In 1997, Mr. Gumper was appointed to the Board of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). In January of 2000 he was elected chairman of the USAC Board, a position he continues to hold. Prior to its merger into USAC, he was on the Board of the Schools and Library Corporation (SLC).

Mr. Gumper has a B.S. Degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a M.A. Degree in Geophysics at Columbia University. In addition, he completed the Master's Degree Program for Executives at Columbia University's Business School.

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EMPLOYMENT

Vice President - Federal Regulatory, NYNEX

1991 - 1997

Developed NYNEX's telecommunications federal regulatory policy and managed the organization responsible for analyzing public policy issues and coordinating appropriate responses for NYNEX in FCC docket filings. Presented NYNEX's public policy positions to the industry and to the FCC, and forged compromise positions among conflicting stakeholder groups when necessary that helped implement important public policy goals like price cap regulation and access reform. Represented NYNEX at numerous conferences and fora concerning important regulatory issues. Helped formulate policy statements and exploration of vital telecommunications issues at the Aspen Institute. Most recently, has played a key role within the industry and with NTIA and various education groups in identifying and resolving issues arising from implementation of the Universal Service provisions of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Invited to address the first public meeting of the Universal Service Joint Board on the Schools and Libraries Fund. Represents NYNEX on the USTA Regulatory Policy Committee that seeks to create consensus local exchange carrier (LEC) positions.

Director - Federal Regulatory, NYNEX

1986 - 1991

Responsible for the development of NYNEX policy positions and filing with the FCC in the areas of Price Caps, ONA, Interconnection and Separations Reform. Testified before the Maine Public Utility Commission and the New Hampshire Public Utility Commission. Member Information Industry Association's Telecommunications Policy Committee.

Director Business Research (New York Telephone, NYNEX)

1983 - 1986

Responsible for the economic and revenue forecasts used in New York Telephone (NYT), all statistical analysis studies performed within NYT, and monthly analysis of revenues. Testified to the economic, demand and revenue forecasts before the New York Public Service Commission in NYT Rate Cases.

District Manager - Forecasting, NYT; Staff Manager - Forecasting, NYT 1971 - 1983

Joined NYT in April 1971 in a staff position within the Forecasting Division. Promoted within organization and held various positions responsible for demand (telephone movement, gain and usage) forecasts used for construction and budget planning. Increasing areas of responsibility extended to New York City and total Company. Responsibilities also included demographic analysis and use of U.S. Census data within NYT.

PUBLIC SERVICE

County Legislator, Rockland County, New York 1974 - 1978

Majority Leader, Rockland County Legislature, New York 1976 - 1978

EDUCATION

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, BS Physics 1960 - 1965

In addition to Physics program, had minors in Astrophysics and Geophysics.

Columbia University, Graduate School, MA Geophysics 1965 - 1971

Ph.D. candidate at the Lamont-Doherty Geophysical Observatory. Completed all departmental requirements for Ph.D. Full time research assistant. Co-authored three papers published in the Journal of Geophysical Research and the Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America. Participated in or led research projects in Alaska, Japan and Nevada.

Columbia University, Graduate Business School, MA Business Policy 1981 - 1983

Sponsored by New York Telephone for the Master's Degree Program for Executives. Received the Award of Excellence for the highest average grade in the class, 4.0.

C.W. Post (Long Island University), Graduate Education School 1995 - present

Candidate for a Masters in Secondary School Education in Earth Science. Completed all credits in Education curriculum required to obtain provisional certification as a secondary public school science teacher.