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October 1, 2002

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



Dear Ms. Dortch:

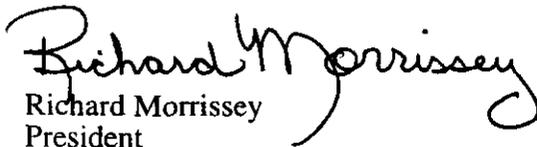
In the Matter of Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45, I am pleased to submit the name of Alison M. Hughes as representative for rural health care providers that are eligible to receive discounts.

Alison has been involved with the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health, since the organization was founded nine years ago. She has been one of the leaders in advancing telecommunications access in rural areas for telehealth. She co-chairs the Committee on Telecommunications and conceptualized the proposal for USAC supported mini-grants to SORHs in the first year of the Universal Discount Program. Her joint position as Director of Rural Health in Arizona, and Associate Director for the Arizona Telemedicine Program makes her an ideal candidate for representing the rural health aspect of the USAC Board.

In addition, she has been a member of the board of the Arizona Rural Health Association for over five years. Alison's reputation in Arizona in the rural health and telecommunication fields is far-reaching in the state of Arizona. She conceived of and organized the introductory conference on the universal discount fund for rural health when the fund was first established, and collaborated closely with the Arizona State Corporation Commission to successfully hold this meeting at the Corporation's headquarters in Phoenix.

The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health is pleased to nominate Alison Hughes for the health care provider vacancy on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors.

Sincerely,


 Richard Morrissey
 President

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Enclosure (1)

Cc: Sheryl Todd, Telecommunications Access Policy Division

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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government M.P.A. (Public Policy) 1985
University of Phoenix, Business Administration, 1983

EMPLOYMENT

February 2002 - Present: Director, Arizona's Rural Health Office

March 1986 - 2002: Assoc. Director Rural Health Office, College of Public Health University of Arizona
Associate Director, Arizona Telemedicine Program (joint appointment)

October 1985-March 1986

Policy Research Analyst, Rural Health Office. (Contractual) Researched the status of rural primary care legislation and served as advisor for state primary care legislation.

HONORS

- ♣ 2001 Black Women Task Force, Tucson, An Unsung Heroine award
- ♣ 2001 Pima county/Tucson Women's Commission recognition award
- ♣ 2000 and 2001 American Public Health Association, Medical Care Section. Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service

OUTREACH VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

National

- ♣ National advisory committee on rural women's health. Appointed by Secretary of HHS (2001-2003).
- ♣ National Advisory Committee on Rural Health. (Member 1999-2002). Appointed by Secretary of HHS. (Advise the Secretary regarding rural health policy.) Chaired Committee on Rural Public Health.
- ♣ National Rural Health Association. Policy Board Member (1999-present) Recommend national policy to staff regarding rural health issues.
- ♣ National Rural Health Association. Kellogg Grant Leadership Committee (1999-00) Member.
- ♣ American Public Health Association Governing Council (Member 1999-02)
- ♣ National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health. Co-Chair, Telecommunications Committee -- Recommend national telecommunications policy to appropriate organization officers (Wrote

testimony submitted by the President to USAC in 2002).

- ✦ Center for Substance Abuse Prevention Knowledge Application Standing Review Committee for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Three-year appointment effective October 1, 2000
- ✦ Provided testimony to the Federal Communications Commission at its meeting in the Gila River Indian Community regarding telemedicine access for tribes.

State

- ✦ Arizona Department of Health Services, statewide bioterrorism committee member, 2002
- ✦ Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of Native American Liaison, planning committee, 2002 Native American health workshops
- ✦ Arizona Health Policy Roundtable. Founder and organizer. A gathering of leaders in a variety of state and health and social service organizations to explore current health policy issues. (1998-present)
- ✦ Arizona Rural Health Association: Founding member and board member (current).
- ✦ Arizona Turning Point Technology Subcommittee Communications Work Group member 1998-1999.
- ✦ Statewide Electronic newsletter on rural health issues. Founded this newsletter and provided ongoing supervision on content.

RECENT LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS ON HOSPITALS AND TECHNOLOGY

- ✦ Presentations on telemedicine applications to three Native American Health workshops held in San Carlos, Peach Springs, and HonDah, fall, 2002.
- ✦ Co-Presenter with Rick McNeely on the Arizona Telemedicine Program, to the BG's, a Tucson networking group, May 2001.
- ✦ Co-Presenter with Dr. Kevin McNeill on the Global Development of Telemedicine Technology, July 2001 to the United Nations Association of Southern Arizona.
- ✦ Community presentations and lectures on the implications of critical access hospitals to their communities in 2001:
 - Douglas community members, and board and staff members of the local hospital (February and July, 2001), Gila River Indian Community Health Department staff, San Carlos Apache Indian Community Health Department Board and staff Hopi Health Center staff
 - Presentation on Critical Access Hospitals to Page Hospital board and community members, January 2001

- Presentation on critical access hospitals to Benson hospital board and staff members May 2001
- Presentation on critical access hospitals and AHEC relationships to AHEC directors, June 2001
- Presentation on Critical Access Hospitals to Wickenburg community and hospital board and staff members, July, 2001
- Presentation on Critical Access Hospitals to Willcox Chamber of Commerce and hospital personnel, July, 2001
- Presentation on Critical Access Hospitals to Sage Memorial Hospital staff, Ganado, August 2001
- Presentation on Critical Access Hospitals to Southwest Alliance of Navajo, September 2001
- Presentation on Critical Access Hospitals to Holbrook community, October 2001
- How Flexible is the Rural Hospital Flexibility Program, presentation at November 2000 annual meeting of American Public Health Association.
- Arizona Critical Access Program, PowerPoint presentation to medical and administrative staff of Southeastern Arizona Medical Center, October 16, 2000.
- Current Issues In Public Health. Presentation to the Gila River Indian Community Public Health Department staff members, Prescott, AZ, October 12, 2000.
- Examining the Multiple Uses of a Telemedicine Network at the University of Arizona. Presentation at the World Federation of Public Health Agencies, as part of a panel on telecommunications and distance learning, Beijing, China, September 2, 2000.
- Rural Telehealth Care in Arizona, presentation to Tribal Health leaders, May 16, 2000, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Current Rural Health Issues. Presentation to board members of Copper Queen Hospital in Bisbee, AZ, March 2000.
- Introducing Arizona's Critical Access Hospital Program, presentations given at three events: Tucson CAH workshop 3/16/00, Flagstaff CAH workshop 3/17/00, and Rural Health Conference at Hon Dah, July 2000.
- Issues In Rural Leadership. Presentation to Participants at the Arizona Rural Health Association Leadership Forum, Phoenix, AZ, January 10, 2000.
- Arizona's Critical Access Hospital Program. Presentation to Participants at the Arizona Legislative Forum, Phoenix, AZ, January 11, 2000.
- Telemedicine at the US-Mexico Border. Presentation to Participants at the US Department of Agriculture Conference, Tucson, AZ, February 24, 2000.

PUBLICATIONS

Survey Results from the Arizona Enterprise Communities Telemedicine Questionnaire. American Telemedicine Association 2000 Annual Meeting. Co-authors, Driesen, Kevin E., MPH, MA, Hughes, Alison, MPH, Weinstein, Ronald S., MD.

Hughes, Alison, MPA. *Telemedical Project in Arizona*. Article published in *Health Center Management*, September/October 1999.

Weinstein, Ronald, MD, Hughes, Alison, MPA, McNeill, Kevin, PhD. Issues in Telecommunications Access to Bring Telemedicine to Native American Health Facilities. Testimony provided to the Federal Communications Commission in May 1999, and in December, 1999.

Hughes, Alison, MPA. *Riding the HPSA Trail*. Article published in *Rural Health Notes*, January 1999 Issue of Medical Care Section, Rural Health Committee publication, American Public Health Association.

Hughes, Alison, MPA. *Connecting Arizona's Enterprise Communities: Strategic Plan and Resource Guide for Telemedicine and Internet Connections*, 1998. Publication made possible with funding support from the U.S. Department of Commerce, TIAP. (Principal Investigator on Grant)

Hughes, Alison, MPA. *Filerman Officers Up A Challenge*. Article published in *Rural Route*, the national publication for the Interdisciplinary Health Care for Rural Areas Grant Program. November/December, 1996.

Hughes, Alison, MPA, Martinez, Ralph, PhD. *Riding the Superhighway: Changes to Come*. Article published in *National AHEC Bulletin*, fall 1996.

Hughes, Alison, MPA, Estrada, Anthony, PhD. Co-Contributors. *Study of Models to Meet Rural Health Care Needs through Mobilization of Health Professions Education and Services Resources*. Published by National Rural Health Association, 1992.

Hughes, Alison, MPA. *Survey Finds Significant Number of NHSC Physicians Currently Practicing in Rural Arizona*. Article published in *National AHEC Bulletin*, Summer, 1990.

Estrada, Antonio L. PhD, MSPH, Hughes, Alison, MPA. *Impact Study of Spanish Language Training on NHSC Physician Practice Among Hispanics*. Article published in *National AHEC Bulletin*, Summer, 1990.

Hughes, Alison. Arizona's Chronically Mentally Ill: Legislative Attention. Article published in *Rural Health Roundup*, Vol. 3. No. 3, June 1986.

Hughes, Alison. Arizona Environmental Quality Act: A Bold Effort to Build a Healthy Environment. Article published in *Rural Health Roundup*. Vol. 3, No. 4. August 1986.

Hughes, Alison. *Improving the Status of Household Employment: A handbook for Community Action*. 1969, Washington, D.C.: National Committee on Household Employment 1969.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Grants Received 2000

§ Grant from AZ Department of Health Services to extend Wickenburg Hospital's long-term care facility to telemedicine access, and to expand Tuba City Indian Hospital's capability to more

chapter houses. (\$250,000) Funded through Arizona Telemedicine Program. Grant author.

- ✦ Establishing a tele-health home nursing program between Red Lake Chapter House and Tuba City Indian Hospital. Funded by AMB Foundation, Arizona Community Foundation, and Tuba City Indian Hospital. 2000-2001. (\$25,000) Principal Investigator. Funded through Arizona Telemedicine Program. Grant author and P.I.
- ✦ Critical Access Hospital Project. Funded by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. 01-03 (\$525,000 annual). Alison Hughes, MPA (PI. and Project Director)
- ✦ State Office of Rural Health Program. Funded by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy 01-02. (\$77,000 annual) Alison Hughes and Lynda Bergsma, Co-PIs.

Past Grants and Contracts

- ✦ Rural Leadership Forum, funded by the National Rural Health Association (\$5,000) to Arizona Rural Health Association 1999-2000. Grant author, and AzRHA board member.
- § Arizona Public Health Leadership Institute. Funded by CDC 00-01 through College of Public Health. Kent Campbell, MD (PI). Alison Hughes, contributor.
- § A Community Leadership Approach to Rural Policy Development. Authored this grant funded by the National Rural Health Association to the Arizona Rural Health Association, May 1999.
- ✦ Introducing Rural Health Providers to the Universal Services Telecommunications Program. Funded by Minnesota Center for Rural Health. 1998-99. Funded (\$3,000). (Principal Investigator)
- ✦ Arizona Telemedicine Program Link With Mariposa Community Health Center. Funded by U.S. Department of Agriculture, RUS. 1998 Funded \$141,150. (Co-PI with Ronald S. Weinstein, MD)
- § Connecting Arizona's Enterprise Communities to Telemedicine and Telecommunications Access. Funded by U.S. Department of Commerce, TIIAP. 1997-98. Funded \$50,000. (Principal Investigator)
- ✦ Training Tohono O'odham Personnel to Administer a Long-Term Care Center. Funded by Tohono O'odham Nation (1995-1999). Principal Investigator.
- ✦ Southwest Border Region Partnership Planning Meeting. Contract from US Department of Agriculture. Funded (1997) Principal Investigator.
- ✦ Implementing National Workshops for Key Personnel of Interdisciplinary Training Grants (1993, '94, '95). Principal Investigator.
- ✦ Implementing National Workshop for Key Personnel of Allied Health Training Grants (1995-96).
- ✦ Regional Training Workshops in Spanish Language for Physicians working with under-served population. Region VIII NHSC/PHS. Principal Investigator. 1994.
- ✦ Training Program in US Health Care System for West Bank Scholar. Contract funded by Amideast, 1993. Principal Investigator.

- ☛ Training Health Care Professionals From Aden Hospital, Yemen. Contract funded by Amideast. (Co-Principal Investigator with Anthony Vuturo, MD) 1992. Principal Investigator.
- ☛ Clinical Education Conference for National Health Service Corps Assignees in the Pacific Basin, 1993 (\$22,682). Contract No. R9-PHS-17-93. Principal Investigator.
- ☛ Federal Tort Claims Act Workshop Series, 1993 (\$24,903). Contract No. R9-PHS-26-93. Principal Investigator.
- ☛ Western Regional Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant Training Conference, 1992. (\$24,995). Contract No. R9-PHS-40-92. Principal Investigator.
- ☛ Design and Implementation of Regional Conference on Status of Health Care Research Along the US-Mexico Border. Grant from federal Agency for Health Care Policy Development. Funded 1991. (Principal Investigator)
- ☛ Region IX Annual Community Health Center Clinical and Directors Training Conference, 1993. Contract No. R9-PHS-Q-7-90. Principal Investigator.
- ☛ Region IX Annual Clinical Directors Conference. Funded 1990. HHS/PHS. \$22,557. Principal Investigator. (Contract No. R9-PHS-Q-7-90)
- ☛ Training Health Care Professional from Thailand in Methods of Manufacturing and Storing Sera. Contract funded by Amideast. 1990. Principal Investigator.
- ☛ Establishing an AIDS Education Program at the College of Medicine. Contract from University of California/Davis 1988. Authored by Alison Hughes. (Kay Bauman, PI)
- ☛ Mobile Clinic Clinical Services. Grant Funded by Stocker Foundation, 1987. Authored by Alison Hughes. (Andy Nichols, PI)

PEER REVIEWS

Journal Reviews

- ☛ *Journal of Rural Health*. Peer Reviewer in Fall, 2001
- ☛ *Rural Health Research Journal*. Peer reviewer for Summer 1999 and Spring 1995 issues
- ☛ *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*. Peer Reviewer for Spring 1994 issue

Federal Granting Agency Review Committees

- ☛ Peer Review Committee Member: Family Strengthening Program, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Agency, August, 2000
- ☛ Chair, Federal Peer Review Committee for Rural Health Outreach Grants, February 2000. (Federal Office of Rural Health Policy.)
- ☛ Peer Review Committee Member: Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Outreach and/or Network Grants. 1995-99.
- ☛ Peer Review Committee Member: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Agency, Community Partnership grant application cycle, 1998. State Incentive Program, 1999.
- ☛ U. S. Department of Education: Eisenhower Leadership Grants Peer Reviewer 1994-95.
- ☛ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Peer Review Committee for Rural Hospital Transition Grants.

U.S. Department of Education: Special Services/Talent Search programs, the Women's Educational Equity Act, Title X, and the Emergency School Assistance Act. (1972-76)