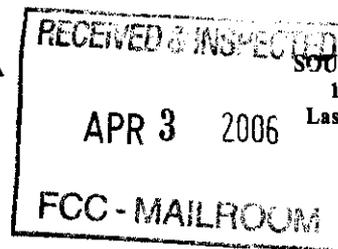


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In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors,
CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45

Dear Secretary Dortch:

I am writing in support of the nomination of Julie Tritt Schell to fill the vacancy on the board of directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company for the representative of schools. Having served previously as a state educational technology director, Julie has a keen understanding of the technology needs of school applicants and the critically important role of E-rate for providing technology resources in classrooms across the country.

In her current role as a state E-rate coordinator, Julie assists over 1500 Pennsylvania applicants with their efforts to apply for E-rate discounts and understands the impact of the program rules on both large and small applicants. These experiences will enable Ms. Tritt Schell to provide practical perspectives on the operations of USAC and how those operations can be most effective in interacting with school districts participating in the E-rate program.

Our experience with working with Julie is that she has a keen appreciation of the policy objectives underlying the E-rate requirements and at the same time she understands how those policies are implemented into the Administrator's operations. We believe that her experience and perspectives will provide beneficial information and expertise to assist the Administrator to perform its responsibilities. In addition, Ms. Tritt Schell files applications for various school districts, and has her own experience upon which to draw and to share with USAC regarding E-rate administrative and compliance issues.

Because of her outstanding expertise and knowledge, I encourage Chairman Martin to appoint Ms. Tritt Schell to the USAC Board of Directors on behalf of school districts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark S. Knudson".

Mark S. Knudson
Nevada State E-rate Coordinator

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