



April 4, 2008

The Honorable Kevin Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Federal-State Joint Board on Separations (FCC CC Docket 80-286)*

Dear Chairman Martin:

As you know, the Separations Joint Board was created to advise the FCC on the allocation of costs between the federal and state jurisdictions. The Joint Board consists of three FCC commissioners and four state commissioners. Two vacancies have arisen on this Joint Board as a result of the recent departures. Accordingly, the Honorable Marsha Smith, President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), with the concurrence of NARUC's Board of Directors, pursuant to Sections 410(c) and 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended [47 U.S.C., Secs. 410(c) and 254], hereby nominates the following State commissioners to serve as members of this Joint Board:

The Honorable Steve Kolbeck
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Please do not hesitate to contact me at 202.898.2207 or jramsay@naruc.org if you have any questions about these nominations.

Sincerely,

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cc: State and Federal Members of the Federal-State Joint Board
Daniel Gonzalez, FCC Chief of Staff
Ian Dillner, Advisor to the Chairman
Dana Shaffer, Wireline Competition Bureau Chief