

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

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

**NOMINATION OF JOYCELYN TATE TO THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE  
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS  
THE REPRESENTATIVE OF LOW INCOME CONSUMERS**

It is my pleasure to nominate Joycelyn Tate to continue her service on the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors as the Representative for low income consumers. Her biography is attached.

As the Executive Director of the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council (“MMTC”), I work with Ms. Tate in her capacity as Associate Media Broker with MMTC Media Brokers (a division of MMTC) where she provides media brokerage services to buyers and sellers of broadcast facilities.

Ms. Tate continues to dedicate herself to being a voice for those who have been underrepresented and underserved in our society. As the Chair of MMTC’s Rural Broadband Working Group, she has taken on the charge of finding solutions to the lack of access to technology experienced by residents of remote rural communities. She participates in MMTC’s law and policy advocacy work, seeking policies to make media and telecom ownership opportunities more accessible for minorities and women. Ms. Tate also represents MMTC as a member of the Digital Television Transition Coalition, where she brings to the forefront issues that directly affect minority communities as the nation transitions to digital television broadcasting.

In all of these tasks, Ms. Tate diligently contributes her knowledge and expertise to bringing to the forefront the issues and concerns of those who have been traditionally marginalized by society. Her professional experience has made her keenly aware of the significant issues faced by low income residents with regard to access to technology and what is required to address these issues with sound judgment.

I have no doubt that Ms. Tate will continue to bring the same high level of integrity and commitment to the USAC Board of Directors as the representative for low income consumers that she currently demonstrates as a USAC Director. I therefore nominate Joycelyn Tate without reservation for your favorable consideration.

If you require further information you may reach me directly at 202- 332-7005.

Sincerely,

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## Professional Biography of Joycelyn Tate

**Joycelyn Tate** is an associate media broker with MMTC Media Brokers, a division of the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council (MMTC). Ms. Tate provides a full range of brokerage services to buyers and sellers of broadcast companies throughout the United States. MMTC Media Brokers is the 15th largest of the nation's 60 media brokerage firms, having participated in media transactions valued at over \$1.7 billion. Ms. Tate is the first African American to become a full-time member of the National Association of Media Brokers in the association's 23-year history.

Ms. Tate participates in MMTC's law and advocacy work, where she is an advocate for minority media ownership. She is a member of with MMTC's Access to Capital Working Group and is the Chair of MMTC's Rural Broadband Working Group.

Prior to joining MMTC Media Brokers, Ms. Tate worked at the Minority Media and Telecommunications Council as its Earle K. Moore Fellow. As the Moore Fellow, she advocated for law and policy to advance entrepreneurial opportunities for minorities and women in the media and telecommunications industries. She wrote comments on behalf of MMTC and its members and associate organizations that were filed in rulemaking proceedings at the Federal Communications Commission. She also participated in advocacy projects to promote media ownership for minorities and women.

Ms. Tate is an established professional in the fields of telecommunications and public policy. She has appeared on television, industry panels, and forums to discuss telecommunications issues such as: digital television, media ownership, and telecommunications policy.

Ms. Tate has extensive experience in broadcast operations and production. She has worked as a television producer of documentaries and programs on local and national politics, foreign affairs, and social issues. She has also served in United States Congressional offices on a variety of issues.

In the office of United States Representative Sheila Jackson Lee, Ms. Tate worked on telecommunications issues. She worked with Congresswoman Jackson-Lee to address the issues of the "digital divide" and worked to develop programs that make technology more accessible to underserved populations. She also worked with Representative Jackson-Lee on child advocacy, health care, and women's advocacy issues. Ms. Tate worked with Representative Jackson-Lee and other congressional and public leaders to coordinate the National Summit on Africa, a delegation of national leaders who advocate positive U.S. foreign policy towards Africa in the areas of trade, debt relief, AIDS prevention and other issues concerning African countries.

In the office of United States Representative Donald Payne, Ms. Tate worked on foreign affairs issues. On behalf of Representative Payne, she focused on several areas of foreign affairs, including: the status of the Haitian government, the Taliban in Afghanistan, United States' immigration policy, and African affairs.

At the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), Ms. Tate served in the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau where she worked on regulations for the wireless telecommunications industry. She also conducted research and analysis for the FCC on the problems experienced by small, women and minority-owned businesses when trying to obtain capital financing in order to enter the telecommunications market.

Ms. Tate formerly held the position of Chief Operating Officer at Multisoft Technologies, an information technology firm in Maryland. She was also an adjunct professor of communications law at Howard University's John H. Johnson School of Communications and Bowie State University's Department of Communications.

Ms. Tate was appointed by the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission to the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). USAC administers the Universal Service Fund, a \$7 billion fund that is responsible for providing access to affordable telecommunications services throughout the United States.

### **Community Service**

Ms. Tate has worked on several community service projects. As a member of the Coalition of 100 Black Women in Washington, D.C., she helped to develop public relations campaigns to promote community initiatives such as: opening a home for newborn babies who are abandoned at birth by their parents in local hospitals, lobbying the District of Columbia city council to streamline its adoption laws so that abandoned children can be placed in adoptive homes earlier in their lives, and raising college scholarship funds for women. She served as a member of the Mayor's Advisory Commission on African Community Affairs in the District of Columbia and developed a tutoring program for District of Columbia public school students. Ms. Tate is currently a member of the District of Columbia-Beijing, China Sister City Steering Committee.

### **Education**

Ms. Tate earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the School of Communications at Howard University; a Juris Doctor from Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America, where she was a Chief Justice Earl Warren scholar; a Certificate of Specialization in Communications Law from the Institute of Communications Law Studies at the Columbus School of Law; and a Graduate Certificate in International Studies, with regional study focused on China, from the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University.

Ms. Tate has a working familiarity with Mandarin Chinese, French and Spanish languages.