



March 25, 2009

The Honorable Michael J. Copps
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 Copps:

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. One vacancy has arisen on this Joint Board as a result of the recent departure of Mark K. Johnson (Regulatory Commission of Alaska). Accordingly, the Honorable Frederick F. Butler, President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), with the concurrence of NARUC's Board of Directors, pursuant to Sections 410(c) [47 U.S.C., Sec. 410(c)], hereby nominates the following State commissioner to serve as a member of this Joint Board:

The Honorable Thomas W. Pugh
COMMISSIONER [BIO ATTACHED]
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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 this nomination.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

cc: State and Federal Members of the Federal-State Joint Board
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Dartmouth College, A.B., cum laude; University of Minnesota J.D., cum laude; Attorney in private law practice, Thuet, Pugh, Rogosheske, and Atkins, 1976 - 2004; Member of the Minnesota House of Representatives, 1989 - 2004; Minnesota House Minority (DFL) Leader, 1998 - 2002. Author of many bills relating to our justice system and member of nearly every crime bill conference committee in the 1990's. Member of the Minnesota State Bar Association, Dakota County Bar Association. Frequent speaker on legislative process. Member, NARUC Committee on Telecommunications. Appointed Commissioner, September 1, 2004; reappointed January 3, 2005, term expires January 3, 2011.