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National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

January 11, 2012

The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W. Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Nomination of the Honorable Randy Mitchell to the Universal Service Joint Board -In the Matter of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service. CC Docket 96-45

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

As you know, the Universal Service Joint Board was created by Congress to provide recommendations to the full Commission on universal service issues. Recently, under NARUC's rules, Indiana Commissioner Larry Landis second term on the Universal Service Joint Board lapsed. Under NARUC's bylaws, he continues to serve until NARUC nominates a replacement. Section 254 of the 1996 Act requires the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) to submit a nomination to fill his spot on the Joint Board. Accordingly, NARUC's President David Wright, with the concurrence of NARUC's Board of Directors, as required by NARUC's bylaws, pursuant to 47 U.S.C., §§ 410(c) & 254, nominates the following State commissioner to serve on the Universal Service Joint Board in lieu of Commissioner Landis:

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We respectfully request you confirm NARUC's nomination at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 202.898.2207 or jramsay@naruc.org.

Sincerely,

/s/

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