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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR NINE BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS ON THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21

Nominations Due By: October 15, 2012

Pursuant to section 54.703(c) of the Commission's rules,¹ the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks nominations for the following board member positions on the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). The positions are currently vacant or will soon become vacant.²

- Representative for incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) (other than Bell Operating Companies) with annual operating revenues in excess of \$40 million (position formerly held by D. Michael Anderson).
- Representative for interexchange carriers with more than \$3 billion in annual operating revenues (position formerly held by Rex Knowles).
- Representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts pursuant to section 54.501 of the Commission's rules (position currently held by Dr. Anne Bryant).

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(c).

² See Letter from D. Scott Barash, Acting Chief Executive Officer, USAC, to Julie Veach, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC, CC Docket No. 96-45, 97-21 (dated Aug. 15, 2012) (Aug. 15 USAC Letter); Letter from D. Scott Barash, Acting Chief Executive Officer, USAC, to Sharon Gillett, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21 (dated Mar. 16, 2012) (attaching resignation letter of Dr. Anne Bryant, effective Sept. 30, 2012); Letter from D. Scott Barash, Acting Chief Executive Officer, USAC, to Sharon Gillett, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21 (dated Feb. 7, 2012) (attaching resignation letter of D. Michael Anderson); Letter from D. Scott Barash, Acting Chief Executive Officer, USAC, to Sharon Gillett, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21 (dated Jan. 7, 2010) (attaching resignation letter of Rex Knowles).

Additionally, the Bureau seeks nominations for the following board member positions, which had terms that expired on December 31, 2011.³

- Representative for ILECs (other than Bell Operating Companies) with annual reporting revenues of \$40 million or less (position currently held by Geoff Fleiss).
- Representative for competitive local exchange carriers (position currently held by Joseph Gillan).
- Representative for low income consumers (position currently held by Ellis Jacobs).
- Representative for rural health care providers that are eligible to receive to receive supported services pursuant to § 54.601 (position currently held by Peter Kragel).
- Representative for interexchange carriers with annual operating revenues of \$3 billion or less (position currently held by Carolyn Ridley).
- Representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts pursuant to § 54.501 (position currently held by Brian Talbott).

On behalf of the Commission, the Bureau wishes to thank these nine individuals for their diligent efforts and dedicated service on the USAC board.

Pursuant to section 54.703(c)(1) of the Commission's rules, only members of the industry or non-industry or non-industry group that a board member will represent may submit a nomination for that position.⁴ To expedite the appointment process, members of the relevant industry or non-industry group are encouraged to nominate a single candidate who possesses substantial experience in, and knowledge of, telecommunications issues. If members of the relevant industry or non-industry group fail to reach consensus on a candidate to serve on the board, or fail to submit a nomination for the particular board member seat, pursuant to section 54.703(c)(3) of the Commission's rules, the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission will select an individual from that industry or non-industry group to serve on the board.⁵

Pursuant to section 54.703(c)(2) of the Commission's rules, each nomination must be captioned **"In the Matter of: Nomination for the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors"** and shall reference **CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45**.⁶ Each nomination must specify the position on the Board of Directors for which such nomination is submitted and should be accompanied by the nominee's professional and biographical information, such as a résumé or professional biography. Nominations received prior to the release of this public notice will be considered and do not need to be resubmitted.

³ See Aug. 15 USAC Letter at 2.

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(c)(1).

⁵ 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(c)(3).

⁶ 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(c)(2).

All nominations must be filed with the Office of the Secretary by October 15, 2012.

Nominations may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or by filing paper copies.⁷

- *Electronic Filers:* Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs2/>.
- *Paper Filers:* Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number.

Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th St., SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. The filing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes and boxes must be disposed of before entering the building.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.
- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington DC 20554.
- *People with Disabilities:* To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (tty).

In addition, one copy of each pleading must be sent to each of the following:

- (1) Erica W. Myers, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B432, Washington, DC 20554; e-mail: Erica.Myers@fcc.gov; and
- (2) Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-A452, Washington, DC 20554; e-mail: Charles.Tyler@fcc.gov.

The proceeding this Notice initiates shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.⁸ Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies). Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentation must (1) list all persons attending or otherwise participating in the meeting at which the *ex parte*

⁷ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*; GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

⁸ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

presentation was made, and (2) summarize all data presented and arguments made during the presentation. If the presentation consisted in whole or in part of the presentation of data or arguments already reflected in the presenter's written comments, memoranda or other filings in the proceeding, the presenter may provide citations to such data or arguments in his or her prior comments, memoranda, or other filings (specifying the relevant page and/or paragraph numbers where such data or arguments can be found) in lieu of summarizing them in the memorandum. Documents shown or given to Commission staff during *ex parte* meetings are deemed to be written *ex parte* presentations and must be filed consistent with rule 1.1206(b). In proceedings governed by rule 1.49(f) or for which the Commission has made available a method of electronic filing, written *ex parte* presentations and memoranda summarizing oral *ex parte* presentations, and all attachments thereto, must be filed through the electronic comment filing system available for that proceeding, and must be filed in their native format (*e.g.*, .doc, .xml, .ppt, searchable .pdf). Participants in this proceeding should familiarize themselves with the Commission's *ex parte* rules.

For further information, please contact Erica Myers, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-0886 or TTY (202) 418-0484.

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