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## CHAIRWOMAN ROSENWORCEL NAMES SEVEN MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY

CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21

Federal Communications Commission Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel hereby appoints seven members to the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) pursuant to section 54.703(c)(3) of the Commission's rules.<sup>1</sup> Each appointee was nominated in response to Public Notices issued earlier this year soliciting nominations for the Board positions listed below.<sup>2</sup> The term for the representative for commercial mobile radio service providers will end December 31, 2022.<sup>3</sup> All other positions are for a three-year term beginning on January 1, 2021.

Chairwoman Rosenworcel appoints the following individuals to the USAC Board of Directors:

- Representative for interexchange carriers with annual operating revenues of more than \$3 billion, Alan J. Buzacott, Executive Director of Federal Regulatory Affairs, Verizon Communications, Inc.;
- Representative for rural healthcare providers that are eligible to receive supported services under section 54.601 of the Commission's rules, Brent Fontana, Principal Technical Business Developer, Amazon Web Services;
- Representative for state telecommunications regulators, Sarah Freeman, Commissioner, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission;
- Representative for incumbent local exchange carriers (non-Bell Operating Companies) with more than \$40 million in annual revenues, Kenneth F. Mason;
- Representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts pursuant to section 54.501 of the Commission's rules, Julie Tritt Schell, State E-Rate Coordinator, Pennsylvania Department of Education;
- Representative for information service providers, Olivia Wein, Senior Attorney, National Consumer Law Center; and

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 CFR § 54.703(c)(3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Nominations for Six Board Member Positions on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, Public Notice, DA 21-1027 (WCB 2021) (First 2021 USAC Board Nomination Public Notice); Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Nomination for Board Member Position on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21, Public Notice, DA 21-1122 (WCB 2021) (Second 2021 USAC Board Nomination Public Notice).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Second 2021 USAC Board Nomination Public Notice at n.1 ("To maintain three-year staggered terms among Board members, the Board member appointed for this position will have a term that expires December 31, 2022.").

• Representative for commercial mobile radio service providers, Indra Sehdev Chalk, Director, Federal Regulatory Affairs, for T-Mobile USA, Inc.

The USAC Board of Directors will hold its next meetings on January 20, 24, and 25, 2022.<sup>4</sup> All Board of Directors quarterly meetings are open to the public.<sup>5</sup> For further information, please contact Hayley Steffen (<u>Hayley.Steffen@fcc.gov</u>), Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, Office of the Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-1586.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> USAC, About, Leadership, Quarterly, <a href="https://www.usac.org/about/leadership/quarterly-meeting-schedule/">https://www.usac.org/about/leadership/quarterly-meeting-schedule/</a> (last visited Dec. 23, 2021).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(e). Please check here, <a href="https://www.usac.org/about/leadership/quarterly-meeting-schedule/">https://www.usac.org/about/leadership/quarterly-meeting-schedule/</a>, for latest information related to COVID-19 and public attendance.