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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS NOMINATIONS TO FILL VACANT UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITION

CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21

Nominations Due By: November 28, 2025

Pursuant to sections 54.703(c) and (d) of the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission or FCC) rules, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) seeks nominations to fill the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) Board of Directors (Board) position representing state telecommunications regulators.¹ The position was most recently held by Sarah Freeman, Commissioner, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, who stepped down from the Board on September 24, 2025. The term for the position expires on December 31, 2027.

We are persuaded that having Board members with substantive areas of expertise relevant to running a large and complex organization with such skills as accounting, finance, auditing, procurement, data management, and information technology will improve the management, administration, and oversight of USAC. If members of the state telecommunications regulatory group fail to reach consensus on a candidate to serve on the Board, or fail to submit a nomination for the vacant Board member seat, the Chairman of the FCC will select an individual from that group to serve on the Board as outlined in section 54.703(c)(1).²

Pursuant to section 54.703(c)(2) of the Commission's rules, each nomination must be captioned **"In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrator's Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45."**³ Nominations may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or by filing paper copies.

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

¹ 47 CFR § 54.703(c) and (d).

² 47 CFR § 54.703(c)(1).

³ 47 CFR § 54.703(c)(2).

- Filings can be sent 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.
- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.
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In addition to the electronic or paper filing, copies of each nomination should be submitted to Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, via email Charles.Tyler@fcc.gov. Each submission should specify the position of 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. **All nominations must be filed by November 28, 2025.**

For further information, please contact Philip Bonomo (Philip.Bonomo@fcc.gov), Assistant Division Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-2778.

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