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#### **December 5, 2016**

Via E-mail to iac@fcc.gov (Copies e-mailed to Ms. Kutler, Mumaw, Cage, Scanlon, and Mr. Carlton)

#### **ATTENTION:**

Ms. Carmen Scanlon, Attorney Advisor Office of Intergovernmental Affairs Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

**RE:** NARUC Nomination to the FCC's Intergovernmental Advisory Committee

September 29, 2016 Public Notice Captioned "FCC ANNOUNCES THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND SOLICITES NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE COMMITTEE [DA 16-1106]

Dear Attorney Scanlon:

On September 29, 2016, the FCC issued a notice seeking nominations to serve on the FCC's recently re-chartered Intergovernmental Advisory Committee. In accordance with Section 25 of NARUC's Policy Governing Committees and Representatives, NARUC's President, Pennsylvania's President Robert Powelson re-nominates the Honorable Ronald Brisé to the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee.

As per the instructions in the public notice I am including the Commissioner's resume, contact information and description of expertise. Also as per the requirements in the public notice, Commissioner Brisé has committed to serve for the full term the current IAC is authorized and expects to attend the four (4) one day meetings per year in Washington, D.C. at his expense.

#### [1] Contact Information for the Honorable Ronald Brisé:

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# [2] Description of Applicant's Area of Expertise and Qualifications – including experience on Telecommunications issues and local/state government.

The Commissioners resume covers his long experience in state government on telecommunications issues, including [1] his service on the IAC, [2] his current experience as a public utility commissioner, [3] his time as a state legislator on, *inter alia*, the Florida Energy & Utilities Policy Committee, which included his sponsorship of successful legislation to expand broadband deployment throughout the State of Florida, and [4] even experience on the outside of government as the Chief Operating Officer for IPIP Corporation, a VoIP telecommunications carrier. Since joining NARUC, Commissioner Brisé has also served as NARUC's representative to the Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service and the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administration Company. He also serves as the Chair of an internal NARUC Presidential Task Force on federal telecommunications policy.

#### [3] Resume/bio:

Commissioner Brisé was first nominated to the FCC's IAC in May of 2011. He was appointed to the Florida Public Service Commission by Governor Charlie Crist in July 2010 and was reappointed by Governor Rick Scott. He chaired the Florida Commission from 2012-13. He is a member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) and serves on the Committee on Telecommunications and the Committee on International Relations. His current term ends in 2018. Before this appointment, he served the citizens of North East Miami-Dade (District 108) in the Florida House of Representatives for four years.

As a Representative, Commissioner Brisé was named Democratic Whip from 2006 to 2008 and served as Vice Chairman of the Florida Conference of Black State Legislators. He served on the Education & Economic Development Appropriations, General Government & Health Care Appropriations, and Select Strategic & Economic Planning Councils, was the Ranking Member on the State & Community Colleges and Workforce Appropriation Committee and served on the State Universities & Private Colleges Policy Committee. He also served on the Transportation & Economic Development Appropriations and the Energy & Utilities Policy Committees. Most notably as a legislator, Commissioner Brisé sponsored successful legislation to expand broadband deployment throughout the State of Florida making it possible for underserved areas to have access to broadband technology. He was also successful in passing legislation to provide relief from garnishment to heads of families by increasing the amount of retainable earnings before garnishment.

Recently, Commissioner Brisé was the Chief Executive Officer of Strategic Partner Consulting, LLC, which provides leadership and development strategies for corporate

clients. Until 2008 Commissioner Brisé was also the Chief Operating Officer for IPIP Corporation, a VoIP telecommunications carrier. Prior to this, he was the Science Department Chairperson at Miami Union Academy from 2000 to 2005 and was also the Academy's Director of Development, Marketing, and Recruitment from 2003 to 2005.

Commissioner Brisé served as a member of the North Miami Planning Commission and is a past president of the Albert C. Pierre Community Center. He is a member of the NAACP and a member on the boards of the Haitian-American Scholarship Fund and Miami Union Academy.

Since joining NARUC, Commissioner Brisé has been NARUC's representative to (i) the IAC, (ii) the Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service, and (iii) the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administration Company. He also serves as the Chair of an internal NARUC Presidential Task Force on federal telecommunications policy.

[4] National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners: Commissioner Brisé is representing NARUC, a non-profit organization founded in 1889. He will qualify as an "elected or appointed public service commissioner." NARUC's members include the governmental agencies that are engaged in the regulation of utilities and carriers in the fifty States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. NARUC's member agencies regulate telecommunications, energy, and water utilities. NARUC represents the interests of State public utility commissions before the three branches of the Federal government and the Independent Federal agencies. Additionally, NARUC files briefs and pleadings before the U.S. Supreme Court and other Federal courts in support of State utility commission interests. NARUC also provides the Executive Branch with policy proposals and works with the Departments on the formulation of regulatory policies. NARUC works closely with Congress, the Federal Communications Commission, the Administration, and other federal agencies, to ensure the State perspective is considered in their proceedings.

As his resume demonstrates, Commissioner Brisé has a history of public service involving telecommunications issues – as well as some time dealing with those issues from a compliance perspective. If you have any questions about this nomination, please do not hesitate to call me at 202.898.2207 or <a href="mailto:jramsay@naruc.org">jramsay@naruc.org</a>.

Respectfully Submitted,

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