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National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

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Julie A. Veach
Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
445 – 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554.

RE: *NARUC Formal Nomination of the Honorable Scott Rupp, to replace one State vacancy on the North American Numbering Council.*

Dear Ms. Veach,

There are actually two vacancies for representatives of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) to the North American Numbering Council (NANC). To fill one of those vacancies, pursuant to Section 23 of the *Policies and Procedures of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners*, NARUC's President, President Lisa Edgar nominates:

***The Honorable Scott Rupp, Commissioner
Missouri Public Service Commission***

According to the FCC, there are several requirements for NANC nomination requests. First, it requires that the request be submitted to Julie A. Veach, Chief, Wireline Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 5-C450, Washington, DC 20554, with copies to Lisa Gelb, Ryan Palmer, Randy Clarke, Ann Stevens, Sanford Williams, Marilyn Jones, and Carmell Weathers.

A copy of this nomination is being e-mailed directly to the following:

Julie A. Veach, *Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau*
Lisa Gelb, *Deputy Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau*
Ryan Palmer, *Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau*
Randy Clarke, *Acting Chief, Competition Policy Division, WCB*
Ann Stevens, *Deputy Chief, Competition Policy Division, WCB*
Sanford Williams, *Assistant Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau*
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As a courtesy, copies are also being forwarded to:

DC PSC Chairman Betty Anne Kane, *NANC Chair*
Daniel Alvarez, *Senior Counselor to Chairman Wheeler*
Michelle Sclater, *Alternate Designated Federal Officer*

Second it requires the name, title, phone and fax number, mailing address, and e-mail and organization of the nominee.

NAME: **The Honorable Scott T. Rupp**

TITLE: **Commissioner of the Missouri Public Service Commission**

ORGANIZATION: **National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners**

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Third, it requires “a description of the sector or interest the nominee will represent”.

The short answer is “the public interest.” NARUC is a quasi-governmental nonprofit organization founded in 1889. NARUC represents government officials in the fifty States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands, charged with the duty of regulating, inter alia, the telecommunications common carriers and other critical gas, electric, and water infrastructures within their respective borders. Both the United States Congress – in federal telecommunications legislation, and federal courts have recognized that NARUC is a proper party to represent the collective interest of the State regulatory commissions. See, e.g., 47 U.S.C. § 410 (1986), where Congress calls NARUC “the national organization of the State commissions” responsible for economic and safety regulation of the intrastate operation of carriers and utilities. Cf. 47 U.S.C. § 254 (1996). See, also, USA v. Southern Motor Carrier Rate Conference, et al., 467 F. Supp. 471 (N.D. Ga. 1979), aff. 672 F.2d 469 (5th Cir. Unit “B” 1982); aff. en banc, 702 F.2d 532 (5th Cir. Unit “B” 1983, rev’d, 471 U.S. 48 (1985). See, also Indianapolis Power and Light Co. v. ICC, 587 F.2d 1098 (7th Cir. 1982); Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. FCC, 513 F.2d 1142 (9th Cir. 1976). State commissions have always played a crucial role on number conservation and associated routing issues. Our members have regular calls with the NANPA. Because of the obvious State interests in numbering issues, NARUC filed the original request seeking creation of the NANC and has, since its inception, had several active members participating on this advisory committee, including the current NANC Chair.

Fourth, it requires “a written commitment that the applicant shall actively participate in good faith in the objectives of the Council.”

I have Commissioner Rupp’s authorization to provide this written affirmation of his intent to actively participate in good faith in the objectives of the Council.

Fifth, it requires that NARUC confirm that our nominee is not a registered federal lobbyist.

Commissioner Rupp is not a registered federal lobbyist.

Sixth, it requires “evidence that the nominee’s are authorized to represent the parte related to the interests the party proposes to represent.”

As NARUC's General Counsel, I certify that NARUC's President has nominated Commissioner Rupp to represent the interests of NARUC on the NANC.

Seventh, it requires a summary of why the applicant is an interested party.

Missouri, like all NARUC members, has a strong interest in (1) preserving number resources in Missouri, (2) assuring local number portability, (3) efficient operation of the NANPA, and (4) maintaining the efficient routing and security of communications.

Finally, the notice requires the naming of an alternate if Commissioner Rupp cannot attend.

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For your convenience, I have attached a short biographical sketch to this letter. If you have any questions about this nomination, please do not hesitate to call me at 202.898.2207 or jramsay@naruc.org.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Bradford Ramsay

General Counsel

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Commissioner Scott T. Rupp was appointed to the Missouri Public Service Commission by Gov. Jay Nixon on March 25, 2014 and confirmed by the Missouri Senate on April 3, 2014. Prior to his appointment, Commissioner Rupp represented the western portion of St. Charles County in the Missouri Senate. He was elected to the Senate in a special election in April 2006, and re-elected in 2006 and 2010. Previously, he was twice elected to represent the citizens of northwest St. Charles County in the Missouri House of Representatives. Commissioner Rupp attended and graduated with honors from Duchesne High School in 1991 and then attended University of Missouri at Columbia. Upon graduating college, Commissioner Rupp and his brother, Gregory Rupp, founded a college preparatory company, Educational Funding & Financial Aid Specialists, in which they assisted parents of high school students in preparing their children for college. Commissioner Rupp was also a registered investment representative and he founded the investment firm Rupp & Associates. A few years later he saw a need to help parents struggling to pay for the rising college tuition bills, so he founded the Educational Financing Company, which specialized in loans for parents of college-bound students. Upon his election to the Missouri Senate in 2006, he sold all of his businesses. Early in his Senate career, Commissioner Rupp made a positive impact in Missouri Government. Highly respected for his openness to listen and work for common sense solutions to problems, then-Sen. Rupp took the lead on several important issues facing the state. In 2007, he advanced legislation to modernize Missouri's insurance laws, including measures to protect Missourians from the illegal activities of several title insurance companies that were leaving homeowners with thousands of dollars in debt. While serving in the Senate, Commissioner Rupp emerged as a true champion for families with special needs children and his leading efforts as Chair of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Autism resulted in the creation of the first Missouri Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorders and the Missouri Office of Autism. Rupp sponsored and passed the nation leading legislation to provide insurance coverage for treatments and therapies for individuals with Autism in Missouri. In 2008, Commissioner Rupp gained national attention for his successful efforts to reform Missouri's outdated harassment and stalking laws, and for his leading role in the enactment of one of the toughest illegal immigration laws in the nation. On a personal level, Commissioner Rupp enjoys spending time with his lovely wife, Carissa, his two children, Noelle and Scottie Jr., and three step children, Hayley, Emily & Christian. Commissioner Rupp also volunteers his time on many local civic causes and is a board member of many organizations including the Foundation Board for Emmaus. Commissioner Rupp is a member of the NARUC Telecommunications Standing Committee, as well as the NARUC committees on International Relations, Critical Infrastructure and the Washington Action Committee.