March 15, 2024

The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Chairwoman  
Office of the Chairwoman  
Federal Communications Commission  
45 L Street, NE  
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: In the Matter of the Federal-State Joint Board on Separations, CC Docket 80-286

Nominations of the Honorable Karen Charles, the Honorable Maida J. Coleman, and the Honorable Mary Pat Regan to the Joint Board on Separations

Dear Chairwoman Rosenworcel,

The Federal State Joint Board on Separations was created to advise the FCC on the allocation of costs between the federal and State jurisdictions. Three vacancies have arisen on this Joint Board. In response, the Honorable Julie Fedorchak, President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), pursuant to Sections 410(c) [47 U.S.C., Sec. 410(c)], nominates the following Commissioners to fill those vacancies:

The Honorable Karen Charles  
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The Honorable Maida J. Coleman  
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As is customary, I have e-mailed copies of this letter to your Chief of Staff, Senior advisors, Legal Advisors to the FCC Chair of the Separations Joint Board, the Wireline Competition Bureau Chief, and others. I have also appended short background descriptions of each nominated commissioner.

If there are questions about these nominations, please do not hesitate to call me at 202.898.2207 or e-mail me at jramsay@naruc.org.

Respectfully Submitted

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cc: Narda Jones, Chief of Staff, Office of the Chairwoman
Priscilla Delgado Argeris, Chief Counsel, Office of the Chairwoman
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Justin Faulb, Chief of Staff and Legal Advisor for Wireline to Commissioner Starks
Trent Harkrader, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau
Victoria Goldberg, Chief, Pricing Policy Division, WCB
Irina Asoskov, Assistant Division Chief, Pricing Policy Division, WCB
Karen Charles is Commissioner of the Department of Telecommunications and Cable, where she serves as the principle communications regulator for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In addition to her duties at the Department, Commissioner Charles is Chair of the FCC’s North American Numbering Council, and former Chair and current member of the Committee on Telecommunications for the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. Commissioner Charles is also involved in broadband policy development and is a member of both the Massachusetts Broadband Institute and the FCC’s Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee. Prior to her appointment as Commissioner in 2014, Karen joined the Department as its Chief of Staff in 2011. Karen brings to the Department years of leadership experience in both city and state government, having served as Chief of Staff for the Registry of Motor Vehicles, the Executive Office of Transportation, and the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority. Before joining government, Karen was a producer for the award-winning news program, Greater Boston with Emily Rooney on WGBH. Karen holds a BS and MBA from Suffolk University in Boston.
The Honorable Mary Pat Regan  
Kentucky Public Service Commission

Mary Pat Regan was appointed to the Public Service Commission and designated as Commissioner by Governor Andy Beshear on July 11, 2022. Her term expires June 30, 2027.

Prior to her appointment, Commissioner Regan was the Commonwealth’s Deputy Secretary for Education & Labor. Her previous professional experience includes key senior executive roles with the AT&T Corporation including responsibility as National Vice President-Regulatory for AT&T and Kentucky State President of AT&T Communications. Commissioner Regan also held several senior sales executive positions with MCI Telecommunications Corporation.

Commissioner Regan has participated in and provided Chair leadership for several Louisville based community and civic programs during the last ten years including Greater Louisville Inc., Kentucky Chamber, Business Leaders for Education, and United Way. She has served as member of the Board of Directors for Kentucky Educational Television, The Louisville Science Center, the Jefferson County Public Education Foundation and the Louisville Collegiate School.

Commissioner Regan attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has a life-long interest and participation in sports and competitive athletic activities to include cycling, running and swimming. She has earned participation completion medals in seven Ironman National Competitions.

Originally from Minneapolis, Commissioner Regan has resided in the Commonwealth for over twelve years and currently lives in St. Mathews.
Former Senator Maida Coleman was appointed to the Missouri Public Service Commission (MPSC) in August 2015. In addition to her service on the MPSC, Commissioner Coleman is on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) Board of Directors and the Broadband Expansion Task Force. She’s also on the following three NARUC committees: Consumers and the Public Interest, Telecommunications, and the Select Committee on Regulatory and Industry Diversity. Commissioner Coleman is a member of the NARUC and the U.S. Department of Energy’s Natural Gas Infrastructure Modernization Partnership. In addition, Commissioner Coleman is a member of the Critical Consumer Issues Forum Advisory Committee, the Center for Public Utilities Advisory Council, and the Advisory Council for the Electric Power Research Institute’s Board of Directors. Commissioner Coleman regularly moderates and speaks for numerous community and energy regulatory events. Commissioner Coleman also facilitated a workshop for the United States Agency for International Development Ethiopia Energy Regulatory Partnership in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and a Peer Review on Emergency Preparedness and Public Consultation in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Commissioner Coleman is a guest columnist for the St. Louis County Community News.

Prior to her appointment, Commissioner Coleman was the Director of the Missouri Office of Community Engagement. She previously served as Executive Director of the Missouri Workforce Investment Board at the Department of Economic Development, and in a leadership role at the Missouri Department of Labor.

From 2001 until 2009, Commissioner Coleman served as a State Representative and State Senator from St. Louis, becoming the first African-American woman in state history to serve as Senate Minority Leader. While in the Missouri Senate, Commissioner Coleman sponsored the Hot Weather Law which prevents utilities from disconnecting cooling-related service for residential customers during summer weather extremes. She also sponsored legislation that became law to protect children from lead poisoning.

Commissioner Coleman previously held management level positions at the Missouri Secretary of State and the St. Louis Housing Authority. She is a former member of the Board of Directors of Heat-Up/Cool-Down St. Louis. Commissioner Coleman has a B.A. in Journalism from Lincoln University in Jefferson City and was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters Degree from Harris-Stowe State University in St. Louis.