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National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

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Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 – 12th Street, S.W. Room TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554.

RE: *In the Matter of Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45 (DA 15-1188).*

NARUC Nomination of the Honorable Sarah Freeman to replace retired Commissioner Ronald A. Brisé as the “State Representative” on the USAC Board

Dear Secretary Dortch,

As of December 31, 2017, Commissioner Ronald Brisé has retired from public service. He no longer is a Commissioner at the Florida Public Service Commission. I have not seen a solicitation yet to fill that vacancy. However, to fill his slot on the board, in accordance with Section 25 of NARUC’s *Policy Governing Committees and Representatives*, NARUC’s current President, **Connecticut Commissioner John Betkoski** nominates **INDIANA COMMISSIONER SARAH FREEMAN** as the “[r]epresentative for state telecommunications regulators.”

I am following the instructions in the last September 12, 2017 solicitation for Board members, which instructs those submitting nominations to provide professional and biographical information, such as a resume or professional biography on our proposed nominee. Commissioner Freeman’s biography is attached to this letter.

Also consistent with the prior notice’s instructions, we are filing this document electronically with the secretary and e-mailing Charles Tyler (Charles.Tyler@fcc.gov), Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Rooms 5-A452, Washington, DC 20554, along with a copy to Christian Hoefly, Wireline Competition Bureau, Office of the Bureau Chief, Ryan Palmer, Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, WCB, Trent Harkrader, Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau.

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

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Sarah Freeman was appointed by Governor Mike Pence as Commissioner on Sept. 19, 2016, and was reappointed by Governor Eric Holcomb on December 29, 2017. She is an active member of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' (NARUC) Committee on Critical Infrastructure and Committee on Telecommunications. She also serves as a member of the Board of Directors for the Organization of PJM States, Inc. (OPSI).

Prior to her appointment, Commissioner Freeman served as a senior staff attorney with the nonpartisan Indiana Legislative Services Agency for 16 years. In that capacity, she drafted utility and transportation legislation and served as counsel to numerous legislative committees. In addition, Commissioner Freeman was a member of the Executive Committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) and the NCSL Task Force on Cybersecurity.

Before joining the legislative branch, Commissioner Freeman served as a deputy attorney general with the Office of the Indiana Attorney General, where she specialized in appellate law, post-conviction relief, and juvenile issues. Commissioner Freeman also served as judicial clerk to the Honorable Frank Sullivan of the Indiana Supreme Court.

A native Hoosier, Commissioner Freeman earned her undergraduate degrees in psychology, French, and political science from Indiana University – Bloomington and her juris doctor degree from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law.