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National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

October 17, 2013

The Honorable Mignon Clyburn, Acting Chairman
Office of the Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 – 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554.

RE: *In the Matter of the Federal-State Joint Board on Separations, CC Docket No. 80-286*

***NARUC Nomination of the Honorable Travis Kavulla (Montana) to the
Federal State Joint Board on Separations***

Dear Acting Chairman Clyburn,

As you know, the Separations Joint Board was created to advise the FCC on the allocation of costs between the federal and State jurisdictions. The Joint Board consists of three FCC commissioners and four State commissioners. One vacancy has arisen on this Joint Board as the result of the recent retirement of former Michigan Commissioner Isiogu. In response, the Honorable Phil Jones, President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC), with the concurrence of NARUC's Board of Directors, pursuant to Sections 410(c) [47 U.S.C., Sec. 410(c)], nominates the following State commissioner to serve as a member of this Joint Board filling that vacancy:

The Honorable Travis Kavulla
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As is customary, I have e-mailed copies of this letter to your Wireline senior advisor Rebekah Goodheart, Priscilla Delgado Aregris, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Rosenworcel (FCC Chair of the Separations Joint Board), Wireline Competition Bureau Chief Julie Veach, and other key staff. 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

/s/ J. Bradford Ramsay

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Travis Kavulla represents the commission's geographically largest district. In November 2010, he was elected by a 28-point margin, the largest of any Montana public service commissioner facing an election contested by both major parties since the modern commission's inception in 1974. He also serves on the board of directors of the National Regulatory Research Institute (NRRI) and the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). He is the chairman of the Public Utility Commissioners Energy Imbalance Market (PUC EIM) Working Group, and the co-chairman of the Northern Tier Transmission Group (NTTG). He is also a member of NARUC's Telecommunications Committee.

Prior to his election to the Public Service Commission, Mr. Kavulla worked as a journalist, writing on political economy, culture, and development. His by-line has appeared in publications as diverse as the Wall Street Journal, Catholic World Report, the Dallas Morning News, and the Journal of Eastern African Studies, among many others. Mr. Kavulla has also served as associate editor for National Review, the biweekly magazine founded by William F. Buckley, Jr., and has worked as a professional editor of media ranging from blogs to books. Mr. Kavulla has received a number of honors, including being awarded a year-long, full-time writing fellowship in 2008 from the Phillips Foundation.

Mr. Kavulla received his bachelor's in History at Harvard University and, while there, was a leader of the campus conservative movement, editing the Harvard Salient and writing a regular column for the daily newspaper, The Crimson; during that time, U.S. News & World Report identified Mr. Kavulla on a list of promising young columnists in the nation. Mr. Kavulla holds a graduate degree from the University of Cambridge, England, where he was a Gates Scholar. He is an alumnus of Great Falls High School (2002), where he edited the student newspaper, served as a U.S. Senate page and a Boys Nation delegate, and twice won the state AA Lincoln-Douglas debate championship. Travis Kavulla is a fourth-generation Montanan. His great-grandfather emigrated to America from eastern Europe to mine coal near Sand Coulee, south of Great Falls, and his family has been engaged in farming, railroad work, teaching, and community service ever since.