

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
)
Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced) CC Docket No. 99-294
Telecommunications Services)
)

ORDER

Adopted: September 24, 2012

Released: September 25, 2012

By the Commission:

1. By this order, and pursuant to section 410(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Communications Act), we hereby fill two vacancies on the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Services (Joint Conference).¹ The Joint Conference was convened in 1999 as part of the Commission’s ongoing efforts to ensure that advanced services are deployed as rapidly as possible to all Americans, and it serves as a forum for an ongoing dialogue among the Commission, state regulators, and local and regional entities regarding the deployment of advanced telecommunications capabilities.² The Joint Conference comprises representatives from state public utility commissions and from the Federal Communications Commission.³

2. Pursuant to section 410(b) of the Communications Act, the Commission hereby appoints the Honorable Swati Dandekar, Board Member, Iowa Utilities Board, and the Honorable Stephen Michael Bloom, Commissioner, Oregon Public Utility Commission, to serve on the Joint Conference.⁴ These two appointments fill the positions vacated by Robert Clayton, former Chairman of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and Vendean Vafiades, former Commissioner of the Maine Public Utilities Commission. The Commission gratefully acknowledges the important contributions of these individuals to the work of the Joint Conference.

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 410(b); Letter from James Bradford Ramsay, General Counsel, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, to Julius Genachowski, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, CC Docket No. 99-294 (dated August 20, 2012) (Nomination Letter).

² See *Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services*, CC Docket No. 99-294, Order, 14 FCC Rcd 17622, para. 3 (1999).

³ See *id.* at 17625, para. 9; *Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services*, CC Docket No. 99-294, Order, 18 FCC Rcd 27065, 27066, para. 5 (2003) (increasing the number of state commission representatives on the Joint Conference from five to seven).

⁴ 47 U.S.C. § 410(b); Nomination Letter at 1.

3. Henceforth, a copy of all filings in this proceeding shall be served on Board Member Dandekar and Commissioner Bloom at the following addresses:

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4. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to section 410(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 410(b), this order IS ADOPTED.

5. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to sections 1.103(a) and 1.4(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.103(a), 1.4(b)(2), this order SHALL BE EFFECTIVE upon release.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary