

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: December 9, 2014

Released: December 10, 2014

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 a vacancy on the Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications 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 Elliot F. Elam Jr., Commissioner, South Carolina Public Service Commission, to serve on the Joint Conference.⁴ This appointment fills the position vacated by the Honorable Geoff Why, former Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable. The Commission gratefully acknowledges the important contributions of Commissioner Why to the work of the Joint Conference.

3. Henceforth, a copy of all filings in this proceeding shall be served on Commissioner Elam at the following address:

The Honorable Elliot F. Elam Jr., Commissioner,
South Carolina Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Drive
Columbia, SC 29210

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 410(b); Letter from James Bradford Ramsay, General Counsel, National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, to Tom Wheeler, Chairman, FCC, CC Docket No. 99-294 (dated Nov. 15, 2014) (Nomination Letter).

² See *Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services*, CC Docket No. 99-294, Order, 14 FCC Rcd 17622, 17623, 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.

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