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## CHAIRMAN PAI ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairman Pai today announced the appointment of one Tribal representative to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC or Commission) Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC) to bring the IAC to its full strength of 15 members. The new representative is Danae Wilson, Manager, Department of Technology Services for the Nez Perce Tribe.

On September 29, 2016, the Commission announced the reauthorization of the IAC and sought nominations for membership.<sup>1</sup> The term of the previous IAC expired on July 14, 2016. On December 29, 2016 the Commission issued a Public Notice announcing the names of the members of the reauthorized IAC and soliciting nominations for an open seat for an elected or appointed Tribal representative.<sup>2</sup>

Additionally, by this Public Notice we announce a change of date for the first meeting of the reauthorized Intergovernmental Advisory Committee from March 16-17, 2017 to March 24, 2017.<sup>3</sup> The reauthorized IAC will operate for two years, with an option for the Commission to reauthorize it again at the end of the two-year period.<sup>4</sup> The term will commence with the IAC's first meeting to be at the Commission's headquarters and will conclude on March 24, 2019. IAC meetings are not open to the public because the IAC is an intergovernmental committee formed under the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA).<sup>5</sup>

The IAC comprises 15 elected and appointed officials from state, local and Tribal governments.<sup>6</sup> Its mission is to provide ongoing advice and recommendations to the Commission on a broad range of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See FCC Announces Reauthorization of Its Intergovernmental Advisory Committee and Solicits Nominations for Membership on the Committee, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 10883 (2016). https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs/public/attachmatch/DA-16-1106A1.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Chairman Wheeler Announces IAC Members, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 13533(2016).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See First Meeting of the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Meeting, Public Notice, DA 17-35A1 https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs/public/attachmatch/DA-17-35A1.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See 47 CFR § 0.701(a).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See 2 U.S.C.§1534(b) (exempting from the Federal Advisory Committee Act certain intergovernmental groups consisting of Federal officials and elected officers of State, local and Tribal Governments, or their designated employees).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See 47 CFR § 0.701(b).

communications issues within the jurisdiction of the FCC and impacting state, local and Tribal governments.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> For the current IAC's membership and recommendations, see https://www.fcc.gov/about-fcc/advisory-committees/general/intergovernmental-advisory-committee