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CHAIRMAN PAI ANNOUNCES NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Chairman Ajit Pai today announced the appointment of eighteen (18) new members to the FCC's Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC) and named Doug Ducey, Governor of Arizona, Chair of the newly expanded IAC. Chairman Pai would like to thank Dannel Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut and previous IAC Chair, and Elin Katz, his designee to the IAC, for their work leading the IAC through the first year of its current term.¹ Ms. Katz will continue to serve on the committee as designee of Governor Malloy.

BACKGROUND

The vacancies that are now being filled resulted from both the January 2018 order expanding the IAC from 15 to 30 members and the need to replace two members whose elected terms ended in January 2018—Commissioner Ronald Brisé from the Florida Public Service Commission and Kasim Reed, Mayor City of Atlanta—and the late Edwin M. Lee, Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, who passed away in December 2017.²

¹ On September 29, 2016, the Commission announced the reauthorization of the IAC for a term of two years, with the option to reauthorize it at the end of the two-year period (2017-2019) and sought nominations for membership. *See* FCC Announces Reauthorization of Its Intergovernmental Advisory Committee and Solicits Nominations for Membership on the Committee, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 10883 (2016). At the time, the IAC was comprised of 15 representatives of state, local and Tribal governments with expertise in telecommunications policy. On December 29, 2016, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler announced the members of the 2017-2019 IAC and solicited nominations for an open seat for an elected or appointed Tribal representative. *See* Chairman Wheeler Announces Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Members, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 13533 (2016). Subsequently, Chairman Pai announced the appointment of Danae Wilson, Manager, Department of Technology Services for the Nez Perce Tribe. *See* Chairman Pai Announces the Appointment of a New Tribal Representative to the Intergovernmental Advisory Committee, Public Notice, 32 FCC Rcd 1852 (2017).

² In the Matter of Modification of Subpart G, Section 0.701 of the Commission's Rules, *Order*, FCC 17-172 (rel. December 20, 2017). This Order was effective immediately upon publication in the Federal Register on January 8, 2018. *See* 83 FR 732.

On January 11, 2018, the Commission released a Public Notice announcing the vacancies and seeking nominations for membership.³ The new members will serve through the end of the IAC's current term, which runs through March 24, 2019.⁴ The next meeting date for the IAC will be announced in a subsequent public notice.

MISSION

The IAC provides guidance, expertise, and recommendations to the Commission on a range of telecommunication issues for which local, state, and Tribal governments explicitly or inherently share responsibility or administration with the Commission.

MEMBERSHIP

Pursuant to revisions to Section 0.701(b) of the Commission's rules, the IAC now consists of thirty members (or their designated employees) of which at least:

- 1) four shall be elected municipal officials (city mayors and city council members);
- 2) two shall be elected county officials (county commissioners or council members);
- 3) one shall be a local government attorney;
- 4) one shall be an elected state executive;
- 5) three shall be elected state legislators;
- 6) one shall be a public utilities or public service commissioner; and
- 7) three shall be Native American Tribal representatives.

Because of the vacancies created by the completion of the terms of office of Commissioner Brisé and Mayor Reed and the passing of Mayor Lee, the new members must include at least one elected municipal official, one elected county official and one public utilities or public service commissioner.

MEMBERS OF THE IAC

The newly appointed IAC members are:

State Executive Representatives (3)

Doug Ducey, Governor, Arizona

- Designee: Matthew Clark, Policy Advisor on Transportation, Local Governments, and Public Pensions

Rick Snyder, Governor, Michigan

- Designee: David L. DeVries, State of Michigan Chief Information Officer

Eric Holcomb, Governor, Indiana

- Designee: Robert E. Carter, Commissioner, State of Indiana Department of Corrections

³ See, *FCC Announces Vacancies in the Membership of Its Intergovernmental Advisory Committee and Seeks Nominations*, Public Notice, 33 FCC Rcd 121 (2018).

⁴ *Id.*

Municipal Representatives (3)

Stephen K. Benjamin, Mayor City of Columbia, South Carolina

Lee M. Kleinman, Dallas City Council member, Texas

Alix Desulme, City Councilman, City of North Miami, Florida

County Representatives (2)

Bill Gates, Supervisor, Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, Arizona

Paul J. Adams, County Commissioner, County of Aroostook in Caribou, Maine

- Designee: Ryan Pelletier, County Administrator, County of Aroostook in Caribou, Maine

State Legislative Representatives (4)

Timothy D. Hugo, Delegate, Virginia House of Delegates

Kristin Phillips Hill, State Representative, Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Garry R. Smith, State Representative, South Carolina House of Representatives

Wayne A. Harper, State Senator, Utah State Senate

State Public Utility Commission Representatives (4)

Alexandra Fernández Navarro, Commissioner, Puerto Rico Telecommunications Regulatory Board

Johann A. Clendenin, Commissioner, U.S. Virgin Islands Public Service Commission

Lon E. Roberts, Chairman, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

- Designee: Angie Dickison, Wisconsin Broadband Director

DeAnn Walker, Chairman, Public Utility Commission of Texas

Tribal Representatives (2)

Arthur Blazer, President, Mescalero Apache Tribe, Mescalero, New Mexico

- Designee: Godfrey Enjady, General Manager, Mescalero Apache Telecom, Inc., Mescalero, New Mexico

Russell Begaye, President, The Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona

- Designee: Teresa Hopkins, Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission, Window Rock, Arizona

The 18 newly appointed members join the 12 existing members.

Existing IAC members:

State Executive Representatives (1)

Dannel P. Malloy, Governor, Connecticut

- Designee: Elin Swanson Katz, Consumer Counsel, Connecticut

Municipal Representatives (3)

Bob Fifer, Mayor Pro Tempore, Arvada, Colorado

Andy Huckaba, City Councilman, Lenexa, Kansas

Catherine E. Pugh, Mayor, Baltimore, Maryland

- Designee: Afra Vance-White, Director of External Affairs for the City of Baltimore, Maryland

County Representatives (1)

Hans Riemer, Councilmember, Montgomery County, Maryland

- Designee: Tommy Heyboer, Deputy Chief of Staff, Councilmember Riemer, Montgomery County, Maryland

City Attorney Representative (1)

Kenneth S. Fellman, County Attorney, Yuma County, Colorado

State Legislative Representatives (3)

Deb Peters, South Dakota State Senator

Angelo J. Puppolo, Massachusetts State Representative

Jason Saine, State Representative at North Carolina General Assembly

Tribal Representatives (3)

Danae Wilson, Manager, Department of Technology Services, Nez Perce Tribe

Clifford Agee, Chickasaw Nation, Ada, Oklahoma

James R. Norton, Yurok Tribe, Klamath, California

With the addition of the new members, the expanded IAC will be comprised of 10 local, 15 State and five Tribal representatives.

EXEMPTION FROM THE FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT

Pursuant to the “intergovernmental communication” exemption of UMRA,⁵ the IAC is not subject to, and is not required to follow, the procedures set forth in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App 2 (1988).”⁶

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⁵ See 2 U.S.C. § 1534 (b).

⁶ See 47 CFR § 0.701 (a)