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PSC Commissioner Randy Mitchell Appointed to Federal - State Joint Board on Universal Service

WASHINGTON – Commissioner Randy Mitchell has been appointed to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Federal – State Joint Board on Universal Service. Commissioner Mitchell was nominated to the Joint Board by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners President David Wright.

The Federal – State Joint Board on Universal Service was established in March 1996 to make recommendations to implement the universal service provisions of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. The Board is comprised of FCC Commissioners, state utility commissioners, and a consumer advocate representative, and is currently co-chaired by FCC Commissioner and former South Carolina Public Service Commissioner Mignon Clyburn and Commissioner James Cawley of Pennsylvania.

Commissioner Clyburn said of the appointment, "It is my pleasure to welcome a former colleague and good friend, Commissioner Randy Mitchell from the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, to the Federal – State Joint Board on Universal Service. Commissioner Mitchell and I share a long history in the utility regulatory space, in that we were both sworn in on the same day for state service in July of 1998. I can affirm that he is always willing to collaborate on effective solutions that serve the public interest, and I look forward to the opportunity to resume that spirit of cooperation on the Joint Board."

Commissioner Mitchell was elected to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina in 1998 and will continue to represent the 3rd Congressional District while serving on the Joint Board.

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