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WTA Awards Jack H Rhyner Award To James W. Frame

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – (OCTOBER 2, 2013) – The Western Telecommunications Alliance (WTA) announced yesterday at its 2013 Fall Annual Meeting that James W. Frame of the National Exchange Carrier Association (NECA) was awarded the Jack H Rhyner Award by the association’s outgoing president James Woody of Union Telephone Company (UY). The Jack H Rhyner Award is given to a member of the association who has demonstrated great leadership and extraordinary commitment and dedication to WTA, its membership, and the industry as a whole. The award is named after the late Jack H Rhyner who was a nationally recognized leader within the industry and a strong advocate for rural ILECs regardless of whether they were east or west of the Mississippi River.

“Jim Frame has been committed to ensuring that consumers living in rural and high cost areas of the country have access to telecommunications services at levels comparable to those consumers living in urban areas,” said Woody. “His tireless efforts have not gone unnoticed and it was a pleasure for me to present him with the Jack H Rhyner Award on behalf of WTA.”

President Woody also presented Matt Gilbert of Mapcom with the association’s Associate Member Award. Outgoing Board Members Ted Koerner, CoBank and Bruce Todd, Strata Networks (UT) were also honored and recognized for their exemplary service to WTA.

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The Western Telecommunications Alliance (WTA) represents more than 250 small, rural telecommunications carriers providing voice, video and data services in the 24 states west of the Mississippi River. WTA’s members serve some of the most rural and hard-to-serve communities in the country and are the providers of last resort to these communities. To learn more about WTA, visit www.w-t-a.org.