

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA 17105-3265**

**Assumption of Commission Jurisdiction
Over Pole Attachments from the Federal
Communications Commission**

**Public Meeting held July 12, 2018
3002672-LAW**

Docket No. L-2018-3002672

STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN GLADYS M. BROWN

On November 29, 2017, the FCC issued a supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on pole attachments as part of an overall effort to remove barriers to broadband deployment issues in Docket No. 17-87.¹ There are a myriad of issues in that docket including: capital cost recovery for make-ready fees, a shot-clock to resolve pole access complaints, streamlining the network change notification process, and the role of Section 214(a) when it comes to discontinuing lower-speed legacy services. The parties include providers with Pennsylvania operations or who are Pennsylvania members of the national associations involved in that docket. These Pennsylvania providers or their associations do not agree on some issues.²

I ask the parties to this proceeding to address developments on pole attachments that have occurred since issuance of the FCC's *2011 Pole Attachment Order*, particularly how the Commission's adoption of FCC rules should address rules that may not necessarily reflect a consensus view of Pennsylvania's providers. I also ask the parties to address what, if any, impact the pending Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC) deliberations and recommendations will have on pole attachment in Pennsylvania.

July 12, 2018

Date



Gladys M. Brown, Chairman

¹ *In the Matter of Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, WC Docket No. 17-84 (November 27, 2017). The Comment and Reply Comment period expired although the parties to the proceeding continue to submit *ex parte* filings permissible under FCC regulations. The FCC issued a similar proceeding addressing wireless broadband deployment as well.

² Compare e.g., *In re: Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, WC Docket No. 17-87, *Verizon Ex Parte* (March 8, 2018) (one-touch make ready (OMTR) proposal) with *NCTA and Comcast Ex Parte* (March 5, 2018) and (June 22, 2018) (Accelerated and Safe Access to Poles (ASAP) Proposal).