PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Interconnection Agreements Filed for Commission Approval: UNITED TELEPHONE COMPANY OF PENNSYLVANIA LLC D/B/A CENTURYLINK VERIZON NORTH LLC AND CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS LLC VERIZON NORTH LLC AND BROADVIEW NP **ACQUISITION CORP** VERIZON PENNSYLVANIA LLC AND **BROADVIEW NETWORKS, INC.** VERIZON NORTH LLC AND BROADVIEW **NETWORKS INC** VERIZON PENNSYLVANIA LLC AND **BULLSEYE TELELCOM INC VERIZON PENNSYLVANIA LLC AND** CENTURYLINK COMMUNICATIONS LLC VERIZON PENNSYLVANIA LLC AND WILTEL COMMUNICATIONS LLC **VERIZON PENNSYLVANIA LLC AND TALK AMERICA SERVICES, LLC** VERIZON PENNSYLVANIA LLC AND **BROADVIEW NP ACQUISITION CORP VERIZON PENNSYLVANIA LLC AND LEVEL 3** COMMUNICATIONS LLC VERIZON PENNSYLVANIA LLC AND GLOBAL **CROSSING LOCAL SERVICES INC** VERIZON NORTH LLC AND TALK AMERICA SERVICES LLC VERIZON NORTH LLC AND LEVEL 3 COMMUNICATIONS LLC VERIZON NORTH LLC AND BROADWING **COMMUNICATIONS, LLC**

Public Meeting held August 6, 2020 OSA-3020100 Docket No. A-2020-3020100 OSA-3020410 Docket No. A-2020-3020410 OSA-3020412 Docket No. A-2020-3020412 OSA-3020413 Docket No. A-2020-3020413 OSA-3020417 Docket No. A-2020-3020417 OSA-3020424 Docket No. A-2020-3020424 OSA-3020430 Docket No. A-2020-3020430 OSA-3020432 Docket No. A-2020-3020432 OSA-3020433 Docket No. A-2020-3020433 OSA-3020435 Docket No. A-2020-3020435 OSA-3020436 Docket No. A-2020-3020436 OSA-3020437 Docket No. A-2020-3020437 OSA-3020438 Docket No. A-2020-3020438 OSA-3020439 Docket No. A-2020-3020439 OSA-3020448 Docket No. A-2020-3020448

STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN GLADYS BROWN DUTRIEUILLE

Before the Commission today are Interconnection Agreements seeking Commission approval under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (TA-96) and our Implementation Order of TA-96 adopted in 1996 (*Implementation Order*). Our Implementation Order requires that an executed negotiated interconnection agreement seeking Commission approval be filed no later than thirty (30) days following the close of the negotiations phase or by day 190 following the request for interconnection. *Re: Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,* Docket No. M-00960799 (Order entered June 3, 1996) at 33.

All but three of these ICAs were executed on December 30, 2019 or February 2, 2020. None were filed within the 30-day period required by the *Implementation Order*. All but three should have been filed no later than March 4, 2020. I note that carriers routinely file this type of interconnection agreement late, even prior to the pandemic.

I repeat my previously stated concern about the importance of providers' timely compliance with our *Implementation Order*. The timing and volume of this noncompliance concerns me because it directly impacts other competitors' ability to adopt these ICAs.

DATE: August 6, 2020

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