

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265

**Joint Petition of Verizon Pennsylvania LLC
and Verizon North LLC for Competitive
Classification of All Retail Services in Certain
Geographic Areas and for a Waiver of
Regulations for Competitive Services**

**Public Meeting May 19, 2015
2446303-CMR
Docket Nos. P-2014-2446303 and
P-2014-2446304**

STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN GLADYS M. BROWN

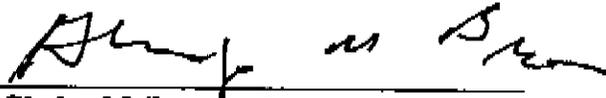
I share the concern about replacing our regulations governing telephone service with Verizon's Product Guide, particularly as it may involve Verizon's VoiceLink wireless service compared to today's wireline service in competitive and noncompetitive wire centers. However, the Commission is not deciding today that Verizon can replace wireline service with VoiceLink.

With regard to the procedure for implementing the Commission's March 4, 2015 order, I agree that the Commission should err on the side of providing multiple opportunities to be heard. But, there are instances, like today, when the press for implementation prevents that.

Today's decision focuses on the procedures and issues the Commission must resolve to implement the Commission's March 4, 2015 decision to reclassify Verizon's wire centers. The Commission's task now is to make that decision work for consumers and competition. Consequently, I prefer to focus on the future for consumers and competition rather than the Commission's prior decision.

My support for this Motion must not be construed as a departure from my previous dissent on the substantive disposition of the reclassification Petition. I believed then, and maintain today, that the Commission's decision was not legally sound. However, the passage of time and the absence of appeals has made that decision the rule of law in Pennsylvania.

May 19, 2015
Date



Gladys M. Brown, Chairman