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**Re: Verizon Pennsylvania Inc., Verizon North Inc., Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc.,
d/b/a Verizon Long Distance, Verizon Select Services Inc., Verizon Global Networks, Inc.,
MCI metro Access Transmission Services, LLC d/b/a Verizon Access Transmission Services,
and MCI Communications Services Inc.**

**Choice One Communications of Pennsylvania, Inc., CTC Communications Corp., and
FiberNet Telecommunications of Pennsylvania, LLC
Docket Nos. C-20077672, C-20077674 and C-20077676**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Please accept this letter as the fifth Joint Status Report of the Parties in response to the February 25, 2011 Secretarial Letter issued in the above-captioned matter.

At the time that the last status report was submitted, the parties expected this matter to be fully settled by December 31, 2011. However, the settlement process was delayed by, among other factors, the release of the FCC's Connect America Fund Order¹, and the subsequent implementation of that Order.

¹ Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, *In the Matter of Connect America Fund; A National Broadband Plan for our Future; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers; High Cost Universal Service Support; Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime; Federal-State*

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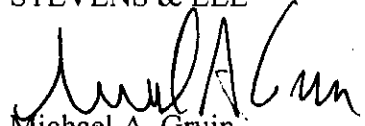
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With the first phase of the implementation of the Connect America Fund Order concluded, the parties have now tentatively agreed on the final terms of settlement and the process for implementation of that settlement. The parties fully expect the settlement to be finalized and the litigation terminated in this matter no later than August 31, 2012. If the litigation is not terminated by August 31, 2012, the Parties will provide a further Status Report.

In the meantime, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me and/or Suzan Paiva. Thank you.

Best Regards,

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Michael A. Gruin

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