

November 10, 2015

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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Petition of Communications Workers of America for a Public, On-the-Record Commission Investigation of the Safety, Adequacy, and Reasonableness of Service Provided by Verizon Pennsylvania LLC Docket No. P-2015-2509336

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

I am delivering for filing today the Notice of Intervention and Public Statement, on behalf of the Office of Small Business Advocate, in the above-captioned proceeding.

Copies have been served today on all known parties in this proceeding. A Certificate of Service to that effect is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely.

Elizabeth Rose Triscari

Deputy Small Business Advocate

Attorney I.D. No. 306921

Enclosures

cc:

The Honorable Charles E. Rainey, Jr.

Robert D. Knecht Parties of Record

### BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Petition of Communications Workers of

America for a Public, On-the-Record

Commission Investigation of the Safety, : Docket No. P-2015-2509336

Adequacy, and Reasonableness of Service :

Provided by Verizon Pennsylvania LLC :

## NOTICE OF INTERVENTION OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE

The Office of Small Business Advocate ("OSBA") files this Notice of Intervention in the above-captioned proceeding before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission"). Communication Workers of America initiated the proceeding by filing a Petition for a Public, On-the-Record Commission Investigation of the Safety, Adequacy, and Reasonableness of Service Provided by Verizon Pennsylvania LLC on October 21, 2015. In support of this Notice of Intervention, the OSBA avers as follows:

- 1. The OSBA is an agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorized by the Small Business Advocate Act (Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 399.50) to represent the interests of small business consumers as a party in proceedings before the Commission.
  - 2. Representing the OSBA in this proceeding is:

Elizabeth Rose Triscari, Esquire Deputy Small Business Advocate Office of Small Business Advocate 300 North Second Street, Suite 202 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101 (717) 783-2525 (717) 783-2831 (fax) etriscari@pa.gov Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: November 10, 2015

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# PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCATE

The Small Business Advocate is authorized and directed to represent the interests of small business consumers of utility services in Pennsylvania under the provisions of the Small Business Advocate Act, Act 181 of 1988, 73 P.S. §§ 399.41 - 399.50 (the "Act"). The Act further provides that the Small Business Advocate is to issue publicly a written statement stating concisely the specific interest of small business consumers to be protected by his initiation of or intervention in any proceeding involving those interests before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission") or any other agency or court. This public statement relates to the filing today by the Small Business Advocate of a Notice of Intervention in the above-captioned proceeding that was initiated by Communication Workers of America ("CWA") on October 21, 2015, by filing a Petition for a Public, On-the-Record Commission Investigation of the Safety, Adequacy, and Reasonableness of Service Provided by Verizon Pennsylvania LLC ("VZPA").

In the Petition, CWA requests that the Commission institute an investigation into the state of VZPA's physical plant, alleging that it is in such a state of disrepair that it poses a safety hazard to employees and the public, and direct VZPA to take remedial actions. The Small Business Advocate files this Notice of Intervention in order to protect the interests of VZPA's small business customers.

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been served via email and/or First-Class mail (unless other noted below) upon the following persons, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

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DATED: November 10, 2015

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