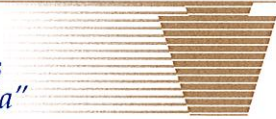


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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 2nd Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 – Docket No. M-2018-2641242

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

The Pennsylvania Telephone Association (PTA) Member Companies¹ are in receipt of your March 2, 2018, Secretarial Letter in the above referenced matter concerning the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. The letter requests responses to the Data Requests contained in Attachment B within 25 days, or by March 27, 2018.

Please be advised that the PTA Member Companies will need additional time beyond March 27th to respond appropriately to the Data Requests and hereby request an extension of approximately sixty (60) days, or until May 25, 2018, to provide responses.

The request for an extension is necessitated by both the scope and depth of the subject Data Requests and the timing of the March 27th deadline which falls during a normally very busy tax/audit season.

I am available to answer any questions regarding this request. Thank you for your consideration of our perspectives.

Sincerely,

Steven J. Samara
President

¹ The PTA Member Companies (with their utility codes) include: Armstrong Telephone Company – North (312650); Armstrong Telephone Company – Pennsylvania (312350); Bentleyville Communications Company (310250); Citizens Telephone Company of Kecksburg (310650); Consolidated Communications of Pennsylvania Company, LLC (31550); Hancock Telephone Company (311500); Hickory Telephone Company (311550); Ironton Telephone Company (311650); Lackawaxen Telecommunications Services, Inc. (311700); Laurel Highland Telephone Company (311800); Marianna & Scenery Hill Telephone Company (312000); The North-Eastern Pennsylvania Telephone Company (312450); North Penn Telephone Company (312500); Palmerton Telephone Company (312700); Pennsylvania Telephone Company (312750); Pymatuning Independent Telephone Company (312800); South Canaan Telephone Company (3115916); TDS Telecom/Deposit Telephone Company (311100); TDS Telecom/Mahanoy & Mahantango Telephone Company (311950); TDS Telecom/Sugar Valley Telephone Company (313100); The United Telephone Company of Pennsylvania LLC d/b/a CenturyLink (313200); Venus Telephone Corporation (313400); West Side Telephone Company (313600); Windstream Buffalo Valley, Inc. (310369); Windstream Conestoga, Inc. (310850); Windstream D&E, Inc. (311050); Windstream Pennsylvania, LLC (312050); and Yukon-Waltz Telephone Company (313650).