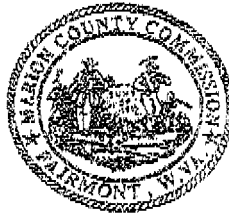


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Ms Sandra Squire, Executive Secretary  
West Virginia Public Service Commission  
210 Brooks Street  
Charleston, West Virginia 25301

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Dear Secretary Squire:

As you are aware, Verizon's proposed transfer of its local exchange and long distance business in West Virginia to Frontier Communications potentially threatens West Virginia's economic future by placing our phone and internet service in the hands of a financially questionable company that may not be able to keep up with growth needs.

As elected officials, we are extremely concerned that whatever company owns and operates the telecommunications assets of our state has sufficient resources, both human and financial, to invest in modernizing the network at a pace that will meet the rapidly evolving needs of residents, businesses and institutions throughout West Virginia.

We hope that in this process the Public Service Commission is sure that the network is capable of delivering all services, including broadband, throughout West Virginia. We all must be ensured that our citizens have affordable access to the digital economy and basic local services that some of our citizens rely on.

We have serious concerns regarding the risks associated with the transaction, in particular the large amount of debt that Frontier will incur to pay Verizon while it simultaneously plans to cut operating expenses by \$500 million per year.

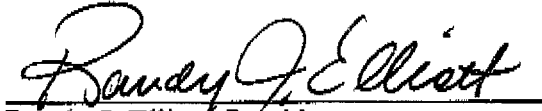
We are also concerned that landline networks which our citizens have paid for over many decades and grown to rely on for basic living and economic activities, are being eliminated.

Lastly, we hope that this transaction is only approved if it is proven to be for the good of the general public and all concerns raised are addressed in a manner that protects the interests of our state and its citizens. We believe that it is not worth the risk to approve this transaction because of the inherent dangers that outweigh any public interest benefits and urge the Commission not to approve the sale.

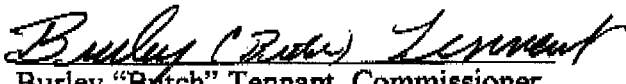
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Sincerely,

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