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Ms. Sandra Squire
Executive Secretary
Public Service Commission
201 Brooks Street
Charleston WV 25301

09-0871-T-PC

RE: Proposed sale of Verizon to Frontier

Dear Ms. Squire:

The Mason County Commission recently was asked by the Communications Workers of America (CWA) to pass a resolution opposing the proposed sale of Verizon landlines to Frontier Communications. We voted on November 19, 2009 to send this letter rather than pass the resolution.

The proposed transaction between Frontier and Verizon involves two privately held companies, which this commission has no jurisdiction over. Furthermore, it is the PSC's role - not this commission's - to review the transaction and approve it.

We are asking the PSC to review this transaction very carefully and make the best decision possible for Mason County and for all of West Virginia. As you know, broadband is a particular need here in our county. Also, preserving Verizon jobs should be a priority given our current economy.

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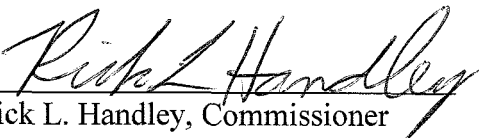
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Thank you for your time and efforts as you consider the interests of all parties in the pending transaction between Verizon and Frontier Communications.

Sincerely,


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