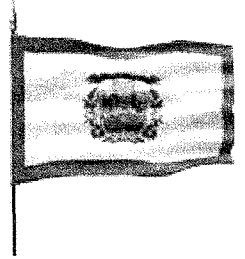




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RE: Proposed Sale of Verizon to Frontier

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Dear Ms. Squire,

The Monroe County Commission is writing to you today to advise you that we have serious concerns about Verizon selling its West Virginia landlines to Frontier.

We have been told that most regulatory experts have said that Frontier does not have the financial or operational capacity to improve service quality or expand access to high speed internet. Monroe County is a very rural community and phone service as well as access to high speed access is very important to our constituents.

An individual from a county near us has advised us that Frontier serves their entire county and the service is very poor. He said he hoped Monroe County would never have to experience what the citizens of this particular county have experienced with Frontier.

We believe the Public Service Commission of West Virginia should take whatever means necessary and available to assure the residents of this state that their telecommunication service will not decline. We must continue to move forward with our technological advances in telecommunications and we, as citizens of this great state, must rely on the Public Service Commission to see that we keep moving in the right direction.

Sincerely,

Joyce Pritt, President
Monroe County Commission

This letter was unanimously approved by the Monroe County Commission at a meeting held by said Commission on the 4th day of November 2009. The County Commission authorized Joyce Pritt, President of the County Commission to sign the letter on behalf of the Commission.