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West Virginia Public Service Commission
 201 Brooks Street
 P.O. Box 812
 Charleston, WV 25323-0812

RE: Opposition to Verizon's Proposed Sale to Frontier

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of the citizens of the 11th Senatorial District, I wish to register my strong opposition to the above referenced transaction currently pending before the West Virginia Public Service Commission.

In my review and analysis of this proposed transaction, I have been conscious of the need to carefully scrutinize this proposed transaction and to avoid a rush to judgment in my assessment as to what constitutes the best interests of the public in this matter. To advance my effort to objectively consider all relevant information, I attended a meeting of the Joint Standing Committee on the Judiciary on October 14, 2009 during which this proposed transaction was discussed in some detail. Since that time, I have attended several other meetings and have read a number of other documents outlining the important public policy issues involved in this transaction.

Most of the reasons for my strong opposition to this transaction were included within those concerns expressed by the Consumer Advocate Division of the West Virginia Public Service Commission. From my perspective, it is clear that Frontier Communications Corp. will not have the resources required to address the many problems already existing within the Verizon network and the future stability of wire line communications throughout the State of West Virginia. Despite claims to the contrary, Frontier's track record in this regard remains highly suspect.

It is my sincere hope that the Public Service Commission will act in a manner consistent with the best interests of consumers throughout the State of West Virginia. Your careful and thoughtful consideration of this important public policy matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

William R. Laird IV

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