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April 25, 2012

Honorable Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary
New York State Public Service Commission

- and -

Honorable Howard A. Jack, Administrative Law Judge
New York State Department of Public Service
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223

Re: Case 09-M-0527: Proceeding to Examine Issues Related to a Universal Service Fund.

Request for Further Modification of Briefing Schedule

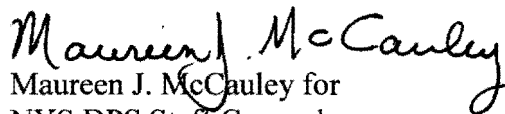
Dear Secretary Brillling and Judge Jack:

On March 22, 2012, the Cable Telecommunications Association of New York, Inc. ("CTANY") and various other parties in the above-referenced proceeding, requested that the deadline for filing exceptions to the January 4, 2012 Recommended Decision ("RD") in this proceeding be further extended from March 2, 2012 to April 30, 2012, in view of the impending settlement discussions between the parties. By Notice dated March 26, 2012, the request was granted and the Secretary extended the due date for Briefs on Exceptions to April 30, 2012.

The parties continue to make progress toward settlement of this matter and there is a significant possibility that an agreement can be reached as a result of their ongoing efforts. The Commission's March 16, 2012 Order increasing the TTFE cap ensures that there will be sufficient funds available to accommodate this schedule without jeopardizing the ability to provide ongoing financial support to smaller rural telephone companies. Accordingly, the undersigned parties respectfully request a further two-week extension of the deadlines for exceptions to May 11, 2012 with briefs opposing exceptions due June 1, 2012.

We are authorized to state that the following companies support this request: Verizon, the NYSTA Smaller ILECs, the Cable Telecommunications Association of New York, Inc., AT&T Corp., the Department of State's Utility Intervention Unit, Sprint/Nextel, LLP, tw telecom of new york l.p. and Level 3 Communications LLC.

Respectfully submitted,


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