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VIA E-MAIL AND HAND DELIVERY

Honorable Jaclyn A. Brillling
Secretary
New York State Public Service Commission
Three Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12223

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

Dear Secretary Brillling:

The notice seeking comments *inter alia* on a further extension of the Transition Fund, issued January 4, 2012, requested that parties to the above-referenced proceeding respond to a proposed \$350,000 extension of the current Transition Fund that would allow it to continue past May 2012, its projected exhaust date. This extension would ensure sufficient time for Commission consideration and resolution of all Phase II issues in the proceeding while precluding a funding gap. Staff believes that continuing to collect Transition Funds after current funding exhausts is reasonable and supports the extension proposal.

Very truly yours,

Maureen McCauley
Maureen McCauley for
Department Staff

cc: Active Party List