

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 09-M-0527 - Proceeding to Examine Issues Related to a
Universal Service Fund.

NOTICE FURTHER EXTENDING BRIEFING SCHEDULE

(Issued April 26, 2012)

Trial staff of the Department of Public Service (Staff) has submitted a request dated April 25, 2012, to extend by approximately two weeks the current schedule for filing briefs on exceptions to the January 4, 2012, Recommended Decision in Phase II of this proceeding. The original briefing schedule has previously been extended three times at the request of numerous parties to allow time for the parties to attempt to negotiate a settlement of issues related to the Phase II Recommended Decision. Staff's request for further extension states that it believes progress continues to be made and that there is a significant probability that a settlement agreement can be reached if negotiations continue. Staff also believes that the Commission's March 16, 2012, order increasing the cap on the Temporary Transition Fund Extension ensures that there will be sufficient funds available to facilitate the requested schedule extension without threatening the ability to continue *status quo* support to smaller rural telephone companies. Staff reports that AT&T Corp., the Cable Telecommunications Association of New York, Inc., Level 3 Communications LLC, the New York State Telephone Association Smaller ILECs, Sprint/Nextel, LLP, tw telecom of new york l.p., the Utility Intervention Unit of the Department of State's Division of

Consumer Protection, and Verizon New York Inc. support the extension request.

The Staff request for further modification of the briefing schedule is granted. The briefing schedule is hereby modified as follows. For all parties briefs on exceptions are due electronically to the Secretary by e-filing through the Department's Document Matter and Management System (DMM),¹ or to the Secretary at secretary@dps.ny.gov, by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 11, 2012. Those unable to submit electronically may mail or deliver them to Hon. Jaclyn A. Brillling, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350, by the same deadline. Briefs opposing exceptions are due by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 1, 2012, following the same procedures.

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Secretary

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