

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 March 26, 2012)

The Cable Telecommunications Association of New York, Inc. (CTANY) has submitted a request dated March 22, 2012, to extend by about one month 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 by about six weeks at the request of Verizon and several other parties to allow time for the parties to attempt to negotiate a settlement of issues related to the Phase II Recommended Decision. CTANY's request for further extension states that it strongly believes progress is being made and that there is a significant probability that a settlement agreement can be reached if negotiations continue. CTANY 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. CTANY reports that trial staff of the Department of Public Service, Mr. Allan Flacks, 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 CTANY 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 Monday, April 30, 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 Monday, May 21, 2012, following the same procedures.

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JACLYN A. BRILLING
Secretary

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