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January 31, 2012

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:

Staff supports a speedy resolution of the Phase II issues in the above-referenced proceeding, as did several other parties in their January 23, 2012 comments. However, even if the Commission decides those issues before May 31, 2012, the projected exhaust date of the current Transition Fund, implementation would require additional and perhaps significant time. Continuing to collect Transition Funds after current funding exhausts would preclude any funding gap in these circumstances; therefore, Staff supports the extension proposal.

Very truly yours,

Maureen McCauley
Maureen McCauley for
Department Staff

cc: Active Party List
Hon. Jaclyn A. Brillling