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**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION**  
333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR, HARRISBURG, PA 17101

March 10, 2005

Honorable Wendell Holland, Chairman  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Keystone Building, 3rd Floor  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: Regulation #57-232 (IRRC #2393)  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Establishing Local Service Provider Abandonment Process for Jurisdictional  
Telecommunications Companies

Dear Chairman Holland:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation today. Our Order is enclosed and will be available on our website at [www.irrc.state.pa.us](http://www.irrc.state.pa.us).

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that meets the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

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John R. McGinley, Jr.  
Chairman  
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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Robert J. Flick, Majority Chairman, House Consumer Affairs Committee  
Honorable Joseph Preston, Jr., Democratic Chairman, House Consumer Affairs Committee  
Honorable Robert M. Tomlinson, Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional  
Licensure Committee  
Honorable Lisa M. Boscola, Minority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional  
Licensure Committee

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held March 10, 2005

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Regulation No. 57-232  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Establishing Local Service Provider  
Abandonment Process for Jurisdictional  
Telecommunications Companies

On March 18, 2004, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC). This rulemaking adds 52 Pa. Code Chapter 63, Subchapter N. The proposed regulation was published in the April 3, 2004 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 45-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 15, 2004. On November 17, 2004, the PUC withdrew the final-form regulation. On February 8, 2005, the PUC resubmitted the final-form regulation with further revisions.

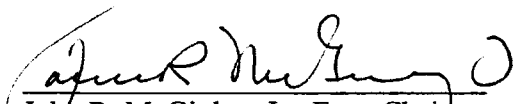
The final-form regulation establishes procedures and standards to be followed when a local service provider exits the market.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the PUC (66 Pa.C.S.A. §§ 501(b) and 1501) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:**

This regulation is approved.



  
John R. McGinley, Jr., Esq., Chairman