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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR, HARRISBURG, PA 17101

July 14, 2005

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

Re: Regulation #57-230 (IRRC #2394)
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Changing Local Service Providers

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.

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

Sincerely,

Acting Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: 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

Honorable Robert J. Flick, Majority Chairman, House Consumer Affairs Committee Honorable Joseph Preston, Jr., Democratic Chairman, House Consumer Affairs Committee

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held July 14, 2005

Arthur Coccodrilli, Acting Chairman John R. McGinley, Jr., Esq., Chairman, by Phone Alvin C. Bush, Vice Chairman, by Phone John F. Mizner, Esq. Murray Ufberg, Esq.

Regulation No. 57-230 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Changing Local Service Providers

On March 18, 2004, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC). This rulemaking adds Subchapter M to 52 Pa. Code Chapter 63. 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 May 23, 2005.

This regulation establishes procedures for local telephone service providers to follow when a customer switches to a new local service provider. This regulation will apply to all local service providers and network service providers operating in Pennsylvania.

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.

Arthur Coccodrilli, Acting Chairman