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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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

May 13, 2010

Honorable James H. Cawley, Chairman Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Keystone Building, 3rd Floor 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17105

Re: Regulation #57-251 (IRRC #2591)
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Provision of Bundled Service Package Plans at a Single Monthly Rate by Local Exchange Carriers

Dear Chairman Cawley:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation today. Our order is enclosed and will be available on our website at <u>www.irrc.state.pa.us</u>.

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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Chairman wbg Enclosure

cc: Honorable Robert M. Tomlinson, Majority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee

Honorable Lisa M. Boscola, Minority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee

Honorable Joseph Preston, Jr., Majority Chairman, House Consumer Affairs Committee Honorable Robert W. Godshall, Minority Chairman, House Consumer Affairs Committee

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held May 13, 2010

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman George D. Bedwick, Vice Chairman S. David Fineman, Esq. Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III John F. Mizner, Esq., by Phone Regulation No. 57-251 (#2591) Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Provision of Bundled Service Package Plans at a Single Monthly Rate by Local Exchange Carriers

On February 15, 2007, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC). This rulemaking amends 52 Pa. Code §§ 64.2 to 64.123. The proposed regulation was published in the March 3, 2007 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The PUC reopened the public comment period on June 7, 2008, which then closed on July 31, 2008. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on February 18, 2010. On March 19, 2010, the Commission received a request from the PUC to toll consideration of this final-form regulation to delete a provision that relied on a guidance document. On April 16, 2010, the PUC submitted its revisions to the final-form regulation to the Commission.

This regulation establishes a safeguard for the provision of basic local exchange telephone service within the bundled service pricing plans offered by local telephone companies.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the PUC (66 PaC.S. § 501(b)) 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.



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Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman