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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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June 17, 2010

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

Re: Regulation #57-260 (IRRC #2673)
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Abbreviated Procedure for Review of Transfer of Control and Affiliate Filings for
Telecommunications 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 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,

Arthur Coccodrilli
Chairman
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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 June 17, 2010

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Regulation No. 57-260 (#2673)
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Abbreviated Procedure for Review of Transfer
of Control and Affiliate Filings for
Telecommunications Carriers

On January 30, 2008, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC). This rulemaking amends 52 Pa. Code Chapter 63 by adding §§ 63.321 – 63.325. The proposed regulation was published in the February 9, 2008 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 90-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on May 6, 2010.

This final-form regulation establishes a three-tier timeline for PUC review and approval for mergers and stock transactions for telecommunications public utilities.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the PUC (66 Pa.C.S.A. § 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.





Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman