

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION 400 NORTH STREET HARRISBURG, PA 17120

Pamela A. WITMER COMMISSIONER

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Dear Nick,

Yes, of course, I remember you! It has been quite some time since we last talked. I hope all is well with you.

Thank you for your letter regarding potential review of the Communications Workers of America request to review certain elements of the Verizon system. The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission is governed by very strict ex parte rules which prohibit me from discussing any element of a pending contested proceeding. This particular proceeding is such a matter.

These rules are in place to protect each party to the proceeding from the real and any perceived improper interference, so that, as a Commissioner, I remain unbiased should it reach my colleagues and me for final disposition.

I will, however, forward your letter to the Secretary's Bureau so that it can be appropriately filed with this docket.

Thank you again for your outreach.

Best regards,

Pamela A. Witmer Commissioner

cc: Lois Burns

Rosemary Chiavetta