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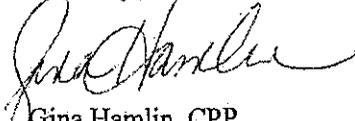
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Gina Hamlin, CPP
Buyer

UPMC

St. Margaret's Hospital

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Washington, DC 20554

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Department of Pediatrics
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October 21, 2008

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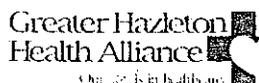
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Matthew Bukovan - Director Support Services
The Western Pennsylvania Hospital
4800 Friendship Avenue
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Sara M. Usner
Telecommunications Supervisor
Lancaster General Hospital

Willow Street Fire Company

2901 Willow Street Pike North

P.O. Box 495

Willow Street, PA 17584

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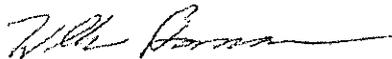
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DeGraff Memorial Hospital
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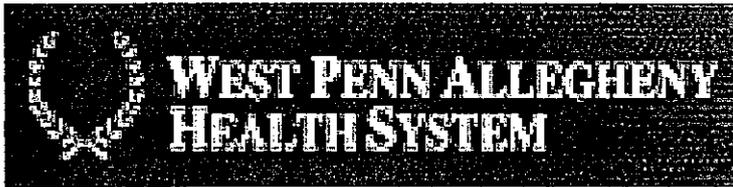
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John Cauvel
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October 20, 2008

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Sincerely,

Deborah K. Weymouth, FACHE
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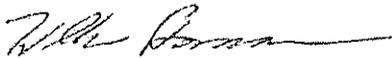
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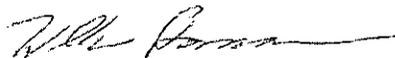
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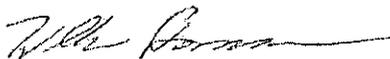
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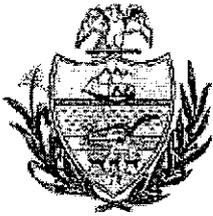
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DONNA L. BUETTNER
VOICE COORDINATOR

October 17, 2008

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As a result of the increased costs we, or our communication partners, will be forced to re-evaluate our communication strategy. These revisions will likely lead us to reduce our communications usage in order to offset the increased costs. As a result, we feel that public safety and interoperability could be adversely impacted.

We are in the business of public safety. We understand the USF goals are also aligned with the public interest as the USF helps defray the cost of telephone service in rural areas and for low-income consumers as well as provides subsidies to schools, libraries, and rural health clinics. However, we feel these revisions will run counter to the interests of the public. Therefore we urge you to reconsider the changes taking into account the adverse impact they may cause for public safety issues.

Sincerely,
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Voice Coordinator
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MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER

October 21, 2008

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