

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of

Connect America Fund)	WC Docket No. 10-90
)	
A National Broadband Plan For Our Future)	GN Docket No. 09-51
)	
Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers)	WC Docket No. 07-135
)	
High Cost Universal Service Support)	WC Docket No. 05-337
)	
Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime)	CC Docket No. 01-92
)	
Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service)	CC Docket No. 96-45
)	
Lifeline and Link Up)	WC Docket No. 03-109
)	
Universal Service Reform – Mobility Fund)	WT Docket No. 10-208

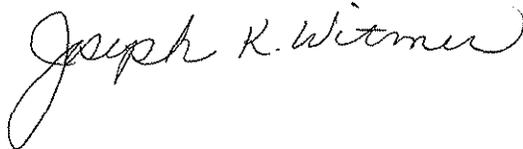
**COMMENTS OF
THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Pa. PUC) files these initial Comments to the FCC's recent comprehensive order addressing the reform of universal service and intercarrier compensation, *inter alia*, released on November 18, 2011 and published in the Federal Register at Vol. 76, No. 229 on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at pp. 73830 through 73882 (the *CAF Order*). The *CAF Order* contained an initial Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (*CAF NPRM*) set out in Section XVII.

The Pa. PUC appreciates being provided an opportunity to file initial Comments on the issues set out in the *CAF NPRM*. These include, but are not limited to, Broadband

Public Interest Obligations, the CAF and federal Rate of Return (ROR) carriers, Interstate ROR Represubscription, the elimination of CAF support to areas with unsubsidized competitors, the role and significance of Pennsylvania's Broadband Mapping, Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETC) obligations and determinations, CAF Support and Competitive Auctions, IP-to-IP interconnection, and Further Call Signal Rules for Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP). The Pa. PUC endorses the FCC's effort to obtain more detailed analysis on these and other issues. However, the Pa. PUC is not filing more detailed and considered responses at this time but, instead, will review the filed Comments and documents of other parties, including *Ex Parte* submissions, before filing its more detailed Reply Comments in February.

Respectfully Submitted On Behalf Of,
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