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Statement by FMCS Director George H. Cohen On Verizon-CWA-IBEW Labor Talks

WASHINGTON, D.C. — As of this date, the parties now have been engaged in intensive negotiations for five weeks under the auspices of myself and Director of Mediation Services John Pinto. As previously reported, progress continues to be made; but a number of issues remain to be resolved. Pursuant to the mediators' recommendation, the parties have agreed to continue their negotiations until concluded at an undisclosed location in New York.

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