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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 have been engaged in intensive negotiations for two weeks under the auspices of myself and Director of Mediation Services John Pinto. The negotiations continue to be constructive and progress continues to be made, but, again, a number of core issues remain to be resolved. Pursuant to the mediators' recommendation, the parties have agreed to continue their negotiations until concluded.

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