



December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Governor Ned Lamont  
165 Capital Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

**Subject: 2024-12-16**

Dear Governor Lamont and General Attorney Tong,

We write to request a meeting with you and your staff to discuss our support for the Communications Workers of America (CWA) Local 1298, Who represent the unionized workers at Frontier Communications. As you know, CWA local 1298 recently sued the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) for forcing frontier to hire third parties, independent contractors to replace utility poles instead of utilizing its frontline union workers for this essential work period CWA (Local 1298) claims that with this requirement, pura has inserted itself into labor contracts and collective bargains between frontier and its workers in some cases nullifying them which directly harms Frontier's union workforce.

We stand with CWA (Local 1298) because we know firsthand that PURA's actions and inactions are having damaging consequences for frontline union workers throughout Connecticut's utility companies. As many of us have said for months or even years, Pura's decisions, while apparently aimed at undercutting utility company management, are inflicting direct, negative consequences on us, their front-line workers.

There's no way for PURA to shield workers from the harm of its decisions. By crippling utility's ability to procure safer and more modern equipment, trucks and even resources we need to do our jobs; by threatening to cut training and other benefits we have enjoyed for decades; By cutting back funding for the work we do every day- PURA's decisions have powerful sway over our day-to-day work.

For CWA (Local 1298), the effects of PURA's heavy hand will be more direct and tangible. Forcing Frontier to hire contractors to do union work undercuts

quality union work period it is the clearest example yet of what we have been warning for months: PURA OK is no friend to union workers

With the difficult work we do in all weather conditions to keep critical services like water, electricity, Internet, and natural gas flowing to Connecticut residents,

It is unacceptable for a state government body to step in and nullify the hard-earned benefit in agreements we already negotiated and won with our employers. Yet that is exactly what PURA has done and continues to do.

In a state whose leaders say that they hear us and want to represent our interests, we hope you take note: PURA's actions are directly putting Connecticut's union workers, and we stand in solidarity to oppose it. Again, we look forward to meeting you to discuss this further

Sincerely,



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