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TO: PTA Member Companies

FROM:

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RE: Russ Gutshall Retirement

On Friday, the PTA will say farewell to Russ Gutshall and offer him best wishes in his retirement.

Russ has been with United Telephone, Sprint, Embarq, CenturyLink for over forty years, serving in a variety of positions. Most PTA members will remember Russ in his role as a manager in regulatory affairs and for his tremendous work as a liaison for the company with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

In addition to his outstanding service to his company, Russ has been a valued "subject matter expert" to us here at the PTA. He has served on and chaired a number of PTA committees and task forces; bringing a wealth of knowledge to the efforts we have been involved in on your behalf.

Russ's contributions to the PTA were officially recognized in 2005, when he was awarded the Distinguished Member Award for his unselfish work for the betterment of the entire local exchange industry.

Please take a moment in the next several days to offer your best wishes and gratitude to Russ as he enters retirement.