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Case Number 15-M-0647
By Electronic Transmission Only

Dear Secretary Burgess,

This letter brings to the attention of Commission actions which constitute a violation of the June 15, 2016 Order in the Altice/Cablevision merger proceeding, Case Number 15-M-0647. In the Order the Commission set forth conditions required for a finding that the merger was in the public interest. CWA was a party to the proceeding and the settlement discussions that led to the Order.

In relevant part the Order stated:

IV. JOBS AND TRAINING

A. Job Protections

1. For the four years from the issuance of this Order, the Petitioners shall be prohibited from laying off, or taking any action effecting an involuntary reduction in workforce (excluding retirement incentives and attrition), of customer-facing jobs in New York State.

Over the last few days we have become aware that approximately 27 dispatchers in customer-facing jobs have been notified by Altice that they are to be discharged against their will as of June 29, 2017. These are employees of Altice working out of offices in the Bronx, New York. They were informed verbally by management, and were given confirming written information. We can provide further specific information if you wish.

We ask that the Commission take all appropriate actions to prevent these lay-offs, to protect these and other workers and to enforce all provisions of the Order including but not limited to those referenced in PSL §§25 and 26.

Please advise as to any actions that should be taken by CWA or these employees needed to prevent these layoffs.

Sincerely,

Tim Dubnau