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Subject: Response to public comment from Jerry Morris
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Ms. Bybee: I am attaching a response from UPE to the comment received by the Insurance Department from Jerry Morris. The public comment forwarded to me did not include a mailing or email address for Jerry Morris. Consequently, I have no address to which I can send UPE's response to this public comment.

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**BEFORE THE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Statement Regarding the Acquisition of Control of or Merger with
Domestic Insurers:

- Highmark Inc.; First Priority Life Insurance Company, Inc.;
- Gateway Health Plan, Inc.; Highmark Casualty Insurance Company;
- Highmark Senior Resources Inc.; HM Casualty Insurance Company;
- HM Health Insurance Company, d/b/a Highmark Health Insurance Company;
- HM Life Insurance Company; HMO of Northeastern Pennsylvania, Inc., d/b/a First Priority Health; Inter-County Health Plan, Inc.;
- Inter-County Hospitalization Plan, Inc.; Keystone Health Plan West, Inc.;
- United Concordia Companies, Inc.; United Concordia Dental Plans of Pennsylvania, Inc.;
- United Concordia Life and Health Insurance Company

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**Response of UPE to
Comment of Jerry Morris**

UPE is responding to the comment from Jerry Morris, received by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department January 24, 2013. The comment is numbered as Document 1241 on the Highmark/West Penn Cumulative Log page of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department website.

Mr. Morris states his support for the proposed affiliation of Highmark Inc. (“Highmark”) and West Penn Allegheny Health System (“WPAHS”). Mr. Morris appreciates the high standard of care maintained by WPAHS and also understands the importance of the proposed affiliation in sustaining WPAHS as an economic asset for local businesses.

UPE is in agreement with the comments of Mr. Morris. UPE believes the proposed affiliation is vital to the success of WPAHS as a leading health care provider, its 11,000 employees, and local businesses.

UPE would like to thank Mr. Morris for his comments and support.

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DATE: February 7, 2013

cc: Jerry Morris