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Ms. Bybee,

Attached please find UPE's response to the public comment received by the Insurance Department from Scott Feyes, Chief of the Monroeville Volunteer Fire Company, No. 4. I will be providing a copy of the response to Mr. Feyes by mail.

Ron Chronister

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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

By UPE, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation

**Response of UPE to
Comment of Scott A. Feyes
Dated April 15, 2013**

UPE is responding to the comment submitted by Scott A. Feyes received by the Pennsylvania Insurance Department ("Department") on April 19, 2013. The comment is numbered as Document 1392 on the Highmark/West Penn Cumulative Log page of the Department's website.

Mr. Feyes, Chief of the Monroeville Volunteer Fire Company No. 4 and the Monroeville Fire Department EMS agency, has stated his support for the proposed affiliation of Highmark Inc. ("Highmark") and West Penn Allegheny Health System, Inc. ("WPAHS"). Mr. Feyes notes that the proximity of two competing integrated delivery networks will provide value to consumers and preserve choice and meaningful access to health care services for the people of western Pennsylvania. Mr Feyes also recognizes the high standard of care that patients receive at WPAHS.

UPE is in agreement with Mr. Feyes and finds that the proposed affiliation will preserve both competition in the health care market and high quality care in the region. UPE also believes that the proposed affiliation will sustain WPAHS as a premier employer and business partner in the communities where its facilities are located.

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

UPE
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DATE: April 25, 2013

cc: Scott A. Feyes, Chief, Monroeville Volunteer Fire Company No. 4 and Monroeville Fire Department EMS