

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
SUPREME COURT OF APPEALS OF WEST VIRGINIA**

Dallas T. Runyon, Sr., and
David E. Runyon
Plaintiffs

v.) No. 19-BCD-11 (Mingo County No. 17-C-108)

Citizens Telecommunications
Company of West Virginia, Frontier West Virginia, Inc., and
Appalachian Power Company,
Defendants

**ORDER REFUSING MOTION TO WITHDRAW
REFERRAL TO BUSINESS COURT DIVISION**

On April 8, 2025, the plaintiffs Dallas T. Runyon, Sr., and David E. Runyon, by counsel Troy N. Giatras and Matthew Stonestreet, the Giatras Law Firm, PLLC, and J. Zak Ritchie, Ryan McCune Donovan, and Michael B. Hissam, Hissam Foreman Donovan Ritchie PLLC, filed a motion to withdraw the above-referenced matter from the Business Court Division. The matter had previously been referred to the Business Court Division by Administrative Order entered on October 18, 2019. On April 18, 2025, the defendants Citizens Telecommunications Company of West Virginia, Frontier West Virginia, Inc., and Appalachian Power Company, filed a response in opposition to withdrawing the action from the Business Court Division. On April 23, 2025, the plaintiffs, by counsel, filed a motion for leave to file a reply in support of its motion, together with a reply.

Upon careful review and consideration of the motions and the response, the motions are refused. The action is not withdrawn from the Business Court Division. The Clerk of Court shall provide a copy of this order to the Honorable Michael D. Lorensen, Chair of the Business Court Division; to the Central Office of the Business Court Division; to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Mingo County; and to all parties of record.

ENTERED: 6-4-25



William R. Wooton
Chief Justice
Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia