# Docket No. UT-190574 - Vol. I

# In the Matter of Northwest Fiber, LLC, et al.

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                  BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
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            UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
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                                                                                                       NASH CALLAGHAN
       In the matter of the Joint
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       Application of
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       NORTHWEST FIBER, LLC, FRONTIER )DOCKET UT-190574
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      For an Order Declining to Assert )
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       Jurisdiction Over, or, in the
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       Alternative Approving the Transfer)
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                                                                                                        ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL
       of Control of Frontier
                                                                                                       800 5th Avenue. Suite 2000
       Communications Northwest Inc. to )
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                  PREHEARING CONFERENCE
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           BE IT REMEMBERED THAT THE ABOVE ENTITLED CAUSE
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              CAME ON FOR PREHEARING CONFERENCE
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            ON TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019, AT 1:30 P.M.
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               BEFORE GREG KOPTA, COMMISSIONER
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      For the Applicant Northwest Fiber, LLC:
MARK P. TRINCHERO, ESQ.
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                                                                                                          JUDGE KOPTA: Let's be on the record,
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                                                                                                    application of Northwest Fiber, LLC; Frontier
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                                                                                                   Communications Corporation; and Frontier
       The Applicant Frontier Communications
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      Corporation:
            KEVIN SAVILLE
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      For The Applicant Frontier Communications
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            GEORGE BAKER THOMSON, JR.
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            ASSOCIATE GENERAL COUNSEL
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TIMOTHY J. O'CONNELL, ESQ.
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                                                                                                    we will begin by taking appearances beginning with the
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                                                                                                         MR. THOMSON: Good afternoon, Judge. George
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1	Thomson, I'm in house with Frontier.	1	notice of appearance might be in order since normally
2	MR. SAVILLE: Good afternoon, your Honor,	2	we rely upon written pleadings to get that
3	Kevin Saville, and I'm in house with Frontier, as	3	information. So if you could go ahead and give us
4	well.	4	your address and contact information so that the court
5	JUDGE KOPTA: All right. And for commission	5	reporter has that.
6	staff.	6	MR. SMITH: Absolutely. Would you like me to
7	MR. CALLAGHAN: Good afternoon, your Honor.	7	do that orally now or file something?
8	Nash Callaghan, AAG, on behalf of commission staff.	8	JUDGE KOPTA: Why don't you go ahead and do
9	JUDGE KOPTA: One more.	9	it now so that we have it.
10	MR. TEIMOURI: Good afternoon, your Honor.	10	MR. SMITH: Okay. My name is Kyle J. Smith.
11	Daniel Teimouri, AAG, on behalf of commission staff.	11	I am with the United States Army Legal Services
12	MS. SUETAKE: Good afternoon. Nina Suetake	12	Agency. That is located at 9275 Gunston Road,
13	on behalf of public counsel.	13	G-U-N-S-T-O-N, that's Suite 1300, on Fort Belvoir,
14	JUDGE KOPTA: On behalf of Charter.	14	Virginia, 22060. And my email address is
15	MS. RACKNER: Lisa Rackner on behalf of	15	kyle.j.smith124.cid@mail.mil.
16	Charter.	16	JUDGE KOPTA: All right. And do you have a
17	JUDGE KOPTA: All right. And I believe we	17	telephone number to go along with that?
18	have someone on the bridge line who wants to make an	18	MR. SMITH: Yes, it's 703-693-1270.
19	appearance.	19	JUDGE KOPTA: All right. Thank you. I
20	MR. SMITH: Yes, Kyle Smith on behalf of the	20	believe that's the information we need for now.
21	United States Department of Defense and all other	21	Moving on to the next item on the agenda:
22	federal executive agencies. I have not filed a formal	22	Discovery. Do the parties want to have the
23	appearance. I can do that as soon as possible. I	23	commission's discovery rules available in this
24	would also be orally moving to have the United States	24	proceeding?
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basic follow-up inquiries with the FCC, which we

provided. And the next step in their process will be

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respect to the recent CenturyLink Level 3 schedule.

We tried to build in enough time. Our schedule is

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2	application. We're expecting that notice to come out	2	MR. CALLAGHAN: Thank you. So, your Honor
3	as early as this week or next week with, you know,	3	JUDGE KOPTA: Mr. Saville.
4	approximately a 30-day comments with an opportunity	4	MR. SAVILLE: Your Honor, again, just for
5	for reply comments. So at this point it's our	5	purposes of full disclosure, we have also filed 394
6	expectation that we would have an FCC decision in the	6	applications with the local franchise authorities
7	November time frame.	7	associated with some of the video applications. But
8	JUDGE KOPTA: Okay. Any other jurisdictions	8	those have a federal statutory time frame of 120 days.
9	that need to weigh in on this proposed transaction?	9	So we don't expect those to be, you know, effective.
10	MR. TRINCHERO: Yes, your Honor. We have	10	JUDGE KOPTA: Okay.
11	filed an application with the Oregon Public Utilities	11	MR. TRINCHERO: Your Honor, those were filed
12	Commission. We have a jurisdictional argument in that	12	at the end of last week.
13	proceeding that has yet to be resolved. If, in fact,	13	JUDGE KOPTA: All right, Mr. Callaghan,
14	that case were to move forward, we would be setting	14	proceed with the scheduling.
15	the schedule probably in August.	15	MR. CALLAGHAN: Thank you, your Honor.
16	JUDGE KOPTA: Okay.	16	So, your Honor, I begin by noting that the
17	MR. TRINCHERO: We also have an application	17	application in this case was filed June 28th. Under
18	before the Montana Public Services Commission. My	18	the statute, the commission has 11 months to resolve a
19	understanding is that public notification of that	19	transaction like this under 80.12.030(2). And that
20	application should be going out this week. And there	20	can additionally be extended for four months. So that
21	is, I believe it's a 20-day period for interventions	21	would put the statutory deadline in this case at May
22	to come in in the state of Montana.	22	28th of next year.
23	JUDGE KOPTA: Okay. At this point we still	23	So, your Honor, when staff received the
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Page 17 Page 19 1 1 this case. Thank you. this under advisement and consult with the 2 2 JUDGE KOPTA: Okay. commissioners, and see what their preference is since 3 3 Public counsel. ultimately it's their decision. 4 MS. SUETAKE: Thank you, your Honor. I 4 And then since we're not going to take a 5 wanted to say a public counsel is incredibly sensitive 5 break, then we will allow Charter to review the motion 6 to staff's timing and staffing needs with regard to 6 for a protective order. And if you can, within the 7 7 all of their applications. And I had understood next few days, file something, whether it's a we have 8 through conversations with both parties that this 8 no objection or stating any concerns that you have 9 9 February date was staff's compromise to the original with highly confidential. And I wouldn't necessarily 10 statutory deadline of May 28th. Public counsel, we 10 look at the proposed order that they have submitted. 11 had our own constraints being also part of the state 11 The commission has its own standard protective order 12 government with our contracting requirements. So we 12 for both normal protective and highly confidential 13 are still in the process of getting our expert witness 13 protective protections. 14 on board. 14 MS. RACKNER: May I ask a clarification on 15 15 Shortening the schedule more than February that point? 16 creates difficulties, given we don't even have their 16 JUDGE KOPTA: You may. 17 testimony yet. So while I am sensitive to speeding 17 MS. RACKNER: So, Judge Kopta, are you the schedule up, I believe that the February 28th 18 suggesting that both the scope of the highly 18 19 deadline would be -- final deadline would be a good 19 confidential designation and the restrictions on who 20 20 compromise. that information is available to, that we should be 21 JUDGE KOPTA: Okay. Ms. Rackner. 21 looking to the commission's standard highly 2.2 MS. RACKNER: Charter doesn't have a position 2.2 confidential order instead of the proposal by 23 23 on the schedule other than to ensure that our -- we Frontier? 24 are available on the specific days that are ultimately 24 JUDGE KOPTA: I don't know what the proposal 25 selected. 2.5 is and how different it is, if at all from the Page 18 Page 20 1 JUDGE KOPTA: Mr. Smith, does the Department 1 commission's standard protective order. I would focus 2 of Defense have any position on this having heard this 2 on the standard protective order unless the company is 3 3 for the first time this afternoon? asking for something substantively different than what MR. SMITH: (No audible response.) 4 4 we've done in the past. MS. RACKNER: Okay. And if they are, I may JUDGE KOPTA: You're on mute if you're 5 5 6 talking. 6 be able to work with Mr. Trinchero to come to a 7 MR. SMITH: Yes, I was. Excuse me. I said, 7 reasonable compromise if we aren't in exactly the same "No, I would just echo what Charter's counsel said." 8 8 place. JUDGE KOPTA: Okay. So it sounds to me as if 9 9 JUDGE KOPTA: Okay. I will note that we try 10 taking a recess for the parties to discuss this would 10 and keep the highly confidential information as not be productive; is that a fair assessment? 11 contained as possible because it does post extra 11 Mr. Trinchero. 12 burdens on the parties and the commission in terms of 12 MR. TRINCHERO: We have attempted to work out 13 13 making sure that it's protected appropriately. 14 a compromise on the schedule, and to date that has not 14 I'm not saying that anyone here would do it, 15 15 been productive. I don't know whether additional but we have had people in the past that are generous. discussions may help. Perhaps with some direction 16 shall we say, with their designation. And we just as 16 17 from your Honor on your thoughts on the schedule, we 17 soon keep them as restrained as possible. 18 might be able to have a fruitful discussion. 18 MS. RACKNER: And one thing I would note is 19 JUDGE KOPTA: Well, I'm not really in a 19 that very quickly reviewing the proposal, it looks 20 position to strong-arm either party. I understand the 20 like the proposal is to -- not to restrict the 2.1 desire to close this transaction as soon as reasonably 21 information only to outside counsel and outside 2.2 possible. But I also understand that resources are 22 consultants. And I would guess that that could be a 23 limited, and that may not be that possible as quickly 23 sticking point, and in particular that the company 24 as the company would like. So at this point I'm not 24 might wish to have inside regulatory counsel be in a 25 25 prepared to take a position either way. I will take position to review the information as well, but

#### Page 21 Page 23 1 without having an opportunity to consult which my 1 All right. I think that's it for this 2 2 client, I don't really know. They may be comfortable afternoon. 3 with the proposed restrictions. 3 I will be entering a prehearing conference 4 JUDGE KOPTA: Well, and that's always an 4 order, including a schedule in hopefully short order, 5 issue in these kinds of situations. And it has been 5 and as well as a protective order, whether it includes 6 6 the commission's practice in the past to agree with highly confidential provisions or not. 7 7 that restriction, which is all the more reason why And with that we are adjourned. 8 8 anything that's designated as highly confidential (Proceedings concluded at 2:00 p.m.) 9 9 needs to be very closely constrained because we want 10 the parties to have the maximum amount of information. 10 11 And not everyone has the resources to have only 11 12 12 outside counsel and outside experts review pertinent 13 information that may affect their positions or their 13 14 take on the issues. 14 15 MS. RACKNER: Understood. Thank you. 15 JUDGE KOPTA: All right. Mr. Callaghan. 16 16 MR. CALLAGHAN: And, your Honor, I just 17 17 wanted to make a small amendment. I believe both 18 18 19 19 proposed procedural schedules have an initial 20 2.0 settlement conference on August 30. 21 Ms. Rackner informed me earlier that she 21 2.2 would not be available on that day. And I had not had 2.2 23 time to discuss with the parties. But we were hoping 2.3 24 that something earlier that week, either the 28th or 24 25 the 27th would be available. 25 Page 22 Page 24 CERTIFICATE 1 JUDGE KOPTA: Well, as you know, the 2 I, KANDI CLARK, a duly authorized Court Reporter in 2 commission always includes in its procedural schedules and for the State of Washington, residing at Olympia, 3 at least one settlement conference. And to my mind 3 authorized to administer oaths and affirmations pursuant to RCW 5.28.010, do hereby certify: 4 it's just merely to make sure that the parties have 4 5 such a settlement conference. I am agnostic as far as That the foregoing proceedings transcribed by me by 5 means of computer-aided transcription is a full, true, and 6 what the date happens to be. So if you all can get complete transcript of the testimony of said witness 7 together and come up with a different date, I'm happy 6 consisting of pages 1 through 24; That as a CCR in this state, I am bound by the Rules 8 to adopt that. And if it needs to change, again that of Conduct as Codified in WAC 308-14-130; that court 9 is something that all you would need to do is notify 8 reporting arrangements and fees in this case are offered to all parties on equal terms: 10 me. You don't need to ask permission to change it 9 11 because that's really a date for the parties and not That I am not a relative, employee, attorney, or 10 counsel of any party to this action or relative or 12 for me. employee of any such attorney or counsel, and I am not 13 MR. CALLAGHAN: Thank you, your Honor. 11 financially interested in the said action or the outcome 14 JUDGE KOPTA: All right. Well, I think 12 15 that's everything on my list. Does anyone else have IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 16 any other issues that we need to address at this 13 6th day of August, 2019. 14 17 point? 15 18 MR. SMITH: This is Mr. Smith on the phone. 16 17 19 I need to clean something up for the record. I gave 18 20 one incorrect numerical value for my phone number. 19 21 The correct phone is 703-693-1274. Kandi Kathryn Clark 20 CCR License #3008 2.2 JUDGE KOPTA: All right. Thank you for that 21 23 22 correction. The phone company that I know of will 23 2.4 make that automatically so you don't have to have the 24 25 right one. 25

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