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WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF RESPONSES TO DATA REQUEST

DATE PREPARED: January 22, 2010 UT-090842

WITNESS: William H. Weinman RESPONDER: William H. Weinman

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REQUEST NO. 32: Re: Staff Response to Data Request No. 25(b) and proposed settlement condition no. 13:

- (a) Has Staff confirmed where Frontier will draw the \$40 million from that it has committed to placing into escrow for broadband build-out?
- Does the propose settlement agreement prohibit Frontier from obtaining this \$40 (b) million through a debt issuance?

RESPONSE:

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- (a) No.
- The settlement does not address funding sources for the escrow payment. Mr. (b) Weinman believes that the escrow payment will not increase the total amount of debt (\$3.3 billion) the company will issue to complete the transaction.