



March 19, 2010

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Federal Communications Commission  
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**Docket Number 09-95**

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**Docket Number: 090842**

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**Docket Number: 09-0268**

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RE: Verizon – Frontier Assets Transfer

Dear Sir or Madam:

In December of 2009, Granite Telecommunications, LLC (“Granite”) expressed our concern about the proposed transfer of assets from Verizon Communications to Frontier Corporation. We now support the transaction from Verizon to Frontier for the reasons stated below.

As a non-facilities based competitive provider of advanced telecommunications services to enterprise subscribers with over 900,000 phone lines, Granite is dependant on the underlying facilities-based carriers to provide continued high quality networks. For this reason, understanding and being comfortable that a solid transition plan is in place is critical for us and our customers.

After our December letter we have had many conversations with both Verizon and Frontier staff that were focused on this transition and we have reviewed the transition plan from technical, financial and continuity of service viewpoints.

Granite now believes that the companies have a viable plan for this merger that may avoid the pitfalls of other recent transitions in the recent past. We believe the long-term benefit of moving more rural parts of the country to a company that is focused on providing new and innovative services including expanding wholesale broadband availability to these areas will be beneficial to both Granite and our customers.

Therefore, after extensive review we now believe that a viable plan exists for the transition and we support the process and transaction.

Respectfully submitted,

GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Kline', written over the printed name.

Samuel J. Kline

Vice President - Strategic Initiatives