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November 27, 2019

NOTICE ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

and

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT HEARING
(Set for Monday, January 27, 2019)

RE: *In the Matter of the Joint Application of Northwest Fiber, LLC, Frontier Communications Corporation, and Frontier Communications ILEC Holdings LLC for an Order Declining to Assert Jurisdiction Over, or, in the Alternative, Approving the Transfer of Control of Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. to Northwest Fiber, LLC, Docket UT-190574*

TO ALL PARTIES:

On June 28, 2019, Northwest Fiber, LLC (Northwest Fiber), Frontier Communications Corporation (Frontier Parent) and Frontier Communications ILEC Holdings LLC (Frontier ILEC Holdings) (collectively, the Joint Applicants) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a Joint Application requesting that the Commission decline to assert jurisdiction over a transaction involving the transfer of control of Frontier Communications Northwest, Inc. (Frontier NW) from Frontier ILEC Holdings to Northwest Fiber, or, in the alternative, to approve the application for transfer.

On July 30, 2019, the Commission entered Order 01, Prehearing Conference Order; Notice of Hearing (Order 01), which established a procedural schedule for the docket. On September 13, 2019, the Commission issued a Notice Rescheduling Hearing and Modifying Procedural Schedule, rescheduling the evidentiary hearing to begin on January 27, 2019.

On November 8, 2019, Commission staff (Staff) filed a letter informing the Commission that the parties had reached a settlement in principle, and on November 12, 2019, the Commission issued a notice suspending the procedural schedule other than the evidentiary

hearing to allow time for the parties to finalize the settlement, and required that the parties file a proposed settlement by November 22, 2019.

On November 22, 2019, Staff filed a letter in this docket informing the Commission that all parties had agreed on the following elements of a proposed procedural schedule:

EVENT	DATE
Settlement Agreement and Joint Testimony in support of Settlement Agreement	December 19, 2019
Settlement Hearing	January 27, 2020

In its letter, Staff stated that Public Counsel had not yet determined whether it would be joining the settlement, so an additional possible date for responsive testimony might need to be added. Staff further stated that the Joint Applicants would prefer that the Commission decide the matter on a paper record or, in the alternative, set the hearing for an earlier date, but that Staff does not support either request. In a letter dated November 22, 2019, and entered into the docket on November 25, 2019, the Joint Applicants reiterated their preference and further requested that the Commission schedule a telephonic conference to resolve their requests.

On November 26, 2019, Public Counsel sent an email to the presiding officer informing the Commission that Public Counsel would be joining the settlement.

The Commission's schedule does not allow for a hearing any earlier than the time already set for the hearing in this matter. The Commission will consider Joint Applicants' request to proceed on a paper record after receiving the settlement agreement and supporting testimony. Therefore, the Commission finds good cause to adopt the procedural schedule to which the parties have agreed as described above.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it adopts the procedural schedule described above.

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That it will hold a settlement hearing in docket UT-190574 on Monday, January 27, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.

/s/ Gregory J. Kopta
 GREGORY J. KOPTA
 Administrative Law Judge