

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
) DOCKET UT-190574
NORTHWEST FIBER, LLC,)
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS) PETITION TO INTERVENE
CORPORATION, AND FRONTIER) OF CHARTER FIBERLINK
COMMUNICATIONS ILEC) WA-CCVII, LLC.
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.)

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-355, Charter Fiberlink WA-CCVII, LLC (“Charter”) hereby petitions to intervene in the above-captioned docket. In support of its petition, Charter states the following:

1. The names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the persons to whom communications should be addressed are:

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2. Charter is a registered competitive local exchange carrier in the State of Washington, authorized to provide both intraexchange and interexchange telecommunications services throughout the state. Charter currently has an interconnection agreement with Frontier Communications Corporation (“Frontier”) in Washington and is a wholesale customer of Frontier’s products, both through its interconnection agreements and through tariffs.

3. Charter has a substantial interest in the proposed transfer of control of Frontier to Northwest Fiber, LLC (“Northwest Fiber”). Northwest Fiber is a newly created entity owned by two investment funds, WaveDivision Capital VII, LLC (in turn an investment fund of WDC Management, LLC), and investment funds affiliated with Searchlight Capital Partners, L.P. (referred to collectively as “Searchlight”). Charter relies on interconnection with, and related services obtained from, Frontier to offer and provide service to Charter’s customers in Frontier’s service territory. Charter seeks to participate in this proceeding to ensure that the proposed transaction will not adversely impact competition in Washington or Charter’s rights and ability to obtain the interconnection and related services it needs to provide its competitive voice services.
4. The evidence, if any, and briefing presented by Charter will be of material value to the Commission in its determination of the issues involved in this proceeding, and Charter’s intervention will not broaden those issues or delay the proceedings.
5. Service and correspondence concerning this proceeding should also be addressed to:

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WHEREFORE, Charter requests leave to intervene as a party to this proceeding, with a right to discovery, to have notice of and appear at the taking of testimony, to produce and cross-examine witnesses, and to be heard in person or by counsel on brief and at oral argument.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 18th day of July 2019.

CHARTER FIBERLINK WA-CCVII, LLC

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