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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, Frontier Communications Corporation, and Frontier Communications ILEC Holdings LLC 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., from Frontier Communications ILEC Holdings LLC to Northwest Fiber, LLC, or, in the alternative, to approve the application for transfer.

On February 19, 2020, the Commission entered Order 03, Order Approving Settlement Agreement and Granting Application for Transfer of Control (Order 03). Condition 1 of the Settlement Agreement adopted by Order 03 required Northwest Fiber, LLC (NW Fiber) to submit annual compliance reports by May 15 of each year, including the audited financial statements, the number of locations passed with fiber and copper in Washington state, the amount of capital expenditures invested to improve and expand broadband infrastructure, and total capital investments by category. Condition 2 of the Settlement Agreement required Frontier Communications Northwest, LLC, d/b/a Ziple Fiber (Frontier) to submit a report on Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) operating expenses, capital expenditures, and locations by July 15 every year.

On May 14, 2021, Frontier filed its reports to comply with Conditions 1 and 2. On June 3, 2021, Frontier filed replacement reports (Reports) to comply with both the protective order in this Docket and WAC 480-07-160. On June 16, 2021, Commission staff

filed a letter stating that it believed the Reports substantially complied with the spirit of the requirements of Conditions 1 and 2 of the Settlement Agreement.

The Commission finds that the Reports comply with the requirements of Conditions 1 and 2 of the Settlement Agreement and Order 03.

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Executive Director and Secretary