

[Service Date May 22, 2013]

May 22, 2013

NOTICE SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

**NOTICE REQUIRING FILING OF SETTLEMENT DOCUMENTS
(By Thursday, May 23, 2013)**

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS
(Set for Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.)**

RE: *In re Petition of Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. to Be Regulated as a Competitive Telecommunications Company Pursuant to RCW 80.36.320, Docket UT-121994*

TO ALL PARTIES:

On February 15, 2013, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 02, Prehearing Conference Order in the above-referenced docket establishing a procedural schedule.

On April 25, 2013, Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. (Frontier) and competitive local exchange carrier Intervenors filed with the Commission a joint narrative and testimony in support of a settlement agreement in this docket.

On May 17, 2013, Frontier and the U.S. Department of Defense and all other Federal Executive Agencies also filed with the Commission a joint narrative and testimony in support of a settlement agreement.

On May 21, 2013, Frontier, Commission Staff, and Public Counsel notified the Commission that the parties had reached a full settlement in this proceeding. The parties jointly request that the remaining procedural schedule be suspended, with the exception of the public comment hearing set for May 23, 2013, and that the parties be allowed time to reduce their agreement to writing, and prepare a joint narrative and supporting testimony. The Commission grants the parties' request.

The Commission will convene a hearing for purposes of examining the terms and conditions of the settlements and determining whether Commission approval of the settlement agreements is consistent with the public interest.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it suspends the procedural schedule in this matter and cancels the evidentiary hearing scheduled to begin on May 28, 2013. The public comment hearing will convene as scheduled on May 23, 2013, in Everett.

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That Frontier, Commission Staff, and Public Counsel must file a settlement agreement and supporting narrative and testimony no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, May 23, 2013.

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That it will conduct a hearing on all three of the parties' proposed settlement agreements on Wednesday, May 29, 2013, beginning at 1:30 p.m., in Room 206, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

GREGORY J. KOPTA
Administrative Law Judge