

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON**

**UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of Frontier Communications ) Northwest Inc.'s Petition to be Regulated ) as a Competitive Telecommunications ) Company Pursuant to RCW 80.26.320 ) _____ )	Docket No. UT- 121994  FRONTIER'S RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF TENTATIVE REJECTION OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
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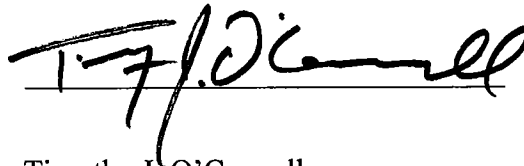
On June 3, 2013 the Commission released a Notice of Tentative Rejection of Settlement Agreement (“Notice”) directing Frontier Communications Northwest Inc., Staff of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“Staff”), and the Public Counsel Division of the Washington State Attorney General’s Office (“Public Counsel”) (collectively, “the Parties”) to file position statements with respect to three issues identified in the Notice. The Parties are signatories to the settlement agreement (Agreement) that was filed with the Commission on May 22nd, 2013. The three issues identified in the Notice were as follows:

1. *Whether the responding party waives cross-examination of the witnesses who sponsored the prefiled testimony and exhibits the Commission admitted into the record on May 29, 2013;*
2. *If all parties are not willing to waive cross-examination and the Commission conducts a hearing, the names of the witnesses the responding party would seek to cross-examine; and*
3. *Whether the responding party objects to the Commission considering, as part of its final determination, (a) the testimony filed in support of the Agreement or presented orally at the hearing held on May 29, 2013, or (b) the provisions of the Agreement.*

With respect to issue 1, Frontier agrees to waive cross-examination of the witnesses who sponsored the pre-filed testimony and exhibits the Commission admitted into the record on May 29, 2013. On issue 2, Frontier has communicated with both Staff and Public Counsel and anticipates that their positions are similar to Frontier in that they will be waiving cross examination and not objecting to the Commission considering the Agreement and testimony

presented in support of the Agreement. However, if the Commission conducts a hearing, Frontier would not seek to include any additional witnesses for purposes of cross-examination but reserves its right to participate in that hearing. With respect to issue 3, Frontier does not object to the Commission considering, as part of its final determination, the testimony filed in support of the Agreement or presented orally at the hearing held on May 29, 2013, or the provisions of the Agreement.

Submitted this 13th day of June, 2013.



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