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Mr. Dave Danner  
Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW  
P.O. Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Notification of Connect America Fund Phase I Funding Pursuant to 47 CFR 54.312(b)(3)

Dear Mr. Danner:

Frontier Communications Northwest Inc ("Frontier") hereby files the attached information in compliance with 47 CFR 54.312(b)(3), as adopted in the FCC's comprehensive order released November 18, 2011, reforming the federal Universal Service Fund (USF) and intercarrier compensation system.<sup>1</sup> These rules govern the procedures for price cap carriers accepting or declining support for broadband deployment under Phase One of the Connect America Fund ("CAF").<sup>2</sup> The FCC announced the amount of funding each price cap carrier is eligible to receive via a Public Notice on April 25, 2012.<sup>3</sup> CAF Phase I funding is limited to uses in unserved areas and cannot be applied to areas covered by preexisting federal or state commitments or in areas to which carriers had planned to deploy over the next three years.<sup>4</sup>

Section 54.312(b)(3) requires price cap carriers to accept or decline the incremental support made available to it through CAF Phase I. The rules further require each price cap carrier to "provide notice to the [Federal Communications] Commission, relevant state commissions, and any affected Tribal government, stating the amount of incremental support it wishes to accept and identifying the areas by wire center and census block in which the designated eligible telecommunications carrier will deploy broadband to meet its deployment obligation. . . ."<sup>5</sup>

Frontier has elected to receive all of the funding for which it is eligible as a company. Accordingly, Frontier is providing the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission with

<sup>1</sup> See Connect America Fund, et al., W.C. Dkt. No. 10-90 et al., *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, 26 FCC Rcd. 17663, FCC 11-161 (rel. November, 18, 2011) ("*Report and Order*").

<sup>2</sup> See *id.* at ¶¶ 128-55.

<sup>3</sup> See Connect America Fund, et al., W.C. Dkt. No. 10-90, 05-337, *Public Notice*, 27 FCC Rcd. 4203, DA 12-639 (Rel. Apr. 25, 2012).

<sup>4</sup> *Report and Order* at ¶ 146.

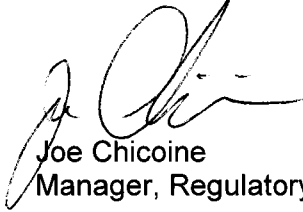
<sup>5</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.312(b)(3) (2012).

notification of its acceptance as well as a list of the census blocks to which Frontier currently plans to utilize the CAF Phase I funding.<sup>6</sup>

The information contained in this filing is considered confidential pursuant to WAC 480-07-160 and is included in this filing, on yellow paper, in a separate sealed envelope labeled "Confidential per WAC 480-07-160".

If you have any questions, please contact Carl Gipson at 425-261-6380 or email [carl.gipson@ftr.com](mailto:carl.gipson@ftr.com).

Respectfully submitted,



Joe Chicoine  
Manager, Regulatory Compliance and Reporting

Attachments

cc: Carl Gipson, Frontier.

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<sup>6</sup> See Connect America Fund, et al., W.C. Dkt. No. 10-90 *et al.*, Order, DA 12-1155 (rel. July 18, 2012) (clarifying that the census blocks listed in a carriers' initial acceptance are not binding so long as the carrier meets its total deployment obligations and all deployments meet the CAF Phase I criteria for eligibility).



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Marlene H. Dortch  
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RECORDS MANAGEMENT  
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STATE OF VERMONT  
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Re: *Connect America Fund, A National Broadband Plan for Our Future High-Cost Universal Service Support* WC Docket No. 10-90; *High-Cost Universal Service Support* WC Docket No. 05-337

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Frontier Communications Corp. ("Frontier") hereby accepts \$71,979,104 of its eligible funding for Connect America Fund Phase I incremental support for 2012. Consistent with the FCC's decision in the above referenced proceeding, we will be using this funding to support broadband deployment to unserved areas across our territory. We carefully evaluated our markets to identify those locations that could satisfy the FCC requirements and benefit most from this additional support. To satisfy our deployment obligations in connection with this funding, Frontier will deploy broadband to 92,877 locations. Frontier plans to use this funding to provide broadband to:

- One county in Arizona
- Two counties in California
- One county in Florida
- Five counties in Idaho
- 25 counties in Illinois
- Two counties in Indiana
- 26 counties in Michigan
- Two counties in Nevada
- Eight counties in New York
- One county in North Carolina
- Eight counties in Ohio
- Five counties in Oregon
- Two counties in Tennessee
- Seven counties in Washington
- 25 counties in West Virginia
- 30 counties in Wisconsin

Please see the attached file, which identifies, by 2010 Census Block FIPS code and wire center CLLI code, the locations where Frontier will deploy in satisfaction of this requirement. Frontier will provide additional data for such locations, including 2010 Census Block FIPS code, latitude and longitude, when such information becomes available, which shall be no later than one year from the date of this letter.

Please distribute the funds as follows:

| Company   | Address                               | SAC    | SPIN      | Amount          |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------------|
| Navajo Comm - Arizona                                     | 3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905 | 454449 | 143002480 | \$ 254,200.00   |
| Frontier Communications of the Southwest, Inc (CA-Contel) | 3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905 | 541863 | 143034515 | \$ 227,775.00   |
| Frontier of the South - Florida                           | 3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905 | 210318 | 143001561 | \$ 414,000.00   |
| Frontier Communications Northwest, Inc (ID-GTE)           | 3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905 | 472416 | 143004786 | \$ 4,695,000.00 |
| Frontier North, Inc (IL-GTE)                              | 3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905 | 341015 | 143004791 | \$ 3,705,750.00 |
| Frontier North, Inc (IL-Contel)                           | 3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905 | 341036 | 143004791 | \$ 869,250.00   |
| Frontier North, Inc (IN-Contel)                           | 3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905 | 320779 | 143004791 | \$ 96,800.00    |
| Frontier North, Inc (MI-GTE)                              | 3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905 | 310695 | 143004791 | \$ 7,171,200.00 |
| Frontier Midstates, Inc (MI-Alltel)                       | 3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905 | 313033 | 143004780 | \$ 298,800.00   |
| Frontier Communications of the Carolinas, Inc (NC-Contel) | 3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905 | 230509 | 143004771 | \$ 258,000.00   |

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| Frontier Communications of the Southwest, Inc (NV-Contel) | 3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905 | 552302 | 143034515 | \$ 1,395,000.00 |
| Frontier Comm.- Ausable Valley                            | 3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905 | 150072 | 143001317 | \$ 38,320.00    |
| Frontier Telephone of Rochester                           | 3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905 | 150121 | 143001348 | \$ 196,390.00   |
| CTC of NY - Upstate                                       | 3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905 | 154532 | 143001356 | \$ 244,290.00   |
| Frontier North, Inc (OH-GTE)                              | 3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905 | 300615 | 143004791 | \$ 1,749,000.00 |
| Frontier Communications Northwest, Inc (OR-GTE)           | 3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905 | 532416 | 143004786 | \$ 1,189,000.00 |
| CTC Volunteer State                                       | 3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905 | 290580 | 143001641 | \$ 202,718.00   |
| CTC Tennessee   | 3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905 | 294336 | 143001645 | \$ 119,057.00   |
| Frontier Communications Northwest, Inc (WA-GTE)           | 3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905 | 522416 | 143004786 | \$ 5,789,000.00 |
| Frontier North, Inc (WI-GTE)                              | 3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905 | 330886 | 143004791 | \$38,318,270.00 |
| Rhineland Telco - Crandon                                 | 3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905 | 330870 | 143001789 | \$ 153,888.00   |
| Frontier West Virginia, Inc - (OCN 5050)                  | 3 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905 | 205050 | 143001432 | \$ 4,593,396.00 |

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.312(b)(3), the undersigned certifies that (1) the locations that will be served in satisfaction of the deployment requirement associated with these funds, identified by wire center and 2010 Census block ID in the attached file, are shown as unserved by fixed broadband offered by any provider other than Frontier or an affiliate on the current version of the National Broadband Map (map current as of April 25, 2012); (2) that, to the best of the knowledge of Frontier, these locations are, in fact unserved by fixed broadband; (3) that Frontier's current capital improvement plan did not already include plans to complete broadband deployment within the next three years to the locations to be counted to satisfy the deployment

requirement; and (4) that this incremental support will not be used to satisfy any merger commitment or similar regulatory obligation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael P. Golob". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and a distinct 'P'.

Michael Golob  
Senior Vice President, Engineering and Technology  
Frontier Communications











