

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UT-121994
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FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS)	
NORTHWEST INC.,)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
)	CONFERENCE
To be Regulated as a Competitive)	(Set for February 13, 2013,
Telecommunications Company)	at 1:30 p.m.)
Pursuant to RCW 80.36.320)	
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1 On December 24, 2012, Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. (Frontier) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a petition for approval of minimal regulation in accordance with RCW 80.36.320 seeking classification as a competitive telecommunications company throughout its current service territory.

2 On January 24, 2013, Frontier filed an amended replacement petition for approval of minimal regulation in accordance with RCW 80.36.320 (Petition). The Petition came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on January 31, 2013. By Order 01 entered in this docket, the Commission suspended the competitive classification and set the Petition for hearing.

3 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under RCW Title 80, and has legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of telecommunications companies. The statutes that apply to this matter include RCW 80.01, RCW 80.04, and RCW 80.36 relating to rates, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040 and RCW 80.04.020. The rules that apply to this matter include those within WAC 480-120, WAC 480-121, and WAC 480-07.

4 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of RCW 34.05 relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW

34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in WAC 480-07 in this proceeding.

5 The Commission finds there is good cause to hear this matter on shortened notice. *See* WAC 480-07-440(1)(a).

6 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a prehearing conference in this matter at 1:30 p.m., on February 13, 2013, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

7 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention, resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence and workpapers, to identify the issues in the proceeding and determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving the matter, as listed in WAC 480-07-430. **Parties are encouraged to consult informally prior to the prehearing conference to develop a proposed schedule for the Commission's consideration.**

8 **INTERVENTION:** Persons who wish to intervene should file a petition to intervene in writing at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See* WAC 480-07-355(a). The Commission will consider oral petitions to intervene during the conference, but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene. Party representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the business day before the conference. *See* WAC 480-07-345(2). Any party or witness in need of an interpreter or other assistance should fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and place for any evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference, on the record of a later conference or hearing session, or by later written notice.

9 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440 and WAC 480-07-450.**

10 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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- 11 The Commissioners of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission and Administrative Law Judge Gregory J. Kopta, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.
- 12 The Attorney General has designated Simon J. ffitc of the Office of the Public Counsel to represent the public. You may use the Commission's address, shown below, for contacting Public Counsel, or you may contact Public Counsel directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.
- 13 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective January 31, 2013.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Executive Director and Secretary

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Hearing facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Smoking is prohibited. If limited English-speaking, hearing-impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please fill out this form and return it to Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: David W. Danner, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

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Case Name: _____

Hearing Date: _____ Hearing Location: _____

Primary Language: _____

Hearing Impaired (Yes) _____ (No) _____

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Other type of assistance needed: _____

English-speaking person who can be contacted if there are questions:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: (____) _____