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Via E-mail and USPS Delivery

Mr. Steven King, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Subject: **Notice of Cessation of Force Majeure Event in Eastern Washington –
Brewster, Bridgeport, Tonasket, and Republic (UT- 141498)**

Dear Mr. King,

This letter is to inform you that the Force Majeure event, which began on July 18, 2014, concluded on July 25, 2014. Please see attachment A for details regarding the impact of the wildfires on Frontier's outside plant.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carl Gipson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Attachment A – Force Majeure Event Narrative (Docket No. UT-141498)

On July 18, 2014, at approximately 2:26am PDT Frontier's facilities and services near Brewster, Tonasket Bridgeport, and Republic began to be impacted by the various wildfires in the Pateros and Methow Valley area. The fires caused about five thousand feet of aerial fibers to be burned in two locations, which caused toll isolation in all four impacted exchanges. Frontier crews were barred from several sites due to the dangers of the wildfires or because the local power authorities had not yet cleared the area of downed power lines.

Frontier crews worked closely with other local exchange providers to establish re-routing of calls over unaffected lines or microwave towers. Crews began working towards restoration of services the evening of July 18th. As of the evening of the 18th, the exchanges of Republic and Tonasket had local dialing (with 911) but remained toll-isolated. The PSAP was not impacted. Toll isolation ended the evening of July 19th.

While the majority of communications was restored by July 19th or 20th, there were a few neighborhoods that remained disconnected due to the fires for several days after. The Harmony Heights and Indian Dam neighborhoods (Brewster exchange) remained impacted until July 25th as a result of the destruction of several pedestals.