

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON  
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of

NORTHWEST FIBER, LLC,  
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS  
CORPORATION, AND FRONTIER  
COMMUNICATIONS ILEC  
HOLDINGS LLC,

For an Order Declining to Assert  
Jurisdiction Over, or, in the Alternative,  
Approving the Transfer of Control of  
Frontier Communications Northwest  
Inc. to Northwest Fiber, LLC

DOCKET UT-190574

NOTICE OF PREHEARING  
CONFERENCE  
**(Set for July 23, 2019,  
at 1:30 p.m.)**

- 1 On June 28, 2019, Northwest Fiber, LLC (Northwest Fiber), Frontier Communications Corporation (Frontier Parent) and Frontier Communications ILEC Holdings LLC (Frontier ILEC Holdings) (collectively, the Joint Applicants) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a Joint Application requesting that the Commission decline to assert jurisdiction over a transaction involving the transfer of control of Frontier Communications Northwest, Inc. (Frontier NW) from Frontier ILEC Holdings to Northwest Fiber, or, in the alternative, to approve the application for transfer.
- 2 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under Title 80 RCW, and has legal authority to regulate telecommunications companies. The statutes that apply to this matter include Chapters 80.01 RCW, 80.04 RCW, 80.12 RCW, and 80.36 RCW, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.020, and RCW 80.12.020. The rules that apply to this matter include those within Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-143, relating to transfers of property, and WAC 480-120, relating to telephone companies.
- 3 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of Chapter 34.05 RCW 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.

4 The Commission finds there is good cause to hear this matter on shortened notice. *See* WAC 480-07-440(1)(a) and RCW 34.05.434.

5 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That it will hold a prehearing conference in this matter at 1:30 p.m., on July 23, 2019, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

6 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention, resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence, 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.

7 **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.

8 **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.**

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

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- 10 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.
- 11 The Attorney General has designated Nina Suetake from the Public Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General's Office (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.

- 12 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 July 15, 2019.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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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: Mark L. Johnson, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

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Case Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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