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April 15, 2020

Chairman Megan Decker
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Oregon Public Utility Commission
201 High Street, SE
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Salem, OR 97301

Re: Docket UM 2028 – In the Matter of Northwest Fiber, LLC, Frontier Communications Corporation and Frontier Communications ILEC Holdings LLC Joint Application Declining to Assert Jurisdiction Over, or, in the Alternative, Approving the Transfer of Control of Frontier Communications Northwest Inc., and Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon to Northwest Fiber, LLC.

Notice of Filing of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy - Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. and Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon

Dear Commissioners,

Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. and Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon (collectively, "Frontier") hereby provide notice to the Oregon Public Utility Commission that they and their parent entity, Frontier Communications Corporation and certain affiliates (collectively, "Frontier Filing Entities"), filed a Petition under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York after the close of business on April 14, 2020. The filing of the Petition served to convert the legal status of Frontier Filing Entities to debtors-in-possession that will continue to operate the business during the court-supervised reorganization process. The bankruptcy filing did not result in any change to its current operations and Frontier will continue to operate as normal without out any expected interruption to its valued customers in Oregon or to the planned close of the transaction with Northwest Fiber, LLC on April 30, 2020.

This notice is being made as a courtesy. Frontier and/or our outside counsel Tim O'Connell are is available to discuss the Chapter 11 reorganization with you or other Staff if you think it would be of any benefit to the Commission. Additional information related to Frontier's restructuring and the Chapter 11 process is available to the Commission and Frontier's customers via a dedicated web page at <https://frontierrestructuring.com/>, which Frontier will update periodically as the process progresses.

Frontier wants to emphasize that this Chapter 11 filing will not interrupt any service to residential, business or wholesale consumers, will not impact Frontier's ability to provide voice, data or video services in the state, and will not impact Frontier's provision of 911 services. The Chapter 11 filing will not result in a change to the rates or terms of service provided to customers or offered to prospective customers in the normal course of business. Frontier intends to continue its existing operations and to comply with its existing regulatory obligations and commitments without any change as a result of the filing of the Petition.

As noted above, the Chapter 11 filing is not expected to impact the close of the previously approved sale of operations to Northwest Fiber, LLC. Frontier anticipates receiving any necessary Bankruptcy Court approvals to proceed with the scheduled closing of this transaction as planned on April 30, 2020. Further, Frontier will comply with the requirements included in the Commission's approval order issued January 27, 2020, including the requirements therein requiring Frontier to submit five days before closing: 1) retail service quality data showing that there has been no material degradation of service quality on the systems Frontier replicated for Northwest Fiber and 2) a report documenting testing that validates the Frontier operations support systems are fully functioning and operational.

Should you have any questions, please contact me directly or Tim O'Connell at tim.oconnell@stoel.com or (206) 386-7562.

Respectfully,



Allison M. Ellis

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1 BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
2 OF OREGON

3 In the Matter of the Joint Application of
4 NORTHWEST FIBER, LLC, FRONTIER
5 COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION,
6 AND FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS
7 ILEC HOLDINGS LLC,

DOCKET No. UM 2028
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

7 For an Order Declining to Assert
8 Jurisdiction Over, or, in the Alternative,
9 Approving the Transfer of Control of
10 Frontier Communications Northwest Inc.
and Citizens Telecommunications Company
of Oregon to Northwest Fiber, LLC

11 I, Cindy Castro, certify that at all times mentioned herein, I was and am a resident of the
12 state of Washington, over the age of eighteen years, not a party to the proceeding or interested
13 therein, and competent to be a witness therein. My business address is that of Stoel Rives LLP,
14 3600 One Union Square, 600 University Street, Seattle, Washington 98101.

15 On April 15, 2020, I caused a true and correct copy of the following documents:

16 1. NOTICE OF FILING CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY

17 to be filed electronically and served upon the following counsel of record as indicated

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