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VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Promoting Investment in the 3550-3700 MHz Band*, GN Docket No. 17-258

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 16, 2017, Michael Saperstein and the undersigned of Frontier Communications Corporation ("Frontier") spoke by phone with Rachael Bender, Legal Advisor to Chairman Pai. Likewise, on October 17, 2017, Michael Saperstein and the undersigned spoke by phone with Erin McGrath, Legal Advisor to Commissioner O'Rielly.

Frontier explained that it supports the Commission making spectrum available for fixed wireless deployments in rural areas as soon as feasible.¹ The draft *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* rightly asks questions about how any changes to rules in the 3550-3700 MHz Band will promote rural deployments, including through retaining smaller license sizes in rural areas.² Making available spectrum for rural fixed wireless deployments as swiftly as practicable would provide another key tool in the toolbox to reach the hardest to serve rural Americans.

Sincerely,

/s/ AJ Burton

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cc: Rachael Bender
Erin McGrath

¹ See, e.g., Comments of Frontier Communications Corporation, Windstream Services, LLC, and Consolidated Communications, Inc., GN Docket No. 17-183; RM-11791 (Oct. 2, 2017), available at <http://bit.ly/2xMgil0>.

² *Promoting Investment in the 3550-3700 MHz Band*, Draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Order Terminating Petitions, FCC-CIRC1710-04 ¶¶ 15, 22, 25 (Oct. 3, 2017).