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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 March 1, 2017, Michael Saperstein and the undersigned of Frontier Communications Corporation ("Frontier"); Jeff Lanning and Tiffany Smink (by phone) of CenturyLink, Inc. ("CenturyLink"); Malena Barzilai of Windstream Services, LLC ("Windstream"); and Michael Skrivan (by phone) of Consolidated Communications, Inc. ("Consolidated") met with Julius Knapp and Robert Pavlak of the FCC's Office of Engineering and Technology; and Jessie Friend, Jessica Greffenius, Kelly Quinn (by phone), and Matt Pearl (by phone) of the Wireless Bureau.

Representatives from Frontier, CenturyLink, Windstream, and Consolidated discussed the attached presentation. In particular, the companies explained that they are looking at leveraging the 3.5 GHz Band as another tool in the toolkit in the most rural portions of their footprints to make faster broadband available to more people. To make these types of rural broadband deployments possible, the FCC must preserve census tract license sizes in rural areas – partial economic areas and even counties would preclude meaningful participation in the band by companies focused on providing broadband in the most rural areas. By licensing the 3.5 GHz Band in rural areas on a census tract basis, the FCC can help enable faster broadband to more rural Americans.

Sincerely,

/s/ AJ Burton

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cc: Jessie Friend
Jessica Greffenius
Julius Knapp
Robert Pavlak
Matt Pearl
Kelly Quinn