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In the Matter of
WC Docket No. 19-188
Frontier Communications Corporation, Transferor
and Northwest Fiber, LLC, Transferee

Comments of Montana State Representative
Steve Gunderson House District 1
Libby, Troy and the Bull River Valley

Frontier Communications has served Libby, Troy and the Bull River Valley for many years with landline telecommunications and later with Internet service in the area encompassed by Montana House District 1. The service provided has been spotty and lacking in speed performance and quality of service provided. Frontier made a commitment to the customers within it's service area and received federal funding to improve it's service; a promise to improve. That promise was never kept and my constituents have suffered, living in an area not well served yet the provider was given incentives to improve and expand its service and its service area.

Montana Sky has worked diligently to deliver high-quality telecommunications services to residents of Libby, MT and surrounding communities; communities served by Frontier Communications Corporation that this consent to transfer control applies.

It is of the utmost importance that Northwest, commits up front to pro-competitive practices so as to avoid the prior and well documented anti-consumer, dysfunctional practices of the company it seeks to acquire.

Going forward, Northwest must commit to practices that remedy the poor service experienced by Frontier's customers; including Montana Sky. The winners in this transfer of ownership should be Frontier and Montana Sky customer; my constituents. Consumers in these markets deserve no less.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Gunderson", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Representative Steve Gunderson HD1