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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Connect America Fund*; WC Dkt No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Frontier CEO Maggie Wilderotter spoke by telephone with Commissioner Mignon Clyburn. Kathleen Q. Abernathy, Executive Vice President, External Affairs, Frontier Communications, and Rebekah Goodheart, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn, also participated on the call.

On the call, Ms. Wilderotter thanked Commissioner Clyburn for her enduring commitment to ensuring that all Americans have access to the transformative benefits of broadband. Commissioner Clyburn's work in reforming universal service and further extending the benefits of the Connect America Fund (CAF) will change the lives of hundreds of thousands of rural Americans. Ms. Wilderotter highlighted that the CAF Phase II is the critical component to fulfilling the public policy goal of universal service and Frontier is most appreciative that Commissioner Clyburn and the Commission will soon be one step closer to moving CAF Phase II forward and meeting this goal.

Ms. Wilderotter stressed that, with the Commission's heightened speed obligations for CAF Phase II under consideration, the Commission must also consider adjusting other elements associated with the program, including increasing the term of support beyond five years to complete the CAF Phase II broadband buildout. A rational economic framework to ensure buildout at higher speeds to the most costly, hardest-to-reach and currently unserved locations can only be justified with an extended deployment and funding period. If implemented rationally, Frontier will be able to deploy broadband to more than 500,000 unserved locations with a combination of CAF Phase II funding and private investment.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1206(b), this letter is being filed electronically with your office today. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jennifer Schneider

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