

July 28, 2015

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

*Re: Verizon Communications Inc. and Frontier Communications Corporation,
Consolidated Application for the Partial Assignment and Transfer of Control of
Domestic and International Section 214 Authorizations, WC Docket No. 15-44*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Frontier Communications Corporation (“Frontier”), by its undersigned counsel and in response to questions from Commission staff, hereby follows up on its July 17, 2015 letter in this docket¹ with additional information regarding Frontier’s successful broadband expansion efforts in California following its 2010 transaction with Verizon Communications Inc. (“Verizon”) (the “2010 transaction”),² and in Connecticut following its 2014 transaction with AT&T (the “2014 transaction”).³

California: The July 17 letter explained that as part of the 2010 transaction, Frontier acquired 12 exchanges in California, serving approximately 17,700 households.⁴ At the time Frontier acquired the 12 exchanges, broadband had only been deployed to one of them, and broadband was available to about 4,200 households. Today broadband is available to a total of over 14,700 households, or 82 percent of households in the acquired exchanges. Since the 2010 transaction, therefore, Frontier has made broadband available to approximately 10,500 more

¹ See Letter from William F. Maher, Jr., Counsel, Frontier, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket 15-44 (filed Jul. 17, 2015) (“July 17 letter”).

² See *Applications Filed by Frontier Communications Corp. and Verizon Communications Inc. for Assignment or Transfer of Control*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 25 FCC Rcd 5972 (2010).

³ See *Applications Filed by Frontier Communications Corp. and AT&T Inc. for the Assignment or Transfer of Control of the Southern New England Telephone Co. and SNET America, Inc.*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 29 FCC Rcd 9203 (WCB, IB, WTB 2014).

⁴ See July 17 letter at 1-2.

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households in these exchanges. To clarify further, each exchange constitutes one wire center. Thus, as examples of progress in broadband deployment, Frontier increased broadband availability from zero to 89 percent availability in the Coleville wire center (or exchange), and from zero to over 97 percent availability in the Earp Big River wire center (or exchange).

Connecticut: As the July 17 letter mentioned,⁵ in the 2014 transaction, Frontier committed to expanding IP broadband data speeds of 10 Mbps or greater to more than 100,000 additional households in Connecticut and to constructing an ultra-high speed middle mile fiber network, which will allow Frontier to provide 10 Gigabit services. Since this transaction closed in October 2014, 5,070 additional households have gained access to broadband with speeds of 10 Mbps or greater, with about 19,000 more households expected by the end of 2015. Therefore, about 24,070 additional households in Connecticut are expected to have gained access to 10 Mbps broadband by the end of 2015.

If you have any questions about the information above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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⁵ See *id.* at 4.