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VIA ECFS

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

Re: *Applications Filed by Frontier Communications Corporation and Verizon Communications Inc. for the Partial Assignment or Transfer of Control of Certain Assets in California, Florida, and Texas, WC Docket No. 15-44*

Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization; Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support; Connect America Fund, WC Docket Nos. 11-42, 09-197, 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 30, 2015, Dan McCarthy, President and CEO of Frontier Communications ("Frontier"), Maggie Wilderotter, Executive Chairman of Frontier, and Kathleen Abernathy, Executive Vice President of External Affairs of Frontier, met with Commissioner Michael O'Rielly and Amy Bender to discuss the numerous public interest benefits that would result from Frontier's proposed acquisition of Verizon Communications Inc.'s ("Verizon's") wireline properties in California, Florida, and Texas (the "transferring states"), which the Commission is considering in WC Docket No. 15-44. Frontier pointed out its commitment to broadband deployment across the acquired properties and how its local engagement model will benefit the residents of the transferring states.

More specifically, Frontier discussed its plans to invest in broadband infrastructure in the transferring states, including in their rural markets, and Frontier's successful track record of expanding broadband availability following prior acquisitions. Ms. Wilderotter pointed out that by the end of 2014, Frontier offered wireline broadband services to approximately 92 percent of the households throughout its current and often highly rural service territories as compared to the approximately 62 percent broadband availability that existed in 2010 when Frontier acquired Verizon's wireline properties in 14 states. Frontier's recent acceptance of the Connect America Fund ("CAF") support was also discussed.

In addition, Frontier spoke about the recent settlement with the Communications Workers of America (“CWA”), that CWA now supports the transaction, and that Frontier is committed to growing jobs in California, Florida, and Texas.

Frontier also explained that customers will benefit from the transaction because of Frontier’s local engagement policy, which empowers Frontier general managers and the other employees who live in the local communities to deliver high-quality service to the local customer base.

Frontier also discussed the creative ways that it invests in and supports its rural communities. Ms. Wilderotter provided details about the America’s Best Communities (“ABC”) Prize Competition, which is a program Frontier funds and supports with several other partners to encourage investment and innovation in rural America. This prize competition was developed in 2014 and is an example of the unique commitment Frontier has to improving lives across its 28 state footprint. Frontier extended an invitation to Commissioner O’Rielly to attend one of the celebratory dinners that Frontier is hosting to honor each of the 50 ABC quarterfinalist communities.

Finally, Frontier expressed its support for modernizing the Lifeline program to include broadband.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission’s rules, this letter is being filed electronically with your office today.

Sincerely,

/s/ AJ Burton

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cc: Amy Bender