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VIA ECFS

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

Re: *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 6, 2016, Kathleen Abernathy, Executive Vice President, External Affairs, Michael Golob, Senior Vice President, Special Projects, and the undersigned, all of Frontier Communications, participated in separate meetings with the following individuals:

- Carol Matthey, Alex Minard, Heidi Lankau, Talmage Cox, and Steve Rosenberg (by phone) of the Wireline Competition Bureau;
- Commissioner Pai and Nick Degani;
- Stephanie Weiner of Chairman Wheeler's office and Matt DelNero and Carol Matthey of the Wireline Competition Bureau;
- Amy Bender of Commissioner O'Rielly's office; and
- Commissioner Rosenworcel and Travis Litman.

During the meetings, Frontier discussed the success of the FCC's Connect America Fund ("CAF") program and Frontier's experience in building out under both Phase I and Phase II of the program. Additionally, consistent with Frontier's advocacy in this proceeding,¹ Frontier's representatives discussed its proposal for interim support to ensure continuity of voice service to extremely high-cost locations in the territories of price cap carriers that accepted the offers of model-based support. Frontier explained that the current lack of support places customers in these areas at risk for unnecessary loss of voice service during extreme weather events and urged the Commission to implement an interim voice maintenance support mechanism as it adopts the reverse auction framework for the next phase of the CAF.

¹ See, e.g., Letter from L. Charles Keller, Counsel to Frontier, to Marlene Dortch, Secretary, FCC, Docket No. 10-90 (Feb. 23, 2016).

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ AJ Burton

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cc: Amy Bender
Talmage Cox
Nick Degani
Matthew DelNero
Heidi Lankau
Travis Litman
Carol Matthey
Alex Minard
Steve Rosenberg
Stephanie Weiner