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Ms. Marlene Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S. W.
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service
CC Docket No. 96-45: Ex Parte Presentation**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §1.1206, Frontier Communications (Frontier) provides notice of an ex parte meeting on July 18, 2006. Meetings were held with FCC Commissioner Robert M. McDowell and his Advisor Cristina Pauze.

Frontier attendees were Maggie Wilderotter, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer; Dan McCarthy, Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer; Ann Burr, Senior Vice President / General Manager – Rochester Region and Government and Regulatory Affairs; and Rob Binder, Manager– Government and Regulatory Affairs.

In the meeting the Frontier attendees discussed the issues to be considered in the reforming of the Universal Service Fund. The Frontier attendees took the positions that USF support should be received based on a parity in carrier obligations (including the obligations and expenses of a Carrier of Last Resort), and should be based on services offered and actual investment by carrier. The Frontier attendees also discussed Frontier, its investment in broadband and its future business plans.

Respectfully submitted,



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