

March 1, 2010

***Ex Parte***

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**RE:** *Application of Verizon Northwest Inc., Verizon Communications Inc. and Frontier Communications Corporation for Consent to Transfer Control of Domestic Section 214 Authority, WC Docket No. 09-95* **CORRECTED VERSION**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On February 26, 2010, Ms. Maggie Wilderotter, Chairman and CEO and Dan McCarthy, Chief Operating Officer of Frontier Communications Corporation (“Frontier”), and Ms. Kathleen Abernathy of Wilkinson Barker and Frontier’s Chief Legal Officer-designate met separately with Edward Lazarus, Chief of Staff to the Chairman, and with Sharon Gillette, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau (“WCB”), Paul deSa, Chief of the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy, Donald Stockdale, Deputy Chief, WCB, Nicholas Alexander, Associate Chief, WCB, Carol Simpson, Deputy Chief, Competition Policy Division, WCB, and Jennifer Prime, Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, WCB, to discuss the pending applications for consent to the assignment and/or transfer of control of certain licenses and authorizations. Mr. Ken Mason, Vice President – Government and Regulatory Affairs for Frontier, also attended the meeting with Ms. Gillette, Mr. deSa and the WCB staff.

In both meetings, the Frontier participants discussed the need for expeditious FCC processing and consent to the assignments and transfers of control. Frontier is currently undertaking to arrange financing for the transaction, and uncertainty with respect to the timing of FCC approval and any conditions can make such financing more difficult and costly. In addition, any delay to the anticipated timeframe for the closing of the transaction would lead to increased carrying costs on the money raised. These added costs are funds that Frontier believes would be better spent towards increasing broadband availability in Frontier’s post-transaction footprint. Moreover, various actions required to effectuate the spin-off of the affected properties from Verizon, including establishing a record date and mailing a prospectus to all shareholders as of the record date, will require substantial lead time to complete before the transaction can be closed. The operations support systems transition activities are also ongoing, and would benefit from being able to plan more definitely with respect to the actual closing date. Thus, Frontier requested that the Commission act on and approve the applications by approximately late April.

Furthermore, by acting earlier and thus facilitating an earlier closing, the Commission will allow Frontier to begin working to achieve the public interest benefits of the transaction,

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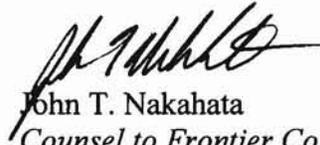
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particularly with respect to broadband deployment and subscribership. In addition, the NTIA has now approved a BTOP grant to the State of West Virginia, and completion of this transaction would facilitate Frontier's activities in support of that grant.

In the meeting with Mr. Lazarus, in response to questions, Frontier also stated that there is a continued need for ongoing investment in rural America, including a need to address broadband adoption. Adoption in particular is an area in which the government along with the private sector could take complementary actions.

A copy of this letter is being filed in the above-referenced docket, as well as the dockets related to the National Broadband Plan (GN Docket Nos. 09-47, 09-51, 09-137).

Sincerely,



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