



May 18, 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 Communications Inc. and Frontier Communications Corporation for Consent to Transfer Control of Domestic Section 214 Authority, WC Docket No. 09-95*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

At Staff's request, Frontier Communications Corp. ("Frontier") hereby clarifies that Frontier's voluntary broadband deployment commitments will ensure that broadband is available to more than 1.2 million housing units in the areas to be transferred from Verizon,<sup>1</sup> many located in rural areas of the country, that currently lack access to the incumbent's DSL service.<sup>2</sup> Accordingly, through its voluntary broadband commitments, Frontier will provide a total of more than 4.3 million housing units<sup>3</sup>—accounting for approximately 11.3 million Americans<sup>4</sup>—access to broadband with actual speeds of at least 4 Mbps download and 1 Mbps upload in the last mile.

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<sup>1</sup> See Ex Parte Letter of Maggie Wilderotter, CEO, Frontier, to Chairman Julius Genachowski *et al.*, at 2 (May 10, 2010). The number of housing units in Verizon territories was calculated using Census 2000 data.

<sup>2</sup> Based on Frontier's voluntary commitment to provide broadband at least 85% of housing units transferred from Verizon and Verizon's current broadband service level of approximately 62%.

<sup>3</sup> See Ex Parte Letter of John T. Nakahata, Counsel to Frontier, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, at Attachment A, Frontier Commitment No. 1 (committing Frontier to provide at least 4 Mbps download and 1 Mbps upload to at least 85% of housing units within the areas being transferred from Verizon).

<sup>4</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, America's Families and Living Arrangements 2000: Population Characteristics, at 3 (June 2001), <http://www.census.gov/prod/2001pubs/p20-537.pdf> (average household size per 2000 Census was 2.62 persons).

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A copy of this letter is being filed in the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely,

/s/ John T. Nakahata

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