

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Connect America Fund)	WC Docket No. 10-90
)	
High-Cost Universal Service Support)	WC Docket No. 05-337

**COMMENTS OF THE WEST VIRGINIA RURAL COMPANIES IN SUPPORT OF
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION PETITION FOR WAIVER OF
CERTAIN HIGH-COST UNIVERSAL SERVICE RULES**

Armstrong Telephone Company – Northern Division, Armstrong Telephone Company – West Virginia, Hardy Telecommunications, Inc., and Spruce Knob Seneca Rocks Telephone, Inc. (collectively referred to as the “West Virginia Rural Companies”) file these comments in support of the petition for waiver submitted by Frontier Communications Corporation (“Frontier”).¹

The West Virginia Rural Companies have also requested a waiver of 47 C.F.R. §§54.313(a)(10) and 54.318(i) in a filing in this docket on February 5, 2013 that requests the same scope of relief as that requested in the *Frontier Petition*.² For all the reasons set forth in the West Virginia Rural Companies’ Petition, which Petition is incorporated herein by reference, the West Virginia Rural Companies support the granting of the waiver requested in the *Frontier Petition*.

¹ See Public Notice, DA 13-38, released January 11, 2013; *see also* Frontier Communications Corporation Petition for Waiver, WC Docket Nos. 10-90 and 05-337, filed December 7, 2012 (the “*Frontier Petition*”).

² See Public Notice, DA 13-168, released February 7, 2013.

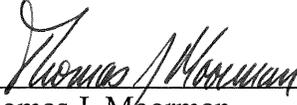
The West Virginia Rural Companies believe that good cause exists to support Frontier's requested waiver based on the facts and circumstances provided by Frontier, and that the *Frontier Petition* should promptly be granted. Although the West Virginia Rural Companies believe that an on-going waiver of 47 C.F.R. §§54.313(a)(10) and 54.318(i) should be granted, if the Commission does not grant the waiver requested in the *Frontier Petition*, the Commission should grant Frontier a temporary waiver of 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313(a)(10) and 54.318(i) and begin a rulemaking proceeding as requested by Frontier.

Date: February 11, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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