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VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth St., S.W.
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Re: *Notice of Ex Parte Presentation – WC Docket No. 14-22*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This is to notify you that on February 6, 2014, Kathleen Abernathy, Executive Vice President, External Affairs, of Frontier Communications ("Frontier"), with Bryan Tramont and William Maher, outside counsel for Frontier, met with the following members of the Commission staff: Julie Veach, Lisa Gelb, Bill Dever, Jodie May, Dennis Johnson, Alex Johns, Brittany Moore, and Christopher Sova of the Wireline Competition Bureau; Jim Bird, Neil Dellar, and Virginia Metallo of the Office of General Counsel; Marcia Glauberman of the Media Bureau; and David Krech and Veronica Garcia-Ulloa of the International Bureau. The subject of the meeting was Frontier's proposed acquisition of The Southern New England Telephone Company from AT&T.

Meeting attendees from the Commission were provided with copies of the attached presentation regarding the transaction. The Frontier representatives discussed the topics detailed in the attached presentation, particularly the numerous public interest benefits and the increase in competition associated with the proposed transaction. They also answered a variety of questions from Commission staff.

Pursuant to Section 1.1200 *et seq.* of the Commission's rules,[1] this letter is being electronically filed with your office and a copy of this submission is being provided to the meeting attendees from the Commission.

[1] *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1200 *et seq*.

Respectfully submitted,

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Frontier-AT&T Connecticut Transaction Overview

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Frontier-AT&T Connecticut Transaction

- Frontier to acquire from AT&T the stock of The Southern New England Telephone Company ("SNET") and its long distance and calling card affiliate SNET America, Inc. ("SAI") for $2 billion in cash.
  - Expands Frontier's ILEC operations from 27 to 28 states.
  - ILEC territory covers the vast majority of CT (with the exception of a small area in southern CT).
- Follows Frontier's successful 2010 transaction with Verizon.
  - That conversion covered operations across 14 states and was completed approximately one year ahead of schedule.

Frontier-AT&T Connecticut Transaction

- Frontier to acquire SNET's ILEC, retail broadband and video operations in Connecticut.
  - Approximately 900,000 access lines.
  - Approximately 415,000 broadband.
  - Approximately 180,000 video customers.
- SAI has a limited number of long distance customers in numerous states, as well as calling card customers.
- Post-transaction, Frontier will have approximately 16,900 employees operating across 28 states

The Transaction Will Increase Competition

- Frontier presently has no local exchange, broadband or video operations in Connecticut.
- Post-transaction, Frontier will compete with the wireless, enterprise and CLEC operations that AT&T will retain in the state.

Benefits for Connecticut Customers

- Frontier will deepen its existing roots and active community involvement in Connecticut, where it has been headquartered for more than 65 years.
  - Currently employs more than 200 personnel in CT, including most of the company's senior leadership; presence will grow with the addition of about 2700 SNET employees.
- SNET will become an integral part of Frontier's core business and strategies.
  - CT customers will retain the advantages of service from a large company while gaining the close working relationships of a small company.
  - Frontier will increase investment in the 48% of the state that is rural.
- Frontier will focus on customer service and service quality, maintain and continue to invest in existing facilities and operations.
  - Existing customers to receive substantially the same services on the same terms and conditions, plus Frontier's branded products (stand alone broadband and computer security).
  - The transfer will be coordinated and subject to pre-planning and testing to ensure a smooth transition.

Frontier Will Be a Stronger Carrier Nationwide

- The transaction will result in a larger and more robust carrier.
  - Improves Frontier's overall financial flexibility and stability.
  - Helps ensure over the long term that Frontier will have the financial capability to:
    - increase broadband investment and penetration and
    - provide better service.

Substantial Synergies and Cost Savings

- Frontier expects to realize annual operating expense savings of $200 million by:
  - Consolidating various administrative and accounting functions and network support systems,
  - Reducing corporate overhead, and
  - Increasing the company's overall purchasing power and economies of scale.

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