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VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Connect America Fund*, WC Dkt. No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 20, 2013, Frontier submitted a conditional application for \$71,852,575 of Connect America Fund (“CAF”) Phase I second-round funding. Frontier’s application was conditional “based upon the results of the challenge process, both for the census blocks in which Frontier is challenging the National Broadband Map’s census block determination, as well as those census blocks that may be challenged by other parties.”¹

The Commission awarded a total of \$61,385,900 to Frontier in order to provide service to 24,192 locations that have dial-up only access (funded at \$775/location) and 77,522 locations that have only low-speed Internet access (funded at \$550/location).² The Commission stated that to the extent Frontier “now wish[es] to modify [its] prior acceptances in light of our resolution of the challenges in this Order, [it] must identify the number of locations and specific census blocks within 45 days” of the Order’s release.

After reevaluating its plans in light of the Commission’s decisions in the challenge process, Frontier accepts the totality of the funding awarded to it (i.e., \$61,385,900), though the location types and counts per census block have changed since its initial application. Specifically, Frontier will no longer use CAF Phase I Round 2 funding to serve locations in the census blocks listed in Appendix A. Those census blocks contained 1,096 locations funded at \$775/location and 1,571 locations funded at \$550/location. Instead, Frontier has identified an additional 647 locations funded at

¹ Letter from Michael Golob, Senior Vice President, Engineering and Technology, Frontier Communications, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Dkt. No. 10-90 (filed Aug. 20, 2013).

² See *Over \$255 Million of Connect America Funding Authorized to Connect Unserved Homes and Businesses in 41 States*, WC Dkt. No. 10-90, Public Notice, 28 FCC Rcd. 16450 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013) (“*December Public Notice*”) (authorizing \$57,637,650 in funding for Frontier to serve 24,192 locations at \$775/location and 70,707 locations at \$550/location); *In re: Connect America Fund*, WC Dkt. No. 10-90, Order, 29 FCC Rcd. 181 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2014) (“*Challenge Order*”) (authorizing \$3,748,250 in funding for Frontier to serve 0 locations at \$775/location and 6,815 locations at \$550/location).

\$775/location and 2,204 locations funded at \$550/location within its previously-approved census blocks. In total, Frontier will provide service to 23,743 locations at the \$775/location threshold and 78,155 locations at the \$550 threshold with the funding provided.

We look forward to working with the Commission throughout this process in order to maximize this opportunity to expediently deploy broadband in rural America.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,

/s/

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