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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Frontier Communications Corporation, Frontier Communications of America, Inc. (U5429C), Verizon California, Inc. (U1002C), Verizon Long Distance LLC (U5732C), and Newco West Holdings LLC for Approval of Transfer of Control Over Verizon California, Inc. and Related Approval of Transfer of Assets and Certifications.

Application 15-03-005
(Filed March 18, 2015)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SETTING WORKSHOPS AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS AND REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE

Frontier Communications Corporation (Frontier), Frontier Communications of America, Inc. (U5429C) (Frontier America), Verizon California Inc. (U 1002 C) (Verizon California), Verizon Long Distance, LLC (U5732C) (Verizon LD), and Newco West Holdings LLC request that the Commission approve the sale and transfer of Verizon California, certain assets held by Verizon California, and Verizon LD's customer accounts in Verizon California's service territory to Frontier. If the transaction is approved, approximately 2 million customers of Verizon California will become customers of Frontier. Certain customers of Verizon LD will become customers of Frontier America. The assets to be transferred include, in addition to the customer accounts, the physical assets of Verizon California such as poles, wires, switches, trucks, central offices and the like.

The Commission will hold a series of Public Participation Hearings (PPHs) on the proposed transaction. In addition, the Commission has scheduled

workshops, which will be held 1-2 hours prior to each PPH, on the same day and at the same location as the PPH. The workshops will review the technical condition of the network in the areas adjacent to the PPH locations in order to inform the parties and Commission about the operational status of the facilities to be migrated from Verizon to Frontier, and what steps may be necessary to satisfy the consumer benefit and public interest tests for approval of such transfers under the Public Utilities Code.

The first set of Workshops and PPHs is set for the following dates, times and locations:

EVENT	DATE
Benbow Historic Inn – Village Hall 445 Lake Benbow Drive Garberville, CA 95542	July 6, 2015 Workshop: 4:00 p.m. PPH: 6:30 p.m.
Hoopa Valley Tribe – Tribal Chamber 1 11860 State Highway 96 Hoopa, CA 95546	July 7, 2015 Workshop: 4:00 p.m. PPH: 6:30 p.m.
Libby Haripop Nix Community Center 11500 CA-96 Hoopa, CA 95546	July 8, 2015 Workshop: 11:00 a.m. PPH: 1:30 p.m.
Karuk Tribe DNR - Community Room 39051 Hwy 96 Orleans, CA 95556	July 8, 2015 Workshop: 4:00 p.m. PPH: 6:30 p.m.

Members of the public who wish to comment at a PPH may address issues related to the quality and reliability of Verizon California’s services, basic local service rates, customer calling feature rates, installations fees, inside wire maintenance fees, and other issues of concern.

Verizon shall provide notice to its customers of the PPHs not less than 5 nor more than 30 days prior to a hearing. It shall send written notices, in a

form approved by the Commission's Public Advisor's Office, by mailing them postage-prepaid directly to customers. To the extent that any customers are billed electronically via the Internet, notice to those customers may also be given electronically. Verizon will provide to the Public Advisor's Office, not later than 5 days prior to a PPH, a letter verifying that it has complied with this customer notice requirement. The compliance letter shall state the date(s) letters were sent to customers and the approximate number of customers so notified. One copy of the actual notice shall be attached.

Verizon will provide a company representative at each PPH to make a brief opening statement. The Commission's Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) will also provide a representative to make a brief statement of its position regarding this application. The application has been protested by ORA and other organizations including The Utility Reform Network, the Greenlining Institute, the Center for Accessible Technology, and the Communication Workers of America some or all of whom may provide representatives at the PPHs to present their positions regarding this application.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated June 5, 2015, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KARL J. BEMESDERFER

Karl J. Bemesderfer
Administrative Law Judge