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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.  
(U 5429 C), Verizon California Inc. (U 1002 C)  
Verizon Long Distance, LLC (U 5732 C), and  
Newco West Holdings LLC for Approval of  
Transfer of Control Over Verizon California Inc.  
and Related Approval of Transfer of Assets and  
Certifications

A.15-03-005  
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**NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION**

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## NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

Pursuant to Rule 8.3(c)(4) of the California Public Utilities Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Frontier Communications Corporation and Frontier Communications of America, Inc. ("Frontier") hereby provides notice of the following *ex parte* communication.

On October 16, 2015, starting at approximately 2:30 p.m., Frontier representatives, Tressa Bader, Vice President & General Manager, Kirby Bernard, Manager, Engineering, and Kevin Saville, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, attended a meeting at the Yurok Tribal Headquarters at 37960, Highway 96 in Orleans, California in which Bill Johnston, Commissioner Christine Sandoval's advisor participated. The meeting lasted approximately ninety minutes. Other attendees were Amanda Mager and John Safford, Yurok Planning, Power Project Managers, Paul Romero and Jim Norton, Yurok Information Services, Rebecca McMahon, Yurok Office of Tribal Attorney, Forest James and Penney Eckert, EnerTribe, Klamath River Rural Broadband Initiative (RRBI), and Eric Cutright, Karuk Information Services, KRRBI. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the efforts of the Yurok tribe to expand electric service using federal grant funds and the concurrent efforts of Karuk and Yurok tribes and the KRRBI to deploy fiber facilities. The discussions focused on joint utilization of trenching and cost sharing for the electric facilities, the KRRBI facilities, and potentially Frontier telecommunications facilities if the pending transaction between Frontier and Verizon closes. During the discussions, the Yurok representatives raised concerns regarding the continued lack of certain broadband and other services following the 1999 transaction in which Frontier had pursued the acquisition of the Verizon service areas near Orleans, but the transaction never closed. Frontier representatives described the status of the regulatory proceeding at the Commission, its efforts to secure Connect America Funding that will allow it to deploy broadband in Orleans and other high cost and difficult to serve areas. Frontier

representatives explained that subject to regulatory approval, Frontier expects the transaction to close in early 2016, and that in the interim, it would be interested in receiving more information regarding the proposed projects. Frontier also expressed interest in working closely with the Karuk and Yurok tribes and KRRBI if and after the transaction closes.

This Notice has been served on the service list for Commission proceeding A.15-03-005, as stated in the Certificate of Service attached hereto. Please direct any questions regarding this notice to Patrick M. Rosvall at 415-765-0369 or at [prosvall@cwclaw.com](mailto:prosvall@cwclaw.com).

Dated this October 21, 2015, at San Francisco, California.

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