

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**Communications Division  
Licensing, Tariffs, Rural Carriers &  
Cost Support Branch**

**RESOLUTION T-17125  
December 20, 2007**

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Resolution T- 17125, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tuolumne dba Frontier Communications of Tuolumne (U-1023-C). Request for authority to grandfather the 50% employee discount program associated with the Frontier Choices Residential bundled service offerings.

By Advice Letter No. 193 filed on October 18, 2007.

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**Summary**

This Resolution approves Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tuolumne dba Frontier Communications of Tuolumne's (Tuolumne) request for authority to grandfather the 50% employee discount program associated with the Frontier Choices Residential bundled service offerings.

**Background**

Tuolumne filed Advice Letter (AL) 193 on October 18, 2007 requesting authority to grandfather the 50% employee discount program associated with the Frontier Choices Residential bundled service offerings. On October 18, 2007, Tuolumne notified the existing subscribers of its request to the Commission to grandfather these services.

Frontier Choices Residential bundled service offerings provide residential customers a combination of local services and features. The bundles include either one or two Flat Rate Residential Access Lines, a combination of enhanced calling features plus ten free local directory assistance calls.

Tuolumne proposes that existing and retired employees of the Company that currently receive an Employee Telephone Benefit under an existing or grandfathered offering may retain such benefit as long as the employee adheres to the terms and conditions set forth in the existing or grandfathered offerings.

### **Notice/Protests**

Tuolumne states that a notice of Important Message to Employees regarding its request to grandfather the 50% employee discount program associated with the Frontier Choices Residential service offerings was being sent to each customer affected by this filing, and copies of AL No. 193 have been mailed to competing and adjacent utilities and interested parties.

Notice of AL No. 193 was published in the Commission Daily Calendar on October 26, 2007. No protest to this AL has been received.

### **Discussion**

Tuolumne filed AL No. 193 on October 18, 2007 requesting authority to grandfather its 50% employee discount program associated with the Frontier Choices Residential bundled service offerings.

Frontier Choices Residential bundled service offerings provide residential customers a combination of local services and features. The bundles include either one or two Flat Rate Residential Access Lines, a combination of enhanced calling features plus ten free local directory assistance calls.

The existing and retired employees of the Company that currently receive an Employee Telephone Benefit under an existing or grandfathered offering may retain such benefit as long as the employee adheres to the terms and conditions set forth in the existing or grandfathered offerings.

Tuolumne introduced a new employee concession service benefit under Advice Letter No. 192, effective November 16, 2007, that will enable employees to receive a 50% discount off the Frontier Digital Phone bundle which is comprised of a residential access line, customer calling features, and voice mail. Employees will also receive a 25% discount off their unlimited long distance portion of the Frontier Digital Phone bundle.

Communications Division (CD) has reviewed the advice letter and concludes that Tuolumne's request and reasons to grandfather the 50% employee discount program associated with the Frontier Choices Residential bundled service offerings are reasonable.

CD recommends that the Commission approve Tuolumne's request.

Commission approval of CD's recommendation is based on the specifics of this AL filing and does not establish a precedent for the contents of future filings for Commission approval of similar requests.

### **Comments on DRAFT Resolution**

This is an uncontested matter in which the resolution grants the relief requested. Accordingly, pursuant to PU Code Section 311(g) (2), the otherwise applicable 30-day period for public review and comment is being waived.

### **Findings:**

1. Tuolumne is currently offering a 50% employee discount program associated with the Frontier Choices Residential bundled service offerings.
2. Tuolumne requests authority to grandfather the 50% employee discount program associated with the Frontier Choices Residential bundled service offerings.
3. The affected customers were notified that the service would be grandfathered and that they may retain such benefit as long as the employee adheres to the terms and conditions set forth in the existing or grandfathered offerings.
4. Tuolumne introduced a new employee concession service discount program with more benefits under Advice Letter No. 192, effective November 16, 2007.
5. No customers protested or commented on Tuolumne's proposal to grandfather the 50% employee discount program associated with the Frontier Choices Residential bundled service offerings.
6. After reviewing AL No. 192, CD recommends that the Commission approve this

filing.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:**

1. Tuolumne is granted authority to grandfather the 50% employee discount program associated with the Frontier Choices Residential bundled service offerings.
2. AL No. 193 of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tuolumne dba Frontier Communications of Tuolumne (Tuolumne), and accompanying tariff sheets shall be marked to show that they were authorized by California Public Utilities Commission Resolution No. T-17125 and its effective date.

This Resolution is effective today.

I hereby certify that the Public Utilities Commission at its regular meeting on December 20, 2007 adopted this Resolution. The following Commissioners approved it:

/s/ PAUL CLANON

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