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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Verizon Communications Inc., Frontier Communications Parent, Inc., Frontier California Inc., Citizens Telecommunications Company of California Inc., Frontier Communications of the Southwest Inc., Frontier Communications Online and Long Distance Inc., and Frontier Communications of America, Inc. for Approval of the Transfer of Control of Frontier California Inc. (U1002C), Citizens Telecommunications Company of California (U1024C), Frontier Communications of the Southwest Inc. (U1026C), Frontier Communications Online and Long Distance Inc. (U7167C), and Frontier Communications of America, Inc. (U5429C), to Verizon Communications Inc. Pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 854.

Application 24-10-006

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING GRANTING MOTION FOR ORAL ARGUMENT AND PROVIDING NOTICE

Pursuant to Rule 13.14(b) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, this ruling grants the Center for Accessible Technology's motion for oral argument in this proceeding. An in-person oral argument will be held on January 12, 2026, at 1:00 PM in the Commission's auditorium.

1. Motion for Oral Argument

On October 9, 2025, the Center for Accessible Technology (CforAT) filed a motion for oral argument pursuant to Rules 11.1 and Rule 13.14(b). Rule 13.14(b) states, in part, that "[i]n ratesetting and quasi-legislative proceedings in which

the assigned Commissioner has determined that a hearing is required, a party has a right to make an oral argument before the Commission, provided that the party makes such request by motion no later than the time for filing opening briefs...." In this proceeding, evidentiary hearings were held on September 9 and September 10, 2025. CforAT filed its motion before the deadline for opening briefs on October 10, 2025. CforAT's motion meets the requirements of Rule 13.14(b) and therefore CforAT has a right to make an oral argument before the Commission.

The Joint Applicants¹ responded to CforAT's motion on October 23, 2025. In their response, the Joint Applicants requested that oral argument be scheduled at a time that does not result in any delay in the issuance of a final decision in this proceeding. In addition, the Joint Applicants requested that:

- i. Oral arguments occur after the proposed decision is issued to provide the parties and the Commission with a reasonable opportunity to address specific issues relating to the decision; and
- ii. Parties should have the opportunity to address any disputed issues at oral argument.

Pursuant to Rule 13.14(b), CforAT's October 9, 2025, motion for oral argument is granted and all parties may make oral arguments. We also agree with Joint Applicant's requests for scheduling and scope of the oral arguments and adopt those recommendations here.

2. Oral Argument Information

Oral argument will be held at 1:00 PM in the auditorium at:

¹ The Joint Applicants are: Verizon Communications Inc., Frontier Communications Parent, Inc., Frontier California Inc., Citizens Telecommunications Company of California Inc., Frontier Communications of the Southwest Inc., Frontier Communications Online and Long Distance Inc., and Frontier Communications of America, Inc.

California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

A quorum of Commissioners and their advisors may be present, but no decisions will be made. Individuals must attend in person and have party status to present at the oral argument. There will be no call-in or webinar option.

Parties are requested to address the proposed decision but may address any matter in scope for this proceeding. Each party will be allocated no more than ten minutes for an initial statement. After parties provide initial statements, each party will be provided up to five-minutes to respond to any issues raised in initial statements. Time allotments may be compressed based on the number of parties seeking to make statements. Parties are encouraged to present joint statements to the extent that shared positions provide opportunities for doing so.

The Joint Applicants will be the first party given an opportunity to provide a statement. The Administrative Law Judges will determine the order of presentation for the remaining parties.

Parties may use a written document of no more than five pages. These documents will not be part of the record and there will be no opportunity to make a visual presentation such as PowerPoint.

The oral argument will be transcribed and publicly available following the oral argument. Please direct questions regarding written transcripts to the Commission's Chief Hearing Reporter via e-mail at reporting@cpuc.ca.gov

3. Participating Party Instructions

Parties who wish to address the Commission during the oral argument must send an e-mail before 5:00 PM on January 5, 2026, to the assigned Administrative Law Judge and Proceedings Analyst, Marianne Divina,

at Marianne.Divina@cpuc.ca.gov. That e-mail should include the following information:

- a. The name of the party (or parties) represented.
- b. The name of the party representative(s).
- c. The requested time allotment for the party's initial statement. This allotment cannot exceed ten-minutes.
- d. Whether the presentation includes a written document.
Any written documents should be attached to the e-mail *and* sent to the service list of this proceeding as an attachment before 5:00 PM on January 5, 2026. As stated above, this document should not exceed five pages.

The Commission's policy is to schedule oral arguments in locations that are accessible to people with disabilities. We try to hold our public meetings only in places that are wheelchair accessible and which can accommodate specialized equipment and other services useful to people with disabilities. If you plan to attend and have questions about accommodations or need specialized accommodations, please contact the Public Advisor's Office at least five business days in advance of the oral argument. The Public Advisor's Office can be reached at: public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov, 1-866-849-8390, and TTY# (415) 703-5282.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated December 19, 2025, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ ELIZABETH FOX

Elizabeth Fox
Administrative Law Judge