



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

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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. (U 1002 C), Citizens Telecommunications Company of California (U 1024 C), Frontier Communications of the Southwest Inc. (U 1026 C), Frontier Communications Online and Long Distance Inc. (U 7167 C), and Frontier Communications of America, Inc. (U 5429 C), to Verizon Communications Inc. Pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 854

JOINT APPLICANTS' NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

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Pursuant to Rule 8.4(a) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”), Verizon Communications Inc. (“Verizon”), Frontier Communications Parent, Inc., Frontier California Inc. (U 1002 C), Citizens Telecommunications Company of California (U 1024 C), Frontier Communications of the Southwest Inc. (U 1026 C), Frontier Communications Online and Long Distance Inc. (U 7167 C), and Frontier Communications of America, Inc. (U 5429 C) (collectively, “Frontier”) (Verizon and Frontier together are “Joint Applicants”) hereby provide this notice of an *ex parte* communication in the above-captioned proceeding, which occurred on December 19, 2025 via Webex video conferencing between representatives of Joint Applicants and Michael Mullaney, Senior Advisor to President Alice Reynolds. Hazel Miranda, Chief of Staff to President Reynolds, also joined the meeting for a few minutes. The meeting lasted approximately 12 minutes, from 1:00 p.m. to 1:12 p.m., and was oral in nature; no written materials were presented.

On behalf of the Joint Applicants, the participants were:

- Rudolph M. Reyes, Regional Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Verizon;
- Gregory M. Romano, Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, Verizon;
- Kristin Jacobson, Attorney, DLA Piper, outside counsel to Verizon;
- Kevin Saville, Senior Vice President and General Counsel to Frontier;
- Mark Nielsen, Executive Vice President, Chief Legal & Regulatory Officer, Frontier; and
- Sarah Banola, Attorney, BRB Law LLP, outside counsel to Frontier.

Verizon thanked Mr. Mullaney for the Commission’s work in timely issuing a Proposed Decision (“PD”) so that it could be voted upon at the Commission’s January 15, 2026 Voting Meeting. Verizon also expressed concerns with the broadband deployment mandate in Ordering Paragraph (“OP”) 2 of the PD. Verizon explained that deploying broadband at speeds of 100 Megabits per second (“mbps”) download and 20 mbps upload or greater to all locations served by the 88 wire centers in Appendix D would be very difficult and costly because these wire centers are located in remote areas of Frontier’s service territory with rugged, mountainous terrain. Verizon requested that OP 2 incorporate limiting principles to address these concerns. Verizon also requested that the Commission clarify that the broadband deployment mandate is technology neutral. Verizon further explained that it has concerns with other aspects of the PD that it will raise in its comments, and emphasized that given the extensive commitments Verizon

made in the settlement agreements and the numerous conditions being proposed in the PD, the PD should not be revised to impose any additional conditions.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of December 2025.¹

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¹ Pursuant to Rule 1.8(d), Frontier's counsel has Verizon's consent to sign and submit this notice on Verizon's behalf.