

**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 videoconferencing between representatives of Joint Applicants and Julian Buchwalter, Advisor to Commissioner Karen Douglas. The meeting lasted approximately 30 minutes, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.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; and
- Sarah Banola, Attorney, BRB Law LLP, outside counsel to Frontier.

Reiterating the critical need for the Commission to act in a timely manner as previously discussed, Verizon thanked the Commission for issuing a timely Proposed Decision (“PD”) in this proceeding that the Commission can consider and adopt, with any necessary revisions, at its January 15, 2026 Voting Meeting.

Verizon stated that it has additional concerns with the PD that it will raise in its comments, but Verizon focused the discussion on its concerns with the broadband deployment mandate in Ordering Paragraph (“OP”) 2 of the PD. Verizon noted that this mandate goes far beyond the comprehensive broadband deployment commitments Verizon agreed to in its settlement agreements with the Public Advocates Office and California Emerging Technology Fund. 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 challenging and costly because these wire centers are located in the most remote and difficult-to-serve areas of Frontier’s service territory with rugged, mountainous terrain, and Verizon would need to navigate land use issues, tribal consent, and

related feasibility issues. Verizon requested that OP 2 incorporate limiting principles to address these concerns. In addition, Verizon expressed concerns with the PD's requirement that Verizon maintain Frontier's supplier contracts for five years because this proposal would micromanage Verizon's business and could jeopardize its ability to select the lowest cost and most qualified supplier for particular projects.

Respectfully submitted this 24th day of December 2025.<sup>1</sup>

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