#### PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**Communications Division Broadband Regional Initiatives Branch** 

RESOLUTION T-17871 January 16, 2025

#### RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION T-17871: Awards one grant for up to \$2,633,758 from the Last Mile Federal Funding Account to provide service to 303 unserved locations in Ventura County.

#### I. SUMMARY

This Resolution recommends approval of one Last Mile Federal Funding Account grant in the amount of up to \$2,633,758.

This Resolution is part of the eleventh package of Resolutions approving grants to Federal Funding Account applicants for broadband infrastructure projects serving unserved areas in California. Subsequent Resolutions will be presented for Commission vote as Communications Division Staff completes its analyses of applications.

The one project in this Resolution proposes to make investments bringing the social, economic, civic, and public safety benefits of high-speed broadband to 303 unserved locations and an estimated unserved population of 1,472 in Ventura County. An estimated total population of 2,377 people will benefit from these investments as households and businesses that already have broadband service in these communities will have greater customer choice.

Staff recommends grant awards to one entity: Frontier.

Frontier is an incumbent telecommunication company offering service throughout California.

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Staff recommends the following grant application for Commission approval as shown in Table 1 below. Maps and summaries associated with each project are in the appendices.

**Table 1: Summary of Grant Funding** 

Applicant	Project Name	Estimated Unserved Locations	Estimated Unserved Units	Estimated Unserved Populatio n	Estimated Benefitting Population	Awarded Amount
Frontier	Ventura 1	303	524	1,472	2,377	\$2,633,758
Subtotal		303	524	1,472	2,377	\$2,633,758
Grand Total		303	524	1,472	2,377	\$2,633,758

#### II. BACKGROUND

California's multi-year broadband investment package established the last mile Federal Funding Account as part of the Budget Act of 2021 and Senate Bill 156<sup>1</sup> and invested \$2 billion in the program over multiple years. The Federal Funding Account funds the construction of last mile broadband infrastructure projects in unserved areas of California. The Federal Funding Account encourages the deployment of broadband throughout the State to enable the public to access internet-based safety applications, telehealth services, emergency services, and to allow first responders to communicate with each other and collaborate during emergencies.

On April 21, 2022, the Commission issued Decision (D.) 22-04-055, Decision Adopting Federal Funding Account Rules. The rules and guidelines adopted in that decision included, among other items, the following: rules about projects to benefit Environmental and Social Justice Communities, affordable offers, five and ten-year price commitments, low-cost plans, project eligibility, application requirements, application objections, implementation of Public Utilities Code section 281(n) allocating funding between "rural counties" and "urban counties," a process to reimburse grantees, a ministerial review process whereby Communications Division Staff may approve certain projects, and minimum performance standards for grantees.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Statute 2021, Chapters 84 and 112.

The Federal Funding Account D. 22-04-055 includes requirements and preference for a number of affordability requirements including:

- Participation in the Affordable Connectivity Program or access to a "broadbased affordability program." Given that the Affordable Connectivity Program has lapsed grantees must participate in a successor program when identified by the Commission.
- A five-year price commitment, and preference for a ten-year commitment.
- Preference for a low-cost plan that is \$40/month or less and provides speeds of at least 50 Megabits per second down and 20 Megabits per second up (50/20 Mbps).
- Preference for participation in the California and/or federal Lifeline programs (which may include bundled voice and broadband offerings).

Applications that committed to provide voice service and participate in LifeLine, consistent with the requirement to serve customers in the project area at prices not exceeding those in the application for five years after project completion, must provide voice service and participate in LifeLine for five years after project completion. In providing grant funding to projects the Commission is validating the need for and the state's investment in the provision of communications service, including voice and programs supporting affordability like LifeLine, for the life of the infrastructure.

The Federal Funding Account Decision and Appendix specify additional consideration for disadvantaged communities or Environmental and Social Justice communities.<sup>2</sup> The Commission made available on the Federal Funding Account Public Map,<sup>3</sup> the Applicant Tool,<sup>4</sup> and data downloads locations and census blocks meeting these definitions.<sup>5</sup> A grant application window was opened on June 30, 2023, and closed at

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Commission Environmental and Social Justice Action plan includes definitions and data indicators for disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities including Disadvantaged Communities defined by the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and low-income households defined as household incomes below 80 percent of the area median income. The Commission's Environmental and Social Justice Action Plan 2.0 is available at: <a href="https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/media/cpuc-website/divisions/news-and-outreach/documents/news-office/key-issues/esj/esj-action-plan-v2jw.pdf">https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/media/cpuc-website/divisions/news-and-outreach/documents/news-office/key-issues/esj/esj-action-plan-v2jw.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Federal Funding Account Public Map is available at: https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Registration for the Federal Funding Account Applicant Tool is available at: <u>FFA Applicant Tool</u> <u>Registration.</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities and individual locations, for purposes of the Federal Funding Account, include those in Disadvantaged Communities census tracts as defined

4 p.m. on September 29, 2023; 484 applications were submitted. Application summaries were posted on October 23, 2023, and a 28-day objection period closed on November 20, 2023. Responses to objections were received until December 20, 2023.

Applications were holistically evaluated: required and supporting documentation and the merits of the applications were compared and assessed on a county basis. Following an initial analysis, Staff sent a data request to applicants and requested additional information. Staff's holistic evaluation included project engineering, technical feasibility and design, financial viability, cost, applicant capacity, and community need, among other factors. Staff assessed how to manage overlapping applications and applications planning to include some already-served areas in their project area. Staff also evaluated how applications and groups of applications compared to competing applications in the same county.

The specific locations to be provided service for a given project will be updated and reconciled with the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric after detailed engineering and project design, and the grant amount may be reduced consistent with a reduction in the number of locations. The Federal Funding Account award will not fund locations supported by a federal broadband program with Capital Project Fund monies.<sup>7</sup>

#### III. APPLICATION SUMMARIES, DISCUSSION, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### **Ventura County Summary**

by CalEPA and low-income areas in which the census block group median household income is less than or equal to 80 percent of the higher of the county or state average. This data is available for download on the Federal Funding Account Public Map page (visited June 13, 2024),

https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/broadband-implementation-for-california/last-mile-federal-funding-account/ffa-public-map and the Federal Funding Account Application Resources Page (visited June 13, 2024), <a href="https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/broadband-implementation-for-california/last-mile-federal-funding-account/ffa-application-resources-page">https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/broadband-implementation-for-california/last-mile-federal-funding-account/ffa-application-resources-page</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> D.22-04-055 states that "households and businesses with an identified need for additional broadband infrastructure do not have to be the only ones in the service area served by an eligible broadband infrastructure project. Indeed, serving these households and businesses may require a holistic approach that provides service to a wider area, or example, in order to make ongoing service of certain households or businesses within the service area economical."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Federal broadband programs include the Connect America Fund II, Community Connects Grant Program, Enhanced Alternative Connect America Cost Model, Rural Digital Opportunity Fund, Rural E-Connectivity Program, Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program, and Telephone Loan Program.

The allocation for projects in Ventura County in D. 22-04-055 is \$20,362,085. The recommended grant amount for locations in Ventura County is \$2,633,758, which leaves a remainder of \$17,728,327 of the allocation for Ventura County.

#### **Ventura County Awards**

#### 1. Frontier, Ventura 1

Staff recommends the Commission approve Frontier's application for a grant of up to \$2,633,758 for the Ventura 1 project.

Frontier proposes to serve an estimated 303 unserved locations based on a March 2024 supplemental application filing. There are approximately 524 unserved units in the project area. An estimated unserved population of 1,472 would be offered service. An estimated total population of 2,377 will benefit from these investments in and around the communities of Ojai and Santa Paula. The last-mile fiber project will provide up to 5,000/5,000 Mbps service to consumers.

Frontier will deploy approximately 34 miles of last-mile fiber and two miles of middle mile fiber. The network infrastructure will be 30 percent underground and 70 percent aerial.

The Ventura - 1 project will benefit disadvantaged or Environmental and Social Justice communities; 26 percent of the unserved locations are in low-income areas.

The proposed project will cost an estimated \$3,292,197, of which the Federal Funding Account will fund approximately 80 percent of costs.

Staff determined that the applicant and the project are financially viable, and the applicant's engineering meets the program standards. The applicant demonstrated the administrative, technical, and operational capacity to provide broadband service at the scale of this project.

This application received one objection and Frontier responded to the objection. The objection claims that 277 locations in the project area are served. Staff determined that 11 locations within the project area are served and verified with Frontier that they are not among the locations in the project area that Frontier intends to serve. Passing

through served areas was determined to be necessary to reach the unserved locations in the project area.

No Federal Funding Account Public Map comments were submitted in Ventura County. The Ventura 1 project area unserved locations were evaluated in light of the updated Federal Communications Commission and Federal Funding Account unserved data (as of June 30, 2023). In response to objections, comments, and this data, the number of unserved locations is unchanged at 303, the project area is unchanged, and the total grant amount is unchanged at \$2,633,758. The specific locations to be provided service will be updated and reconciled with the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric after detailed engineering and project design, and the grant amount may be reduced consistent with a reduction in the number of locations.

The proposed project provides public safety benefits of reliable broadband infrastructure. This project is located in High Fire Threat Districts 2 and 3. This project will connect to Frontier's middle-mile infrastructure.

Frontier's application committed to provide voice service and participate in LifeLine. Consistent with the requirement to serve customers in the project area at prices not exceeding those in the application for five years after project completion, Frontier must provide voice service and participate in LifeLine for five years after project completion.

Separate and outside the Federal Funding Account rules and requirements, Frontier is already required to offer California LifeLine and Federal Lifeline and is already offering such services as a Carrier of Last Resort and an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier. This Federal Funding Account grant award and requirements do not change those existing obligations. Since Frontier is already offering such services, when it comes time to offering FFA service, Frontier should offer Lifeline service consistent with the separate or outside requirements of its Lifeline obligations to avoid customer confusion. Nothing in this recommended Federal Funding Account award changes Frontier's current California LifeLine or Federal Lifeline obligations. To the extent Frontier's LifeLine or Federal Lifeline obligations may change, Frontier can request to update its Federal Funding Account awards to reflect the updated change to its Lifeline offerings and specify the Lifeline offerings customers will be receiving.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> See Federal Funding Account Public Map, <a href="https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/">https://federalfundingaccountmap.vetro.io/</a> (visited October 17, 2024).

Based on the information received, the Commission's Energy Division has determined that this project has not met the requirements of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) categorial exemption at this time. Frontier must comply with the CEQA requirements discussed in the appendices. If Frontier provides additional documentation sufficient to justify a staff determination of CEQA exemption, then the project can be exempted by letter from the Communications Division Director or the director's delegate or designee.

Frontier and the Ventura 1 project comply with all requirements for approval in D. 22-04-055. The Communications Division recommends that the Commission approve Frontier's application for a grant of up to \$2,633,758 for the Ventura 1 project.

#### **COMMENTS**

In compliance with Public Utilities Code Section 311(g)(1), a Notice of Availability of this draft resolution was e-mailed on December 13, 2024, informing all parties on the CASF Distribution List and the R. 20-09-001 Service List of the availability of the draft of this Resolution, and of the opportunity to comment, at the Commission's website at <a href="http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/">http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/</a>.

No comments were received.

#### IV. COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Awardees are required to comply with all the guidelines, requirements, and conditions associated with the grant of Federal Funding Account awards as specified in D.22-04-055. All Awardees are also required to sign a consent form agreeing to the terms and conditions of the Federal Funding Account. Such compliance includes, but is not limited to, the items noted below.

A. Deployment Schedule: All CEQA-exempt projects must be completed within 18 months, and all other projects shall be completed within 24 months after receiving authorization to construct. This timeline updates and supersedes the timeline in D.22-04-055 Appendix A section 8 on reimbursable expenses.

B. Pricing: By accepting these awards, the Awardees commit to serve customers in the project area at prices not exceeding those provided in the application for five years after project completion. Awardees who committed not to increase prices for a period of ten

years in their application commit to serve customers in the project area for ten years after project completion. Should the need arise for grant recipients to adjust prices due to externalities outside their control (*e.g.* inflation), grant recipients may file and serve, on the R. 20-09-001 proceeding service list, a request to modify this requirement with the Communications Division.

C. Speed and Latency: All households in the proposed project areas must be offered a broadband internet service plan with speeds of at least 100/100 Mbps download and upload, with not more than 100 milliseconds of latency.

D. Affordability: All projects shall participate in the Affordable Connectivity Program or otherwise provide access to a broad-based affordability program to low-income customers in the proposed service area of the broadband infrastructure that provides benefits to households commensurate with those provided under the Affordable Connectivity Program. Should the Affordable Connectivity Program end, the Commission will identify a successor low-income subsidy program in which participants must participate. Awardees must participate in a successor to the Affordable Connectivity Program identified after the grant is awarded.

E. Project Audit: The Commission has the right to conduct any necessary audit, verification, and discovery during project implementation/construction to ensure that Federal Funding Account funds are spent in accordance with Commission approval. All recipients of federally funded grants exceeding \$750,000 will need to include a budget for a federal audit.<sup>9</sup>

F. Reporting Requirements: Numerous post-award reports are required. In summary, these include monthly contractor reports (if applicable), quarterly progress reports, and a final completion report.<sup>10</sup>

G. Prevailing Wage: Section 1720 of the California Labor Code requires Federal Funding Account projects be subject to prevailing wage requirements.<sup>11</sup> Applicants accepting

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Treasury, Compliance and Reporting Guidance State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (November 15, 2021 Version 2.1), available at <a href="https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf">https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/SLFRF-Compliance-and-Reporting-Guidance.pdf</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> D. 22-04-055, Appendix A, Section 14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> D.22-054-055, Section 13.2, page 57.

Federal Funding Account awards are committing to follow state prevailing wage requirements with regards to their projects.

H. Payments to Federal Funding Account Recipients: The Commission may reimburse Awardees' expenses in accordance with Public Utilities Code Section 281(n)(2), D.22-04-055, and the Appendix. Requests for payments may be submitted as the project is progressively deployed. The prerequisite for first payment is the submittal of a progress report to the Commission showing that a minimum of ten percent of the project (as determined by budget spent) has been completed. Subsequent payments may be made upon at least 25 percent intervals, with the final 15 percent payment request (from 85 to 100 percent) not eligible for payment without an approved completion report. Payments are based on submitted receipts, invoices and other supporting documentation showing expenditures incurred for the project in accordance with the approved Federal Funding Account budget included in the awardee's application.

#### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. California's multi-year broadband infrastructure investments in the Budget Act of 2021 and Senate Bill 156 (Statutes 2021, Chapters 84 and 112) provided \$2 billion over multiple years to the Last Mile Federal Funding Account to facilitate, via reimbursement, construction of last mile broadband infrastructure projects to connect unserved Californians.
- 2. On April 21, 2022, the Commission approved Decision 22-04-055, which along with the Federal Final Rule, established the Last Mile Federal Funding Account and set program rules.
- 3. The Communications Division opened an application window for the Federal Funding Account on June 30, 2023, and closed it on September 29, 2023. Applicants submitted 484 applications before the deadline. Application summaries were posted on October 23, 2023, and a 28-day objection window closed on November 20, 2023. Responses to objections were received until December 20, 2023.
- 4. Frontier submitted an application for the Ventura 1 project on September 29, 2023.
- 5. Applicants responded to a supplemental data request that was due on March 12, 2024, providing information on project route miles, poles, unserved locations, middle-mile connectivity, and other updated project specific information.

- 6. The Commission has determined that Frontier's Ventura 1 project is not categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review at this time.
- 7. Communications Division staff analyzed the applications for compliance with Commission and Federal rules, reviewed local feedback, and conducted fiscal and technical analysis.
- 8. All applications listed above met minimum eligibility requirements provided in Decision 22-04-055.
- 9. Staff recommends approval of the application in this resolution, as it complies with program rules as stated and contribute to the Federal Funding Account's goal of building broadband internet infrastructure to communities without access to internet service at sufficient and reliable speeds.
- 10. Draft Resolution T-17871 was emailed to the CASF Distribution List and the R. 20-09-001 Service List on December 13, 2024, in compliance with Public Utilities Code Section 311(g)(1). No comments were received.

#### THERFORE, IT IS ORDERED that:

- 1. The Commission shall award up to \$2,633,758 in Federal Funding Account funds to Frontier in order to complete the Ventura 1 project, as described in the appendices. The specific locations to be provided service will be updated and reconciled with the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric after detailed engineering and project design, and the grant amount may be reduced consistent with a reduction in the number of locations.
- 2. To ensure compliance with all program rules and guidelines, the Commission will not release funds to an applicant proposing to enter into agreement(s) with a third party or third parties for the ownership, operation, and/or leasing of the proposed infrastructure or network until the applicant provides the Commission with an advanced copy of the agreement document(s) as well as any signed agreements.
- Applicants that committed to provide voice and/or Lifeline service must provide voice service and participate in LifeLine for five years after project completion in Federal Funding Account project areas.

- 4. For those projects not determined to be categorically exempt, the Commission cannot release funds for construction activities until California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review is complete. The awardees must comply with the requirements set forth in the CEQA Section of the Resolution. The awardees must provide their Proponent's Environmental Assessment for each project prior to the first payment.
- 5. Awardee(s) shall comply with all guidelines, requirements, and conditions set forth in this resolution.
- 6. When a successor to the Affordable Connectivity Program is identified by the Commission, all awardees shall participate in that program.
- 7. All construction covered by the grant must be completed within the applicable 18-month or 24-month time frame. In the event of extenuating circumstances jeopardizing this timeline, the Awardee(s) must notify the Communications Division's Director as soon as they become aware of any delay. If such notice is not provided, staff can take corrective actions including reducing payment for failure to satisfy this requirement.
- 8. If the awardee(s) fail to complete the project(s) in accordance with the terms outlined in Decision 22-04-055 and with the terms of the Commission's approval, as set forth in this resolution, awardees must reimburse some or all the Federal Funding Account grants received or take other corrective action.
- 9. If staff evaluation finds any of the projects can be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, then the project can be exempted by letter from the Communications Division Director or the director's delegate or designee.
- 10. Upon approval of the resolution, the effective date of each award and encumbrance of funds is the date of approved resolution. Awardees seeking to modify their effective date must submit a letter to the Communications Division Director and provide justification for the request. Modifications to the effective date may be approved by letter from the Communications Division Director or the director's delegate or designee. All awards are contingent on available state budget appropriations funding.

This resolution is effective today.

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I certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, passed, and adopted at a conference of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California held on January 16, 2025, the following Commissioners voting favorable thereon:

#### /s/ RACHEL PETERSON

Rachel Peterson Executive Director

ALICE REYNOLDS
President
DARCIE L. HOUCK
JOHN REYNOLDS
KAREN DOUGLAS
MATTHEW BAKER

Commissioner

#### APPENDIX A

#### Frontier California Environmental Quality Act Compliance Requirements

The following Frontier project is subject to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review:

#### Ventura 1

The Commission must complete CEQA review prior to disbursing Federal Funding Account funds for construction activities. The initial funding granted in this Resolution may be used for project development and other Frontier activities that do not involve construction or any activities that would have any direct or indirect effect on the physical environment.

Prior to any construction activity for the project, Frontier is required to seek further authority from the Commission for such activity by filing a Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) pursuant to Commission Rule of Practice and Procedure 2.4; and must undergo an environmental review pursuant to CEQA (California Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.).

Frontier should contact the Supervisor of the Commission's Energy Division CEQA Unit well in advance of a contemplated filing to (a) consult with staff regarding the process of developing and filing a PEA; (b) provide for cost recovery per Rule of Practice and Procedure 2.5; and (c) enter into a Memorandum of Understanding to allow the Energy Division to initiate the retention of an environmental contractor to perform the environmental review.

Frontier must provide a PEA prior to the first payment. The Commission cannot release funds for the construction phase of this project until the Commission has completed CEQA review.

## APPENDIX B Ventura 1 Key Information

Project Name	Ventura 1	
Applicant Name	Frontier of California Inc.	
Community Names	Ojai and Santa Paula	
County	Ventura	
County Allocation	\$20,362,085	
Project Size (in square miles)	9	
Maximum Download/Upload speed	5,000 / 5,000 Mbps	
Lowest cost plan (non-income qualified)	\$59.99 for 500/500 Mbps	
Low-income plan	\$29.99 for 100/100 Mbps	
Low-cost plan	No	
LifeLine Participation	Yes	
Percent Disadvantaged Communities	0 percent	
Percent Low-Income Areas	26 percent	
Median Household Income (weighted)	\$102,159	
Area Households	777	
Area Population	2,377	
Estimated locations within 1000 feet of the project area (location passings)	830	
Estimated units within 1000 feet of the project area (unit passings)	958	
Unserved locations proposed to be served by the project	303	
Unserved locations in the project area	405	
Unserved units in the project area	524	
Estimated unserved population in the project area	1,472	
Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) locations in the project area	97	

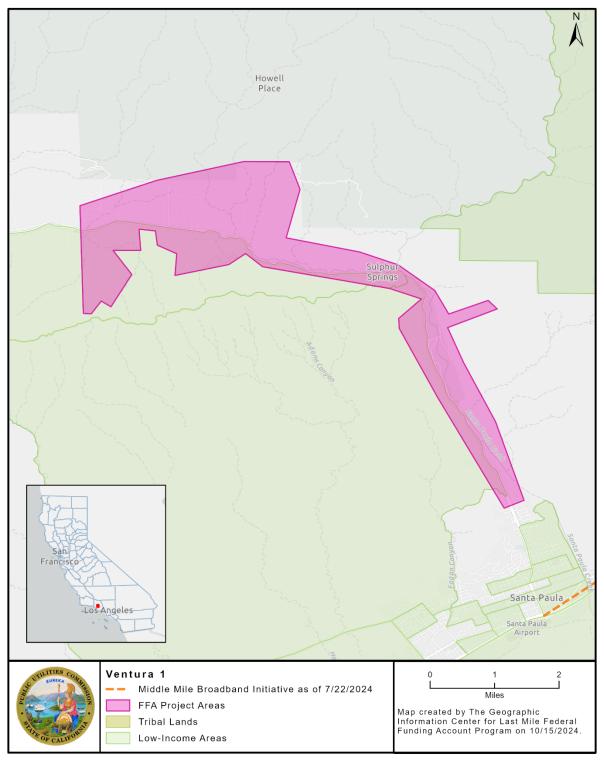
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Estimated unserved Multiple Dwelling Unit (MDU) location units in the project area	216
Community Anchor Institutions benefitting from the project	7
Public safety locations benefitting from the project	3
Does the project connect to public open access middle mile?	No
Distance of middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	2 miles
Grant costs for middle-mile, backhaul, and connection to Middle Mile Broadband Initiative in project	\$0
Grant costs for last-mile delivery	\$2,633,758
Deployment Schedule	24 Months
Total Project Cost	\$3,292,197
Amount of FFA grant funds requested	\$2,633,758
Applicant funded	\$658,439
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unserved unit in the project area	\$5,026
Grant (excluding middle mile) per unit passing	\$2,749

Map of Ventura 1

Frontier- Ventura 1- Ventura County



#### APPENDIX C Frontier Service Plans

As a condition of the grant awards in this Resolution, Frontier is obligated to offer service to customers in the project areas of the listed projects at no less than the speeds in the Table below, no more than 100 milliseconds of latency, and no more than the prices<sup>12</sup> in the Table below, including installation, for at least five years following project completion.

#### • Ventura 1

#### Non-Income-Qualified Plans

Plan	Speed	Price in 2024 Dollars	Notes
Residential -	500/500	\$49.99/month	Price includes available
Fiber 500	Mbps		\$10.00/month auto-pay discount
Residential -	1/1 Gbps	\$69.99/month	Price includes available
Fiber 1 Gig			\$10.00/month auto-pay discount
Residential -	2/2 Gbps	\$99.99/month	Price includes available
Fiber 2 Gig			\$10.00/month auto-pay discount
Residential -	5/5 Gbps	\$154.99/month	Price includes available
Fiber 5 Gig			\$10.00/month auto-pay discount
Business -	500/500	\$64.99.99/month	Price includes available
Fiber 500	Mbps		\$5.00/month auto-pay discount
Business -	1/1 Gbps	\$89.99/month	Price includes available
Fiber 1 Gig			\$5.00/month auto-pay discount
Business –	2/2 Gbps	\$129.99/month	Price includes available
Fiber 2 Gig			\$5.00/month auto-pay discount

#### **Income-Qualified Plans**

Plan	Speed	Price in 2024 Dollars	Notes
Frontier	50/50	\$13.99/month	Customer must also be enrolled in
Affordable	Mbps		LifeLine-discounted telephone
Broadband			service
Frontier	50/50	\$19.99/month	Income qualified (\$14.99 internet
Fundamental	Mbps		service plus \$5.00 monthly router
			charge)

 $<sup>^{12}</sup>$  Prices may increase at no more than the rate of inflation, defined by the Consumer Price Index.

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Fiber 100	100/100	\$29.99/month	Income qualified
	Mbps		
Fiber 500	500/500	\$49.99/month	Income qualified
	Mbps		_
Fiber 1 Gig	1/1 Gbps	\$69.99/month	Income qualified
Fiber 2 Gig	2/2 Gbps	\$99.99/month	Income qualified
Fiber 5 Gig	5/5 Gbps	\$124.99/month	Income qualified

As a condition of the grant awards in this Resolution, Frontier has committed to provide LifeLine-discounted service in the project area listed.

Frontier included "Frontier Affordable Broadband" in their application. The program requires customers to be enrolled in Lifeline telephone service; rates for Broadband are \$13.99 per month.

In addition, Frontier commits to offer voice service that meets California and Federal Communications Commission requirements for 9-1-1 service. Frontier's application states: "Frontier currently provides and will continue to provide voice service that meets FCC and California standards for 911 service and battery back-up within the project area and which transmits all required call and location information."

#### **APPENDIX D**

# California Public Utilities Commission Federal Funding Account, Last Mile Program Guidance to Staff Regarding CONSENT FORM

#### **Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Terms**

Awardee Name:
Key Project Contact:
Project Name:
The Awardee identified above acknowledges receipt of the California Public Utilities Commission Resolution or Award Letter and agrees to comply with all grant terms, conditions, and requirements set forth in the Resolution or Award Letter and those in the Federal Funding Account, Last Mile program rules. Awards are contingent on available state budget appropriations funding.
Undersigned representative of [Name of Awardee] is duly authorized to execute this Consent Form on behalf of the Awardee and to bind the Awardee to the terms, conditions, and requirements set forth in California Public Utilities Commission Resolution or Award Letter and those in the Federal Funding Account, Last Mile program rules.
Dated this day of, 20
Signature of Awardee Representative:
Title
Printed Name
Name of Representative's Organization:
Business Address:
Street address, suite/apt. number
City, state, and ZIP Code
Telephone Number:
Email Address: