## Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554 MISSION

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Section 63.71 Application of	)
Frontier Communications Holdings, LLC and	) WC Docket No.
its Subsidiaries	)
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For Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the	)
Communications Act of 1934, As Amended,	)
to Grandfather a Telecommunications Service	)

#### **SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION**

Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, and Section 63.71(k) of the Federal Communications Commission's (Commission) rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(k), Frontier Communications Holdings, LLC and its subsidiaries<sup>1</sup> (collectively

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Citizens Telecommunications Company of California Inc., Citizens Telecommunications Company of Illinois, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska, Citizens Telecommunications of Nevada, Citizens Telecommunications Company of New York, Inc., Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee L.L.C., Citizens Telecommunications Company of the White Mountains, Inc., Citizens Telecommunications Company of Utah, Citizens Telecommunications Company of West Virginia, Citizens Utilities Rural Company, Inc., Commonwealth Telephone Company LLC, Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises, LLC, CTSI, LLC, Frontier California Inc., Frontier Communications - Midland, Inc., Frontier Communications of America, Inc., Frontier Communications of Ausable Valley, Inc., Frontier Communications of Breezewood, LLC, Frontier Communications of Canton, LLC, Frontier Communications of DePue, Inc., Frontier Communications of Georgia, LLC, Frontier Communications of Illinois, Inc., Frontier Communications of Indiana LLC, Frontier Communications of Iowa, LLC, Frontier Communications of Lakeside, Inc., Frontier Communications of Lakewood, LLC, Frontier Communications of Michigan, Inc., Frontier Communications of Minnesota, Inc., Frontier Communications of Mississippi, LLC, Frontier Communications of Mt. Pulaski, Inc., Frontier Communications of New York, Inc., Frontier Communications of Orion, Inc., Frontier Communications of Oswayo River, LLC, Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC, Frontier Communications of Rochester, Inc., Frontier Communications of Seneca-Gorham, Inc., Frontier Communications of Sylvan Lake, Inc., Frontier Communications of the Carolinas LLC, Frontier Communications of the South, LLC, Frontier Communications of the Southwest Inc., Frontier Communications of Thorntown LLC, Frontier Communications of Virginia, Inc., Frontier Communications of Wisconsin LLC, Frontier Communications Online and Long Distance Inc., Frontier Communications - Prairie, Inc., Frontier Communications - Schuyler, Inc., Frontier Florida LLC, Frontier Midstates Inc., Frontier North Inc., Frontier Southwest Incorporated, Frontier Telephone of Rochester, Inc., Frontier West Virginia Inc., GVN Services d/b/a Global Valley Long Distance, Navajo Communications Company, Inc., NCC Systems, Inc., Ogden Telephone Company, SNET America, Inc., Southern New England Telephone Company, and CTE Telecom, LLC.

Frontier) submit this application for authority to grandfather Integrated Services Digital

Network-Basic Rate Interface (ISDN-BRI) services throughout Frontier's entire service territory
in the United States.

Frontier submits the following information in support of its application:

#### 1. Name and Address of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(1), (c)(2)):

Frontier Communications Holdings, LLC 401 Merritt 7 Norwalk, CT 06851

### 2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance, Reduction or Impairment (47 C.F.R.

§§ 63.71(a)(2), (c)(2):

Frontier plans to grandfather ISDN-BRI service on or after March 28, 2022, or as soon thereafter as the necessary regulatory approvals can be obtained. New customers will not be able to buy ISDN-BRI services, and moves, additions and changes will no longer be permitted for existing customers.

#### 3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(3), (c)(2)):

Frontier seeks authority to grandfather ISDN-BRI service throughout the twenty-six (26) states included in its United States service territory: Alabama, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

#### 4. Brief Description of Type of Service Affected: (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(a)(4), (c)(2)):

Integrated Services Digital Network-Basic Rate Interface (ISDN-BRI) service is a central office based local exchange telecommunications service that provides local exchange access, interexchange access and features.

## 5. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to all Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(c)(3)):

Frontier provided notification to both its wholesale and retail customers of its plans to grandfather these services. For its wholesale customers, Frontier provided notice on February 25, 2022, via email and by posting on its carrier communication website as is customary for wholesale notifications. This notification is attached as Appendix A. Frontier's retail customers that currently subscribe to the affected service were sent notices via U.S. mail on February 25, 2022. A sample notification letter is attached as Appendix B.

#### 6. Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. §§ 63.71(c)(4)):

Frontier is a non-dominant carrier with regard to the service to be grandfathered.

#### 7. Service

Frontier is sending copies of this application via first class U.S. mail to the Governors,

Public Utilities Commissions and Tribal Nations of the affected states, and also to the Special

Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense as required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's rules.

#### Conclusion

The public convenience and necessity will not be adversely affected by the grandfathering of these services, as potential customers can seek alternative service arrangements from Frontier and/or other providers that offer superior capabilities, including the option to bundle voice service with other services, including broadband. The majority of the market has already replaced these services with other communications services and/or applications, as evidenced by the lack of demand. In 2017, the Commission adopted a streamlined process for grandfathering legacy voice service and other low-speed legacy services. Frontier respectfully

requests that the Commission use that streamlined process to approve its Section 63.71 Application to grandfather the services discussed herein.

Respectfully submitted,

#### s/ AJ Burton

AJ Burton FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS 401 MERRITT 7 NORWALK, CT 06851 (240) 286-3534

February 25, 2022

Frontier Communications Holdings, LLC 401 Merritt 7 Norwalk CT 06851

## **Frontier**

#### Carrier Customer Bulletin

Date of Bulletin:

February 25, 2022

Notice #:

CCBFTR01997

Audience:

Carrier, IXC, Wireless, CLEC, Local Reseller, ISP Important Notice Regarding the Plan of Frontier

Subject:

Communications Holdings, LLC and its subsidiaries

(collectively "Frontier") to Grandfather ISDN-BRI Services

Date Effective:

On or After 3/28/2022

This is a formal notification that, subject to applicable regulatory approvals, Frontier plans to grandfather Integrated Services Digital Network-Basic Rate Interface ("ISDN-BRI") services throughout its entire service territory. ISDN-BRI service is a central office based local exchange telecommunications service that provides local exchange access, interexchange access and features.

#### New Customers, Moves, Adds, Changes:

On or after 3/28/2022, new customers will not be able to buy ISDN-BRI services, and moves, additions and changes will no longer be permitted for existing customers.

If you have questions regarding the information provided in this notice, please contact your Frontier Account Manager.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 10 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the § 63.71 Application of Frontier Communications Holdings, LLC. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

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# Important Notice Regarding the Plan of Frontier Communications Holdings, LLC and its subsidiaries (collectively "Frontier") to Grandfather ISDN-BRI Services

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Sample A. Sample
123 Anywhere St.
Anywhere, US 12345-6789

Dear Valued Customer,

At Frontier\*, our goal is to provide you with great communications services and an outstanding customer experience in the ever-changing world of technology. So that we may do this, we must continuously assess our pricing, products and infrastructure. As part of this effort, we find that we must make changes to ensure we are designing our network to meet the needs of current market demand. Occasionally, our evaluation directs us to make changes to some products.

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**New Customers, Moves, Adds, Changes:** On or after 3/28/2022, new customers will not be able to buy ISDN-BRI services, and moves, additions and changes will no longer be permitted for existing customers.

**Alternative Options:** Frontier would like to remain your preferred telecommunications service provider. We urge you to call us at **1.800.921.8102** to be routed to your customer service representative that can answer questions and assist in providing information on migrating your services to an alternative Frontier product. For Residential Customers, please call **1.855.810.6539**.

We truly value your business and look forward to our continued relationship as your network transformation partner.

Sincerely,

Frontier Customer Support Team

#### The following statement is required by the FCC:

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service (or reduction or impairment) unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 10 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. You may file your comments electronically through the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System using the docket number established in the Commission's public notice for this proceeding, or you may address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the § 63.71. Application of Frontier Communications Holdings, LLC. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance (or reduction or impairment) upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION was served this 25th day of February, 2022, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons at the addresses listed below.

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Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications

Pentagon

Washington, DC 20301

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Georgia Public Service Commission 244 Washington Street Atlanta, GA 30334

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New York State Public Service Commission Three Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12223-1350

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215-3793

South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210-8411

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Cabazon Band of Mission Indians 84245 Indio Springs Drive Indio, CA 92203-3405

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