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Re: Docket No. 24-2218-01, *Frontier Communications of America, Inc. – Joint Application for all Approvals or Acknowledgments Required under Utah Code for the Transfer of Control of Frontier Communications Parent, Inc., together with: Citizens Telecommunications Company of Utah, Navajo Communications Co., Inc., and Frontier Communications of America, Inc. to Transferee, Verizon Communications Inc.*

Docket No. 24-041-02, *Citizens Telecommunications Company of Utah – Joint Application for all Approvals or Acknowledgments Required under Utah Code for the Transfer of Control of Frontier Communications Parent, Inc., together with: Citizens Telecommunications Company of Utah, Navajo Communications Co., Inc., and Frontier Communications of America, Inc. to Transferee, Verizon Communications Inc.*

Docket No. 24-050-02, *Navajo Communications Co., Inc. – Joint Application for all Approvals or Acknowledgments Required under Utah Code for the Transfer of Control of Frontier Communications Parent, Inc., together with: Citizens Telecommunications Company of Utah, Navajo Communications Co., Inc., and Frontier Communications of America, Inc. to Transferee, Verizon Communications Inc.*

Docket Nos. 24-2218-01, 24-041-02, and 24-050-02

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The Public Service Commission (PSC) has reviewed the Joint Application (“Application”) filed on or about November 20, 2024, by Verizon Communications Inc. (“Verizon”) and Frontier Communications Parent, Inc. (“Frontier”) and Frontier’s Utah subsidiaries, including Citizens Telecommunications Company of Utah d/b/a Frontier Communications of Utah (“Frontier Utah”), Navajo Communications Co., Inc. (“Navajo”), and Frontier Communications of America, Inc. (“Frontier America”), (Frontier Utah, Navajo, and Frontier America, collectively, the “Utah Operating Subsidiaries,” and together with Verizon and Frontier, the “Applicants”) in the referenced dockets of the proposed indirect transfer of control of the Frontier Utah Operating Subsidiaries to Verizon (“Transaction”).

The Application states that all of Frontier’s subsidiaries, including its Utah Operating Subsidiaries, will become wholly owned indirect subsidiaries of Verizon pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger between Verizon and Frontier, dated September 4, 2024. The Application claims because Verizon is not a public utility and the Transaction occurs at the holding company level, no PSC consent is required by Utah law. In addition, the Application explains that the Transaction will serve the public interest as the expectation is that it will enable the combined entities to better meet the needs of enterprises, wholesale buyers, and other customers. Further, the Application states the Transaction will be conducted in a manner that will be largely transparent to their customers and will not result in a change of carrier for customers or any assignment of authorizations, nor will it result in the discontinuance, reduction, loss, or impairment of service to customers.

The Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed comments on December 20, 2024. DPU comments that the public interest will be promoted by the PSC acknowledging this Transfer of Control of Frontier to Verizon. DPU further verified that the Applicants complied with Utah Admin. Code R746-349-7 and Utah Code §§ 54-4-28, 54-4-29, and 54-4-30 as Verizon is not a public utility and the transfer of control as described will be at the holding company level.

Based on the PSC’s review of the Application and the comments and recommendations of DPU, and no party has requested a declaratory ruling on the issue pursuant to Utah Admin. Code R746-101-1, et seq., the PSC acknowledges the Application was filed and gives notice it will take no further action in these dockets unless a party files a request for agency action and explains the basis on which the PSC may or should act.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg

PSC Secretary

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