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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: April 18, 2025

Re: **Docket No. 25-041-01**, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Utah dba Frontier Communications of Utah's Request for Extension of Time.

Recommendation (Approve)

The Division of Public Utilities ("Division") recommends that the Public Service Commission of Utah ("Commission") grant approval of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Utah dba Frontier Communications of Utah's ("Company") 30-day extension to file its annual report of operations for calendar year 2024 ("Annual Report").

Issue

On April 14, 2025, the Company requested a 30-day extension to file its Annual Report with the Commission originally due on or before April 15, 2025. On April 14, 2025, the Commission issued an Action Request to review the Company's request and for the Division to make recommendations on or before April 21, 2025.



Background

Utah Rule R746-8-401(6) requires rate-of-return regulated telecommunication providers to file their Annual Report by April 15th:

A rate-of-return regulated provider shall file its annual report, in the form provided by the Division in a company-specific docket by April 15, including, when available, audited financial statements for the year matching the annual report.

- (a) The provider shall include a trial balance matching the audited financial statements and annual report.
- (b) The provider may identify and include additional required or needed adjustments.

In addition to the Annual Report, Utah Code, 54-5-2(2) requires rate-of-return regulated telecommunication providers file their Gross Operating Report on or before April 15th. The Gross Operating Report is used to assess the Company's annual regulation fee.

Discussion

The Division contacted the Company on April 15, 2025, to receive clarification regarding its extension request. The Company has confirmed that it requests a 30-day extension to file its Annual Report, and also requests the opportunity to amend its Gross Operating Report filed with the Commission on April 15, 2025.

Conclusion

The Division recommends that the Commission grant the Company's request for a 30-day extension to file its Annual Report and amend its Gross Operating Report.

cc: Michele Beck, Office of Consumer Services
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