

Frontier Telephone Companies
Tariffs FCC Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6
Description and Justification
Transmittal No. 23
March 16, 2012

1. Introduction

Frontier Telephone Companies ("Frontier") submits herewith its Description and Justification ("D&J") in support of changes to its Access Tariffs FCC made under Transmittal No. 23. This filing is made on behalf of the exchange carriers issuing Frontier Telephone Companies Tariffs FCC Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

2. USF Recovery Charge - Tariffs FCC Nos. 1, 2, and 3

On March 13, 2012, the Commission released a *Public Notice*, Proposed Second Quarter 2012 Universal Service Contribution Factor, DA 12-396 ("2Q11 USF Notice"). The 2Q12 USF Notice proposes a universal service contribution factor of 17.4% for the first quarter of 2012. In this filing, Frontier changes its USF Recovery Charge rate element for Tariffs FCC Nos. 1, 2, and 3 to 17.4% in keeping with the change in the underlying contribution factor.

3. Federal USF Charges - Tariffs FCC Nos. 4, 5, and 6

Frontier maintains the FUSF rate structure used by Verizon for Tariffs FCC Nos. 4, 5 and 6. This rate structure includes a per-line charge assessed to end user customers to whom End User Common Line ("EUCL") and other interstate charges apply, which recovers the portion Frontier's USF obligation that arises from EUCL rates and related port rates; and percentage surcharges, which recover the portion of Frontier's USF obligation that arises from other rates.

In the past, Frontier relied on a waiver allowing it to reduce the per-line FUSF rates for Centrex customers and recover the shortfall from other multi-line business customers. In this filing, Frontier does not rely on that waiver. The per-line FUSF rates are calculated to be the product the Contribution Factor and the sum of the EUCL and related port rates, by grade of service. These calculations are shown on Workpaper USF-1.

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The percentage surcharges are the Special Access FUSF rate and the Other Incidental Services FUSF rate. These rates are applied to interstate Special Access billing and incidental interstate services, respectively. Incidental interstate services include non-recurring charges for the Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier ("PIC") and the recurring PICC assessed to end-users. The FUSF charge will also apply to interexchange carriers that pay the PIC change charge on behalf of the end-user customer.

Frontier changes the FUSF percentage surcharge rates to 17.4% in keeping with the change in the underlying contribution factor.