

Frontier Telephone Companies  
Tariffs FCC Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 10  
Description and Justification  
Transmittal No. 32  
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1. Introduction

Frontier Telephone Companies ("Frontier") submits herewith its Description and Justification ("D&J") in support of changes to its Access Tariffs made under Transmittal No. 32. This filing is made on behalf of the exchange carriers issuing Frontier Telephone Companies Tariffs FCC Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 10.

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

On September 12, 2012, the Commission released a *Public Notice*, Proposed Fourth Quarter 2012 Universal Service Contribution Factor, DA 12-1484 ("*4Q11 USF Notice*"). The *4Q12 USF Notice* proposes a universal service contribution factor of 17.4% for the fourth quarter of 2012. In this filing, Frontier changes its USF Recovery Charge<sup>1</sup> rate element for Tariffs FCC Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 10 to 17.4% in keeping with the change in the underlying contribution factor.

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<sup>1</sup> This rate element is called "Universal Service Fund (USF) Recovery Charge" in Tariffs FCC Nos. 1, 2, and 3; "Federal Universal Service Fund (FUSF) Surcharge" in Tariffs FCC Nos. 4, 5, and 6; and "Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC)" in Tariff FCC No. 10.