

Frontier Telephone Companies
Tariffs FCC Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 10
Description and Justification
Transmittal No. 35
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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. 35. 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

On December 12, 2012, the Commission released a *Public Notice*, Proposed First Quarter 2013 Universal Service Contribution Factor, DA 12-2014 ("*1Q13 USF Notice*"). The *1Q13 USF Notice* proposes a universal service contribution factor of 16.1% for the first quarter of 2013. In this filing, Frontier changes its USF Recovery Charge¹ rate element for Tariffs FCC Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 10 to 16.1% in keeping with the change in the underlying contribution factor.

¹ 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.