

## 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. 39. 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 March 12, 2013, the Commission released a *Public Notice*, Proposed Second Quarter 2013 Universal Service Contribution Factor, DA 13-422 ("*2Q13 USF Notice*"). The *2Q13 USF Notice* proposes a universal service contribution factor of 15.5% for the second quarter of 2013. 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 15.5% 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.