

Frontier Telephone Companies
Tariffs FCC Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 10
Description and Justification
Transmittal No. 48
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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. 47. 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 and FUSF Surcharge

On March 12, 2014, the Commission released a *Public Notice*, Proposed Second Quarter 2014 Universal Service Contribution Factor, DA 14-337 ("*2Q14 USF Notice*"). The *2Q14 USF Notice* proposes a universal service contribution factor of 16.6% for the second quarter of 2014. In this filing, Frontier changes its USF Recovery Charge¹ rate element for Tariffs FCC Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 10 to 16.6% 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

3. Restructure of Switched Access Rates

On November 18, 2011, the Commission released a *Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, FCC 11-161 (*ICC Order*). Among other requirements, the ICC Order requires price cap LECs to reduce terminating interstate switched access rates on July 1, 2014. Frontier's switched access rates currently do not generally distinguish between originating and terminating rates.

In this filing Frontier proposes to list its affected usage-based switched access rates as originating and terminating. The rates will be exactly the same for both originating and terminating, and there will be no changes from the current rate levels. In addition to showing usage rates as originating and terminating, Frontier proposes to identify the Dedicated End Office Trunk Port rates as originating and terminating. This structural change satisfies the requirement from the ICC Order that End Office Ports be allocated

Nos. 4, 5, and 6; and "Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC)" in Tariff FCC No. 10.

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between originating and terminating, in preparation for reduction to
terminating rates that will occur on July 1, 2014.