

Frontier Telephone Companies
Tariffs FCC Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, and 11
Description and Justification
Transmittal No. 56
March 17, 2015

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. 56. This filing is made on behalf of the exchange carriers issuing Frontier Telephone Companies Tariffs FCC Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, and 11.

2. USF Recovery Charge, excluding FCC 11

On March 13, 2015, the Commission released a *Public Notice*, Proposed Second Quarter 2015 Universal Service Contribution Factor, DA 15-326 ("*2Q15 USF Notice*"). The *2Q15 USF Notice* proposes a universal service contribution factor of 17.4% for the second quarter of 2015. In this filing, Frontier changes its USF Recovery Charge¹ 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.

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.

3. USF Recovery Charges, FCC 11

In FCC 11, Frontier has historically recovered its USF obligation associated with the major portion of end user billing through various flat-rate end user charges. USF obligation arising from End User Common Line charges (EUCL), ISDN Port charges, and Access Recovery Charges (ARC) has been recovered through monthly per-line charges that vary by type of service. USF obligation arising from Presubscribed Interexchange Carrier (PIC) Change Charges has been recovered through nonrecurring flat rate charges applied when a PIC Change Charge is billed. USF obligation arising from other interstate billed revenue (e.g., Special Access) has been recovered through a percentage based FUSF Surcharge applied to the interstate end user billed revenue.

In this filing, Frontier restructures the FUSF Surcharge in FCC 11 to be a pure percentage based surcharge applicable to all end user interstate revenue that gives rise to Frontier's obligation to contribute to the Fund. Frontier sets the percentage based FUSF

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Surcharge to 17.4% to be equal to the underlying contribution factor as published in the *2Q15 USF Notice*.

4. Administrative Changes

Frontier makes various corrections to column alignment and section references that have been discovered to be incorrect.