

## 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. 62. 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

On December 11, 2015, the Commission released a *Public Notice*, Proposed First Quarter 2016 Universal Service Contribution Factor, DA 15-1412 ("*1Q16 USF Notice*"). The *1Q16 USF Notice* proposes a universal service contribution factor of 18.2% for the second quarter of 2015. In this filing, Frontier changes its USF Recovery Charge<sup>1</sup> rate element for Tariffs FCC Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, and 11 to 18.2% 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, 6; and 11; and "Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC)" in Tariff FCC No. 10.

### 3. Administrative Changes

Frontier makes deletes a reference to a rate plan that no longer exists.