

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. 72. This filing is made on behalf of the exchange carriers issuing Frontier Telephone Companies Tariffs FCC Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13, and 14.

2. USF Recovery Charge

On March 13, 2017, the Commission released a *Public Notice*, Proposed Second Quarter 2017 Universal Service Contribution Factor, DA 17-245 ("*2Q17 USF Notice*"). The *2Q17 USF Notice* proposes a universal service contribution factor of 17.4% for the second quarter of 2017. In this filing, Frontier changes its USF Recovery Charge¹ rate element for Tariffs FCC Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13, and 14 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, 6, 11, 13, and 14; and "Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC)" in Tariff FCC No. 10.