

Frontier Telephone Companies
Tariffs FCC Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13, and 14
Description and Justification
Transmittal No. 77
September 15, 2017

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. 77. 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 September 12, 2017, the Commission released a *Public Notice*, Proposed Fourth Quarter 2017 Universal Service Contribution Factor, DA 17-884 ("*4Q17 USF Notice*"). The *4Q17 USF Notice* proposes a universal service contribution factor of 18.8% for the fourth 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 18.8% 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.

3. FCC 1, Rate Group 5

In this filing Frontier proposes to correct an error in the rates in its tariff FCC 1, Rate Group 5 (section 20.5.4) where the Tandem Switched Transport Facility and the Tandem Switched Transport Termination rates were accidentally switched during this year's annual filing. This filing returns the rates to their original correct position.

4. FCC 5 [Section 4.2.6(A)&(C)]

In this filing Frontier proposes to add Originating rates that had previously been included and should have also been included in its tariff FCC 5, [section 4.2.6(A) & (C)] but were inadvertently omitted during this year's annual filing while incorporating revisions required by the tandem traffic transition.

5. FCC 13 [Section 6.6.9(L)]

In this filing Frontier proposes to correct the rate in its tariff FCC 13

[Section 6.6.9 (L)]. The correct Tandem Switched Transport Facility rate is \$0.000000691 but on tariff page states only \$0.00000069; it is missing the final “1”. This filing adds back that digit and corrects the rate.

6. FCC 13 & 14 (Adding a new column for Originating Rates)

In this filing Frontier proposes to add a new column of Originating Rates in its tariff FCC 13 & 14. The changes made to tandem terminating traffic rates as required for the first time this year due to the terminating tandem rate transition inadvertently swept up originating rates as prior tariff pages did not differentiate the rates between originating and terminating; only terminating traffic is subject to rates reduction and hence we propose to add a new column of originating rates.

7. FCC 1, Rate Group 2 – Developed ISDN-PRI rate

In this filing Frontier has developed and proposes to add a new

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ISDN-PRI rate to its tariff FCC 1, Rate Group 2. While this rate did not previously exist, Frontier has performed the necessary cost studies to establish this element.

8. Administrative change for clarity

In this filing Frontier have made an administrative change in FCC 1 Rate Group 1,2 & 5, FCC 13 and FCC 14 to clarify which OCNs are associated with which tariff where we have more than one applicable tariff in a state. This change is only for customer clarity and we do not anticipate that it will have any impact on current operations.