

Frontier Telephone Companies  
Tariffs FCC Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13, and 14  
Description and Justification  
Transmittal No. 95  
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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. 95. 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 December 12, 2018, the Commission released a *Public Notice*, Proposed First Quarter 2019 Universal Service Contribution Factor, DA 18-1249 ("*1Q19 USF Notice*"). The *1Q19 USF Notice* proposes a universal service contribution factor of 20.0% for the first quarter of 2019. 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, 11, 13, and 14 to 20.0% 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, 11, 13, and 14; and "Federal Universal Service Charge (FUSC)" in Tariff FCC No. 10.