

Frontier Telephone Companies
Tariffs FCC Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13, and 14
Description and Justification
Transmittal No. 101
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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. 101. 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, 2020, the Commission released a *Public Notice*, Proposed Second Quarter 2020 Universal Service Contribution Factor, DA 20-269 ("*2Q20 USF Notice*"). The *2Q20 USF Notice* proposes a universal service contribution factor of 19.6% for the second quarter of 2020. 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 19.6% 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. Frontier is also making the following changes:

- On January 31, 2020, the Commission released a *Public Notice*, Wireline Competition Bureau Releases Supplemental Lists of Counties Served by Price Cap Carriers And Rate-of-Return Study Areas Newly Deemed Competitive Pursuant to Competitive Market Tests For Business Data Services, DA 20-114. Appendix A of the notice lists White County, TN (FIPS 47185) under Price Cap Counties Deemed Newly Competitive Effective January 31, 2020. In this filing, Frontier removes White County, TN from its list of Non-Competitive Counties in FCC No. 1 Section 10 to appropriately reflect this change in competitive status.