

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. 112. 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 13, 2021, the Commission released a Public Notice, Proposed First Quarter 2022 Universal Service Contribution Factor, DA 21-1550 ("1Q22 USF Notice"). The 1Q22 USF Notice proposes a universal service contribution factor of 25.2% for the first quarter of 2022. 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 25.2% 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.

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3. Frontier is also making the following changes:

- FCC No. 11 Section 7 – At the time of detariffing, while it was noted which rate structures applied to competitive and non-competitive rate elements, the rates for those elements deemed as competitive were not removed from the tariff. At the request of FCC Staff, those rates are being deleted with this filing.