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## **VIA FACSIMILE & OVERNIGHT COURIER**

Blanca S. Bayo Director, Division of Records & Reporting Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

> Re: Docket No. 990555

> > In re Letter Application of Global Crossing Ltd. and Frontier Corporation for Approval to transfer control of Frontier Corporation's Florida Operating Subsidiaries to Global Crossing Ltd.

Dear Ms. Bayo:

Global Crossing Ltd. ("Global Crossing") and Frontier Corporation ("Frontier) currently have pending at the Commission the above-referenced joint Application for approval of transfer of control of the authorizations of the Florida operating subsidiaries of Frontier, Frontier Communications of the South, Inc.; Allnet Communications Services, Inc. d/b/a Frontier Communications Services, Inc.; Budget Call Long Distance, Inc.; Frontier Communications of the West, Inc.; Frontier Communications International, Inc.; Frontier Local Services, Inc. and Frontier Telemanagement, Inc. (collectively, "Frontier") to Global Crossing. We are writing to inform the Commission, and the members of its Staff who are reviewing that Application, that Global Crossing has today announced that it has entered into a separate agreement with US West pursuant to which Global Crossing will merge with US West.

This new transaction is separate and independent of Global Crossing's pending acquisition of Frontier. It will be the subject of separate state and federal regulatory filings and approvals, and is therefore scheduled to close well after the anticipated August 1999 closing date for Global Crossing's acquisition of Frontier. In addition, the closing of the Frontier/Global Crossing transaction is not contingent upon the approval or closing of the Global Crossing/US West transaction. As such, Global Crossing's proposed merger with US West will have no material impact on the matters set forth in the pending joint Application which demonstrate that Global Crossing's proposed acquisition of Frontier satisfies the legal and regulatory standards for approval by this Commission. Global Crossing and Frontier therefore urge that the Commission continue to process the pending Application for approval of transfer of control of the Frontier authorizations as expeditiously as possible to permit that proposed transaction to proceed as planned.

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Should you have any questions concerning these matters, please do not hesitate to contact us or the regulatory contacts listed in the pending Application.

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