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June 27, 2018

Ms. Carlotta Stauffer, Commission Clerk Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

Re:

Docket No. 20180122-TP - 2019 State Certification under C.F.R. §54.313 and §54.314, annual reporting requirements for high-cost support and certification of support for eligible telecommunications carriers.

Dear Ms. Stauffer:

Frontier Communications of the South, LLC, herein after referred to as ("Frontier") hereby files the enclosed affidavit. This affidavit is being given to support the Florida Public Service Commission's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314.

Frontier requests the Florida Public Service Commission to file the annual certification regarding federal high-cost support with USAC and the Federal Communications Commission, pursuant to 47 CFR 54.314(a).

The amount of federal high-cost Frontier will receive in 2019 will continue to be used for the services and functionalities outlined in 47 C.F.R. §54.314 and, as the attached affidavit shows, Frontier certifies that it will only use the federal high-cost support it receives for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which such support is intended.

Frontier will file a copy of its FCC Form 481 annual report once it is filed with the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) in compliance with 47 CFR § 54.313 and 47 CFR § 54.422. Section 54.313 applies to an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) receiving high-cost federal USF support. Section 54.422 applies to ETCs receiving low-income support.

Any questions or notifications pertaining to this filing should be directed to me at 916-686-3588 or by email at joe.chicoine@ftr.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph D. Chicoine

Sr. Manager, Regulatory Affairs

Attachments

1 copy

cc: Angie McCall, Frontier

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> DA 18-585 paragraph 4 the Bureau grants a brief, limited waiver to all ETCs of the July 2 deadline under section 54.313(j) of the Commission's rules. Generally, the Commission's rules may be waived for good cause shown.10 Because OMB approval of the modified information collection remains pending, we find that special circumstances warrant grant of a limited waiver of the annual reporting requirements, to provide sufficient time for filers to submit the required information. We therefore grant a two-week extension of the section 54.313(j) filing deadline this year and require that ETCs submit and certify the FCC Form 481 to USAC by July 16, 2018.

## **AFFIDAVIT**

## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DURHAM

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, appeared Allison M. Ellis, who deposed and said:

My name is Allison M. Ellis. I am Vice President, Regulatory Affairs of Frontier Communications of the South, LLC ("Frontier" or the "Company"). As an officer of the Company, I am authorized to give this affidavit on behalf of the Company. This affidavit is being given to support the Florida Public Service Commission's certification as contemplated in 47 C.F.R. §54.314. Please refer to Docket No. 20180122-TP.

Frontier hereby certifies that all federal high-cost support was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the upcoming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Allison M. Ellis

Vice President, Regulatory Affairs

Frontier Communications of the South, LLC

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF DURHAM

Acknowledged before me this 21 day of June 2018 by Allison M. Ellis, as Vice President, Regulatory Affairs for Frontier Communications of the South, LLC, who is personally known to me or produced identification and who did take an oath.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Printed Name of Notary

Printed Name of Notary

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Wake County
North Carolina

My Commission Expires Oct. 5, 2019

Personally Known

Produced Identification

Type of Identification Produced