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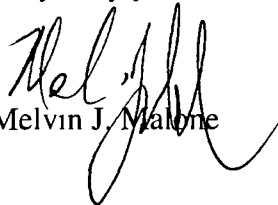
Honorable Pat Miller, Chairman
c/o Sharla Dillon, Docket & Records Manager
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

RE: *Petition of Frontier Communications, Inc. For a Declaratory Ruling*
TRA Docket No. 04-00379

Dear Chairman Miller:

Enclosed please find one (1) original and thirteen (13) copies of Bledsoe Telephone Cooperative's Petition for Leave to Intervene. We have also enclosed one copy of the documents to be file stamped for our records. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$25.00 for the filing fee. If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Very truly yours,


Melvin J. Malone

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Enclosures

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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IN RE:

PETITION OF FRONTIER) DOCKET NO. 04-00379
COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR A)
DECLARATORY RULING)

PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE OF
BLEDSON TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

Bledson Telephone Cooperative ("Bledson" or "Petitioner"), by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby seeks leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-310. In support of this petition, Petitioner states as follows:

1. Petitioner is a Tennessee telephone cooperative authorized and organized under state law, specifically Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 65-29-101 *et seq.*, to operate and to provide services in the State of Tennessee and maintains its offices at 203 Cumberland Avenue, Pikeville, Tennessee 37367.

2. Petitioner provides a range of telecommunications services in its service area in the State of Tennessee.

3. In its Petition, Frontier Communications, Inc. ("Frontier") alleges that the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority" or "TRA") has granted Frontier a statewide certificate of convenience and necessity as a competing telecommunications provider and that there is no prohibition on Frontier operating within the boundaries of a Tennessee telephone cooperative.

4. Further, Frontier alleges in its Petition that Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Co-op, Inc. ("Ben Lomand") has taken the position that Frontier is "statutorily prohibited" from competing in Ben Lomand's territory.

5 As Petitioner is a Tennessee telephone cooperative, the subject of this proceeding may directly affect Petitioner's operations in the State of Tennessee.

6. Petitioner's legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other legal interests may be determined in this proceeding

7. Because of its direct interest in this proceeding, Petitioner respectfully seeks to intervene in this matter.

8. The interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings will not be impaired by allowing the requested intervention.

9. Should the requested intervention be granted, all notices, pleadings, orders, documents and the like in this proceeding should be provided to:

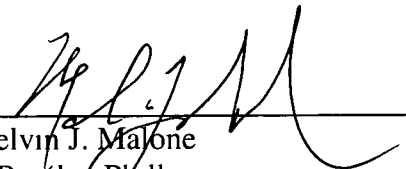
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Based on the foregoing considerations, Petitioner requests the Authority to grant this request for intervention.

Respectfully submitted,



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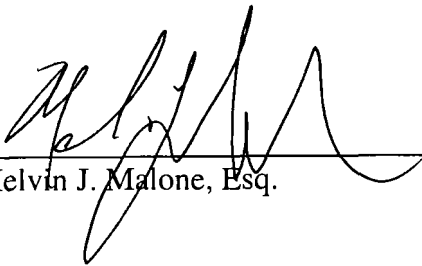
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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy has been forwarded via U.S. Mail to the following on this the 20th day of May, 2005.

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