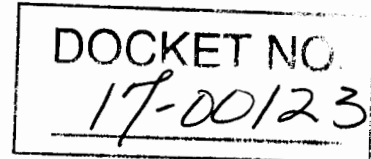




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Chairman David Jones
c/o Sharla Dillon, Dockets and Records
Tennessee Public Utility Commission
502 Deaderick Street
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RE: Notice of Request for Merger of Legal Entities

Dear Chairman Jones:

In compliance with Rule 1220-4-8-.05, Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee d/b/a Frontier Communications Company of Tennessee ("Tennessee") and Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State, d/b/a Frontier Communications of the Volunteer State ("Volunteer"), (jointly "Frontier"), are providing prior notice of the intent to merge into one surviving entity. Both entities are wholly owned subsidiaries of Frontier Communications Corporation and there will be no change of control.

Effective January 1, 2018, Volunteer (#20) will be merged into Tennessee (#74668). The merged entity will cease to exist at that time.

Under the terms of the merger, Tennessee will be the surviving entity. Tennessee thereafter will operate all of the Frontier serving areas. As a result of the proposed merger, Volunteer will cease to exist.

Frontier respectfully requests the following:

- non-surviving entity of Volunteer Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") be transferred to surviving entity of Tennessee;
- non-surviving entity's Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ETC status will be transferred to surviving entity of Tennessee;
- non-surviving entity's Local Tariffs will be combined into one under the name of the surviving entity of Tennessee;
- Frontier will be filing revised tariffs, merging all information into one tariff but each serving area will retain its existing rates so there will be no customer impact. At the time the combined tariff is filed for the surviving entity of Tennessee, a request will be made to cancel the non-surviving entity's tariff.
- Frontier's on-line Product Guide will also be updated to reflect the surviving entity of Tennessee with no changes to pricing for the respective areas as a result of the merger transaction. Similarly, Frontier will modify its State Access and Federal tariffs, if required, with no changes for the respective service areas.

- Contact for all correspondence and requests by the Tennessee Public Utility Commission directed to Tennessee should be sent to:

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Frontier states that it meets the requirements of TCA 65-4-201. Certificate required -- Bond or other security required for projects proposed by public utilities providing wastewater service, and previously obtained its Certificate from the Tennessee Public Utility Commission.

Upon approval of the merger by the Tennessee Public Utility Commission, Frontier will file notice of the merger with the Office of the Tennessee Secretary of State.

Frontier intends to notify its customers of the merger by a bill message, with language similar to the statements below:

"Attention Customers: Frontier announces Frontier Communications of the Volunteer State is now known as Frontier Communications of Tennessee. This name change has no effect on your existing rates and all products and services will remain the same."

An original and thirteen (13) copies of this filing are enclosed along with a check in the amount of \$50 for the cost of the filing fees. An extra copy of the filing is enclosed for date stamping and returning in the enclosed, self-addressed, stamped envelope. Please note the Docket Number on the extra copy when returning.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please contact Angie McCall at 304-325-1688.

Sincerely,



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Encl: Original + 13 copies

cc: Joseph J. Starsick, Associate General Counsel
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