



TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

502 Deaderick Street
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Angela McCall
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Ms. McCall:

I am writing to you concerning your filing in TPUC Docket No. 17-00123. Based upon information in the *Notice of Request for Merger of Legal Entities* ("Notice"), Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee d/b/a/ Frontier Communications Company of Tennessee ("Tennessee") and Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State ("Volunteer") plan to merge. More specifically, Volunteer will be merged into Tennessee with Tennessee being the surviving entity that will operate all of Frontier's serving areas in the state. As a result of the merger, Volunteer will cease to exist.

Tennessee notified the agency that it elected Market Regulation pursuant to a letter dated July 23, 2013 placed in Docket No. 13-00106. Volunteer filed its notice that it elected Market Regulation on the same date in Docket No. 13-00107. T.C.A. § 65-5-109(n) provides a description of the regulatory requirements that apply to companies that elect Market Regulation. The merger described in the *Notice* is governed by T.C.A. 65-4-112 which is not a regulatory requirement that applies to companies that have elected Market Regulation. As such, the merger transaction between Tennessee and Volunteer described in the *Notice* does not require approval as both parties to the merger have elected Market Regulation. Given that no approval of the transaction described in *Joint Application* is required, this docket will be closed.

If you have any questions concerning this matter feel free to call me at 615-770-6894.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry Kettles".

Jerry Kettles
Director, Economic Analysis

C: via email