

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

July 16, 2026

IN RE:	)	DOCKET NO.
	)	26-00041
PETITION OF CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS	)	
COMPANY OF TENNESSEE, LLC FOR AN ORDER	)	COMPANY ID:
CONFIRMING RELINQUISHMENT OF ITS ELIGIBLE	)	129025
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER DESIGNATION	)	

ORDER GRANTING CANCELLATION OF ETC DESIGNATION

This matter came before Chairman David F. Jones, Vice Chairman John A. Hie, Commissioner Herbert H. Hilliard, Commissioner Robin L. Morrison, and Commissioner Kenneth C. Hill of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (the “Commission” or “TPUC”), the voting panel assigned to this docket, during a regularly scheduled Commission Conference held June 1, 2026.¹

On December 17, 1997, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, now TPUC, issued an order designating Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC d/b/a Frontier (“Frontier” or “Company”) a wireline eligible telecommunications carrier (“ETC”) in Docket No. 97-00888. On May 19, 2026, the Company filed a petition to relinquish its wireline ETC designation, effective September 1, 2026, because “the underlying purpose of the designation – to enable the receipt of high-cost universal service support – no longer exists for Frontier in the state of Tennessee.”² The Company is in good standing with the Commission and current on inspection fees. After careful consideration of the entire record in this matter, the panel voted unanimously to grant the Company’s request to cancel its ETC.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Chairman David F. Jones, Vice Chairman John A. Hie, Commissioner Robin L. Morrison, **and** Commissioner Kenneth C. Hill **concurred**.

ATTEST:



Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director

¹ Commissioner Herbert H. Hilliard was absent from the June Conference and did not vote in this matter.

² *Petition Of Citizens Telecommunications Company Of Tennessee, L.L.C. For An Order Confirming Relinquishment Of Its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation*, p. 2 (May 19, 2026).