

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UM 1431

In the Matter of)
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.,) Petition for Approval of Release of
AND FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS) Funds from Broadband Escrow Account
CORPORATION) Through September 2011
)
Joint Application for an Order Declining to)
Assert Jurisdiction, or, in the alternative, to)
Approve the Indirect Transfer of Control of)
Verizon Northwest Inc.)

Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. (“Frontier”) petitions the Commission for the release of certain funds held in the \$15 million escrow Frontier established for broadband deployment as required by Commission Order 10-067 in Docket UM 1431. Frontier specifically asks the Commission to release [\$ Redacted] based upon Frontier’s work on broadband projects through September 2011¹

Attached as Exhibit A is the list of Frontier’s expenditures for broadband through September 30, 2011. Frontier’s broadband expenditures are identified by project identification number, wire center and specific geographic areas within each wire center. This information is competitively sensitive and submitted as confidential information under the Protective Order 09-197 in Docket UM 1431.

In further support of this Petition, Frontier states as follows:

1. In Commission Order 10-067, Appendix A, Condition No. 14 required Frontier to prudently expend \$10 Million in broadband deployment by July 1, 2011 and an additional \$15 Million by July 1, 2013. Frontier placed \$15 Million in escrow as required by condition of the merger 30 days after close under which funds could be released upon Commission approval.

¹ Third quarter 2011 Compliance Filing dated 10/31/11 filed by Joe Chicoine

2. In the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2010, Frontier began the engineering and deployment necessary for the broadband build-out in Oregon. The Commission will note that quarterly report filed on July 27, 2011 reflected [\$ Redacted] spent in broadband deployment by the end of the first year following the close of the transaction.
3. The expenditures listed on Exhibit A are a comprehensive total of all broadband projects that have been booked since July 1, 2010 using the reporting format provided by Commission Staff. The 3rd quarter report submitted on October 31, 2011 shows total expenditures of [\$ Redacted] through September 30, 2011.
4. Accordingly, Frontier respectfully asks for the immediate release of [\$ Redacted] from the escrow account in order to reimburse Frontier for the funds expended on broadband through September of 2011, as shown on Exhibit A. By doing so, the Commission will encourage the more rapid improvement of Frontier's broadband network in Oregon.

Relief Requested:

1. That the Commission treat Exhibit A as confidential under protective order 09-197; and
2. That the Commission approve an Order authorizing the immediate release of [\$ Redacted] from the escrow account established by Order 10-067 in Docket UM 1431.

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FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS NORTHWEST, INC
FRONTIER OREGON BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS
July 1, 2010 to Sept 30, 2011

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