BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In the Matter of FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS NORTHWEST, INC., and CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY OF OREGON, Joint Petition for Approval of Price Plan Pursuant to ORS 759.255.	JOINT STATUS REPORT

On November 1, 2017, Administrative Law Judge Kirkpatrick held the first prehearing conference in this docket. At that conference, the parties discussed a mutually agreed upon schedule for workshops and settlement conferences. Under the procedural schedule adopted, the parties must file a status update or request a prehearing conference no later than January 4, 2018.

The parties have been working together in good faith to resolve the issues in this docket. All parties participated in workshops convened by Commission Staff on November 21, 2017, and December 14, 2017. Staff and the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board are also reviewing responses to their discovery requests. The parties are scheduled to convene again for a workshop and settlement conference on January 23, 2018. Counsel for the parties are hopeful that this matter may be resolved without the need for a hearing.

In light of this progress, the parties request that they be given until February 20, 2018, to file a status report or, in the alternative, request that a prehearing conference be scheduled.

DATED this 4th day of January, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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