

June 20, 2012

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Ms. Cheryl Walker Administrative Hearings Oregon Public Utility Commission 550 Capitol Street NE, Suite 215 Salem, Oregon 97301-2551

Re: ARB 495- Amendment # 1 to the Agreement between Frontier Communications

Northwest Inc. and Ernest Communications Inc.

Dear Ms. Walker:

Attached please find an original and two copies of an amendment between Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. and Ernest Communications Inc.

Please call me at (972) 908-4415 if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,

Kim Douglass

Manager

Compliance - Regulatory Affairs

**Enclosures** 

## CARRIER-TO-CARRIER AGREEMENT CHECKLIST

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete all applicable parts of this form and submit it with related materials when filing a carrier-to-carrier agreement pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 252 and OAR 860-016-0000 et al. The Commission will utilize the information contained in this form to determine how to process the filing. Unless you request otherwise in writing, the Commission will serve all documents related to the review of this agreement electronically to the e-mail addresses listed below.

1. PART	<b>TIES</b> Competitive Carrier	Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier
Name of Party.	Ernest Communications Inc.	Frontier Communications Northwest Inc.
•	cessing Questions:	
Name:	Paul Masters	Kim Douglass
Telephone:	770-242-9069	972-908-4415
E-mail:	pmasters@ernestgroup.com	kimberly.a.douglass@ftr.com
Contact for Leg	gal Questions (if different):	
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Other Persons v	vanting E-mail service of documents (if any):	
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May 9, 2012

## Sent Via First Class Mail

Ernest Communications Inc. Paul Masters 5275 Triangle Parkway Suite 150 Norcross, GA 30092

Re: Request for Amendment to Interconnection Agreements with Frontier Communications Corporation, including its subsidiaries and affiliates in the states of AL, AZ, CA, FL, GA, IA, ID, IL, IN, MI, MN, MS, NC, NE, NV, NY, NM, OH, OR, PA, SC, TN, UT, WA, WI, WV for all non-CMRS traffic.

## Dear Carrier:

On November 18, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") released an order that makes sweeping changes to the laws governing universal service and intercarrier compensation on December 23, 2011, the FCC released the USF/ICC Transformation Order on Reconsideration (USF/ICC Transformation Order FCC 11-161), in which it determined that the default intercarrier compensation methodology for all non-access telecommunications traffic exchanged between carriers and competitive Local Exchange Carriers will transition to bill and keep over the next six years beginning July 1, 2012 and the FCC urged all parties with interconnection agreements to immediately begin preparations for the July 1 effective date, including commencing discussions regarding change of law provisions, if applicable.

To this end, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the interconnection, traffic exchange, transport and termination agreements with Frontier Communications Corporation, including its subsidiaries and affiliates ("Frontier"), in the above captioned states, the ICC Transformation Orders, FCC rules, and all the applicable provisions of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, Frontier hereby requests your agreement by signature in the space provided below incorporating paragraph one, as the next amendment in sequence to your underlying interconnection agreement, reflecting implementation of the FCC's Intercarrier Compensation Reform Timeline, with an effective date of July 1, 2012.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows

1. <u>Reciprocal Compensation</u>. Reciprocal compensation rates in this Agreement will be phased down as provided in the *USF/ICC Transformation Order FCC 11-161* (rel. November 18, 2011) as such order may be revised, reconsidered, modified or

changed in the future. When any such revisions, reconsiderations, modifications or changes are effective, such action shall be automatically incorporated into the Agreement. For clarity, Reciprocal compensation rates are capped effective immediately and subject to reductions pursuant to the FCC's Reform Timeline as outlined in paragraph 801 of FCC 11-161, or as such Reform Timeline may be revised, reconsidered, modified or changed in the future.

Please return this letter to the following address below within 14 business days of receipt to ensure a timely filing by Frontier on or before the effective date.

Frontier Communications

Attn: Director, Business Operations – Carrier Services FCC ICC Amendment 180 S. Clinton Avenue Rochester, NY 14646

Or email signature page via pdf to (all states except NV):

## Roderick.cameron@ftr.com

Subject line - CLEC FCC ICC Amendment - Executed by "insert Company name"

Sincerely,

Stephen LeVan

SVP, Carrier Sales and Services

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Carrier's signature below is confirmation and agreement to the terms above as of the Amendment Effective Date.

By: Printed: Paul Masters

Title: President

Date: 5.21.12