## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Joint Application of ) Frontier Communications Corporation, ) New Communications Holdings, Inc., and ) Verizon Communications Inc. for Consent ) and Approval of a Change in Control.

Case No. 09-454-TP-ACO

## **ENTRY**

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The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On May 29, 2009, Frontier Communications Corporation (Frontier), New Communications Holdings, Inc. (NCH), and Verizon Communications Inc. (Verizon) (the applicants) filed a joint application, pursuant to Section 4905.402, Revised Code, seeking approval of a change in ownership.
- (2) By entry issued August 19, 2009, the Commission determined that three local public hearings would assist the Commission in evaluating the merits of the application. Upon further consideration, the Commission has determined that three additional local public hearings with enhanced geographic diversity would, in addition, provide all persons in the State of Ohio with a reasonable opportunity to present comments on the proposed change of ownership. To achieve this purpose, the Commission, in addition to the local public hearings held in Marion, New Philadelphia, and Portsmouth, will conduct local public hearings in Athens, Norwalk, and Troy at the following locations, dates, and times:

October 6, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at the Miami County Safety Building, Miami County Commissioner's Hearing Room, 201 W. Main Street, 1st Floor, Troy, Ohio 45373

October 7, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at the Athens Community Center, 701 E. State St., Suite 201, Athens, Ohio 45701

October 8, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at the Ernsthausen Community Center, 100 Republic Street, Norwalk, Ohio 44857

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, the Commission's hotline at 1-800-686-7826, or the Commission's website at www.puc.ohio.gov.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That local public hearings be held in accordance with Finding (2). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all parties and interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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