

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Frontier)	Case No.20-1192-TP-CIO
North Inc., Frontier Communications of)	90-5009-TP-TRF
Michigan, Inc. and Frontier Communications)	90-5023-TP-TRF
Online and Long Distance Inc. to Transfer)	90-6391-TP-TRF
Control with Joint Chapter 11 Plan of)	
Reorganization of Frontier Communications)	
Corporation and its Subsidiaries pursuant to		
Ohio Admin.Code 4901:1-6-29		

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION
SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

On June 25, 2020, Frontier North Inc. (Frontier North), Frontier Communications of Michigan, Inc. (Frontier Michigan), and Frontier Communications Online and Long Distance Inc (Frontier LD, together, Frontier Companies), filed a zero-day notice filing for a change in ownership (CIO) pursuant Ohio Admin.Code 4901:1-06-29. Pursuant to Ohio Admin.Code 4901:1-06-05(B), a filing subject to the zero-day notice procedure will be effective upon filing and not considered to be Commission-approved.

In this CIO filing, the Frontier Companies are notifying the Commission of its pending application, in front of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), to transfer control of the Frontier Companies as a part of a Chapter 11 plan of reorganization. The Frontier Companies are authorized to provide telecommunications services pursuant to certificates 90-5009, 90-5023, and 90-6391. The Frontier Companies are local exchange carriers (LEC) providing both basic local exchange service (BLES) and intrastate interexchange service and, therefore, are subject to the requirements set forth in Ohio Admin.Code 4901:1-06-29(E)(2). This section of the Ohio Administrative Code requires a LEC providing BLES to notify the Commission of a change of control, in a CIO filing, on the same day the LEC files its application with the FCC. The Frontier Companies filed its applications¹ with the FCC on June 24, 2020 and filed this CIO notice filing with the Commission on June 25, 2020. The FCC granted the Frontier Companies application on January 14, 2021.² On May 3, 2021, the Frontier Companies

¹ 1 See Joint Application of Frontier Communications Corporation, Debtor-in-Possession, and its Wholly Owned Operating Subsidiaries for Consent to Assign and Transfer Control of Domestic and International Section 214 Authorizations Holders, WC Docket No. 20-197 (filed June 24, 2020) (Joint Application).

² *Joint Application*, Memorandum Opinion and Order (Adopted January 14, 2021).

filed a Notice of Emergence from Chapter 11 bankruptcy in this case docket. Although, the Frontier Companies did not file the CIO with the Commission on the same day it filed its application with the FCC, staff finds that filing the CIO the next day to be reasonable.

In conclusion, staff finds the Frontier Companies' CIO filing to have substantially complied with the requirements set forth in Ohio Admin.Code 4901:1-06-29(E)(2). Therefore, Staff recommends that this notice filing be permitted to remain in effect.

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