

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

**IN THE MATTER OF FRONTIER NORTH
INC. TO REVISE RATES FOR ITS ROAD
WORK RECOVERY SURCHARGE IN ITS
BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE
TARIFF P.U.C.O. 11.**

CASE NO. 21-909-TP-TRF

**IN THE MATTER OF THE TARIFF FILINGS
OF FRONTIER NORTH INC.**

CASE NO. 90-5023-TP-TRF

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on September 2, 2021

{¶ 1} Frontier North Inc. (Frontier or Company) is an incumbent local exchange carrier and a public utility pursuant to R.C. 4927.01(A)(5) and 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction for the basic local exchange service (BLES) that the Company provides.

{¶ 2} Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-06(A), the Commission or an attorney examiner may impose a full or partial suspension of any automatic approval process, notice filing, or approved tariff if such filing is contrary to law or rules of the Commission.

{¶ 3} On August 31, 2021, Frontier filed a notice filing, Case No. 21-909-TP-TRF, to increase the rates for its Road Work Recovery Surcharge imposed upon residential and business end user customers to recover the costs involved in moving or relocating network facilities or infrastructure when such relocation is requested by city, county, state, or federal authorities, or any other government entity of any kind. Frontier is proposing to increase the monthly rate from \$1.25 to \$1.75 effective September 1, 2021.

{¶ 4} A review of the record in this case reflects that insufficient information has been filed thus far to permit the notice filing to take effect at this time. Additionally, it appears as though Frontier is attempting to increase a charge to BLES customers that is not

an approved charge in the Company's tariff.¹ Accordingly, Case No. 21-909-TP-TRF is fully suspended pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-6-06(A) and the Company must not charge its residential and business customers the Road Work Recovery Surcharge until otherwise authorized by the Commission.

{¶ 5} It is, therefore,

{¶ 6} ORDERED, That Frontier's Road Work Recovery Surcharge be suspended and the Company must not charge the surcharge until otherwise authorized by the Commission in accordance with Paragraph 4. It is, further,

{¶ 7} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties and interested persons of record.

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/s/ Jeffrey R. Jones

By: Jeffrey R. Jones
Attorney Examiner

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¹ On August 8, 2018, in Case Nos. 18-1268-TP-ATA and 90-5023-TP-TRF, Frontier filed an application seeking approval to implement a Road Work Recovery Surcharge on end user accounts who obtain local exchange service from the Company. On August 28, 2018, prior to approval, Frontier docketed a letter withdrawing the application for approval of the Road Work Recovery Surcharge. As a result, Frontier does not presently have authorization in its tariff to implement the Road Work Recovery Surcharge.

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry suspending Frontier's Road Work Recovery Surcharge and ordering that the Company must not charge the surcharge until otherwise authorized by the Commission as detailed herein. electronically filed by Ms. Mary E. Fischer on behalf of Jeffrey R. Jones, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio