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Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission Commonwealth Keystone Building 400 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120

In Re: Joint Application of Frontier Communications Corporation; Frontier Subsidiary Telco, LLC; Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises, LLC; Commonwealth Telephone Company, LLC, d/b/a Frontier Communications Commonwealth Telephone Company; Frontier Communications of Breezewood, LLC; Frontier Communications of Canton, LLC; Frontier Communications of Lakewood, LLC; Frontier Communications of Oswayo River, LLC; Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC; Citizens Telecommunications Company of New York, Inc.; CTSI, LLC d/b/a Frontier Communications CTSI, LLC; CTE Telecom, LLC d/b/a Frontier Communications CTE Telecom Company; and Frontier Communications of America, Inc. for Expedited Waiver of Approval of Administrative Change in Control Or, In the Alternative, Approval of a *Pro Forma* Transaction

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

We are counsel to Frontier Communications Corporation; Frontier Subsidiary Telco, LLC; Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises, LLC; Commonwealth Telephone Company, LLC, d/b/a Frontier Communications Commonwealth Telephone Company; Frontier Communications of Breezewood, LLC; Frontier Communications of Canton, LLC; Frontier Communications of Lakewood, LLC; Frontier Communications of Oswayo River, LLC; Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC; Citizens Telecommunications Company of New York, Inc.; CTSI, LLC d/b/a Frontier Communications CTSI, LLC; CTE Telecom, LLC d/b/a Frontier Communications CTE Telecom Company; and Frontier Communications of America, Inc. ("Joint Applicants") and are submitting with this letter, via electronic filing, their Joint Application for Expedited Waiver of Approval of Administrative Change in Control Or, In the Alternative, Approval of a *Pro Forma* Transaction. May 22, 2020 Page 2

Please enter my appearance and the appearance of Charles E. Thomas, Jr., for Joint Applicants and contact me with any questions concerning this matter. The \$350.00 filing fee is being paid electronically.

Very truly yours,

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#### BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Joint Application of:	
Frontier Communications Corporation;	Docket Nos.
Frontier Subsidiary Telco LLC;	
Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises LLC;	
Commonwealth Telephone Company LLC d/b/a	
Frontier Communications Commonwealth	
Telephone Company;	
Frontier Communications of Breezewood, LLC;	
Frontier Communications of Canton, LLC;	
Frontier Communications of Lakewood, LLC;	
Frontier Communications of Oswayo River LLC;	
Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC;	
Citizens Telecommunications Company of New	
York, Inc.;	
CTSI, LLC d/b/a Frontier Communications CTSI,	
LLC;	
CTE Telecom, LLC d/b/a Frontier	
Communications CTE Telecom Company; and	
Frontier Communications of America, Inc.	
For Waiver of Approval of Administrative Change	
in Control Associated with the Chapter 11 Plan of	
<b>Reorganization of Frontier Communications</b>	
Corporation and Its Subsidiaries Or, In the	
Alternative, Approval of a Pro Forma Transaction	
Associated with the Plan of Reorganization	

#### JOINT APPLICATION FOR EXPEDITED WAIVER OF APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE IN CONTROL OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, APPROVAL OF A *PRO FORMA* TRANSACTION

#### TO THE HONORABLE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION:

AND NOW, come Frontier Communications Corporation ("Frontier"), Frontier

Subsidiary Telco LLC ("FST"), Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises LLC ("CTE") and their

Pennsylvania jurisdictional subsidiaries, Commonwealth Telephone Company LLC d/b/a Frontier Communications Commonwealth Telephone Company ("Frontier Commonwealth"), Frontier Communications of Breezewood, LLC ("Frontier Breezewood"), Frontier Communications of Canton, LLC ("Frontier Canton"), Frontier Communications of Lakewood, LLC ("Frontier Lakewood"), Frontier Communications of Oswayo River LLC ("Frontier Oswayo"), Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC ("Frontier PA"), Citizens Telecommunications Company of New York, Inc. ("Citizens NY"), CTSI, LLC d/b/a Frontier Communications CTSI, LLC ("CTSI"), CTE Telecom, LLC d/b/a Frontier Communications CTE Telecom Company ("CTE Telecom"), and Frontier Communications of America, Inc. ("Frontier America") (collectively, the "Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries," and together with Frontier, FST, and CTE, the "Joint Applicants"), by their undersigned counsel, to file this application (this "Joint Application") with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (the "Commission") for waiver of approval of an administrative change in control or, in the alternative, for expeditious approval of a pro forma transaction in connection with the Joint Applicants' pre-arranged plan of reorganization under chapter 11 ("Chapter 11") of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").<sup>1</sup>

#### I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

On April 14, 2020, Frontier and its direct and indirect subsidiaries commenced a Chapter 11 proceeding after entering into a Restructuring Support Agreement ("<u>RSA</u>")<sup>2</sup> with its senior unsecured noteholders holding more than seventy-five percent of its unsecured bonds (such

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On April 14, 2020 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), Frontier and its direct and indirect subsidiaries (collectively, the "<u>Company</u>" or the "<u>Debtors</u>") filed voluntary petitions (the "<u>Bankruptcy Petitions</u>") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York ("<u>Bankruptcy Court</u>") to reorganize under the Bankruptcy Code (the "Chapter 11 Cases"). The Chapter 11 Cases are being jointly administered under the caption in re Frontier Communications Corporation, et al., Case No. 20-22476 (RDD).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The RSA attached at Exhibit A is available at https://docs.frontierpucapproval.com/frontier-rsa.pdf.

creditors, the "<u>Consenting Noteholders</u>").<sup>3</sup> Since the Petition Date, Frontier has worked with the Consenting Noteholders to memorialize the terms set forth in the RSA into a Joint Plan of Reorganization of Frontier Communications Corporation and its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "<u>Plan</u>," and the transactions contemplated thereunder, the "<u>Restructuring</u>"). The Plan, a copy of which is attached as **Exhibit B**, was filed on May 15, 2020, and is expected to be confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court in August 2020. Frontier is prepared to emerge from bankruptcy as soon as it has secured the necessary regulatory approvals thereafter, including the approval of this Commission, if required.

The Plan implements the terms of the RSA and provides for a comprehensive restructuring of Frontier's obligations. Pursuant to the RSA and the Plan, Frontier will be dissolved and replaced by a new parent company ("<u>New Frontier Communications Parent</u>"). Upon emergence from Chapter 11, the Senior Noteholders<sup>4</sup> will hold the new common stock of New Frontier Communications Parent, though no single noteholder is anticipated to hold a 10% or greater interest in it. It is intended that the new common stock of New Frontier Communications Parent will be publicly traded and listed on a recognized U.S. stock exchange as promptly as reasonably practicable after the Company's emergence from Chapter 11. Accordingly, as is the case today, the ownership of New Frontier Communications Parent will be widely dispersed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> "<u>Consenting Noteholders</u>" is defined in the Plan and is comprised of approximately 200 Senior Noteholders who have executed the RSA and agreed to support the Plan and that hold over 75% of the Senior Notes through more than 40 different investment funds. The Consenting Noteholders are primarily comprised of large U.S. based financial investment funds with experience in investing in U.S. telecommunications and technology companies.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> "<u>Senior Noteholders</u>" is defined in the Plan and is comprised of the holders of approximately \$10.95 billion in aggregate principal amount of unsecured senior notes issued by Frontier with maturities between September 2020 and October 2046 (the "<u>Senior Notes</u>") which are publicly traded.

The proposed Restructuring will reduce Frontier's funded debt obligations by over \$10 billion (from approximately \$17.5 billion to approximately \$6.5 billion) and reduce its annual interest expense by approximately \$1 billion. It will substantially deleverage Frontier's balance sheet, secure the going-concern value of Frontier's business, preserve thousands of jobs, and position Frontier to emerge from the bankruptcy reorganization process as a stronger, more financially sound enterprise.

#### II. <u>EXPEDITED REVIEW IS WARRANTED</u>

The Joint Applicants request that the Commission undertake its review on an expedited basis and find and conclude that the Restructuring is in the public interest, as it will benefit existing and future customers of the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries in Pennsylvania and other states. The Commission's expedited approval is critical to Frontier's ongoing viability and operations in Pennsylvania and should not be delayed. An extended approval process would cause the Company to incur significant administrative, legal, and bankruptcy-related expenses and would deplete resources that could otherwise be invested in and used to operate the Company's businesses.

The necessary facts and documents to facilitate an expedited review, and to permit completion of the Restructuring as soon as possible, are set forth below. Applicants emphasize that the Restructuring: (1) will not result in a change of any condition of service or rates; and (2) will not result in the creation of a 20% voting interest in New Frontier Communications Parent. Because the Restructuring only involves a change in the publicly traded ownership of the top tier parent (Frontier Communications Corporation) of the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries, the matter is not a typical change of control and expedited review is warranted.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Only the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries are regulated by the Commission.

The Restructuring will be, for all practical purposes, imperceptible to Frontier's customers in Pennsylvania. Accordingly, the Joint Applicants respectfully request that the Commission waive any review under Subchapter O – Abbreviated Procedures for Review and Approval of Transfer of Control for Telecommunications Public Utilities, 52 Pa. Code Section 63.321, *et seq*.

Should the Commission elect to review the change in ownership, the Joint Applicants seek all approvals for the Restructuring, including:

- (1) The issuance of certificates of public convenience pursuant to Sections 1102 and 1103 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. §§ 1102 and 1103, the Commission's Policy Statement on Utility Stock Transfers under 66 Pa.C.S. § 1102(a)(3), 52 Pa. Code §69.901, and its Abbreviated Procedures for Review and Approval of Transfer of Control For Telecommunications Public Utilities, 52 Pa. Code §§ 63.321 63.325, for the Restructuring of Frontier and its subsidiaries; and
- (2) The issuance of such other approvals, certificates, and other relief, if any, under the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code that are or may be required with respect to the Restructuring.

The Restructuring will better position Frontier and its operating subsidiaries, including the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries, to provide service in Pennsylvania and to become a more efficient and effective competitor in the dynamic telecommunications marketplace. The Restructuring will not adversely affect operations, rates, or services and the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries will continue to provide regulated voice and other services during and after the Restructuring—no certificated services will be abandoned. On the contrary, service will be provided in accordance with the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries' previously filed tariffs and other commercial contractual arrangements between them and their customers. Commission jurisdictional customer service will not be interrupted, eliminated, or impaired, rates will not be increased as a result of the Restructuring, and the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries will continue to provide 911, voice telephone, and other services. As noted above, the Joint Applicants anticipate that the Plan will be confirmed and approved by the Bankruptcy Court without material modification in August 2020. The Company is prepared to emerge from Chapter 11 as soon as it has secured the necessary regulatory approvals thereafter, including the approval of this Commission, if required. Accordingly, the Joint Applicants respectfully request the Commission's expedited approval of this Joint Application to permit completion of the Restructuring as soon as possible, and that such approval be provided no later than September 30, 2020.

#### III. DESCRIPTION OF JOINT APPLICANTS

#### A. Frontier Communications Corporation

Frontier is a publicly traded Delaware corporation with a total of 99 subsidiaries – 57 direct and 42 indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries, including the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries. Its headquarters are located at 401 Merritt 7, Norwalk, Connecticut 06851. Frontier is a provider of communications services to urban, suburban, and rural communities. As of December 31, 2019, the Company had approximately 18,300 employees serving approximately 4.2 million customers. It currently owns and operates more than 50 incumbent local exchange carriers ("<u>ILECs</u>") located in 25 states.<sup>6</sup> A full list of all Frontier entities, including the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries and all other affiliates, is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> As of the filing of this Joint Application, Frontier's service territories are located in Alabama, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississispipi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Frontier also serves a de minimis number of customers in Virginia. On May 1, 2020, Frontier closed the sale of its local operating companies in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington to Northwest Fiber, LLC. In December 2019, Frontier had not yet consummated the sale, such that, as of December 31, 2019, the Company was operating in 29 states, as compared to the Company's current operations in 25 states.

Through its subsidiary operating companies, Frontier offers residential consumers, businesses, and wholesale customers a broad range of communications services—distinct products or bundles—including local and long-distance service, data and Internet services, video services, access products, advanced hardware/network solutions, Voice-over-Internet-Protocol ("<u>VoIP</u>"), and other services. Some of these services and operations are subject to regulation by the Federal Communications Commission ("<u>FCC</u>") and various state regulatory agencies, including this Commission. The Frontier operating companies, including the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries, compete with wireless telecommunications carriers, cable television companies, competitive local exchange carriers ("<u>CLECs</u>"), online video providers, satellite providers, and competitive fiber providers that offer voice, data, and video products. In stark contrast to the monopolistic past of telephone companies, in the dynamic communications market of today, these competitors have captured the majority of the market share in the Company's service regions.

The Company generated full-year 2019 revenue of approximately \$8.1 billion and had a net income loss attributable to common shareholders of approximately \$5.9 billion.<sup>7</sup> Frontier has a significant amount of funded indebtedness, which amounted to approximately \$17.5 billion as of the Petition Date, of which approximately \$5.7 billion is secured. As a result of its financial challenges, Frontier's share price dropped from \$125.70<sup>8</sup> per share in 2015 to \$0.37 per share

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> In 2018 and 2017, respectively, Frontier generated full-year revenue of approximately \$8.6 billion and \$9.1 billion, respectively, and had a net income loss attributable to common shareholders of approximately \$750 million and \$2.0 billion, respectively. For 2019, the increase in net loss was primarily driven by decreased revenues of approximately \$8.1 billion, loss on disposal of approximately \$446 million, and the approximately \$5.7 billion goodwill impairment charge, partially offset by decreased network related, selling, general, and administrative, and other operating expenses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Actual stock price at the peak market capitalization on February 25, 2015 was \$8.38 per share. This price has been adjusted to reflect the Company's 15 for 1 reverse stock split in June 2017, so the price is shown here as \$8.38 times 15 or \$125.70.

prior to the Petition Date, reflecting an \$8.4 billion decrease in market capitalization. Frontier did not pay any dividends to its shareholders in 2019 or 2018.

Frontier has a 100% direct ownership interest in FST, Citizens NY, CTE, and Frontier America, and a 100% indirect ownership interest through intermediate holding subsidiaries in Frontier Commonwealth, CTSI, CTE Telecom, Frontier Breezewood, Frontier Canton, Frontier Lakewood, Frontier Oswayo, and Frontier PA.

#### B. FST

FST is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal offices based in Norwalk, Connecticut. It is a holding company with a 100% direct ownership interest in Frontier Breezewood, Frontier Canton, Frontier Lakewood, Frontier Oswayo, and Frontier PA. FST is a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Frontier.

#### C. CTE

CTE is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal offices based in Dallas, Pennsylvania. CTE is a holding company with a 100% direct ownership interest in Frontier Commonwealth and a 100% indirect ownership interest in CTSI and CTE Telecom. CTE is a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Frontier.

#### D. Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries

#### 1. Frontier Commonwealth

Frontier Commonwealth (Utility Code: 310800) is a Pennsylvania corporation with its principal offices based in Dallas, Pennsylvania. It is a rural incumbent local exchange carrier ("<u>RLEC</u>") authorized at A-310800 providing local exchange stand-alone voice and related service on a jurisdictional basis, and operates in all of Wyoming County and in portions of Berks, Bradford, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Columbia, Dauphin, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, Monroe, Northampton, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, and York

Counties, across an area covering approximately 5,066.5 square miles. Frontier Commonwealth's service territory includes predominately rural areas with approximately 104,590 access lines in 79 exchanges.

#### 2. Frontier Breezewood

Frontier Breezewood (Utility Code: 310400) is a Pennsylvania corporation with its principal offices based in New Holland, Pennsylvania. It is an RLEC authorized at A-310400 providing local exchange stand-alone voice and related service on a jurisdictional basis and operates in portions of Bedford and Fulton Counties across an area covering approximately 313.9 square miles. Frontier Breezewood's service territory includes predominately rural areas with approximately 2,290 access lines in 4 exchanges.

#### 3. Frontier Canton

Frontier Canton (Utility Code: 310550) is a Pennsylvania corporation with its principal offices based in New Holland, Pennsylvania. It is an RLEC authorized at A-310550 providing local exchange stand-alone voice and related services on a jurisdictional basis and operates in portions of Bradford, Lycoming, and Tioga Counties in an area covering approximately 256.6 square miles. Frontier Canton's service territory includes predominately rural areas with approximately 2,217 access lines in two exchanges.

#### 4. Frontier Lakewood

Frontier Lakewood (Utility Code: 311750) is a Pennsylvania corporation with its principal offices based in New Holland, Pennsylvania. It is an RLEC authorized at A-311750 providing local exchange stand-alone voice and related service on a jurisdictional basis and operates in portions of Schuylkill County across an area covering approximately 30.2 square miles. Frontier Lakewood's service territory includes predominately rural areas with approximately 552 access lines in one exchange.

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#### 5. Frontier Oswayo

Frontier Oswayo (Utility Code: 312600) is a Pennsylvania corporation with its principal offices based in New Holland, Pennsylvania. It is an RLEC authorized at A-312600 providing local exchange stand-alone voice and related service on a jurisdictional basis and operates in portions of McKean and Potter Counties across an area covering approximately 182.5 square miles. Frontier Oswayo's service territory includes predominately rural areas with approximately 1,147 access lines in three exchanges.

#### 6. Frontier PA

Frontier PA (Utility Code: 311250) is a Pennsylvania corporation with its principal offices based in New Holland, Pennsylvania. It is an RLEC authorized at A-312500 providing local exchange stand-alone voice and related service on a jurisdictional basis and operates in portions of Berks and Lancaster Counties across an area covering approximately 164.8 square miles. Frontier PA's service territory includes predominately rural areas with approximately 8,952 access lines in four exchanges.

#### 7. Citizens NY

Citizens NY (Utility Code: 310174) is a New York corporation with its principal offices based in Rochester, New York. In Pennsylvania, it is an ILEC authorized at A-310174 providing local exchange stand-alone voice and related services on a jurisdictional basis and operates in portions of Susquehanna County across an area covering approximately 45.5 square miles. Citizens NY's Pennsylvania service territory includes predominately rural areas with approximately 712 access lines in two exchanges.

#### 8. CTSI

CTSI (Utility Code: 311095) is a Pennsylvania corporation with its principal offices based in Dallas, Pennsylvania. It is a facilities-based CLEC offering bundled local, long distance

telephone, vertical services, DSL, and Internet access in the service territories of Verizon Pennsylvania, LLC, Verizon North, LLC, and The United Telephone Company d/b/a CenturyLink, and an interexchange carrier ("IXC") reseller in Pennsylvania pursuant to Certificates of Public Convenience at A-311095. CTSI provides competitive local exchange service to approximately 7,245 residential and commercial customers with 42,628 access lines in 18 Pennsylvania counties.

#### 9. CTE Telecom

CTE Telecom (Utility Code: 311225) is a Pennsylvania corporation with its principal offices based in Dallas, Pennsylvania. It is an IXC licensed to provide resold intrastate long distance service in Pennsylvania pursuant to a Certificate of Public Convenience issued by the Commission at A-311225.

#### **10.** Frontier America

Frontier America (Utility Code: 310376) is a Delaware corporation with its principal offices based in Norwalk, Connecticut. It is an IXC licensed to provide intrastate long distance service and interstate long distance service on a resale basis in Pennsylvania pursuant to a Certificate of Public Convenience issued by the Commission at A-310376.

#### IV. DESCRIPTION OF THE CHAPTER 11 PROCEEDING

#### A. Events Leading to the Chapter 11 Filing

The Company has arrived at a point of financial instability and unsustainable debt that necessitates the Restructuring. Three principal factors have contributed to this situation.

*First*, Frontier faces intense competition and shifting consumer trends regarding the use of traditional telecommunications services, resulting in negative pressures on its revenues and profitability margins. Since the Telecommunications Act of 1996, the telecommunications

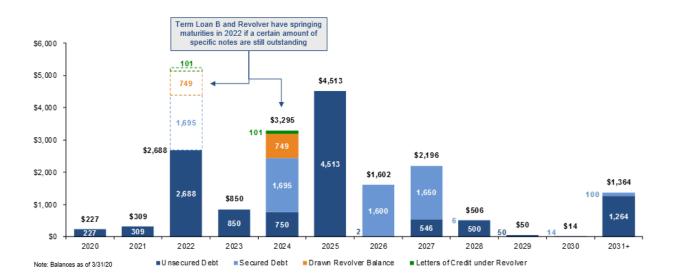
industry, in general, and Frontier's markets, in particular, have been undergoing dramatic changes. ILECs such as Frontier have experienced rapid ongoing loss of voice, data, and video customers. Technological advances as well as regulatory and legislative changes have enabled a wide range of historically non-traditional communications service providers to compete with traditional providers, including Frontier.

Today, wireline ILECs provide voice service to less than 10% of the national voice market, and Frontier provides voice service to approximately just 15% of the voice market in Pennsylvania. Only approximately one-half of Frontier's total revenue is derived from providing services to residential consumers, and only approximately 25% of that consumer revenue is from traditional voice services. In Pennsylvania, only a small percentage of Frontier's total revenues are derived from providing traditional voice services to residential customers on a stand-alone, unbundled basis. Frontier generates substantially more of its revenue from Internet/data services, VoIP, video, and other services. In Pennsylvania, Frontier not only carries a heavy burden resulting from the vestiges of a monopolistic regulatory framework, it also remains the carrier of last resort throughout its service territory despite having the minority of voice customers. Frontier's competitors have avoided this burden.

*Second*, Frontier is constrained by high debt-service costs associated with its recent acquisitions, most notably in the wake of the significant acquisition in 2016 of certain assets and operations of Verizon Communications, Inc. ("<u>Verizon</u>") in California, Texas, and Florida (the "<u>CTF Transaction</u>").<sup>9</sup> As of the Petition Date, Frontier and its subsidiaries had approximately \$17.5 billion of funded debt obligations with large debt payments coming due in

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> On April 1, 2016, Frontier closed its purchase of Verizon's California, Texas, and Florida operations at a purchase price of \$10.5 billion. The acquisition was financed with approximately \$8.2 billion in new debt and the issuance of \$2.75 billion in common and preferred stock.

the next several years, particularly in 2022. In both 2018 and 2019, Frontier paid interest expense of approximately \$1.5 billion.<sup>10</sup>



The following chart summarizes Frontier's upcoming funded debt maturities schedule:

*Third*, Frontier serves many high-cost exchanges throughout its footprint, including in Pennsylvania. Frontier has received certain regulatory support funding over the years for providing service in high-cost areas, but that support has been sharply reduced over time and its purpose redirected from supporting high-cost voice service. In addition, the Company operates under an outdated regulatory framework, under which its ILEC operating subsidiaries incur significant regulatory costs and obligations that its formidable competitors, who control a greater share of the telecommunications market, do not. This is particularly true in Pennsylvania, where the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries have service, reporting, product, and performance requirements that its competitors do not.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> In 2019 and 2018, the Company's interest expense was \$1.535 billion and \$1.536 billion, respectively.

As a result of these challenges, the board of directors of Frontier (the "<u>Board</u>") worked with Frontier's financial and legal advisors to evaluate business prospects and capital structure alternatives and to aid in developing a detailed business plan, and related financial forecast, for transforming its businesses.<sup>11</sup> In short, the Board determined that comprehensively addressing Frontier's capital structure was a necessary condition to create financial flexibility. Without addressing the balance sheet, Frontier will not be able to dedicate sufficient capital to its operations, including investments in network infrastructure, to maintain and grow the company in a changing telecommunications environment where competition remains fierce.

#### **B.** The Debtors and the Status of the Chapter 11 Proceeding

As noted above, the Company filed the Chapter 11 Cases with the support of the Consenting Noteholders, who collectively hold more than 75% of the Senior Notes.<sup>12</sup> Since the Petition Date, Frontier has worked with the Consenting Noteholders<sup>13</sup> to memorialize the terms set forth in the RSA into the Plan that was filed with the Bankruptcy Court on May 15, 2020. With the Plan, the Company stands positioned to emerge from Chapter 11 as a stronger and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> The First Day Declaration of Carlin Adrianopoli, Executive Vice President of Strategic Planning in Support Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Motions, filed with the Bankruptcy Court on April 14, 2020, at paras. 11-29, provides a detailed background for the Restructuring and the steps the Board took to evaluate restructuring alternatives. This declaration is available at https://docs.frontierpucapproval.com/frontier-first-day-declaration.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The Company also filed several motions upon commencing their Chapter 11 Cases (the "<u>First Day</u> <u>Motions</u>") designed to facilitate the administration of the restructuring, minimize disruption to the Debtors' operations, and effectuate the terms of the Plan, thereby easing the strain on the Company's relationships with employees, vendors, and customers following the commencement of these Chapter 11 Cases. At a hearing on April 16, 2020, the Bankruptcy Court approved each of the First Day Motions. Following approval of the First Day Motions, the Company has filed several other motions to further facilitate the smooth and efficient administration of these Chapter 11 Cases, in order to allow the Company to operate in the ordinary course of business with minimal disruption to operations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> The Company has also received input from the official committee of unsecured creditors appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases and other key stakeholders in its Chapter 11 Cases.

better-capitalized enterprise that can leverage its national platform and going-forward investments for sustained success.

Importantly, through the Restructuring, all non-funded debt claims against the Company, including all non-funded debt owed to its employees, contractors, vendors, suppliers, carriers, and other third parties, will be paid in full. In so doing, the Restructuring is intended to minimize any potential adverse effects to Frontier's business from the Chapter 11 process. The Bankruptcy Court has granted the necessary First Day Motions to preserve this day-to-day stability. This relief will help Frontier operate on a "business as usual" basis and position Frontier to be successful upon its emergence from Chapter 11.

#### V. <u>DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE IN</u> <u>CONTROL AS CONTEMPLATED BY THE PLAN</u>

#### A. Key Provisions of the Restructuring.

As of the Petition Date, Frontier had outstanding funded debt of approximately \$17.5 billion and was paying approximately \$1.5 billion in annual interest expense. The Plan proposes converting over \$10 billion of Frontier's senior unsecured notes into stock in the post emergence New Frontier Communications Parent. Consequently, Frontier's funded debt obligations are expected to be reduced to approximately \$6.6 billion at emergence, exclusive of any new money financing the Company may obtain.<sup>14</sup> This total amount of remaining debt after Restructuring is comprised of approximately \$3.359 billion in first lien debt, approximately \$1.6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Frontier has secured fully-committed additional financing of up to \$460 million in debtor-in-possession financing, in the form of a revolving credit facility, that would convert to an exit revolving credit facility at emergence (the "<u>DIP Facility</u>"). Frontier expects to seek approval from the Bankruptcy Court of such financing on June 29, 2020, and the pro forma capital structure assumes no outstanding principal amount under that facility. Entrance into the DIP Facility or exit financing arrangement may potentially increase the debt levels described above to \$7 billion, assuming the facility is fully drawn (although no borrowings are currently anticipated), which still represents an over \$10 billion reduction in the outstanding funded debt as of the Petition Date.

billion in second lien debt, approximately \$856 million in subsidiary debt (on both a secured and unsecured basis), and up to \$750 million in takeback debt (on a third-lien or unsecured basis). Frontier anticipates that its annual interest obligations will decrease from approximately \$1.5 billion to approximately \$500 million, thereby freeing up substantial capital for operating the businesses post emergence.

#### **B.** Steps to Implement the Plan.

To install the current Senior Noteholders as the new shareholders, consistent with the RSA and the Plan, a new corporate structure consisting of three newly-formed companies (New Frontier Communications Parent, Frontier Communications Intermediate, and Frontier Communications Holdings) will be formed.<sup>15</sup> **Exhibits D** and **E** attached hereto reflect the pre-Chapter 11 and post-Chapter 11 corporate structure for Frontier and its Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries. No corporate changes will occur as to the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries, as evidenced by comparing **Exhibits D** and **E**.

Following emergence from Chapter 11 and as contemplated by the Plan, each Senior Noteholder will receive its pro rata share of New Frontier Communications Parent's stock.<sup>16</sup> None of the Senior Noteholders currently holds a 10% or greater direct or indirect equity interest in the Company. Upon emergence, none of the Senior Noteholders is anticipated to hold, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of New Frontier Communications Parent's stock. Thus, as is the case with Frontier's ownership today, ownership of New Frontier Communications Parent will be widely dispersed. Indeed, the primary change resulting from the Restructuring is a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> The specific holding company structure and names of the holding company entities may be modified during the course of the bankruptcy proceeding. The Applicants will advise the Commission of any material changes to this structure.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Under the terms of the Plan, a small percentage of the Reorganized Frontier stock is reserved for a management incentive plan.

change of the stock ownership of Frontier from its existing public shareholders to the Senior Noteholders. Further, upon emergence, the stock of New Frontier Communications Parent is intended to be listed on a recognized U.S. stock exchange as promptly as reasonably practicable and publicly traded thereafter. This transition will not create any new majority shareholders of Frontier, the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries, or any other Frontier subsidiaries, nor will it provide operational control of Frontier, the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries.

In conjunction with the Plan, Frontier has also filed with the Bankruptcy Court its disclosure statement relating to the Plan ("<u>Disclosure Statement</u>").<sup>17</sup> The only creditor group entitled to vote on the Plan is the Senior Noteholders. Section 1126(c) of the Bankruptcy Code requires acceptance of the Plan by at least two-thirds in dollar amount and more than one-half in number of Senior Noteholders. As noted above, 75% of the Senior Noteholders (i.e., the Consenting Noteholder) have executed the RSA agreeing to support the Plan. Therefore, Frontier expects the Plan to be approved by the Bankruptcy Court without material modification in August 2020, after which Frontier would be prepared to emerge from bankruptcy upon receipt of the necessary regulatory approvals, including the approval of this Commission, if required.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> A copy of the Disclosure Statement is available at https://docs.frontierpucapproval.com/frontier-disclosure-statement.pdf.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> In the event of a material modification of the Plan during the course of the bankruptcy proceeding, the Petitioners will advise the Commission.

#### VI. <u>COMMISSION WAIVER OF CHANGE IN CONTROL APPROVAL OR, IN THE</u> <u>ALTERNATIVE, APPROVAL OF THE RESTRUCTURING</u>

#### A. Waiver of Change in Control Approval Is Warranted

The Joint Applicants emphasize that the Restructuring: (1) will not result in a change of any condition of service or rates; and (2) will not result in the creation of a 20% voting interest in New Frontier Communications Parent. Because the Restructuring only involves a change in the publicly traded ownership of the top-tier parent company (i.e., Frontier) of the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries, the matter is not a typical change of control and the Joint Applicants respectfully request that the Commission waive any review under Subchapter O – Abbreviated Procedures for Review and Approval of Transfer of Control for Telecommunications Public Utilities, 52 Pa. Code Section 63.321, *et seq*.

#### **B.** The Restructuring Meets the Commission's Standard for Approval

Should the Commission elect to review the change then Frontier respectfully requests that the Commission do so expeditiously and approve Frontier's Restructuring as a *pro forma* transaction under 52 Pa. Code § 63.325.

The approval of the Restructuring is necessary or proper for the service, accommodation, convenience, or safety of the public and meets all the statutory requirements for approval. The Restructuring will not adversely affect the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries' day-to-day operations or provision of services to their respective Pennsylvania customers. The Restructuring is a financial balance sheet reorganization designed to relieve Frontier from significant debt obligations and provide a long-term solution for Frontier's debt levels and operations. Thus, the Restructuring will better position the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries to compete and provide services in Pennsylvania and to become a more efficient and effective competitor in the dynamic telecommunications marketplace.

#### C. The Restructuring Will Provide Affirmative Public Benefits and Further the Public Interest

Section 1103(a) of the Public Utility Code explains that a certificate of public convenience will issue "only if the Commission shall find or determine that the granting of such certificate is necessary or proper for the service, accommodation, convenience, or safety of the public." In *City of York* v. *Pa. P.U.C.*, 295 A.2d 825 (Pa. 1972), the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania explained, in the context of a utility merger, that the issuance of a certificate of public convenience requires the Commission to find affirmatively that a public benefit will result from the merger. However, in *Popowsky v. Pa. P.U.C.*, 937 A.2d 1040 (Pa. 2007), the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania explained that "the Commission is not required to … quantify benefits where this may be impractical, burdensome, or impossible; rather, the PUC properly applies a preponderance of the evidence standard to make factually-based determinations (including predictive ones informed by expert judgment) concerning certification matters."

The Restructuring plainly satisfies these standards, as it will provide affirmative public benefits and further the public interest in support of the issuance of any required certificates of public convenience. The Restructuring is designed to ensure that Frontier will emerge from Chapter 11 as a financially stronger service provider and competitor. As explained above, the Restructuring will reduce Frontier's debt by approximately \$10 billion and its annual interest obligations by approximately \$1 billion.

Post-Chapter 11, New Frontier Communications Parent will have greater financial capacity to operate its business. The proposed significant reduction of debt and interest obligations, and improved capital structure resulting from the Restructuring, will significantly improve New Frontier Communications Parent's financial condition. This, in turn, will better position the Joint Applicants to focus on improvements to customer services. In addition,

consumers and businesses will benefit from the continued presence of the Joint Applicants in the marketplace, and the availability of local exchange and other services.

If the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries are able to offer higher-quality and more robust products, customers will benefit from enhanced competition that will force all service providers to improve their services and prices in a marketplace more vigorous than the one that exists today. Through the Restructuring, the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries will also have improved access to capital, enhancing their ability to more effectively compete and better serve the needs of existing and new customers throughout their Pennsylvania service territory.

The Restructuring will allow the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries to continue to provide service under their tariffs without interruption or diminution of service with improved financial and operational strength. More specifically, restructuring Frontier's liabilities under the Bankruptcy Code frees up much needed capital to allow the Company to continue to invest in customer service, facilities, and service offerings. The improved financial condition of the overall enterprise will help to ensure that Frontier's services continue to be available in Pennsylvania.

### D. Frontier Will Continue to Honor Its Regulatory Commitments and Obligations

The Restructuring will not alter any existing regulatory requirement and will not alter Frontier's commitment to fulfilling its state and federal regulatory obligations. As noted above, customers will continue to receive services for the same prices, under the same terms and conditions, as they did prior to the Restructuring.<sup>19</sup> The Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries will remain bound by the terms of their alternative form of regulation plan, their existing tariffs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Any future changes in the rates, terms, or conditions of service will be consistent with any applicable federal and state requirements.

and contracts, and existing facilities and arrangements will remain undisturbed. No interruption or change in services provided by the Joint Applicants will be made as a result of the Restructuring.

Similarly, the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries are also parties to agreements and other arrangements with other regulated service providers in Pennsylvania, including other ILECs, CLECs, and IXCs. The Restructuring will not alter the rights and obligations of the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries under those agreements and arrangements.

#### E. The Restructuring Will Promote and Enhance Competition and Will Not Adversely Impact Customers

#### 1. The Chapter 11 Process Will Be Seamless for Customers

The Chapter 11 process is specifically designed to enable companies to continue to operate as usual while they develop and implement a financial restructuring plan. The Joint Applicants will continue to operate before and after the Restructuring. As a result, the Chapter 11 process will be seamless for the Joint Applicants' customers and will not adversely affect operations, management, or employees.

#### 2. Neither Pennsylvania Management Nor Rank and File Employees Are Expected to Change as a Result of the Restructuring

Frontier's Pennsylvania management team is not expected to change as a result of the Restructuring, thereby helping to facilitate a smooth transition out of Chapter 11.<sup>20</sup> All employee wages, compensation, and benefit programs, and collective bargaining agreements, including without limitation under any expired collective bargaining agreements, in place as of the effective date the Company emerges from bankruptcy, are anticipated to be assumed by the New

 $<sup>^{20}</sup>$  While some management personnel may change in the ordinary course during and following the bankruptcy proceeding, any such changes are not expected to impact day-to-day operations in Pennsylvania.

Frontier Communications Parent and remain in place. Further, the Restructuring is not expected to adversely affect the employment status of Frontier employees, 400 of which are in Pennsylvania and are anticipated to be retained.

#### 3. The Restructuring Will Not Cause Any Changes to Prices, Terms, or Conditions of Contracts or Tariffs for Retail and Wholesale Customers.

As noted above, after the Restructuring, existing customers will continue to receive services for the same prices, and under the same terms and conditions, as they did prior to the Restructuring.<sup>21</sup> The Joint Applicants will remain bound by their existing tariffs and contracts, and existing facilities and arrangements will remain undisturbed. No interruption or change in services provided by the Joint Applicants will be made as a result of the Restructuring.

#### 4. The Restructuring Will Promote and Enhance Competition

The Restructuring will promote and enhance competition in Pennsylvania. As described above, as a result of the Restructuring, the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries will gain greater financial stability and the ability to support their continuing operations, meet their financial obligations, and focus on service to customers.

The Restructuring will enhance Frontier's competitive status in Pennsylvania and elsewhere. It will not impede competition in any region or eliminate the possibility of future new competitors. Through the Restructuring, Frontier is not seeking to reject any of its existing interconnection agreements with CLECs or other service obligations to competitors or other carriers. Rather, Frontier will continue to honor the terms of its agreements with CLECs, other carriers, and wholesale customers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Any future changes in the rates, terms, or conditions of service will be consistent with any applicable federal and state requirements.

#### F. Commission Approval of the Restructuring

For the reasons set forth above, the Joint Applicants submit that the Commission should expeditiously approve the Joint Application. Service, rates, and obligations will remain the same and the Restructuring is in the public interest, will provide affirmative public benefits, and is necessary or proper for the service, accommodation, convenience, or safety of the public. Moreover, the Restructuring will enhance Frontier's competitive status and promote and advance competition in Pennsylvania.

#### VII. INFORMATION REQUIRED BY 52 PA. CODE § 63.325

This Joint Application is filed as a pro forma transaction pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 63.325.

In accordance with 52 Pa. Code § 63.325(d), Joint Applicants provide the following information:

## Name, address, and telephone number of each party or applicant to the transaction. Frontier and holding entities FST and CTE

Frontier Communications Corporation 401 Merritt 7 Norwalk, CT 06851 Tel: 203.614.5600

Frontier Subsidiary Telco LLC 401 Merritt 7 Norwalk, CT 06851 Tel: 203.614.5600

Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises LLC 100 CTE Drive Dallas, PA 18612 Tel: 203.614.5600

#### Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries

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Frontier Communications of Oswayo River LLC 37 Diller Avenue P.O. Box 1902 New Holland, PA 17557-0904 Tel: 203.614.5600

Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC 37 Diller Avenue P.O. Box 1902 New Holland, PA 17557-0904 Tel: 203.614.5600

Citizens Telecommunications Company of New York, Inc. 401 Merritt 7 Norwalk, CT 06851 Tel: 203.614.5600

CTSI, LLC 100 CTE Drive Dallas, PA 18612 Tel: 203.614.5600

CTE Telecom, LLC 100 CTE Drive Dallas, PA 18612 Tel: 203.614.5600 Frontier Communications of America, Inc. 401 Merritt 7 Norwalk, CT 06851 Tel: 203.614.5600

(2) The government, state or territory under the laws of which each corporate or partnership applicant to the transaction is organized.

Please see the Description of Joint Applicants in Section III above.

(3) The name, title, post office address and telephone number of the officer or contact point, including Pennsylvania legal counsel in this Commonwealth, to whom correspondence concerning the transaction is to be addressed.

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(4) The name, address, citizenship and principal place of business of any person, party or entity that directly or indirectly owns more than 20% of the equity of the applicant, and the percentage of equity owned by each of those entities (to the nearest 1%).

Frontier is a publicly traded company whose stock ownership varies on a daily basis. Both

before and after the Plan, no entity held or will hold more than 20% of the top tier corporate parent

entity. With respect to the other Joint Applicants, the following entities currently own (directly or

indirectly) more than 20%:

Name	Citizenship	Address / Principal Place of Business	Percentage Ownership
Frontier Communications Corporation	Delaware	401 Merritt 7 Norwalk, CT 06851	100% (direct) in FST/ Citizens NY / CTE / Frontier America; 100% (indirect) in / Frontier Commonwealth / CTSI / CTE Telecom / Frontier Breezewood / Frontier Canton / Frontier Lakewood / Frontier Oswayo / Frontier PA
Frontier Subsidiary Telco LLC	Delaware	401 Merritt 7 Norwalk, CT 06851	100% (direct) in / Frontier Breezewood / Frontier Canton / Frontier Lakewood / Frontier Oswayo / Frontier PA
Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises LLC	Delaware	100 CTE Drive Dallas, PA 18612	100% (direct) in Frontier Commonwealth; 100% (indirect) in CTSI / CTE Telecom
Commonwealth Telephone Company LLC	Pennsylvania	100 CTE Drive Dallas, PA 18612	100% (direct) in CTSI / CTE Telecom

Please refer to **Exhibit D** for the complete corporate ownership and structure of Frontier.

#### (5) A summary description of the transaction.

Please see the description of the Restructuring in Sections I, IV, V and VI above.

### (6) A summary of the services and the service territories in this Commonwealth that will be affected by the transaction.

No service territories will be affected by the Restructuring, as the Pennsylvania Operating

Subsidiaries will continue to provide services in the same locations after the Restructuring as they

currently provide. As set forth in Section I.D above, these services and territories include:

Name	Type of Carrier	<b>Regulated Operations</b>
Frontier Commonwealth	RLEC	Local exchange and exchange access service in all of Wyoming County and in portions of Berks, Bradford, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Columbia, Dauphin, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, Monroe, Northampton, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, and York Counties

Frontier Breezewood	RLEC	Local exchange and exchange access service in portions of Bedford and Fulton Counties	
Frontier Canton	RLEC	Local exchange and exchange access service in portions of Bradford, Lycoming, and Tioga Counties	
Frontier Lakewood	RLEC	Local exchange and exchange access service in portions of Schuylkill County	
Frontier Oswayo	RLEC	Local exchange and exchange access service in portions of McKean and Potter Counties	
Frontier PA	RLEC	Local exchange and exchange access service in portions of Berks and Lancaster Counties	
Citizens NY	ILEC	Local exchange and exchange access service in portions of Susquehanna County	
CTSI	CLEC	Competitive local exchange service in the service territories of Verizon Pennsylvania LLC, Verizon North LLC, and The United Telephone Company of Pennsylvania d/b/a CenturyLink	
	IXC	Resold long distance service in portions of the Commonwealth	
CTE Telecom	IXC	Resold long distance service in portions of the Commonwealth	
Frontier America	IXC	Resold intrastate and interstate long distance service in and around the areas served by Frontier's PA RLECs	

### (7) A verified statement as to how the transaction fits into one or more of the categories subject to the *pro forma* rule.

The Joint Applicants verify that the Restructuring qualifies as a *pro forma* rule transaction as it will not result in a change in rates or conditions of service and will not result in the creation of a voting interest of 20% or more in the new top tier corporate parent entity. The Restructuring involves only a change in ownership that will eliminate and replace the publicly traded top tier parent company (Frontier) of the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries with another publicly traded parent entity (New Frontier Communications Parent) and may require certificates of public convenience under Section 1102(a) of the Code. *See* 52 Pa. Code §§ 63.325(a)(2)-(4).

#### (8) Identification of other transactions related to the transaction.

There are no related jurisdictional transactions other than the Restructuring described in this

Application.

## (9) A verified statement whether the transaction warrants special consideration because either party to the transaction is facing imminent business failure.

The Joint Applicants verify that the transaction warrants special and expedited consideration

as presented in Sections I, II, IV, V and VI above.

### (10) Identification of a separately filed waiver request sought in conjunction with the transaction.

The Joint Applicants have included with this Joint Application a request for a waiver of

approval of the change associated with the Restructuring.

#### (11) A verified statement containing facts and allegations establishing:

- (i) For a merger or similar transaction, how the transaction will affirmatively promote the service, accommodation, convenience, or safety of the public in some substantial way as required by State law.
- (ii) Findings that approval for a transaction subject to 66 Pa.C.S. 1103(a) (relating to procedure to obtain certificates of public convenience) is necessary or proper for the service, accommodation, convenience, or safety of the public.
- (iii) The impact of the transaction on competition.

The Joint Applicants verify the facts and allegations set forth in Section VI above establishing that: (1) the Restructuring affirmatively promotes the service, accommodation, convenience, or safety of the public in a substantial way; (2) approval of the Restructuring is necessary or proper for the service, accommodation, convenience, or safety of the public; and (3) the Restructuring positively impacts the promotion of service, competition, and the public interest.

- (12) A verified statement affirming that the applicants are in compliance with Commission obligations and filings and a listing of all State and Federal proceedings when:
  - (i) Within the 3-year period prior to filing the application, the applicants were found to have violated either State or Federal requirements.
  - (ii) Within the 3-year period prior to filing the application, the applicants are alleged to have violated either State or Federal requirements.

The Joint Applicants verify that, to their knowledge, they are in compliance with all Commission obligations and filings. The Joint Applicants have not been found to have violated either State or Federal requirements within the last 3-year period prior to the filing of the Application.

Except for the following matters, no Joint Applicant has been alleged to have violated either

State or Federal requirements during the 3-year period prior to the filing of the Application:

- On March 10, 2020, Frontier, Frontier Breezewood, Frontier Canton, Frontier Lakewood, Frontier Oswayo, Frontier PA, Citizens NY, and Frontier Commonwealth and the Office of Attorney General filed an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance with the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas at No. GD-20-003897 resolving an investigation of the Office of Attorney General into business practices of Frontier and its Pennsylvania ILECs concerning the provision and marketing of broadband service. Allegations of violations of Chapter 30 of the Public Utility Code and the Consumer Protection Law made by the Office of Attorney General were resolved without Frontier or the ILECs admitting or denying the allegations.
- On October 29, 2019, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement ("<u>I&E</u>") opened an informal Investigation into Frontier PA relating to possible violations of Chapter 30 requirements and alleged failure to provide adequate broadband and telephone services. Frontier PA has provided information to I&E in response to discovery requests. Frontier PA believes that it is in compliance with the requirements of the Public Utility Code and is cooperating with I&E's Investigation.
- Frontier Commonwealth, Frontier Breezewood, Frontier Canton, Frontier Lakewood, Frontier Oswaya, and Frontier PA are respondents in complaint cases filed by the Office of Consumer Advocate, alleging that the companies' respective annual Chapter 30 Price Stability Index/Service Price Index reports for 2019 and 2020 failed to contain any adjustments to recognize, as an exogenous event, the effect of any savings in tax expenses resulting from the enactment of the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 and thus may be inconsistent with the companies' Chapter 30 Plans and in violation

of certain sections of Chapters 13 and 30 of the Public Utility Code. *See* Docket Nos. C-2019-3007911 and C-2020-3018501 (Frontier Commonwealth); C-2019-3007906 and C-2020-3018498 (Frontier Breezewood); C-2019-3007907 and C-2020-3018502 (Frontier Canton); C-2019-3007912 and C-2020-3018509 (Frontier Lakewood); C-2019-3007913 and C-2020-3018512 (Frontier Oswayo); and C-2019-3007916 and C-2020-3018516 (Frontier PA). The cases are currently pending before the Commission.

The Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries may also be subject to customer complaints, from

time to time, in the ordinary course of business.

(13) A verified statement affirming that customers received prior notice. Notice shall be accomplished using a notice approved by the Commission's Bureau of Consumer Services (BCS). Any disagreement between the applicant and BCS shall be addressed by an appeal from an action of staff mirroring the process in 5.44 (relating to petitions for appeal from actions of the staff) of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure.

The Joint Applicants verify that the Restructuring will not involve the transfer of a

customer base, nor will it result in any changes to the services received by customers of the

Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries, including rates, terms, and conditions of service, which

would require prior notice to customers.

### (14) A verified statement containing a copy of any Commonwealth utility certificates held by the applicant.

Please see Section III.D above in which the Joint Applicants verify the authority held by

each of the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries with reference to each entities' Utility Code. The

Joint Applicants are not seeking authority of a different nature or to a different territory than that

already authorized to the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries nor are they seeking to abandon or

surrender any service authority in whole or in part. The Joint Applicants hereby incorporate by

reference all their utility certificates on file with the Commission.

(15) A verified statement on the effect of the transaction on existing Commonwealth tariffs. If applicable or in response to a request from staff, an applicant shall provide a red-line document identifying changes in existing Commonwealth tariffs before and after the transaction for which the applicant seeks approval from the Commission.

The Joint Applicants verify that the Restructuring will have no effect on the Pennsylvania

tariffs of the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries.

### (16) A verified statement on the transaction's effect on the existing affiliated interest agreements of the applicant.

The Joint Applicants verify the Restructuring will have no effect on the Joint Applicants'

affiliated interest agreements, if any.

# (17) A verified statement establishing that no State or Federal regulatory agency is expected to undertake an informal or formal investigation, complaint or proceeding relating to the transaction.

The Joint Applicants verify that the Restructuring will not require an informal or formal

investigation, complaint, or proceeding into it, except for regulatory review proceedings typically

required for such transactions.

## (18) Organizational charts showing the effect on the applicant's organization before and after the transaction.

Please see Exhibit D and Exhibit E.

(19) A copy of the application filed at the FCC or a notice filed with the U.S. DOJ, if any, including the electronic location on the agency's web site.

An application will be filed with the FCC and provided to the Commission following the

#### FCC filing.

No notice has been or will be filed with the Department of Justice under the Hart-Scott-

Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 with respect to the Restructuring.

### (20) A verified statement setting forth the expected public effect of the transaction on the capital structure of the applicant over the next 5 years.

Please see Section VI above, which the Joint Applicants verify and which provides a description of the public benefits of the Restructuring. The significant reduction of debt, interest obligations, and improved capital structure resulting from the Restructuring will significantly improve Frontier's financial condition, which, in turn, will better position the Joint Applicants to focus on improvements to customer services.

#### (21) For an applicant subject to a broadband deployment commitment under Federal or State law, a verified statement affirming that the applicant is in compliance with that commitment.

The Joint Applicants verify and affirm that they are in material compliance with all pertinent

Federal or State broadband deployment obligations in Pennsylvania.

#### (22) For an applicant with eligible telecommunications carrier status under Federal and State law, a verified statement affirming that the applicant is in compliance with the law and that the applicant will continue to be in compliance with the law.

The Joint Applicants verify that, to the extent required, the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries are in compliance with Federal and State law with respect to their eligible telecommunications carrier designations and will continue to be in compliance with the law after the Restructuring.

### (23) A verified statement affirming that the transaction complies with the prohibition against cross-subsidization imposed under Federal and State law.

The Joint Applicants verify that the Restructuring will not violate Federal or State crosssubsidization rules.

### VIII. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

For the reasons set forth above, the Joint Applicants respectfully request that this Commission find and conclude that the Restructuring presented and described in this Joint Application is an administrative change only and waive review under Subchapter O – Abbreviated Procedures for Review and Approval of Transfer of Control for Telecommunications Public Utilities, 52 Pa. Code Section 63.321, *et seq.* or, in the alternative, approve:

- (1) The issuance of certificates of public convenience pursuant to Sections 1102 and 1103 of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. §§ 1102 and 1103, and the Commission's Policy Statement on Utility Stock Transfers under 66 Pa.C.S. § 1102(a)(3), 52 Pa. Code §69.901, and its Abbreviated Procedures for Review and Approval of Transfer of Control For Telecommunications Public Utilities, 52 Pa. Code § 63.321 63.325, for the restructuring of Frontier and its subsidiaries; and
- (2) The issuance of such other approvals, certificates, and other relief, if any, under the Pennsylvania Public Utility Code that are or may be required with respect to the Restructuring.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### LIST OF EXHIBITS

- Exhibit A Restructuring Support Agreement
- Exhibit B Plan of Reorganization
- Exhibit C List of Frontier Entities
- Exhibit D Pre-Bankruptcy Corporate Structure
- Exhibit E Post-Bankruptcy Corporate Structure

# EXHIBIT A

**Restructuring Support Agreement** 

THIS RESTRUCTURING SUPPORT AGREEMENT IS NOT AN OFFER OR ACCEPTANCE WITH RESPECT TO ANY SECURITIES OR A SOLICITATION OF ACCEPTANCES OF A CHAPTER 11 PLAN WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 1125 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE. ANY SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION WILL COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS AND/OR PROVISIONS OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE. NOTHING CONTAINED IN THIS RESTRUCTURING SUPPORT AGREEMENT SHALL BE AN ADMISSION OF FACT OR LIABILITY OR, UNTIL THE OCCURRENCE OF THE AGREEMENT EFFECTIVE DATE ON THE TERMS DESCRIBED HEREIN, DEEMED BINDING ON ANY OF THE PARTIES HERETO.

THIS RESTRUCTURING SUPPORT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN PRODUCED FOR DISCUSSION AND SETTLEMENT PURPOSES ONLY AND IS SUBJECT TO RULE 408 OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF EVIDENCE AND OTHER SIMILAR APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL STATUTES, RULES, AND LAWS. THIS RESTRUCTURING SUPPORT AGREEMENT AND THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN ARE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS OF ANY CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS (AS DEFINED HEREIN).

# **RESTRUCTURING SUPPORT AGREEMENT**

This RESTRUCTURING SUPPORT AGREEMENT (including all exhibits, annexes, and schedules attached hereto in accordance with Section 15.02, this "<u>Agreement</u>") is made and entered into as of April 14, 2020 (the "<u>Execution Date</u>"), by and among the following parties (each of the following described in sub-clauses (i) and (ii) of this preamble, collectively, the "<u>Parties</u>"):<sup>1</sup>

- Frontier Communications Corporation, a company incorporated under the Laws of Delaware ("<u>Frontier</u>"), and each of its direct and indirect subsidiaries listed on <u>Exhibit A</u> to this Agreement that has executed and delivered counterpart signature pages to this Agreement to the Noteholder Groups Counsels (the Entities in this clause (i), collectively, the "<u>Company Parties</u>"); and
- ii. the undersigned holders of, or investment advisors, sub-advisors, or managers of discretionary accounts that hold, Senior Notes Claims that have executed and delivered counterpart signature pages to this Agreement on the Execution Date or subsequently delivered a Joinder or a Transfer Agreement to counsel to the Company Parties (the Entities in this clause (ii), collectively, the "<u>Consenting</u> <u>Noteholders</u>").

# RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company Parties and the Consenting Noteholders have in good faith and at arm's length negotiated or been apprised of certain restructuring and recapitalization transactions with respect to the Company Parties' capital structure on the terms (a) set forth in this Agreement and (b) as specified in the restructuring term sheet attached as **Exhibit B** hereto

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined in the preamble and recitals to this Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in Section 1 of this Agreement or the Restructuring Term Sheet (as defined below), as applicable.

(as may be amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof, the "<u>Restructuring Term Sheet</u>") (such transactions as described in, and in accordance with, this Agreement and the Restructuring Term Sheet, the "<u>Restructuring Transactions</u>");

**WHEREAS**, the Company Parties intend to implement the Restructuring Transactions, including through the commencement by the Debtors of voluntary cases under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the Bankruptcy Court (the cases commenced, the "<u>Chapter 11 Cases</u>"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties have agreed to take certain actions in support of the Restructuring Transactions on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement (including the exhibits hereto).

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the representations, warranties, covenants, and agreements contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, each Party, intending to be legally bound hereby, agrees as follows:

#### AGREEMENT

#### Section 1. Definitions and Interpretation.

1.01. <u>Definitions</u>. The following terms shall have the following definitions:

"<u>1991 Notes Indenture</u>" means that certain Base Indenture, dated as of August 15, 1991, by and between Frontier, as issuer, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as successor trustee, as amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time.

"<u>2001 Notes Indenture</u>" means that certain Indenture, dated as of August 16, 2001, by and between Frontier, as issuer, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as successor trustee, as amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time.

"<u>2006 Notes Indenture</u>" means that certain Indenture, dated as of December 22, 2006, by and between Frontier, as issuer, and The Bank of New York, as trustee, as amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time.

"<u>2009 Notes Indenture</u>" means that certain Base Indenture, dated as of April 9, 2009, by and between Frontier, as issuer, and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee, as amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time.

"<u>2010 Notes Indenture</u>" means that certain Indenture, dated as of April 12, 2010, by and between New Communications Holdings Inc., as issuer, and the Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee, as amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time.

"<u>2015 Notes Indenture</u>" means that certain Base Indenture, dated as of September 25, 2015, by and between Frontier, as issuer, and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee, as amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time.

"<u>2020 April Notes</u>" means the 8.500% unsecured notes due April 15, 2020, issued pursuant to the 2010 Notes Indenture.

"<u>2020 September Notes</u>" means the 8.875% unsecured notes due September 15, 2020, issued pursuant to the 2015 Notes Indenture.

"<u>2021 July Notes</u>" means the 9.250% unsecured notes due July 1, 2021, issued pursuant to the 2009 Notes Indenture.

"<u>2021 September Notes</u>" means the 6.250% unsecured notes due September 15, 2021, issued pursuant to the 2009 Notes Indenture.

"<u>2022 April Notes</u>" means the 8.750% unsecured notes due April 15, 2022, issued pursuant to the 2010 Notes Indenture.

"<u>2022 September Notes</u>" means the 10.500% unsecured notes due September 15, 2022, issued pursuant to the 2015 Notes Indenture.

"<u>2023 Notes</u>" means the 7.125% unsecured notes due January 15, 2023, issued pursuant to the 2009 Notes Indenture.

"<u>2024 Notes</u>" means the 7.625% unsecured notes due April 15, 2024, issued pursuant to the 2009 Notes Indenture.

"<u>2025 January Notes</u>" means the 6.875% unsecured notes due January 15, 2025, issued pursuant to the 2009 Notes Indenture.

"<u>2025 November Notes</u>" means the 7.000% unsecured debentures due November 1, 2025, issued pursuant to the 1991 Notes Indenture.

"<u>2025 September Notes</u>" means the 11.000% unsecured notes due September 15, 2025, issued pursuant to the 2015 Notes Indenture.

"<u>2026 Notes</u>" means the 6.800% unsecured debentures due August 15, 2026, issued pursuant to the 1991 Notes Indenture.

"<u>2027 Notes</u>" means the 7.875% unsecured notes due January 15, 2027, issued pursuant to the 2006 Notes Indenture.

"<u>2031 Notes</u>" means the 9.000% unsecured notes due August 15, 2031, issued pursuant to the 2001 Notes Indenture.

"2034 Notes" means the 7.680% unsecured debentures due October 1, 2034, issued pursuant to the 1991 Notes Indenture.

"<u>2035 Notes</u>" means the 7.450% unsecured debentures due July 1, 2035, issued pursuant to the 1991 Notes Indenture.

"2046 Notes" means the 7.050% unsecured debentures due October 1, 2046, issued pursuant to the 1991 Notes Indenture.

"<u>Affiliate</u>" has the meaning set forth in the Restructuring Term Sheet.

"<u>Agents</u>" means any administrative agent, collateral agent, or other agent or similar entity under the Credit Agreement or the DIP Credit Agreement.

"<u>AG Notes Group</u>" means the ad hoc group or committee of Consenting Noteholders represented by the AG Group Representatives.

"AG Group Representatives" means Akin and Ducera.

"<u>Agreement</u>" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement and, for the avoidance of doubt, includes all the exhibits, annexes, and schedules hereto in accordance with Section 15.02.

"<u>Agreement Effective Date</u>" means the date on which the conditions set forth in Section 2 have been satisfied or waived by the appropriate Party or Parties in accordance with this Agreement.

"<u>Agreement Effective Period</u>" means, with respect to a Party, the period from the Agreement Effective Date to the Termination Date applicable to that Party.

"Akin" means Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, as counsel to the AG Notes Group.

"<u>Alternative Restructuring Proposal</u>" means any plan, inquiry, proposal, offer, bid, term sheet, discussion, or agreement with respect to a sale, disposition, new-money investment, restructuring, reorganization, merger, amalgamation, acquisition, consolidation, dissolution, debt investment, equity investment, liquidation, asset sale, share issuance, tender offer, recapitalization, plan of reorganization, share exchange, business combination, joint venture or similar transaction involving any one or more Company Parties or the debt, equity, or other interests in any one or more Company Parties, in each case, other than the Restructuring Transactions.

"<u>Altman</u>" means Altman Vilandrie & Company, as advisor to the Noteholder Groups.

"Bankruptcy Code" means title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532, as amended.

"<u>Bankruptcy Court</u>" means the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York with jurisdiction over the Chapter 11 Cases.

"<u>Bankruptcy Rules</u>" means the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the local rules and general orders of the Bankruptcy Court, as in effect on the Petition Date, if applicable, together with all amendments and modifications thereto subsequently made applicable to the Chapter 11 Cases. "<u>Benefit Agreement</u>" means any employment, consulting, incentive compensation, bonus, deferred compensation, severance, change of control, retention, stock purchase, equity, or equitybased compensation or similar agreement between a Company Party or its subsidiaries, on the one hand, and any employee, officer, director, or consultant of a Company Party or any of its subsidiaries (each a "<u>Service Provider</u>"), on the other hand.

"Benefit Plan" means any "employee benefit plan" (as defined in section 3(3) of ERISA (whether or not subject to ERISA)) and each other benefit or compensation, bonus, savings, pension, profit-sharing, retirement, deferred compensation, incentive compensation, stock ownership, equity or equity-based compensation, paid time off, perquisite, fringe benefit, vacation, change of control, severance, retention, salary continuation, disability, death benefit, hospitalization, medical, life insurance, welfare benefit or other plan, program, policy, arrangement or agreement sponsored, maintained or contributed to or required to be maintained or contributed to by a Company Party or its subsidiaries, in each case, providing benefits to any Service Provider or any of their respective dependents or with respect to which a Company Party or any of its subsidiaries has any liability, contingent or otherwise.

"<u>Board</u>" means the board of directors of Frontier.

"<u>Business Day</u>" means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday, or other day on which commercial banks are authorized to close under the Laws of, or are in fact closed in, the state of New York.

"<u>Causes of Action</u>" has the meaning set forth in the Restructuring Term Sheet.

"<u>Chapter 11 Cases</u>" has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.

"<u>Claim</u>" has the meaning ascribed to it in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code.

"<u>Company Parties</u>" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"<u>Compensation Consultant</u>" means that certain compensation consultant retained jointly by the Noteholder Groups.

"<u>Confidentiality Agreement</u>" means an executed confidentiality agreement between the Company and a Consenting Noteholder, including provisions thereunder with respect to the issuance of a "cleansing letter" or other public disclosure of material non-public information agreement, in connection with any proposed Restructuring Transactions.

"<u>Confirmation</u>" means the Bankruptcy Court's entry of the Confirmation Order on the docket of the Chapter 11 Cases within the meaning of Bankruptcy Rules 5003 and 9021.

"<u>Confirmation Date</u>" means the date on which Confirmation occurs.

"<u>Confirmation Order</u>" has the meaning set forth in the Restructuring Term Sheet.

"<u>Consenting Noteholders</u>" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"<u>Credit Agreement</u>" means that certain credit agreement, dated as of February 27, 2017, as amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time, by and among Frontier, as borrower, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, and the lenders from time to time thereto.

"Debtors" means Frontier and its affiliates and subsidiaries that file chapter 11 petitions.

"Definitive Documents" means the documents set forth in Section 3.01.

"<u>DIP Budget</u>" means that certain budget provided pursuant to the terms of the DIP Credit Agreement, including any updates delivered or provided with respect thereto.

"<u>DIP Claims</u>" means any Claim against a Debtor arising under, derived from, based on, or related to the DIP Facility Documents.

"<u>DIP Credit Agreement</u>" means that certain credit agreement evidencing the DIP Facility in accordance with the terms, and subject in all respects to the conditions, as set forth in this Agreement, and pursuant to the term and conditions to be set forth in the DIP Orders.

"<u>DIP Facility</u>" means that certain debtor-in-possession financing facility to be provided to the Company Parties in accordance with the terms, and subject in all respects to the conditions, as set forth in this Agreement, and pursuant to the terms and conditions of the DIP Orders.

"<u>DIP Facility Documents</u>" means, collectively, the DIP Credit Agreement, the DIP Budget, and all other agreements, documents, and instruments delivered or entered into in connection therewith, including any guarantee agreements, pledge and collateral agreements, intercreditor agreements, subordination agreements, fee letters, and other security documents.

"<u>DIP Lenders</u>" means the lenders providing the DIP Facility under the DIP Facility Documents.

"<u>DIP Motion</u>" means the motion filed by the Debtors seeking entry of the DIP Orders.

"DIP Orders" means, collectively, the Interim DIP Order and the Final DIP Order.

"<u>Disclosure Statement</u>" means the related disclosure statement with respect to the Plan.

"<u>Disclosure Statement Order</u>" means the order of the Bankruptcy Court approving the Disclosure Statement pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code.

"Ducera" means Ducera Partners LLC, as financial advisor to the AG Notes Group.

"<u>Entity</u>" has the meaning set forth in the Restructuring Term Sheet.

"<u>Equity Interests</u>" means, collectively, the shares (or any class thereof), common stock, preferred stock, limited liability company interests, and any other equity, ownership, or profits interests of any Company Party, and options, warrants, rights, or other securities or agreements to acquire or subscribe for, or which are convertible into the shares (or any class thereof) of, common stock, preferred stock, limited liability company interests, or other equity, ownership, or profits

interests of any Company Party (in each case whether or not arising under or in connection with any employment agreement and including any equity security (as such term is defined in Bankruptcy Code section 101(16)) in a Company Party).

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Act of 1974, as amended.

"Execution Date" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"<u>Exit Credit Agreement</u>" means that certain credit agreement evidencing the Exit Facility in accordance with the terms, and subject in all respects to the conditions, as set forth in this Agreement.

"<u>Exit Facility</u>" means that certain credit facility to be provided to the Company Parties in accordance with the terms, and subject in all respect to the conditions, as set forth in this Agreement.

"<u>Exit Facility Documents</u>" means, collectively, the Exit Credit Agreement, and all other agreements, documents, and instruments delivered or entered into in connection with the Exit Facility, including any guarantee agreements, pledge and collateral agreements, intercreditor agreements, subordination agreements, fee letters, and other security documents

"<u>FCC</u>" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.01.

"<u>First Day Pleadings</u>" means the "first-day" pleadings that the Company Parties intend to file upon the commencement of, or determine are necessary or desirable to file in connection with, the Chapter 11 Cases.

"<u>Final DIP Order</u>" means the final order by the Bankruptcy Court authorizing the Debtors' entry into the DIP Facility Documents.

"<u>Finance Committee</u>" means the finance committee of the Board.

"<u>First Lien Notes</u>" means the 8.000% first lien secured notes due April 1, 2027, issued by Frontier pursuant to the First Lien Notes Indenture.

"<u>First Lien Notes Claims</u>" means any Claim against a Debtor arising under, derived from, based on, or related to the First Lien Notes or the First Lien Notes Indenture.

"<u>First Lien Notes Indenture</u>" means that certain Indenture, dated as of March 15, 2019, by and among Frontier, as issuer, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as collateral agent, and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee, as amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time.

"<u>Florida Sale Leaseback Transaction</u>" means that certain proposed sale leaseback transaction to be entered into by the Company Parties with respect to the following properties: (a) 610 East Zack Street, Tampa, FL 33602; (b) 1701 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34236; (c) 821 1st Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; and (d) 1280 Cleveland Street, Clearwater, FL 33755.

"<u>Frontier</u>" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Houlihan" means Houlihan Lokey Capital, Inc., as financial advisor to the MB Notes Group.

"**IDRB**" means the 6.200% industrial development revenue bonds due May 1, 2030, issued pursuant to the IDRB Loan Agreement.

"<u>IDRB Claims</u>" means any Claim against a Debtor arising under, derived from, based on, or related to the IDRB or IDRB Loan Agreement.

"<u>**IDRB Loan Agreement**</u>" means that certain Loan Agreement, dated as of May 1, 1995, by and among Citizens Utilities Company and The Industrial Development Authority of the County of Maricopa, as issuer, as amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time.

"<u>Incremental Payments</u>" has the meaning set forth in the Restructuring Term Sheet.

"<u>Interim DIP Order</u>" means the interim order by the Bankruptcy Court authorizing the Debtors' entry into the DIP Facility Documents.

"Joinder" means a joinder to this Agreement substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit** C.

"<u>Law</u>" means any federal, state, local, or foreign law (including common law), statute, code, ordinance, rule, regulation, order, ruling, or judgment, in each case, that is validly adopted, promulgated, issued, or entered by a governmental authority of competent jurisdiction (including the Bankruptcy Court).

"<u>Management Incentive Plan</u>" means the management incentive plan to be implemented with respect to Reorganized Frontier in accordance with the terms, and subject in all respects to the conditions, as set forth in the Restructuring Term Sheet.

"<u>MB Notes Group</u>" means the ad hoc group or committee of Consenting Noteholders represented by the MB Group Representatives.

"<u>MB Group Representatives</u>" means Houlihan and Milbank.

"<u>Milbank</u>" means Milbank LLP, as counsel to the MB Notes Group.

"<u>Milestones</u>" means the milestones set forth in Section 4.

"<u>New Common Stock</u>" means the common stock of Reorganized Frontier to be issued on the Plan Effective Date.

"<u>NOL Rights Plan</u>" means that certain Section 382 Rights Agreement, dated as of July 1, 2019, between Frontier and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as Rights Agent, as amended, restated, modified, supplemented, or replaced from time to time.

"<u>Noteholder Groups</u>" means, together, the MB Notes Group and the AG Notes Group.

"Noteholder Groups Counsels" means, together, Akin and Milbank.

"Noteholder Representatives" means Akin, Altman, Ducera, Houlihan and Milbank.

"<u>New Organizational Documents</u>" means the organizational and governance documents for the Reorganized Debtors and any subsidiaries thereof, including, as applicable, the certificates or articles of incorporation, certificates of formation or certificates of limited partnership, bylaws, limited liability company agreements, or limited partnership agreements, stockholder or shareholder agreements, the Registration Rights Agreement, the identity of proposed members of the Reorganized Frontier Board, indemnification agreements, and registration rights agreements (or equivalent governing documents of any of the foregoing).

"<u>October Three</u>" means October Three Consulting LLC, as pension advisor to the MB Notes Group.

"Outside Date" means the date that is twelve (12) months after the Petition Date (the "Initial Outside Date"); *provided*, that (a) the Initial Outside Date may be extended for two (2) additional three (3) month periods (for a total of fifteen (15) months and then eighteen (18) months from the Petition Date, respectively), in each case, solely to the extent that the Company Parties have otherwise complied with the terms of the Definitive Documents and all other events and actions necessary for the occurrence of the Plan Effective Date have occurred other than the receipt of regulatory or other approval of a governmental unit (including the FCC and PUCs) necessary for the occurrence of the Outside Date if the Parties shall negotiate in good faith for a further reasonable extension of the Outside Date if the Parties have otherwise complied with the terms of the Definitive Documents and all other events and actions necessary for the occurrence of the Plan Effective Date if the Parties have otherwise complied with the terms of the Definitive Documents and all other events and actions necessary for the occurrence of the Plan Effective Date if the Parties have otherwise complied with the terms of the Definitive Documents and all other events and actions necessary for the occurrence of the Plan Effective Date have occurred other than the receipt of regulatory or other approval of a governmental unit (including the FCC and PUCs) necessary for the occurrence of the Plan Effective Date have occurred other than the receipt of regulatory or other approval of a governmental unit (including the FCC and PUCs) necessary for the occurrence of the Plan Effective Date as extended pursuant to clause (a) hereof.

"<u>Parties</u>" has the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

"<u>Permitted Transferee</u>" means each transferee of any Senior Notes Claims who meets the requirements of Section 9.01.

"<u>Person</u>" means an individual, a partnership, a joint venture, a limited liability company, a corporation, a trust, an unincorporated organization, a group, a governmental or regulatory authority, or any legal entity or association.

"<u>Petition Date</u>" means the date on which each of the Debtors file its respective petition for relief commencing its Chapter 11 Case.

"<u>Plan</u>" means the joint chapter 11 plan of reorganization to be filed by the Debtors in the Chapter 11 Cases to implement the Restructuring Transactions in accordance with this Agreement and the Definitive Documents.

"<u>Plan Effective Date</u>" means the date on which all conditions precedent to the effectiveness of the Plan have been satisfied or waived in accordance with the terms of the Plan, and the Plan is substantially consummated according to its terms.

"<u>Plan Supplement</u>" means the compilation of documents and forms of documents, schedules, and exhibits to the Plan to be filed by the Debtors with the Bankruptcy Court.

"<u>PNW Purchase Agreement</u>" means that certain Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 28, 2019, by and among Frontier, Frontier Communications ILEC Holdings LLC, and Northwest Fiber, LLC.

"<u>PNW Sale</u>" means the sale of all the issued and outstanding equity interest of certain subsidiaries of Frontier and Frontier Communications ILEC Holdings LLC that operate Frontier's businesses in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana to Northwest Fiber, LLC as reflected in the PNW Purchase Agreement.

"<u>PNW Sale Assumption Motion</u>" means the motion filed by the Debtors seeking approval of the Debtors' assumption of the PNW Purchase Agreement and the PNW Sale, including all actions taken or required to be taken in connection with the implementation and consummation of, and performance under, the PNW Purchase Agreement, including the Transition Services Agreement, attached as <u>Exhibit B</u> thereto.

"<u>PUC</u>" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.01.

"<u>RDOF</u>" means the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund program administered by the FCC.

"<u>Qualified Marketmaker</u>" means an entity that (a) holds itself out to the public or the applicable private markets as standing ready in the ordinary course of business to purchase from customers and sell to customers Senior Notes Claims (or enter with customers into long and short positions in Senior Notes Claims), in its capacity as a dealer or market maker in Senior Notes Claims and (b) is, in fact, regularly in the business of making a market in claims against issuers or borrowers (including debt securities or other debt).

"<u>Registration Rights Agreement</u>" means any agreements providing registration rights to the Consenting Noteholders or any other parties, in each case, on account of the New Common Stock.

"<u>Reorganized Frontier</u>" means either (a) Frontier, or any successor or assign thereto, by merger, consolidation, reorganization, or otherwise, in the form of a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other form, as the case may be, on and after the Plan Effective Date, or (b) a new corporation, limited liability company, or partnership that may be formed to, among other things, directly or indirectly acquire substantially all of the assets and/or stock of the Debtors and issue the New Common Stock to be distributed pursuant to the Plan.

"<u>Reorganized Frontier Board</u>" means the board of directors (or other applicable governing body) of Reorganized Frontier.

"<u>Reorganized Debtor</u>" means a Debtor, or any successor or assign thereto, by merger, consolidation, reorganization, or otherwise, in the form of a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other form, as the case may be, on and after the Plan Effective Date, including Reorganized Frontier.

"<u>Required Consenting Noteholders</u>" means, as of the relevant date, the Consenting Noteholders then holding, controlling, or having the ability to control, greater than fifty and one-tenth percent (50.1%) of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Senior Notes Claims that are held by all Consenting Noteholders as of such date.

"<u>Restructuring Term Sheet</u>" has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.

"Restructuring Transactions" has the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Agreement.

"<u>Revolving Credit Claims</u>" means any Claim against a Debtor arising under, derived from, based on, or related to the Revolving Credit Facility provided for in the Credit Agreement.

"<u>Revolving Credit Facility</u>" means that certain prepetition senior secured revolving credit facility provided for under the Credit Agreement in the original aggregate principal amount of \$850 million, subject to adjustment from time to time.

"**<u>RSA Effective Date</u>**" has the meaning set forth in the Restructuring Term Sheet.

"<u>Rules</u>" means Rule 501(a)(1), (2), (3), and (7) of the Securities Act.

"<u>Second Lien Notes</u>" means the 8.500% second lien secured notes due April 1, 2026, issued by Frontier pursuant to the Second Lien Notes Indenture.

"<u>Second Lien Notes Claims</u>" means any Claim against a Debtor arising from or based upon the Second Lien Notes, the Second Lien Notes Indenture, or any guarantee and ancillary documents executed in connection with the Second Lien Notes Indenture.

"<u>Second Lien Notes Indenture</u>" means that certain Indenture, dated as of March 19, 2018, by and among Frontier, as issuer, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto, and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee and collateral agent, as amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"<u>Senior Notes</u>" means, collectively, the 2020 April Notes, the 2020 September Notes, the 2021 July Notes, the 2021 September Notes, the 2022 April Notes, the 2022 September Notes, the 2023 Notes, the 2024 Notes, the 2025 January Notes, the 2025 November Notes, the 2025 September Notes, the 2026 Notes, the 2027 Notes, the 2031 Notes, the 2034 Notes, the 2035 Notes, and the 2046 Notes.

"<u>Senior Notes Claims</u>" means any Claim against a Debtor arising under, derived from, based on, or related to the Senior Notes or the Senior Notes Indenture.

"<u>Senior Notes Indentures</u>" means, collectively, the 1991 Notes Indenture, the 2001 Notes Indenture, the 2006 Notes Indenture, the 2009 Notes Indenture, the 2010 Notes Indenture, and the 2015 Notes Indenture.

"<u>Solicitation Commencement Date</u>" means the date that the Company Parties commence solicitation of votes to approve or reject the Plan from holders of Senior Notes Claims.

"Specified Material Actions" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.02(i) of this Agreement.

"<u>Solicitation Materials</u>" means any materials related to the solicitation of votes for the Plan pursuant to sections 1123, 1126, and 1143 of the Bankruptcy Code.

"Specified Period" means, with respect to each Consenting Noteholder, the period commencing as of the date such Consenting Noteholder, as applicable, executes this Agreement until the Termination Date, as to such Consenting Noteholder.

"Takeback Debt" has the meaning set forth in the Restructuring Term Sheet.

"<u>Takeback Debt Documents</u>" means, collectively, such agreements, documents, and instruments delivered and entered into in connection with the Takeback Debt, including any guarantee agreements, pledge and collateral agreements, intercreditor agreements, subordination agreements, fee letters, and other security documents.

"<u>Term Loan Facility</u>" means that certain prepetition senior secured term loan facility provided for under the Credit Agreement in the original aggregate principal amount of \$1.74 billion by and between certain of the Debtors as obligors or guarantors and the lenders thereto.

"<u>Term Loan Claims</u>" means any Claim against a Debtor arising under, derived from, based on, or related to the Term Loan Credit Facility provided for in the Credit Agreement.

"<u>Term Sheets</u>" means, collectively, the terms sheets attached as exhibits to this Agreement, including the Restructuring Term Sheet.

"<u>Termination Date</u>" means the date on which termination of this Agreement as to a Party is effective in accordance with Sections 13.01, 13.02, 13.03, or 13.04.

"<u>**Transfer**</u>" means to sell, pledge, assign, transfer, hypothecate, participate, donate, or otherwise encumber or dispose of, directly or indirectly (including through derivatives, options, swaps, pledges, forward sales or other transactions).

"<u>**Transfer Agreement**</u>" means an executed form of the transfer agreement providing, among other things, that a transferee is bound by the terms of this Agreement and substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>**Exhibit D**</u>.

"<u>Trustees</u>" means, collectively, any indenture trustee, collateral trustee, or other trustee or similar entity under the Senior Notes Indentures.

"<u>Virtual Separation</u>" has the meaning set forth in the Restructuring Term Sheet.

"<u>WARN Act</u>" means the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act of 1998 or any similar state, local or foreign Law which calls for advance notification, wage or benefits continuation in the event of layoffs, closure or all or part of a business or operation, or relocation of work.

1.02. <u>Interpretation</u>. For purposes of this Agreement:

(a) in the appropriate context, each term, whether stated in the singular or the plural, shall include both the singular and the plural, and pronouns stated in the masculine, feminine, or neuter gender shall include the masculine, feminine, and the neuter gender;

(b) capitalized terms defined only in the plural or singular form shall nonetheless have their defined meanings when used in the opposite form;

(c) unless otherwise specified, any reference herein to a contract, lease, instrument, release, indenture, or other agreement or document being in a particular form or on particular terms and conditions means that such document shall be substantially in such form or substantially on such terms and conditions;

(d) unless otherwise specified, any reference herein to an existing document, schedule, or exhibit shall mean such document, schedule, or exhibit, as it may have been or may be amended, restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time; *provided*, that any capitalized terms herein which are defined with reference to another agreement, are defined with reference to such other agreement as of the date of this Agreement, without giving effect to any termination of such other agreement or amendments to such capitalized terms in any such other agreement following the date hereof;

(e) unless otherwise specified, all references herein to "Sections" are references to Sections of this Agreement;

(f) the words "herein," "hereof," and "hereto" refer to this Agreement in its entirety rather than to any particular portion of this Agreement;

(g) captions and headings to Sections are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be a part of or to affect the interpretation of this Agreement;

(h) references to "shareholders," "directors," and/or "officers" shall also include "members" and/or "managers," as applicable, as such terms are defined under the applicable limited liability company Laws;

(i) the use of "include" or "including" is without limitation, whether or not they are in fact followed by those words or words of like import; and

(j) the use of "writing," written" and comparable terms refer to printing, typing, and other means of reproducing words (including electronic media) in a visible form.

Section 2. *Effectiveness of this Agreement.* This Agreement shall become effective and binding upon each of the Parties at 12:00 a.m., prevailing Eastern Time, on the

Agreement Effective Date, which is the date on which all of the following conditions have been satisfied or waived in accordance with this Agreement:

(a) each of the Company Parties shall have executed and delivered counterpart signature pages of this Agreement to the Noteholder Groups Counsels;

(b) holders of at least sixty-six and two-thirds percent (66.67%) of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Senior Notes shall have executed and delivered counterpart signature pages of this Agreement to counsel to the Company Parties;

(c) all of the accrued and outstanding, reasonable and documented fees, costs, and expenses of the following advisors shall have been paid in full and in cash: (i) Akin, (ii) Altman, (iii) Ducera, (iv) Houlihan, (v) Milbank, and (vi) October Three; and

(d) counsel to the Company Parties shall have given notice to the Noteholder Groups Counsels in the manner set forth in Section 15.10 of this Agreement (by email or otherwise) that the other conditions to the Agreement Effective Date set forth in this Section 2 have been satisfied or waived in accordance with this Agreement.

#### Section 3. Definitive Documents.

3.01. The Definitive Documents governing the Restructuring Transactions shall include the following: (A) the Plan (and any and all exhibits annexes and schedules thereto); (B) the Confirmation Order; (C) the Disclosure Statement and the other Solicitation Materials; (D) the Disclosure Statement Order; (E) all pleadings filed by the Company Parties in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases (or related orders), including the First Day Pleadings and all orders sought pursuant thereto; (F) the Plan Supplement; (G) the DIP Facility Documents; (H) the DIP Orders; (I) the Exit Facility Documents; (J) the Takeback Debt Documents; (K) the New Organizational Documents; (L) any key employee incentive plan or key employee retention plan; (M) all documentation with respect to any post-emergence management incentive plan, including the Management Incentive Plan; (N) any other disclosure documents related to the issuance of the New Common Stock; (O) any new material employment, consulting, or similar agreements; (P) any and all filings as may be required under the rules of the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC") and/or any state public utility commission ("PUC") in connection with the Chapter 11 proceedings; and (Q) any and all other deeds, agreements, filings, notifications, pleadings, orders, certificates, letters, instruments or other documents reasonably desired or necessary to consummate and document the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the Restructuring Transactions (including any exhibits, amendments, modifications, or supplements made from time to time thereto).

3.02. The Definitive Documents not executed or in a form attached to this Agreement as of the Execution Date remain subject to negotiation and completion. Upon completion, the Definitive Documents and every other document, deed, agreement, filing, notification, letter or instrument related to the Restructuring Transactions shall contain terms, conditions, representations, warranties, and covenants consistent with the terms of this Agreement, as they may be modified, amended, or supplemented in accordance with Section 14. Further, subject to and without limiting any additional consent or approval rights of the Parties specified elsewhere in this Agreement or in the Restructuring Term Sheet, the Definitive Documents not executed or in a form attached to this Agreement as of the Execution Date shall otherwise be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders; *provided*, that the New Organizational Documents shall be determined by and acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders in their sole discretion.

**Section 4.** *Milestones.* The following Milestones shall apply to this Agreement unless extended or waived in writing by the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders; *provided, however*, that in the event that the Bankruptcy Court is unable to hear the Chapter 11 Cases or is otherwise inaccessible to the Company Parties for reasons related to COVID-19, the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders agree to negotiate in good faith with respect to a reasonable extension of any of the following Milestones, as appropriate:

(a) no later than one (1) Business Day after the Petition Date, the Debtors shall file with the Bankruptcy Court the DIP Motion (including the proposed Interim DIP Order) and the PNW Sale Assumption Motion;

(b) no later than three (3) Business Days after the RSA Effective Date, the Debtors shall have used commercially reasonable efforts to deliver to the Consenting Noteholders the Debtors' "base case" business plan;

(c) no later than ten (10) Business Days after the RSA Effective Date, the Debtors shall have used commercially reasonable efforts to deliver to the Consenting Noteholders (i) the Debtors' "reinvestment" sensitivity case and (ii) an alternative "reinvestment" sensitivity case for the Reorganized Debtors as set forth in the Restructuring Term Sheet;

(d) no later than five (5) Business Days after the RSA Effective Date, the Finance Committee shall have commenced a selection process for the Reorganized Debtors with respect to certain key management positions;

(e) no later than 8:00 a.m., prevailing Eastern Time April 15, 2020, the Debtors shall commence the Chapter 11 Cases and file the First Day Pleadings;

(f) no later than five (5) Business Days after the Petition Date, the Company Parties shall file all applications or notifications related to entry into Chapter 11 proceedings as may be required under the rules of the FCC or any PUC, unless such applications and notifications are required to be filed on an earlier date under applicable law;

(g) no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the Petition Date, the Company Parties shall have used commercially reasonable efforts to commence evaluation of potential sales of assets (including identifying applicable specified markets to be considered for sale);

(h) no later than thirty (30) calendar days after the Petition Date, the Debtors shall file with the Bankruptcy Court the Plan and Disclosure Statement and motion for approval of the Disclosure Statement and associated solicitation procedures with the Bankruptcy Court;

(i) no later than three (3) calendar days after the Petition Date, the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the Interim DIP Order;

(j) no later than forty-five (45) calendar days after the Petition Date, the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the Final DIP Order;

(k) no later than ninety (90) calendar days after the Petition Date, the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the Disclosure Statement Order;

(l) no later than three (3) Business Days after entry of the Disclosure Statement Order, the Solicitation Commencement Date shall have occurred;

(m) no later than one hundred twenty (120) calendar days after the Petition Date, the Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the Confirmation Order;

(n) no later than May 28, 2020, the "Closing Date" (as such term is defined in the PNW Purchase Agreement) shall have occurred;

(o) no later than January 31, 2021, the Debtors shall have used commercially reasonable efforts to provide the following to the Consenting Noteholders: (i) new budgetary plan, as set forth in the Restructuring Term Sheet; and (ii) capital spending into fiber expansion and FTTx upgrades within the network;

(p) no later than five (5) Business Days after the entry of the Confirmation Order by the Bankruptcy Court, the Company Parties shall have filed any and all applications and notifications that are necessary or required in connection with obtaining the applicable approvals of the FCC and, as applicable, any PUCs with respect to the Restructuring Transactions; and

(q) no later than the Outside Date, all conditions to the occurrence of the Plan Effective Date shall have been either satisfied or waived in accordance with this Agreement and the Plan Effective Date shall have occurred.

# Section 5. Commitments of the Consenting Noteholders.

#### 5.01. General Commitments.

(a) During the Agreement Effective Period, each Consenting Noteholder severally, and not jointly, agrees in respect of all of its Senior Notes Claims, to:

(i) support the Restructuring Transactions as contemplated by, and within the timeframes outlined in, this Agreement and in the Definitive Documents;

(ii) take all steps reasonably necessary and desirable to consummate the Restructuring Transactions in accordance with this Agreement;

(iii) use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with and, subject to applicable Laws, assist the Company Parties, at the Company Parties' sole cost and expense, in obtaining additional support for the Restructuring Transactions from the Company Parties' other stakeholders;

(iv) give any notice, order, instruction, or direction to the applicable

Agents/Trustees necessary to give effect to the Restructuring Transactions; and

(v) negotiate in good faith and use commercially reasonable efforts to execute and implement the Definitive Documents that are consistent with this Agreement to which it is required to be a party.

(b) During the Agreement Effective Period, each Consenting Noteholder severally, and not jointly, agrees in respect of all of its Senior Notes Claims subject to this Agreement that it shall not, directly or indirectly:

(i) object to, delay, impede, or take any other action that is reasonably likely to interfere with acceptance, implementation, or consummation of the Restructuring Transactions;

(ii) propose, file, support, solicit, or vote for any Alternative Restructuring Proposal;

(iii) file any motion, pleading, or other document with the Bankruptcy Court or any other court (including any modifications or amendments thereof) that, in whole or in part, is not materially consistent with this Agreement or the Plan; *provided*, that nothing in this Agreement shall limit the right of any party hereto to exercise any right or remedy provided under this Agreement, the Confirmation Order, or any other Definitive Document;

(iv) initiate, or have initiated on its behalf, any litigation or proceeding of any kind with respect to the Chapter 11 Cases, this Agreement, or the other Restructuring Transactions contemplated herein against the Company Parties in violation of this Agreement other than to enforce this Agreement or any Definitive Document or as otherwise permitted under this Agreement; *provided*, that nothing in this Agreement shall limit the right of any party hereto to exercise any right or remedy provided under this Agreement, the Confirmation Order, or any other Definitive Document;

(v) exercise, or direct any other Person to exercise, any right or remedy for the enforcement, collection, or recovery of any of the Senior Notes Claims against the Company Parties, including rights or remedies arising from or asserting or bringing any claims under or with respect to any Senior Notes Claims, but only to the extent such exercise is inconsistent with this Agreement or the Restructuring Transactions; *provided*, that nothing in this Agreement shall limit the right of any party hereto to exercise any right or remedy provided under this Agreement, the Confirmation Order, or any other Definitive Document;

(vi) object to, delay, impede, or take any other action to interfere with the Company Parties' ownership and possession of their assets, wherever located, or interfere with the automatic stay arising under section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code, but only to the extent such action is inconsistent with this Agreement or the Restructuring Transactions; *provided*, that nothing in this Agreement shall limit the right of any party hereto to exercise any right or remedy provided under this Agreement, the Confirmation Order, or any other Definitive Document; or

(vii) object to, delay, impede, or take any other action to interfere with the consummation of the PNW Sale and shall otherwise support and take all actions reasonably requested by the Company Parties to support and facilitate consummation of the PNW Sale.

### 5.02. <u>Commitments with Respect to Chapter 11 Cases</u>.

(a) In addition to the obligations set forth in Section 5.01, during the Agreement Effective Period, each Consenting Noteholder that is entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan pursuant to its terms, severally, and not jointly, agrees that it shall, subject to receipt by such Consenting Noteholder, whether before or after the commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases, of the Solicitation Materials:

(i) vote each of its Senior Notes Claims to accept the Plan by delivering its duly executed and completed ballot accepting the Plan promptly following the commencement of the solicitation of the Plan and its actual receipt of the Solicitation Materials and the ballot;

(ii) consent to and, if applicable, elect not to opt out of the releases set forth in the Plan by not objecting to such releases and timely delivering its duly executed and completed ballot(s) indicating such election; and

(iii) not change, withdraw, amend, or revoke (or cause to be changed, withdrawn, amended, or revoked) any vote or election referred to in Section 5.02(a)(i) and Section 5.02(a)(ii) above; *provided*, that nothing in this Agreement shall prevent any Consenting Noteholder from changing, withholding, amending or revoking (or causing the same) its vote, election, or consent with respect to the Plan if this Agreement has been terminated in accordance with its terms with respect to such Consenting Noteholder.

(b) During the Agreement Effective Period, each Consenting Noteholder, in respect of each of its Senior Notes Claims, severally, and not jointly, will not directly or indirectly object to, delay, impede, or take any other action in violation of this Agreement to interfere with any motion or other pleading or document filed by a Company Party in the Bankruptcy Court to the extent such action is inconsistent with this Agreement or the Restructuring Transactions; *provided*, that nothing in this Agreement shall limit the right of any party hereto to exercise any right or remedy provided under this Agreement, the Confirmation Order, or any other Definitive Document.

(c) During the Agreement Effective Period, each Consenting Noteholder agrees that it will not file, will oppose, and will not support any motion to appoint a trustee or examiner in one or more of the Chapter 11 Cases of any Company Party.

5.03. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Agreement shall require any Consenting Noteholder to (a) incur any expenses, liabilities or other obligations, or agree to any commitments, undertakings, concessions, indemnities or other arrangements that could result in expenses, liabilities, or other obligations to any Consenting Noteholder or its Affiliates; or (b) provide any information that it reasonably determines to be sensitive or confidential. Notwithstanding the immediately preceding sentence, nothing in this Section 5.03 shall serve to limit, alter, or modify any Consenting Noteholder's express obligations under the terms of this Agreement.

**Section 6.** *Additional Provisions Regarding the Consenting Noteholders' Commitments.* Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement shall: (a) affect the ability of any Consenting Noteholder to consult with any other Consenting Noteholder, the Company Parties, or any other party in interest in the Chapter 11 Cases (including any official

committee and the United States Trustee); (b) impair or waive the rights of any Consenting Noteholder to assert or raise any objection permitted under this Agreement in connection with the Plan or the Restructuring Transactions; (c) prevent any Consenting Noteholder from enforcing this Agreement or contesting whether any matter, fact, or thing is a breach of, or is inconsistent with, this Agreement; or (d) constitute a commitment to, or obligate any of the Consenting Noteholders to, provide any new financing or credit support.

## Section 7. Commitments of the Company Parties.

7.01. <u>Affirmative Commitments</u>. Except as set forth in Section 8, during the Agreement Effective Period, the Company Parties agree to:

(a) support and take all steps reasonably necessary and desirable to consummate the Restructuring Transactions in accordance with this Agreement (including the Restructuring Term Sheet and the Milestones);

(b) support and take all steps reasonably necessary and desirable to obtain entry of the Interim DIP Order, the Final DIP Order, the Disclosure Statement Order and the Confirmation Order;

(c) to the extent any legal or structural impediment arises that would prevent, hinder, or delay the consummation of the Restructuring Transactions contemplated herein, support and take all steps reasonably necessary and desirable to address any such impediment;

use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain any and all required governmental, (d)regulatory and/or third-party approvals (including, as applicable, Bankruptcy Court approvals and approvals of the FCC and, as applicable, PUCs) for the Restructuring Transactions, including (i) promptly commence any required regulatory approval processes, including (x) cooperate in the preparation and prosecution of any required notices and applications with the FCC and PUCs and (y) oppose any petitions to deny or other pleadings or objections filed with respect to such notices and applications, (ii) evaluate in cooperation and coordination with the Consenting Noteholders' advisors, the path to approval by jurisdiction, (iii) seek any required approvals from the FCC, public utilities commissions, and other applicable regulatory bodies with respect to the Restructuring Transactions, and, where prior approval is not required, provide any required notifications to the FCC, public utilities commissions, and other applicable regulatory bodies with respect to the Restructuring Transactions, and (iv) provide regular progress reports with respect to regulatory approval processes; provided, that any agreements with or commitments to the FCC or any PUCs, including any decision to accept and/or not to oppose any proposed material conditions or limitations on any such required approvals, shall require the prior approval of the Required Consenting Noteholders, not to be unreasonably withheld;

(e) confer and consult with the Required Consenting Noteholders with regard to material decisions in respect of negotiations with the IRS, the PBGC, or any labor union;

(f) negotiate in good faith and use commercially reasonable efforts to execute and deliver the Definitive Documents and any other required agreements to effectuate and consummate the Restructuring Transactions as contemplated by this Agreement;

(g) use commercially reasonable efforts to seek additional support for the Restructuring Transactions from their other material stakeholders to the extent reasonably prudent;

(h) (i) provide the Noteholder Groups Counsels draft copies of (x) all First Day Pleadings three (3) days in advance of the Petition Date and (y) any other motions, documents and other pleadings materially affecting any Consenting Noteholder that the Company Parties intend to file with the Bankruptcy Court, as applicable, three (3) days in advance of the filing thereof to the extent reasonably practicable and, if not reasonably practicable, as soon as reasonably practicable but in any event in advance of filing thereof, and (ii) without limiting any approval rights set forth in this Agreement, consult in good faith with the Noteholder Groups Counsels, as applicable, regarding any comments to draft copies provided pursuant to sub-clause (i);

(i) pay in full and in cash all of the accrued reasonable and documented fees, costs, and expenses of the professionals and other advisors retained by the Noteholder Groups, including such fees, costs, and expenses of (i) Akin, (ii) Altman, (iii) Ducera, (iv) Houlihan, (v) Milbank, (vi) October Three and (vii) the Compensation Consultant, and continue to pay such amounts as they come due and seek to pay such ongoing fees, costs, and expenses in connection with the Final DIP Order or other such appropriate order;

(i) operate the business of the Company Parties in the ordinary course of business (i) in a manner that is consistent with this Agreement and past practices, and use commercially reasonable efforts to preserve intact the Company Parties' business organization and relationships with third parties (including lessors, licensors, content providers, suppliers, distributors, customers and governmental and regulatory authorities (including the FCC and PUCs) and employees, (ii) keep the Consenting Noteholders and the Noteholder Representatives reasonably informed about the operations of the Company Parties, (iii) provide the Consenting Noteholders and the Noteholder Representatives any information reasonably requested regarding the Company Parties and provide, and direct the Company Parties' employees, officers, advisors and other representatives to provide, to the Noteholder Representatives (A) reasonable access during normal business hours on reasonable advance notice to the Company Parties' representatives and without disruption to the operation of the Company Parties' business, (B) reasonable access to the management and advisors of the Company Parties on reasonable advance notice to such persons and without disruption to the operation of the Company Parties' business for the purposes of evaluating the Company Parties' assets, liabilities, operations, businesses, finances, strategies, prospects and affairs and (C) such other information as reasonably requested by the Consenting Noteholders or the Noteholder Representatives, (iv) promptly notify the Consenting Noteholders of any material governmental or third party complaints, litigations, inquires, orders to show cause, cease and desist orders, notices of violation, notice of apparent liability, orders of forfeiture, investigations, or hearings (or communications indicating that any of the foregoing is contemplated or threatened) (the parties acknowledge and agree that any written filings by, before, or with the FCC or any PUC in which the Company Parties are seeking regulatory approval to emerge from bankruptcy is deemed material for purposes of this Section 7.01(j)(iv)), and (v) cooperate in good faith to structure the Restructuring Transactions in a tax efficient manner, including as a "Bruno's transaction" in accordance with Restructuring Term Sheet, and use commercially reasonable efforts to analyze additional asset-level information, and, as appropriate, evaluate potential value-maximizing structures, including REIT structures; provided, alternative that. notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not be required to (1) permit any inspection, or to disclose any information, that in the reasonable judgment of the Company, would cause the Company to violate its respective obligations with respect to confidentiality to a third party if the Company used its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain, but failed to obtain, the consent of such third party to such inspection or disclosure, (2) to disclose any legally privileged information of the Company, or (3) to violate applicable Law;

(k) cooperate and consult with the Consenting Noteholders with respect to the development and adoption of the Company Parties' RDOF bidding framework and strategy (including the terms of and submission of any RDOF bid);

(1) cooperate and consult with the Consenting Noteholders with respect to the development and adoption of the Company Parties' business plan, including any business plans contemplated by the Restructuring Term Sheet and with respect to the Virtual Separation; *provided*, that (x) the Company Parties' business plan shall be acceptable to the Company Parties and reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders, (y) the allocations of state operations with respect to the Virtual Separation shall be reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders and (z) the contents of the Disclosure Statement regarding the preparatory work for each business plan and scenario shall be reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders; *provided*, *further*, that the Debtors shall bear no obligation to attest to the Debtors' management team's view of reasonableness for either sensitivity case if sufficient preparatory work has not been conducted as of the date on which the Disclosure Statement is filed;

(m) timely file a formal objection to any motion filed with the Bankruptcy Court by a third party seeking the entry of an order (i) directing the appointment of a trustee or examiner (with expanded powers beyond those set forth in sections 1106(a)(3) and (4) of the Bankruptcy Code), (ii) converting the Chapter 11 Cases to cases under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, or (iii) dismissing the Chapter 11 Cases;

(n) timely file a formal objection to any motion filed with the Bankruptcy Court by a third party seeking the entry of an order modifying or terminating the Company Parties' exclusive right to file and/or solicit acceptances of a plan of reorganization, as applicable;

(o) provide responsive information to, and confer with, the Consenting Noteholders regarding potential cost savings and concessions with respect to the Company Parties' pension/OPEB plans on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Restructuring Term Sheet; and

(p) the Board shall not alter or amend its prior determination that the Restructuring Transactions, the entry into this Agreement, the approval of the Plan, the entry into the Definitive Documents, and the consummation of the Restructuring Transactions and the other transactions contemplated by the Plan and the Definitive Documents are "Exempt Transactions" as defined in the NOL Rights Plan.

7.02. <u>Negative Commitments</u>. Except as set forth in Section 8 or with the prior written consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, during the Agreement Effective Period, each of the Company Parties shall not directly or indirectly, and shall cause their respective subsidiaries not to:

(a) object to, delay, impede, or take any other action to interfere with acceptance, implementation, or consummation of the Restructuring Transactions;

(b) take any action that is inconsistent in any material respect with, or is intended to frustrate or impede approval, implementation and consummation of the Restructuring Transactions described in this Agreement or the Plan;

(c) modify the Plan, in whole or in part, to reflect terms that are not consistent with this Agreement in all material respects;

(d) file any motion, pleading, or Definitive Documents with the Bankruptcy Court or any other court (including any modifications or amendments thereof) that, in whole or in part, is not materially consistent with this Agreement (including the consent rights of the Consenting Noteholders set forth herein as to the form and substance of such motion, pleading, or other Definitive Document) or the Plan;

(e) sell (including any sale leaseback transaction), lease, mortgage, pledge, grant, or incur any encumbrance on, or otherwise Transfer, any properties or assets of the Company Parties, including any Equity Interests, other than (i) sales or disposals of properties or assets in the ordinary course of business, (ii) the Florida Sale Leaseback Transaction, or (ii) the PNW Sale;

(f) purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire (by merger, exchange, consolidation, acquisition of stock or assets or otherwise) any assets or properties, other than in the ordinary course of business;

(g) (i) enter into any merger with or into, or consolidation or amalgamation with, any other Person, other than in the ordinary course of business, (ii) permit any other Person to enter into any merger with or into, or consolidation or amalgamation with, it, other than in the ordinary course of business, or (iii) enter into any joint venture, partnership, sharing of profits or other similar arrangement involving co-investment between a Company Party or subsidiary thereof and any other Person, other than in the ordinary course of business;

(h) split, combine, or reclassify any of their respective Equity Interests, or declare, set aside or pay any dividend or other distribution payable in cash, stock, property, or otherwise material with respect to any of their respective Equity Interests; *provided*, that nothing in this Section 7.02(h) shall apply to those certain dividends, distributions, and other payments described in Section 5.01(iv)(A)–(B) of the PNW Sale Agreement; or

(i) take action with respect to any of the actions set forth on <u>Schedule 7.02(i)</u> (the "<u>Specified Material Actions</u>") absent prior consultation with, and prior reasonable consent of, the Required Consenting Noteholders.

# Section 8. Additional Provisions Regarding Company Parties' Commitments.

8.01. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement shall require a Company Party or the board of directors, board of managers, or similar governing body of a Company Party, after consulting with counsel, to take any action or to refrain from taking any action with respect to the Restructuring Transactions to the extent taking or failing

to take such action would be inconsistent with applicable Law or its fiduciary obligations under applicable Law, and any such action or inaction pursuant to this Section 8 shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement (other than a failure to comply with this Section 8); *provided*, that the Company Parties shall notify the Consenting Noteholders in writing promptly in the event of any such determination (and in any event no later than twenty-four (24) hours following such determination).

8.02. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, but subject to the terms of Section 8.01, each Company Party and their respective directors, officers, employees, investment bankers, attorneys, accountants, consultants, and other advisors or representatives shall have the rights to:

(a) consider and respond to Alternative Restructuring Proposals;

(b) provide access to non-public information concerning any Company Party to any Entity or enter into Confidentiality Agreements or nondisclosure agreements with any Entity;

(c) maintain or continue discussions or negotiations with respect to Alternative Restructuring Proposals; and

(d) enter into or continue discussions or negotiations with holders of Claims against or Equity Interests in a Company Party (including any Consenting Noteholder), any other party in interest in the Chapter 11 Cases (including any official committee and the United States Trustee), or any other Entity regarding the Restructuring Transactions or Alternative Restructuring Proposals; *provided*, that the Company Parties shall (x) provide a copy of any written Alternative Restructuring Proposal (and notice of, and a written summary of, any oral Alternative Restructuring Proposal) within twenty-four (24) hours of the Company Parties' or their advisors' receipt of such Alternative Restructuring Proposal to the Noteholder Group Advisors and (y) provide such information to the Noteholder Groups Counsels as reasonably requested by the Consenting Noteholders or as necessary to keep the Consenting Noteholders contemporaneously informed as to the status and substance of such discussions.

8.03. Nothing in this Agreement shall: (a) impair or waive the rights of any Company Party to assert or raise any objection permitted under this Agreement in connection with the Restructuring Transactions; or (b) prevent any Company Party from enforcing this Agreement or contesting whether any matter, fact, or thing is a breach of, or is inconsistent with, this Agreement.

8.04. <u>Incremental Payments</u>. The Incremental Payments shall be paid pursuant to the terms set forth in the Restructuring Term Sheet.

8.05. <u>Board Observers</u>. As of the Agreement Effective Date and until the Plan Effective Date, the Consenting Noteholders shall be entitled to designate two (2) observers to the Board pursuant to the terms set forth in the Restructuring Term Sheet.

8.06. <u>Management Selection Designees</u>. As of the Agreement Effective Date, the Consenting Noteholders shall be entitled to appoint two (2) designees, to assist the Finance Committee with the selection process provided for in Section 4(d), pursuant to the terms set forth in the Restructuring Term Sheet.

#### Section 9. Transfer of Interests and Securities.

9.01. During the Specified Period, no Consenting Noteholder shall Transfer any ownership (including any beneficial ownership as defined in the Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) in any Senior Notes Claims to any affiliated or unaffiliated party, including any party in which it may hold a direct or indirect beneficial interest, unless:

(a) the authorized transferee is either (1) a qualified institutional buyer as defined in Rule 144A of the Securities Act, (2) a non-U.S. person in an offshore transaction as defined under Regulation S under the Securities Act, (3) an institutional accredited investor (as defined in the Rules), or (4) a Consenting Noteholder;

(b) either (i) the transferee executes and delivers to counsel to the Company Parties and to the Noteholder Groups Counsels, at or before the time of the proposed Transfer, a Transfer Agreement or (ii) the transferee is a Consenting Noteholder or an Affiliate thereof and the transferee provides notice of such Transfer (including the amount and type of any Senior Notes Claims Transferred) to counsel to the Company Parties and to the Noteholder Groups Counsels by the close of business on the second Business Day following such Transfer; and

(c) with respect to the Transfer of any Equity Interests only, such Transfer shall not (i) violate the terms of any order entered by the Bankruptcy Court with respect to preservation of net operating losses or (ii) adversely affect the Company Parties' ability to obtain the regulatory consents or approval necessary to effectuate the Restructuring Transactions.

9.02. Upon compliance with the requirements of Section 9.01, the transferor shall be deemed to relinquish its rights (and be released from its obligations) under this Agreement to the extent of the rights and obligations in respect of such transferred Senior Notes Claims. Any Transfer in violation of Section 9.01 shall be void *ab initio*.

9.03. This Agreement shall in no way be construed to preclude the Consenting Noteholders from acquiring additional Senior Notes Claims or other Claims or Interests (or any ownership (including any beneficial ownership as defined in the Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) in any Senior Notes Claims or other Claims or Interests; *provided*, that (a) such additional Senior Notes Claims shall automatically and immediately upon acquisition by a Consenting Noteholder be deemed subject to the terms of this Agreement (regardless of when or whether notice of such acquisition is given to counsel to the Company Parties or to the Noteholder Groups Counsels), other than with respect to any Senior Notes Claims acquired by a Consenting Noteholder in its capacity as a Qualified Marketmaker and (b) such Consenting Noteholder must provide notice of any acquisition of Senior Notes Claims (including the amount and type of such acquisition) to counsel to the Company Parties within two (2) Business Days of such acquisition.

9.04. This Section 9 shall not impose any obligation on any Company Party to issue any "cleansing letter" or otherwise publicly disclose information for the purpose of enabling a Consenting Noteholder to Transfer any of its Senior Notes Claims. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, to the extent a Company Party and another Party have entered into a Confidentiality Agreement, the terms of such Confidentiality Agreement shall continue to apply

and remain in full force and effect according to its terms, and this Agreement does not supersede any rights or obligations otherwise arising under such Confidentiality Agreements.

9.05. Notwithstanding Section 9.01, a Qualified Marketmaker that acquires any Senior Notes Claims with the purpose and intent of acting as a Qualified Marketmaker for such Senior Notes Claims shall not be required to execute and deliver a Transfer Agreement in respect of such Senior Notes Claims if (i) such Qualified Marketmaker subsequently transfers such Senior Notes Claims (by purchase, sale assignment, participation, or otherwise) within five (5) Business Days of its acquisition to a transferee that is an entity that is not an Affiliate, affiliated fund, or affiliated entity with a common investment advisor; (ii) the transferee otherwise is a Permitted Transferee under Section 9.01; and (iii) the Transfer otherwise is a Permitted Transfer under Section 9.01. To the extent that a Consenting Noteholder is acting in its capacity as a Qualified Marketmaker, it may Transfer (by purchase, sale, assignment, participation, or otherwise) any right, title or interests in Senior Notes Claims that the Qualified Marketmaker acquires from a holder of the Senior Notes Claims who is not a Consenting Noteholder without the requirement that the transferee be a Permitted Transferee.

9.06. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 9, the restrictions on Transfer set forth in this Section 9 shall not apply to the grant of any liens or encumbrances on any claims and interests in favor of a bank or broker-dealer holding custody of such claims and interests in the ordinary course of business and which lien or encumbrance is released upon the Transfer of such claims and interests.

9.07. The Company Parties will provide notice of any Transfer Agreement received pursuant to Section 9.01(b)(i) (which notice shall include the amount and type of Senior Notes Claims Transferred pursuant to such Transfer Agreement) to the Noteholder Groups Counsels by the later of (i) close of business on the second Business Day following the effective date of such Transfer Agreement and (ii) the close of business on the second Business Day after the Company Parties receive notice of any such Transfer Agreement.

**Section 10.** *Representations and Warranties of Consenting Noteholders.* Each Consenting Noteholder severally, and not jointly, represents and warrants that, as of the date such Consenting Noteholder executes and delivers this Agreement and as of the Plan Effective Date:

(a) it is the beneficial or record owner of the face amount of the Senior Notes Claims or is the nominee, investment manager, or advisor for beneficial holders of the Senior Notes Claims reflected in, and, having made reasonable inquiry, is not the beneficial or record owner of any Senior Notes Claims other than those reflected in, such Consenting Noteholder's signature page to this Agreement, a Joinder or a Transfer Agreement, as applicable (as may be updated pursuant to Section 9);

(b) it has the full power and authority to act on behalf of, vote and consent to matters concerning, such Senior Notes Claims, as contemplated by this Agreement and subject to applicable Law;

(c) such Senior Notes Claims are free and clear of any pledge, lien, security interest, charge, claim, equity, option, proxy, voting restriction, right of first refusal, or other limitation on

disposition, transfer, or encumbrances of any kind, that would materially and adversely affect in any way such Consenting Noteholder's ability to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement at the time such obligations are required to be performed;

(d) it has the full power to vote, approve changes to, and transfer all of its Senior Notes Claims referable to it as contemplated by this Agreement and subject to applicable Law; and

(e) solely with respect to holders of Senior Notes Claims, (i) it is either (A) a qualified institutional buyer as defined in Rule 144A of the Securities Act, (B) not a U.S. person (as defined in Regulation S of the Securities Act), or (C) an institutional accredited investor (as defined in the Rules), and (ii) any securities acquired by the Consenting Noteholder in connection with the Restructuring Transactions will have been acquired for investment and not with a view to distribution or resale in violation of the Securities Act.

**Section 11.** *Representations and Warranties of Company Parties.* Each Company Party severally, and not jointly, represents and warrants that, as of the date such Company Party executes and delivers this Agreement:

(a) entry into this Agreement is consistent with the exercise of such Company Party's fiduciary duties;

(b) the Board has determined that the entry into this Agreement, the approval of the Plan, the entry into the Definitive Documents, and the consummation of the Restructuring Transactions and the other transactions contemplated by the Plan and the Definitive Documents are "Exempt Transactions" as defined in the NOL Rights Plan; and

(c) except (i) as set forth in the March 20, 2020 litigation audit letter from Mark Nielsen to KPMG, (ii) as set forth in the reports and forms (including exhibits, schedules and information incorporated therein) filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission by Frontier as of the Execution Date, and (iii) matters not exceeding \$2,000,000 individually or factually-related items involving lesser amounts that do not exceed \$2,000,000 in the aggregate, there is no lawsuit, legal proceeding, administrative enforcement proceeding, arbitration proceeding or similar matter pending, or, to any Company Party's knowledge, threatened, against any Company Party, any current or former director or officer of any Company Party (in his or her capacity as such) or any properties or assets of any Company Party.

# Section 12. Mutual Representations, Warranties and Covenants.

12.01. Each of the Parties, severally, and not jointly, represents, warrants, and covenants to each other Party, as of the date such Party executed and delivers this Agreement, and as of the Plan Effective Date:

(a) it is validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of the state of its organization, and this Agreement is a legal, valid, and binding obligation of such Party, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement may be limited by applicable Laws relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally or by equitable principles relating

to enforceability;

(b) except as expressly provided in this Agreement, the Plan, and the Bankruptcy Code, no consent or approval is required by any other Person or entity in order for it to effectuate the Restructuring Transactions contemplated by, and perform its respective obligations under, this Agreement;

(c) the entry into and performance by it of, and the transactions contemplated by, this Agreement do not, and will not, conflict in any material respect with any Law or regulation applicable to it or with any of its articles of association, memorandum of association or other constitutional documents;

(d) except as expressly provided in this Agreement, it has (or will have, at the relevant time) all requisite corporate or other power and authority to enter into, execute, and deliver this Agreement and to effectuate the Restructuring Transactions contemplated by, and perform its respective obligations under, this Agreement; and

(e) except as expressly provided by this Agreement, it is not party to any restructuring or similar agreements or arrangements, including cooperation agreements, with any other entity or Person with respect to Senior Notes Claims that have not been disclosed to all Parties to this Agreement.

# Section 13. Termination Events.

13.01. <u>Consenting Noteholder Termination Events</u>. This Agreement may be terminated, with respect to the Consenting Noteholders, by the Required Consenting Noteholders, by the delivery to the Company Parties of a written notice in accordance with Section 15.10 hereof upon the occurrence of the following events, unless waived:

(a) the breach in any material respect by a Company Party of any of the representations, warranties, or covenants of the Company Parties set forth in this Agreement that remains uncured (to the extent curable) for five (5) Business Days after such terminating Consenting Noteholders transmit a written notice in accordance with Section 15.10 of this Agreement detailing any such breach;

(b) the issuance by any governmental authority, including any regulatory authority or court of competent jurisdiction, of any final, non-appealable ruling, or order that (i) would reasonably be expected to prevent the consummation of a material portion of the Restructuring Transactions and (ii) remains in effect for ten (10) Business Days after such terminating Consenting Noteholders transmit a written notice in accordance with Section 15.10 of this Agreement detailing any such issuance; *provided*, that this termination right may not be exercised by any Party that sought or requested such ruling or order in contravention of any obligation set out in this Agreement;

(c) the Bankruptcy Court enters an order denying confirmation of the Plan and such order remains in effect for five (5) Business Days after entry of such order;

(d) the entry of an order by the Bankruptcy Court, or the filing of a motion or application by any Company Party seeking an order (without the prior written consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, not to be unreasonably withheld) (i) dismissing one or more of the Chapter 11 Cases of a Company Party, (ii) converting one or more of the Chapter 11 Cases of a Company Party, (ii) converting one or more of the Chapter 11 Cases of a Company Party to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, (iii) appointing an examiner with expanded powers beyond those set forth in sections 1106(a)(3) and (4) of the Bankruptcy Code or a trustee in one or more of the Chapter 11 Cases of a Company Party, or (iv) rejecting this Agreement;

(e) the failure to meet any Milestone, which has not been waived or extended in a manner consistent with this Agreement, unless such failure is the result of any act, omission, or delay on the part of the terminating Consenting Noteholder in violation of its obligations under this Agreement;

(f) any Company Party (i) files, waives, amends or modifies, or files a pleading seeking approval of any Definitive Document or authority to waive, amend or modify any Definitive Document (including any waiver of any term or condition therein) in a manner that is materially inconsistent with, or constitutes a material breach of, this Agreement (including with respect to the consent rights afforded the Consenting Noteholders under this Agreement), without the prior written consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, (ii) withdraws the Plan without the prior consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, or (iii) publicly announces its intention to take any such acts listed in the foregoing clause (i) or (ii), in the case of each of the foregoing clauses (i) through (iii), which remains uncured (to the extent curable) for five (5) Business Days after such terminating Consenting Noteholders transmit a written notice in accordance with Section 15.10 of this Agreement detailing any of the foregoing;

(g) the Bankruptcy Court grants relief that is inconsistent with this Agreement, the Restructuring Term Sheet or the Plan (in each case, with such amendments and modifications as have been effected in accordance with the terms hereof); *provided*, that, in the event that treatment of a class of claims contemplates payment of cash interest at the non-default rate during the Chapter 11 Cases until repayment thereunder and/or no make whole, and the Company Parties are subject to litigation, threatened litigation, or otherwise as a result of such treatment, this Agreement may not be terminated with respect to the Company Parties by the Required Consenting Noteholders on account of such litigation, threatened litigation, or otherwise pursuant to this Section 13.01(g); *provided*, *further*, that this Agreement may be terminated with respect to the Company Parties (a) take any position in any such litigation, threatened litigation, or other dispute that is materially inconsistent with this Agreement or (b) enter into any settlement of any such litigation, threatened litigation, or other dispute that is not reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders;

(h) any Company Party files, proposes, or otherwise supports any plan of liquidation, asset sale of all or substantially all of a Company Party's assets or plan or reorganization other than the Plan;

(i) a Company Party (i) voluntarily commences any case or files any petition seeking bankruptcy, winding up, dissolution, liquidation, administration, moratorium, reorganization or other relief under any federal, state or foreign bankruptcy, insolvency, administrative receivership or similar law now or hereafter in effect, except as provided for in this Agreement, (ii) consents to the institution of, or fails to contest in a timely and appropriate manner, any involuntary proceeding or petition, (iii) applies for or consents to the appointment of a receiver, administrator, administrative receiver, trustee, custodian, sequestrator, conservator or similar official for a Company Party or for a substantial part of a Company Party's assets, (iv) files an answer admitting the material allegations of a petition filed against it in any such proceeding, (v) makes a general assignment or arrangement for the benefit of creditors or (vi) takes any corporate action for the purpose of authorizing any of the foregoing; or

(j) the board of directors, board of managers, or such similar governing body of any Company Party determines, after consulting with counsel, (i) that proceeding with any of the Restructuring Transactions would be inconsistent with the exercise of its fiduciary duties or applicable Law or (ii) in the exercise of its fiduciary duties, to pursue an Alternative Restructuring Proposal (including as contemplated by Section 8.02).

13.02. <u>Company Party Termination Events</u>. Any Company Party may terminate this Agreement as to all Parties upon prior written notice to all Parties in accordance with Section 15.10 of this Agreement upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

(a) the breach in any material respect by Consenting Noteholders holding an amount of Senior Notes that would result in non-breaching Consenting Noteholders holding less than twothirds (2/3) of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the Senior Notes, which breach remains uncured by such breaching Consenting Noteholder (to the extent curable) for five (5) Business Days after the terminating Company Parties transmit a written notice in accordance with Section 15.10 of this Agreement detailing any such breach;

(b) the board of directors, board of managers, or such similar governing body of any Company Party determines, after consulting with counsel, (i) that proceeding with any of the Restructuring Transactions would be inconsistent with the exercise of its fiduciary duties or applicable Law or (ii) in the exercise of its fiduciary duties, to pursue an Alternative Restructuring Proposal;

(c) the issuance by any governmental authority, including any regulatory authority or court of competent jurisdiction, of any final, non-appealable ruling or order that (i) enjoins the consummation of a material portion of the Restructuring Transactions and (ii) remains in effect for ten (10) Business Days after such terminating Company Party transmits a written notice in accordance with Section 15.10 of this Agreement detailing any such issuance; *provided*, that, this termination right shall not apply to or be exercised by any Company Party that sought or requested such ruling or order in contravention of any obligation or restriction set out in this Agreement; or

(d) the Bankruptcy Court enters an order denying confirmation of the Plan.

13.03. <u>Mutual Termination</u>. This Agreement, and the obligations of all Parties hereunder, may be terminated by mutual written agreement among all of the following: (a) the Required Consenting Noteholders; and (b) each Company Party.

13.04. <u>Automatic Termination</u>. This Agreement shall terminate automatically without any further required action or notice immediately after the occurrence of: (i) the Plan Effective Date or (ii) the Outside Date if the Plan Effective Date has not occurred by such Outside Date.

13.05. Effect of Termination. After the occurrence of a Termination Date as to a Party, this Agreement shall be of no further force and effect as to such Party and each Party subject to such termination shall be released from its commitments, undertakings, and agreements under or related to this Agreement and shall have the rights and remedies that it would have had, had it not entered into this Agreement, and shall be entitled to take all actions, whether with respect to the Restructuring Transactions or otherwise, that it would have been entitled to take had it not entered into this Agreement, including with respect to any and all Claims or Causes of Action. Upon the occurrence of a Termination Date prior to the Confirmation Order being entered by a Bankruptcy Court, any and all consents, agreements, undertakings, tenders, waivers, forbearances, votes or ballots tendered by the Parties subject to such termination before a Termination Date shall be deemed, for all purposes, to be null and void from the first instance and shall not be considered or otherwise used in any manner by the Parties in connection with the Restructuring Transactions and this Agreement or otherwise; provided, that any Consenting Noteholder withdrawing or changing its vote pursuant to this Section 13.05 shall promptly provide written notice of such withdrawal or change to each other Party to this Agreement and, if such withdrawal or change occurs on or after the Petition Date, file notice of such withdrawal or change with the Bankruptcy Court. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as prohibiting a Company Party or any of the Consenting Noteholders from contesting whether any such termination is in accordance with its terms or to seek enforcement of any rights under this Agreement that arose or existed before a Termination Date. Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, nothing herein is intended to, or does, in any manner waive, limit, impair, or restrict (a) any right of any Company Party or the ability of any Company Party to protect and reserve its rights (including rights under this Agreement), remedies, and interests, including its claims against any Consenting Noteholder, and (b) any right of any Consenting Noteholder, or the ability of any Consenting Noteholder, to protect and preserve its rights (including rights under this Agreement), remedies, and interests, including its claims against any Company Party or Consenting Noteholder. No purported termination of this Agreement shall be effective under this Section 13.05 or otherwise if the Party seeking to terminate this Agreement is then in material breach of this Agreement, except a termination pursuant to Section 13.01(j), Section 13.02(b), or Section 13.02(d). Nothing in this Section 13.05 shall restrict any Company Party's right to terminate this Agreement in accordance with Section 13.02(b).

#### Section 14. Amendments and Waivers.

(a) This Agreement may not be modified, amended, or supplemented, and no condition or requirement of this Agreement may be waived, in any manner except in accordance with this Section 14.

(b) This Agreement may be modified, amended, or supplemented, or a condition or requirement of this Agreement may be waived, in a writing signed by: (1) each Company Party, and (2) the Required Consenting Noteholders; *provided*, that if the proposed modification, amendment, waiver, or supplement has a material, disproportionate, and adverse effect on (a) any of the Senior Notes Claims held by a Consenting Noteholder or (b) any individual Consenting Noteholder, as compared to similarly situated Consenting Noteholders, then the consent of each

such affected Consenting Noteholder shall also be required to effectuate such modification, amendment, waiver, or supplement; *provided*, *further*, that (i) any modification, amendment, or supplement to the definition of "Outside Date" shall not be binding on any Consenting Noteholder that has not provided its prior written consent to such amendment, (ii) any modification, amendment, or supplement to the definition of "Required Consenting Noteholders" shall require the prior written consent of each Consenting Noteholder, and (iii) any modification, amendment, or supplement to Section 13.04 hereof shall require the prior written consent of each Consenting Noteholder.

(c) Any proposed modification, amendment, waiver, or supplement that does not comply with this Section 14 shall be ineffective and void *ab initio*.

(d) The waiver by any Party of a breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a further or continuing waiver of such breach or as a waiver of any other or subsequent breach. No failure on the part of any Party to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right, power, or remedy under this Agreement shall operate as a waiver of any such right, power, or remedy or any provision of this Agreement, nor shall any single or partial exercise of such right, power, or remedy by such Party preclude any other or further exercise of such right, power, or remedy or the exercise of any other right, power, or remedy. All remedies under this Agreement are cumulative and are not exclusive of any other remedies provided by Law.

## Section 15. Miscellaneous.

15.01. <u>Acknowledgment</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, this Agreement is not and shall not be deemed to be an offer with respect to any securities or solicitation of votes for the acceptance of a plan of reorganization for purposes of sections 1125 and 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise. Any such offer or solicitation will be made only in compliance with all applicable securities Laws, provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, and/or other applicable Law.

15.02. <u>Exhibits Incorporated by Reference; Conflicts</u>. Each of the exhibits, annexes, signatures pages, and schedules attached hereto is expressly incorporated herein and made a part of this Agreement, and all references to this Agreement shall include such exhibits, annexes, and schedules. In the event of any inconsistency between this Agreement (without reference to the exhibits, annexes, and schedules hereto) and the exhibits, annexes, and schedules hereto, this Agreement (without reference to the exhibits, annexes, and schedules hereto) shall govern.

15.03. <u>Further Assurances</u>. Subject to the other terms of this Agreement, the Parties agree to execute and deliver such other instruments and perform such acts, in addition to the matters herein specified, as may be reasonably appropriate or necessary, or as may be required by order of the Bankruptcy Court, from time to time, to effectuate the Restructuring Transactions, as applicable; *provided*, that this Section 15.03 shall not limit the right of any party hereto to exercise any right or remedy provided for in this Agreement (including the approval rights set forth in Section 3.02). The Parties shall cooperate with each other in good faith and shall coordinate their activities (to the extent practicable) in respect of all matters concerning the implementation and consummation of the Restructuring Transactions.

15.04. <u>Complete Agreement</u>. Except as otherwise explicitly provided herein, this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements, oral or written, among the Parties with respect thereto, other than any Confidentiality Agreement.

15.05. <u>GOVERNING LAW; SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION; SELECTION OF</u> <u>FORUM</u>. THIS AGREEMENT IS TO BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK APPLICABLE TO CONTRACTS MADE AND TO BE PERFORMED IN SUCH STATE, WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO THE CONFLICT OF LAWS PRINCIPLES THEREOF. Each Party hereto agrees that it shall bring any action or proceeding in respect of any claim arising out of or related to this Agreement, to the extent possible, in the Bankruptcy Court, and solely in connection with claims arising under this Agreement: (a) irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court; (b) waives any objection to laying venue in any such action or proceeding in the Bankruptcy Court; and (c) waives any objection that the Bankruptcy Court is an inconvenient forum or does not have jurisdiction over any Party hereto.

15.06. <u>TRIAL BY JURY WAIVER</u>. EACH PARTY HERETO IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

15.07. <u>Execution of Agreement</u>. This Agreement may be executed and delivered in any number of counterparts and by way of electronic signature and delivery, each such counterpart, when executed and delivered, shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall constitute the same agreement. Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, each individual executing this Agreement on behalf of a Party has been duly authorized and empowered to execute and deliver this Agreement on behalf of said Party.

15.08. <u>Rules of Construction</u>. This Agreement is the product of negotiations among the Company Parties and the Consenting Noteholders, and in the enforcement or interpretation hereof, is to be interpreted in a neutral manner, and any presumption with regard to interpretation for or against any Party by reason of that Party having drafted or caused to be drafted this Agreement, or any portion hereof, shall not be effective in regard to the interpretation hereof. The Company Parties and the Consenting Noteholders were each represented by counsel during the negotiations and drafting of this Agreement and continue to be represented by counsel.

15.09. <u>Successors and Assigns; Third Parties</u>. This Agreement is intended to bind and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns, as applicable. There are no third party beneficiaries under this Agreement, and, except as set forth in Section 9, the rights or obligations of any Party under this Agreement may not be assigned, delegated, or transferred to any other Person or entity.

15.10. <u>Notices</u>. All notices hereunder shall be deemed given if in writing and delivered, by electronic mail, courier, or registered or certified mail (return receipt requested), to the following addresses (or at such other addresses as shall be specified by like notice):

(a) if to a Company Party, to:

Frontier Communications Corporation 401 Merritt 7 Norwalk, Connecticut 06851 Attention: Mark D. Nielsen, Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, and Chief Transaction Officer E-mail address: mark.nielsen@ftr.com

with copies for information only (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Kirkland & Ellis LLP 601 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10022 Attention: Stephen E. Hessler, P.C. and Patrick Venter E-mail address: stephen.hessler@kirkland.com patrick.venter@kirkland.com

and

Kirkland & Ellis LLP 300 North LaSalle Street Chicago, IL 60654 Attention: Chad J. Husnick, P.C. and Benjamin M. Rhode E-mail address: chad.husnick@kirkland.com benjamin.rhode@kirkland.com

(b) if to a Consenting Noteholder, to the notice details identified on that Consenting Noteholder's signature page to this Agreement or its Transfer Agreement, with a copy (which shall not constitute notice unless otherwise specified herein) to:

If represented by Akin: Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP One Bryant Park New York, New York 10036 Attention: Ira S. Dizengoff, Philip C. Dublin, Naomi Moss, and Daniel I. Fisher E-mail address: idizengoff@akingump.com pdublin@akingump.com nmoss@akingump.com dfisher@akingump.com

and

If represented by Milbank: Milbank LLP 55 Hudson Yards, New York, New York 10001 Attention: Dennis F. Dunne, Samuel A. Khalil, and Michael W. Price E-mail address: ddunne@milbank.com skhalil@milbank.com mprice@milbank.com

Any notice given by delivery, mail, or courier shall be effective when received.

15.11. Fees and Expenses. The Company Parties shall pay and reimburse all reasonable and documented fees and expenses when due (including travel costs and expenses) and all outstanding and unpaid amounts incurred in connection with the Restructuring Transactions (including, for the avoidance of doubt, all reasonable and documented fees and expenses incurred prior to the date hereof) of the attorneys, accountants, other professionals, advisors, and consultants of the Noteholder Groups (whether incurred directly or on their behalf and regardless of whether such fees and expenses are incurred before or after the Petition Date), including the fees and expenses of: (i) Akin, (ii) Altman, (iii) Ducera, (iv) Houlihan, (v) Milbank, (vi) October Three and (vii) the Compensation Consultant, including all amounts payable or reimbursable under applicable fee or engagement letters (including any success or transaction fees when earned) with the Company Parties (which agreements shall not be terminated by the Company Parties before the termination of this Agreement); provided, that the Company Parties shall not be obligated to pay any fees and expenses under this Section 15.11 to the extent such fees and expenses are incurred after the Termination Date. Subject to applicable law and applicable orders of the Bankruptcy Court, the occurrence of the Restructuring Transactions will be subject to the payment of the reasonable and documented fees and disbursements of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Evercore Group L.L.C., FTI Consulting, Inc., and Communications Media Advisors, LLC, as advisors to the Company Parties, if any, in each case that are due and owing after receipt of applicable invoices consistent with any applicable engagement letters.

15.12. <u>Reservation of Rights</u>. After the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 13, the Parties each fully reserve any and all of their respective rights, remedies, claims, and interests, subject to Section 13 in the case of any claim for breach of this Agreement. Further, nothing in herein shall be construed to prohibit any Party from appearing as a party-in-interest in any matter to be adjudicated in the Chapter 11 Cases, so long as such appearance and the positions advocated in connection therewith are consistent with this Agreement and the Plan and are not for the purpose of, and could not reasonably be expected to have the effect of, hindering, delaying or preventing the consummation of the Restructuring Transactions.

15.13. <u>Independent Due Diligence and Decision Making</u>. Each Consenting Noteholder hereby confirms that its decision to execute this Agreement has been based upon its independent investigation of the operations, businesses, financial, and other conditions, and prospects of the Company Parties.

15.14. <u>Enforceability of Agreement</u>. Each of the Parties to the extent enforceable waives any right to assert that the notice or exercise of termination rights under this Agreement is subject to the automatic stay provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, and expressly stipulates and consents hereunder to the prospective modification of the automatic stay provisions of the Bankruptcy Code for purposes of exercising notice and termination rights under this Agreement, to the extent the Bankruptcy Court determines that such relief is required.

15.15. <u>Waiver</u>. If the Restructuring Transactions are not consummated, or if this Agreement is terminated for any reason, the Parties fully reserve any and all of their rights. This Agreement is a part of a proposed settlement of matters that could otherwise be the subject of litigation among the Parties hereto. Nothing herein shall be deemed an admission of any kind. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 408 and any other applicable rules of evidence, this Agreement and all negotiations relating hereto shall not be admissible into evidence in any proceeding other than a proceeding to enforce its terms or the payment of damages to which a Party may be entitled under this Agreement.

15.16. <u>Specific Performance</u>. It is understood and agreed by the Parties that money damages would be an insufficient remedy for any breach of this Agreement by any Party, and each non-breaching Party shall be entitled to seek specific performance and injunctive or other equitable relief (without the posting of any bond and without proof of actual damages) as a remedy of any such breach, including an order of the Bankruptcy Court or other court of competent jurisdiction requiring any Party to comply promptly with any of its obligations hereunder.

15.17. <u>Several, Not Joint, Claims</u>. Except where otherwise specified, the agreements, representations, warranties, and obligations of the Parties under this Agreement are, in all respects, several and not joint.

15.18. <u>Severability and Construction</u>. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect if essential terms and conditions of this Agreement for each Party remain valid, binding, and enforceable.

15.19. <u>Remedies Cumulative</u>. All rights, powers, and remedies provided under this Agreement or otherwise available in respect hereof at Law or in equity shall be cumulative and not alternative, and the exercise of any right, power, or remedy thereof by any Party shall not preclude the simultaneous or later exercise of any other such right, power, or remedy by such Party.

15.20. <u>Capacities of Consenting Noteholders</u>. Each Consenting Noteholder has entered into this Agreement on account of all Senior Notes Claims that it holds (directly or through discretionary accounts that it manages or advises) and, except where otherwise specified in this Agreement, shall take or refrain from taking all actions that it is obligated to take or refrain from taking under this Agreement with respect to all such Senior Notes Claims. Notwithstanding

anything to the contrary herein, nothing in this Agreement shall require or prohibit any Consenting Noteholder from taking any action solely in its capacity as a holder of any Claims or Interests other than Senior Notes Claims.

15.21. Relationship Among Consenting Noteholders and the Company Parties. None of the Consenting Noteholders shall have any fiduciary duty, any duty of trust or confidence in any form, or other duties or responsibilities to each other, any Consenting Noteholder, the Company Parties, or any of the Company Parties' creditors or other stakeholders, including any holders of Senior Notes or Senior Notes Claims, and, other than as expressly set forth herein, there are no commitments among or between the Consenting Noteholders. It is understood and agreed that any Consenting Noteholder may trade in any debt or equity securities of the Company Parties without the consent of the Company Parties or any other Consenting Noteholder, subject to applicable securities laws and this Agreement, including Section 9 hereof. No prior history, pattern or practice of sharing confidences among or between any of the Consenting Noteholders and/or the Company Parties shall in any way affect or negate this understanding and agreement. Nothing contained herein or in any other agreement referred to in this Agreement, and no action taken by any Consenting Noteholder pursuant hereto or thereto, shall be deemed to constitute the Consenting Noteholders as, and the Debtors acknowledges that the Consenting Noteholders do not so constitute, a partnership, an association, a joint venture or any other kind of entity, or create a presumption that the Consenting Noteholders are in any way acting in concert or as a group, including, without limitation, with respect to any agreement, arrangement, or understanding with respect to acting together for the purpose of acquiring, holding, voting, or disposing of any equity securities of any Debtor or with respect to acting as a "group" within the meaning of Rule 13d-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Each Consenting Noteholder confirms that it has independently participated in the negotiation of the transactions contemplated herein. Each Consenting Noteholder shall be entitled to independently protect and enforce its rights, including, without limitation, the rights arising out of this Agreement and it shall not be necessary for any other Consenting Noteholder to be joined as an additional party in any proceeding for such purpose. The use of a single agreement to effectuate the transactions contemplated herein was solely in the control of the Debtors, not the action or decision of any Consenting Noteholder, and was done solely for the convenience of the Debtors and not because it was required or requested to do so by any Consenting Noteholder.

15.22. <u>Email Consents</u>. Where a written consent, acceptance, approval, or waiver is required pursuant to or contemplated by this Agreement, pursuant to Section 3.01, Section 14, or otherwise, including a written approval by the Company Parties or the Required Consenting Noteholders, such written consent, acceptance, approval, or waiver shall be deemed to have occurred if, by agreement between counsel to the Parties submitting and receiving such consent, acceptance, approval, or waiver, it is conveyed in writing (including electronic mail) between each such counsel without representations or warranties of any kind on behalf of such counsel.

15.24. <u>Survival.</u> Notwithstanding (a) any Transfer of any Senior Notes Claims in accordance with Section 9 or (b) the termination of this Agreement in accordance with its terms, the agreements and obligations of the Parties in Section 13.05, Section 15, and the Confidentiality Agreements shall survive such Transfer and/or termination and shall continue in full force and effect for the benefit of the Parties in accordance with the terms hereof and thereof.

15.25. Publicity. The Company Parties will submit to the Noteholder Groups Counsels all press releases, public filings, or public announcements, in each case, to be made by any of the Company Parties relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby and any amendments thereof in advance of release and will consult with such counsel with respect to such communications. Except as required by law or regulation or by any governmental or regulatory (including self-regulatory) authority, no Party or its advisors shall (a) use the name of any Consenting Noteholder in any public manner (including in any press release) or (b) disclose to any Person (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any other Consenting Noteholder), other than legal, accounting, financial and other advisors to the Company Parties, the principal amount or percentage of Senior Notes Claims, in each case, without such Consenting Noteholder's prior written consent; provided, that (i) if such disclosure is required by law, subpoena, or other legal process or regulation or by any governmental or regulatory (including self-regulatory) authority, the disclosing Party shall afford the relevant Consenting Noteholder a reasonable opportunity to review and comment in advance of such disclosure if reasonably practicable and permitted by applicable law and shall take all reasonable measures to limit such disclosure to the extent permitted by applicable law and (ii) the foregoing shall not prohibit the public disclosure, including in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases, of the aggregate percentage or aggregate principal amount of Claims held by all the Consenting Noteholders collectively. Notwithstanding the foregoing, (x) any Party hereto may disclose the identities of the Parties hereto in any action to enforce this Agreement or in an action for damages as a result of any breaches hereof and (y) any Party hereto may disclose, to the extent expressly consented to in writing by a Consenting Noteholder, such Consenting Noteholder's identity and individual holdings.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

## **COMPANY PARTIES**

By: Mark D. Niel

Name: Mark D. Nielsen Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, and Chief Transaction Officer [Consenting Noteholder Signature Pages Redacted]

## Schedule 7.02(i)

#### **Specified Material Actions**

- 1. take any action or inaction that would result in a breach of the DIP Facility, including any failure to comply with the DIP Budget after giving effect to any variances and applicable cure provisions set forth in the DIP Budget or the DIP Facility Documents;
- 2. take, adopt, or implement a material change to any Company Party's or any of its subsidiaries' sales strategy and/or other material operational changes with respect to any Company Party or any of its subsidiaries;
- 3. develop and adopt the Company Parties' RDOF bidding framework and strategy (or submission of any RDOF bid);
- 4. select, retain, and/or appoint individuals to key management positions, including entry into any employment agreements or incentive arrangements;
- 5. take, adopt, or implement a material change in the relationship with, or settlement with respect to, any material wholesale business counterparties of any Company Party or any of its subsidiaries, including any material amendment to a contract with respect to such counterparties;
- 6. take, adopt, or implement any material action or position with respect to the IRS, the PBGC or any labor union of any Company Party or any of its subsidiaries other than in the ordinary course of business, including with respect to negotiations with the IRS, the PBGC or any labor union that are inconsistent with the Restructuring Term Sheet;
- 7. (a) grant to any Service Provider any increase in base salary, wages, bonuses or other incentive compensation, other than in the ordinary course of business in connection with a new hire or promotion based on job performance and which, in the case of increases granted in connection with a promotion based on job performance, will not exceed \$100,000 per individual and \$1,000,000 in the aggregate (excluding any applicable annual merit-based increases provided in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice), (b) grant to any Service Provider any new, or increase any existing, change in control, retention, severance or termination pay, (c) issue, deliver, sell, pledge, encumber or grant any equity or equity-based awards to any Service Provider, (d) fund any rabbi trust or similar arrangement or otherwise secure funding for any Benefit Plan or Benefit Agreement, (e) effectuate any plant closing, relocation of work, or mass layoff that would incur any liability or obligation under the WARN Act, or (f) grant or forgive any loans to any Service Provider (other than the grant of loans for travel and business expenses, in each case, in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, and which will not exceed \$10,000 for any individual);

- 8. make any change in any method of financial accounting or financial accounting practice, policy or procedure other than as may be appropriate to conform to changes in United States generally accepted accounting principles in effect from time to time (or any interpretation thereof) after the date hereof or as may be required by changes in applicable Law after the date hereof;
- 9. assign, sell, lease, license, dispose, cancel, abandon, grant rights to or fail to renew, maintain or diligently pursue applications for, or defend, any rights with respect to any of the following: (i) patents and patent applications, inventions, utility models and industrial designs, and all applications and issuances therefor, together with all reissuances, divisions, renewals, revisions, extensions, reexaminations, provisionals, continuations and continuations-in-part with respect thereto; (ii) trademarks, trade names, service marks, trade dress, taglines, social media identifiers and related accounts, brand names, logos and corporate names, together with the goodwill associated with any of the foregoing, and all applications, registrations and renewals therefor; (iii) internet domain names and other computer identifiers; (iv) copyrights, applications and registrations therefor; (v) software; (vi) trade secrets, know-how, inventions, processes, procedures, databases, confidential business information and other proprietary information and rights; and (vii) all other intellectual property rights of any kind or nature;
- 10. assign, transfer, lease, sub-lease, cancel, fail to renew or fail to extend any material certificates, licenses, permits, authorizations and approvals of or issued by any governmental authorities (including any certificates, licenses, permits, authorizations and approvals of or issued by the FCC or any PUCs (collectively, "<u>Permits</u>")) or discontinue any service or operations that require prior regulatory approval for discontinuance;
- 11. compromise, settle or agree to settle any claim, suit, action, hearing, litigation, administrative charge, investigation, arbitration or other material proceeding (whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative) in a manner which: (i) constitute or result in injunctive relief or other non-monetary relief that would impose any restriction on the operations of the Company Parties or any of their subsidiaries (excluding any commitments in routine regulatory and/or compliance filings that result in immaterial process changes such as additional or modified ordinary course disclosure notices being required to be sent to customers); (ii) constitute a criminal violation; or (iii) result monetary liability in excess of \$2,000,000, individually or in the aggregate with any related claims;
- 12. enter into, renew, or modify, amend or waive in any material respect any material contract, in each case, other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice;
- 13. except for any actions related to any consolidated tax returns, the effect of which is not material to the business of the Company Parties, (i) change any material tax election, tax practice or procedure, or tax accounting method, (ii) settle or compromise any material tax claim, audit or assessment, enter into any closing agreement under section 7121 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or any similar provision of state, local or non-U.S. tax Law), (iii) consent to an extension or waiver of the limitation period applicable to any material tax claim or assessment (other than an ordinary course extension of time to file tax returns), (iv) file any material amended tax return (other than any tax returns with

respect to sales tax or property tax amended in the ordinary course of business), (v) initiate any material voluntary tax disclosure or (vi) file or relinquish any claim for material tax refunds, in each to the extent such action would reasonably increase the tax liabilities of the Company Parties from and after the Plan Effective Date;

- 14. enter into, or renew, any contract that restricts the ability of any Company Party or any of its subsidiaries to compete with, or conduct, any business or line of business in any geographic area, or that grants any counterparty any exclusive right or right of first refusal; or
- 15. agree, authorize or commit, whether in writing or otherwise, to do any of the foregoing.

#### EXHIBIT A

#### **Frontier Communications Corporation Affiliate Entities**

Citizens Capital Ventures Corp. Citizens Directory Services Company L.L.C. Citizens Louisiana Accounting Company Citizens Newcom Company Citizens Newtel, LLC Citizens Pennsylvania Company LLC Citizens SERP Administration Company Citizens Telecom Services Company L.L.C. Citizens Telecommunications Company of California Inc. Citizens Telecommunications Company of Idaho Citizens Telecommunications Company of Illinois Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC Citizens Telecommunications Company of Montana Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska LLC Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nevada Citizens Telecommunications Company of New York, Inc. Citizens Telecommunications Company of Oregon Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee L.L.C. Citizens Telecommunications Company of the White Mountains, Inc. Citizens Telecommunications Company of Utah Citizens Telecommunications Company of West Virginia Citizens Utilities Capital L.P. Citizens Utilities Rural Company, Inc. Commonwealth Communication, LLC Commonwealth Telephone Company LLC Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises LLC Commonwealth Telephone Management Services, Inc. CTE Holdings, Inc. CTE Services, Inc. CTE Telecom, LLC CTSI, LLC CU Capital LLC CU Wireless Company LLC Electric Lightwave NY, LLC Evans Telephone Holdings, Inc. Fairmount Cellular LLC Frontier ABC LLC Frontier California Inc. Frontier Communications - Midland, Inc. Frontier Communications - Prairie, Inc.

Frontier Communications - Schuyler, Inc. Frontier Communications Corporate Services Inc. Frontier Communications ILEC Holdings LLC Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. Frontier Communications of America. Inc. Frontier Communications of Ausable Valley, Inc. Frontier Communications of Breezewood, LLC Frontier Communications of Canton, LLC Frontier Communications of Delaware, Inc. Frontier Communications of Depue, Inc. Frontier Communications of Georgia LLC Frontier Communications of Illinois, Inc. Frontier Communications of Indiana, LLC Frontier Communications of Iowa, LLC Frontier Communications of Lakeside. Inc. Frontier Communications of Lakewood, LLC Frontier Communications of Michigan, Inc. Frontier Communications of Minnesota, Inc. Frontier Communications of Mississippi LLC Frontier Communications of Mt. Pulaski, Inc. Frontier Communications of New York, Inc. Frontier Communications of Orion, Inc. Frontier Communications of Oswayo River LLC Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC Frontier Communications of Rochester, Inc. Frontier Communications of Seneca-Gorham, Inc. Frontier Communications of Sylvan Lake, Inc. Frontier Communications of the Carolinas LLC Frontier Communications of the South, LLC Frontier Communications of the Southwest Inc. Frontier Communications of Thorntown, LLC Frontier Communications of Virginia, Inc. Frontier Communications of Wisconsin LLC Frontier Communications Online and Long Distance Inc. Frontier Communications Services Inc. Frontier Directory Services Company, LLC Frontier Florida LLC Frontier Infoservices Inc. Frontier Midstates Inc. Frontier Mobile LLC Frontier North Inc. Frontier Security Company Frontier Services Corp. Frontier Southwest Incorporated Frontier Subsidiary Telco LLC

Frontier Techserv, Inc. Frontier Telephone of Rochester, Inc. Frontier Video Services Inc. Frontier West Virginia Inc. **GVN Services** Navajo Communications Co., Inc. N C C Systems, Inc. Newco West Holdings LLC Ogden Telephone Company Phone Trends, Inc. Rhinelander Telecommunications, LLC Rib Lake Cellular for Wisconsin RSA #3, Inc. Rib Lake Telecom, Inc. SNET America, Inc. TCI Technology & Equipment LLC The Southern New England Telephone Company Total Communications, Inc.

# EXHIBIT B

**Restructuring Term Sheet** 

#### FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION ET AL.

**RESTRUCTURING TERM SHEET** 

April 14, 2020

THIS TERM SHEET DOES NOT CONSTITUTE (NOR SHALL IT BE CONSTRUED AS) AN OFFER WITH RESPECT TO ANY SECURITIES OR A SOLICITATION OF ACCEPTANCES OR REJECTIONS AS TO ANY EXCHANGE OR PLAN OF REORGANIZATION, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT SUCH A SOLICITATION, IF ANY, SHALL BE MADE ONLY IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 4(A)(2) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 AND/OR SECTION 1145 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AND APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF SECURITIES, BANKRUPTCY, AND/OR OTHER APPLICABLE STATUTES, RULES, AND LAWS.

THIS TERM SHEET DOES NOT ADDRESS ALL MATERIAL TERMS THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH ANY POTENTIAL RESTRUCTURING AND ANY AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT TO THE EXECUTION OF DEFINITIVE DOCUMENTATION CONSISTENT WITH THIS TERM SHEET AND OTHERWISE REASONABLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE REQUIRED CONSENTING NOTEHOLDERS AND THE COMPANY PARTIES (EACH AS DEFINED HEREIN) IN THE MANNER SET FORTH IN THE RSA. THIS TERM SHEET HAS BEEN PRODUCED FOR DISCUSSION AND SETTLEMENT PURPOSES ONLY AND IS SUBJECT TO RULE 408 OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF EVIDENCE AND OTHER SIMILAR APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL STATUTES, RULES, AND LAWS. THIS TERM SHEET AND THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN ARE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND SHALL NOT BE SHARED WITH ANY OTHER PARTY WITHOUT THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE COMPANY PARTIES AND THE REQUIRED CONSENTING NOTEHOLDERS.

This Term Sheet (including the annexes attached hereto, this "Term Sheet") sets forth the principal terms of a financial restructuring (the "Restructuring") of the existing debt of, existing equity interests in, and certain other obligations of Frontier Communications Corporation ("Frontier") and certain of its direct and indirect subsidiaries<sup>1</sup> (collectively with Frontier, the "Company Parties" or "Debtors"), through a pre-negotiated plan of reorganization (the "Plan") to be filed by the Company Parties after commencing cases (the "Chapter 11 Cases") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Bankruptcy Court") under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").<sup>2</sup> Following the occurrence of the Plan effective date (the "Plan Effective Date"), Frontier (or an entity formed to indirectly acquire substantially all of the assets and/or stock of the Debtors as may be contemplated by the Restructuring) shall be referred to herein as "Reorganized Frontier". This Term Sheet is for discussion purposes only, and is non-binding, and is not an express or implied offer with regard to the transactions described herein, and does not include all of the terms or conditions relating to such transactions. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the terms contained herein are subject to, among other things, completion of due diligence and requisite internal approvals. Any agreements with respect to the matters discussed herein shall be subject in all respects to the negotiation and execution of definitive documentation, including, without limitation, a restructuring support agreement (the "RSA") among the Debtors and certain holders of unsecured notes (the "Consenting Noteholders") issued by Frontier (the "Senior Notes") including members of the (a) ad hoc group represented by Milbank LLP and Houlihan Lokey Capital, Inc. and (b) ad hoc group represented by Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP and Ducera Partners LLC ((a) and (b), the "Noteholder Committees"). Nothing herein shall constitute or be construed as an admission of any fact or liability, and each statement contained herein is made without prejudice, solely for settlement purposes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Applicable Debtors to be mutually agreed by Frontier and the Required Consenting Noteholders.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined or referenced herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms as set forth in the RSA.

	OVERVIEW	
Implementation	No earlier than April 12, 2020 and no later than April 15, 2020, the Debtors will have commenced the Chapter 11 Cases. Subject to the terms and conditions of the RSA (which shall include additional milestones, consent rights, and conditions not set forth in this Term Sheet), the Restructuring will be structured, implemented, and accomplished through the Plan and other definitive documentation to be consistent with this Term Sheet and otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders <sup>3</sup> ; <i>provided, however</i> , that the Company Parties shall not be required to file a motion to assume for the RSA to be effectuated on or after the commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases. No later than 120 calendar days after the Petition Date, the company Parties shall obtain confirmation of the Plan, which shall, for the avoidance of doubt, be on terms consistent with the RSA and this Term Sheet.	
Required Support	<ul> <li>The effectiveness of the RSA shall occur upon execution of the RSA by the following parties (such date, the "<u>RSA Effective Date</u>"):</li> <li>holders of at least sixty-six and two-thirds (66.67) percent of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Senior Notes; and</li> <li>the Company Parties.</li> </ul>	
Т	TREATMENT OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS <sup>4</sup>	
Revolving Credit Facility <sup>5</sup>	<ul> <li>To the extent not already satisfied in full during the Chapter 11 Cases from the proceeds of the DIP Facility (as defined herein), paid in full on the Plan Effective Date.</li> <li>To receive cash interest at non-default rate during the Chapter 11 Cases until repayment of the Revolving Credit Facility (as</li> </ul>	

<sup>3</sup> "<u>Required Consenting Noteholders</u>" means, as of the relevant date, the Consenting Noteholders holding greater than 50.1% of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Senior Notes that are subject to the RSA.

<sup>4</sup> Wherever more than one potential treatment for a class of claims is contemplated (*e.g.*, Revolving Credit Facility, 1L Term Loan, 1L Notes, 2L Notes), the Debtors' election of specific treatment for claims (including any election to satisfy such claims prior to the Plan Effective Date) to be subject to the reasonable consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders. Any adequate protection to be consistent with this Term Sheet and otherwise reasonable and customary and subject to the reasonable consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders.

For the avoidance of doubt, in the event that treatment of a class of claims contemplates payment of cash interest at the non-default rate during the Chapter 11 Cases until repayment thereunder and/or no make whole, and the Company Parties are subject to litigation, threatened litigation, or otherwise as a result of such treatment, the RSA may not be terminated with respect to the Company Parties by the Required Consenting Noteholders on account of such litigation, threatened litigation, or otherwise; *provided*, that the RSA may be terminated with respect to the Company Parties by the Required Consenting Noteholders if the Company Parties (a) take any position in any such litigation, threatened litigation, or other dispute that is materially inconsistent with this Term Sheet or (b) enter into any settlement of any such litigation, threatened litigation, or other dispute that is not reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders.

Further, for the avoidance of doubt, although the RSA will require the Consenting Noteholders to support the treatments specified herein (including voting for the Plan when properly solicited) in their capacities as holders of Senior Notes, nothing shall preclude a Consenting Noteholder from asserting any rights in its capacity as a holder of other claims against or interests in the Company Parties.

<sup>5</sup> If, prior to the commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Company Parties agree to a proposed treatment for the holders of Revolving Credit Facility Claims that differs from the treatment stated in this Term Sheet, any Consenting Noteholder that objects to such treatment shall have the right, within 24 hours of notice by the professionals representing the Company Parties to the professionals representing the Noteholder Committees, to withdraw its executed signature page to the RSA.

	applicable).
1L Term Loan <sup>6</sup>	To the extent not already satisfied in full during the Chapter 11 Cases from the proceeds of the DIP Facility, paid in full on the Plan Effective Date or, solely in the event the Company Parties cannot procure financing on terms acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders to repay the 1L Term Loan in full, reinstated pursuant to section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code on the Plan Effective Date.
	• To receive cash interest at non-default rate during the Chapter 11 Cases until repayment or reinstatement of the 1L Term Loan (as applicable); no make whole.
1L Notes <sup>7</sup>	To the extent not already satisfied in full during the Chapter 11 Cases from the proceeds of the DIP Facility, paid in full on the Plan Effective Date or, solely in the event the Company Parties cannot procure financing on terms acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders to repay the 1L Notes in full, reinstated pursuant to section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code on the Plan Effective Date.
	• To receive cash interest at non-default rate during the Chapter 11 Cases until repayment or reinstatement of the 1L Notes (as applicable); no make whole.
2L Notes	To the extent not already satisfied in full during the Chapter 11 Cases from the proceeds of the DIP Facility, paid in full on the Plan Effective Date or, solely in the event the Company Parties cannot procure financing on terms acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders to repay the 2L Notes in full, reinstated pursuant to section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code on the Plan Effective Date.
	• The Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders shall mutually agree to one of the following forms of treatment:
	• to receive cash interest at non-default rate during the Chapter 11 Cases until repayment or reinstatement of the 2L Notes (as applicable); no make whole; or
	<ul> <li>no cash interest payments during the Chapter 11 Cases; to receive accrued non-default rate interest on the Plan Effective Date; no make whole.</li> </ul>
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> If, prior to the commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Company Parties agree to a proposed treatment for the holders of 1L Term Loan Claims that differs from the treatment stated in this Term Sheet, any Consenting Noteholder that objects to such treatment shall have the right, within 24 hours of notice by the professionals representing the Company Parties to the professionals representing the Noteholder Committees, to withdraw its executed signature page to the RSA.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> If, prior to the commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases, the Company Parties agree to a proposed treatment for the holders of 1L Notes Claims that differs from the treatment stated in this Term Sheet, any Consenting Noteholder that objects to such treatment shall have the right, within 24 hours of notice by the professionals representing the Company Parties to the professionals representing the Noteholder Committees, to withdraw its executed signature page to the RSA.

Senior Notes <sup>8</sup>	<ul> <li>On or as soon as reasonably practicable following the Plan Effective Date, each holder of Senior Notes will receive its pro rata share of:</li> <li>100% of the common equity of Reorganized Frontier (the "<u>New Common Stock</u>"), subject to dilution by the Management Incentive Plan (as defined below);</li> <li>The Takeback Debt (as defined below); and</li> <li>Any Surplus Cash remaining after payments of the Incremental Payments as contemplated hereunder.<sup>9</sup></li> </ul>
Subsidiary Secured Notes	<ul> <li>Reinstated pursuant to section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code on or as soon as reasonably practicable following the Plan Effective Date.</li> <li>To receive cash interest at non-default rate during the Chapter 11 Cases.</li> </ul>
Subsidiary Unsecured Notes	<ul> <li>Reinstated pursuant to section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code on or as soon as reasonably practicable following the Plan Effective Date.</li> <li>To receive cash interest at non-default rate during the Chapter 11 Cases.</li> </ul>
Trade Claims/Other Unsecured Claims (other than Parent Litigation Claims)	<ul> <li>To the extent not already satisfied during the Chapter 11 Cases, on or as soon as reasonably practicable following the Plan Effective Date, each holder of a Trade Claim or other unsecured claim (other than Parent Litigation Claims), if applicable, that is not a Senior Notes Claim or Subsidiary Unsecured Notes Claim will receive: <ul> <li>payment in full in cash;</li> <li>reinstatement pursuant to section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code; or</li> <li>such other treatment rendering such Trade Claim/Other Unsecured Claim unimpaired, in each case set forth above, as reasonably acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Parent Litigation Claims	Unimpaired, <i>provided</i> that litigation-related claims against Frontier that would be subject to the automatic stay (except those subject to the police and regulatory

<sup>8</sup> Confirmation order to provide that, for determining distributions of New Common Stock, Takeback Debt, and Surplus Cash, the allowed amount of Senior Notes Claims shall be reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis by the amount of Incremental Payments that are to be made on account of each series of Senior Notes on the Plan Effective Date.

<sup>9</sup> "Surplus Cash" means the amount of unrestricted balance sheet cash in excess of \$150 million on the Plan Effective Date as projected 30 days prior to the anticipated Plan Effective Date (in each case, estimated and calculated in a manner reasonably acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders, including in respect of available net after-tax cash proceeds from the PNW Sale (as defined below) and less any deferred pension contribution payments, and any interest associated therewith, of the Company Parties under the CARES Act or applicable IRS/PBGC waiver, potential costs related to regulatory settlements, and other restructuring related payments due on the Plan Effective Date, including any required repayments of debt and the Incremental Payments (as defined below)); *provided*, the Company Parties shall use commercially reasonable best efforts to raise an \$850 million Exit Facility (including seeking proposals from Consenting Noteholders), to be comprised of a revolving credit facility and/or other funded instrument, with any such proceeds expressly excluded from Surplus Cash; *provided*, *further*, that to the extent the Exit Facility commitment is below \$850 million, the amount of Surplus Cash shall be reduced in an amount equal to the difference between \$850 million and the actual Exit Facility commitment. Further, for the avoidance of doubt, the Exit Facilities (as defined herein) shall remain undrawn as of the Plan Effective Date (excluding any required LCs).

	exception) (the " <u>Parent Litigation Claims</u> ") will be allowed in an amount that does not exceed existing insurance coverage plus \$25 million. In the event the foregoing condition is not satisfied, treatment of Parent Litigation Claims to be acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders. During the Chapter 11 Cases, the Required Consenting Noteholders shall have consultation rights with respect to the settlement, disposition, and/or resolution of any material Parent Litigation Claims. For the avoidance of doubt, the Parent Litigation Claims shall not include any litigation-related claims against any of Frontier's direct or indirect subsidiaries.
Administrative, Priority Tax, Other Priority Claims, or Other Secured Claims	On or as soon as reasonably practicable following the Plan Effective Date, each holder of an Administrative, Priority Tax, Other Priority, or Other Secured Claim will receive: • payment in full in cash;
	• reinstatement pursuant to section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code;
	<ul> <li>delivery of the collateral securing any such secured claim and payment of any interest required under section 506(b) of the Bankruptcy Code; or</li> </ul>
	• such other treatment rendering such Administrative, Priority Tax, Other Priority, or Other Secured Claim unimpaired.
Intercompany Claims	On the Plan Effective Date, all Intercompany Claims shall be, at the option of Reorganized Frontier, either (a) reinstated or (b) cancelled without any distribution on account of such interests.
Existing Equity Interests in Frontier	No recovery.
	OTHER KEY TERMS
Incremental Payments	Subject to the occurrence of the RSA Effective Date and acceptance of the Plan by the Senior Notes class, Frontier will make a cash payment on the Plan Effective Date (to the extent of available Excess Cash <sup>10</sup> ) to each holder of Senior Notes (the " <u>Incremental Payments</u> "). The Incremental Payments allocable to each holder of each series of Senior Notes shall be based on each such series's pro rata share of the Incremental Payment Amount (as defined below). " <u>Incremental Payment Amount</u> " means, with respect to each series of Senior Notes, (a) if the amount of Excess Cash is equal to or greater than the sum of all Series Accrued Amounts, the Series Accrued Amount for such series, (b) if the amount of Excess Cash is less than the sum of all Series Accrued Amounts but greater than zero, an amount equal to Excess Cash multiplied by the Series

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> "Excess Cash" means the amount of unrestricted balance sheet cash in excess of \$150 million on the Plan Effective Date as projected 30 days prior to the anticipated Plan Effective Date (in each case, estimated and calculated in a manner reasonably acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders, including in respect of available net after-tax cash proceeds from the PNW Sale (as defined below) and less any deferred pension contribution payments, and any interest associated therewith, of the Company Parties under the CARES Act or applicable IRS/PBGC waiver, potential costs related to regulatory settlements, and other restructuring related payments due on the Plan Effective Date, including any required repayments of debt but excluding the Incremental Payments). For the avoidance of doubt, any Incremental Payments will be made from Excess Cash first prior to the determination of, and distribution of, any Surplus Cash. Further, for the avoidance of doubt, the Exit Facilities shall remain undrawn as of the Plan Effective Date (excluding any required LCs).

	Ratable Share for such series, or (c) if Excess Cash is zero, zero.
	" <u>Series Accrued Amount</u> " means, with respect to any series of Senior Notes, the Series Accrued Amount specified on <u>Annex 2</u> with respect to such series of Senior Notes.
	" <u>Series Ratable Share</u> " means, with respect to any series of Senior Notes, the Series Ratable Share specified on <u>Annex 2</u> with respect to such series of Senior Notes.
	Payment of the Incremental Payments shall be made to every holder of each series of Senior Notes in respect of the portion of the Series Accrued Amounts related to such holder's holdings in such series of Senior Notes. For the avoidance of doubt, for purposes of determining distributions of New Common Stock, Takeback Debt, and Surplus Cash, the allowed amount of Senior Notes Claims shall be reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis by the amount of Incremental Payments that are to be made on the Plan Effective Date.
DIP Facility	The Debtors will use commercially reasonable best efforts to obtain commitments on the best available terms for a superpriority secured debtor-in- possession financing facility, with an option for conversion into an Exit Facility (as defined below) on the Plan Effective Date, on terms and conditions (including as to principal amount), in each case, reasonably acceptable to the Company Parties and reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders. The proceeds of all or a portion of the DIP Facility may be used to repay some or all of the Debtors' existing secured debt ( <i>i.e.</i> , the Revolving Credit Facility, the 1L Term Loan, the 1L Notes, and the 2L Notes). To the extent not converted into an Exit Facility, DIP Claims will be paid in cash on the Plan Effective Date.
Exit Facilities	The Debtors will use commercially reasonable best efforts to obtain commitments on the best available terms for one or more third-party debt facilities to be entered into on the Plan Effective Date (the " <u>Exit Facilities</u> "). The Exit Facilities shall be in an amount reasonably sufficient to facilitate Plan distributions and ensure incremental liquidity on the Plan Effective Date, and will otherwise be on terms and conditions (including as to amount) reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders.
	(excluding any required LCs).
Takeback Debt	One or more of the reorganized Debtors will issue takeback debt (the " <u>Takeback</u> <u>Debt</u> "), solely for the purpose of distribution to each holder of Senior Notes pursuant to the Plan. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders, the terms of such Takeback Debt shall include:
	• Principal amount: \$750 million, subject to downward adjustment by Consenting Noteholders holding at least 66 2/3% of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Senior Notes that are subject to the RSA (the " <u>Determining Noteholders</u> "), with such determination to be made no later than 30 days before the occurrence of the Plan Effective Date.
	• Interest rate: (i) no more than 250 basis points higher than the interest

	<ul> <li>rate of the next most junior secured debt facility to be entered into on the Plan Effective Date if the Takeback Debt is secured on a third lien basis or (ii) no more than 350 basis points higher than the interest rate of the most junior secured debt facility to be entered into on the Plan Effective Date if the Takeback Debt is unsecured.</li> <li>Maturity: No less than one year outside of the longest-dated debt facility to be entered into on the Plan Effective Date, subject to an outside maturity date of 8 years from the Plan Effective Date.</li> <li>Security: (i) to the extent the 2L Notes are reinstated under the Plan, the Takeback Debt will be third lien debt, or (ii) to the extent the 2L Notes are paid in full in cash during the pendency of the Chapter 11 Cases or under the Plan, the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders will agree on whether the Takeback Debt will be secured or unsecured within 3 business days of the Debtors' delivery to the Consenting Noteholders of a term sheet for financing to repay the 2L Notes are refinanced on substantially similar terms; <i>provided</i>, <i>further</i>, that in the event the Takeback Debt is third lien debt, a standard intercreditor agreement shall be executed and delivered by the relevant parties in conjunction with the execution and delivered by the relevant parties in conjunction with the execution and delivered by the relevant parties in conjunction with the Required Consenting Noteholders.</li> <li>Additional Terms:</li> </ul>
	• All other terms including, without limitation, covenants and governance, shall be reasonably acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders; <i>provided</i> that in no event shall such terms be more restrictive than those in the indenture for the 2L Notes.
	• Any terms may be modified subject to consent by the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders; <i>provided</i> , that as noted above, downward adjustment of principal amount shall require consent of the Company Parties and the Determining Noteholders.
	• The Takeback Debt may be replaced with cash proceeds of third-party market financing that becomes available prior to the Plan Effective Date; <i>provided</i> that the third-party market financing shall contain terms no worse than those contemplated for the Takeback Debt.
Pension/OPEB	The Company Parties and the Consenting Noteholders shall confer regarding potential cost savings and concessions under the Company Parties' pension/OPEB plans and determine in good faith whether to pursue further concessions; <i>provided</i> , that from and after the RSA Effective Date, the Finance Committee of the Board, in consultation with the Required Consenting Noteholders, shall be charged with overseeing and making decisions on behalf of the Company Parties with respect to any negotiations regarding the "freeze"

	of the Company Parties' pension/OPEB plans.
Business Plan	The Restructuring contemplates the development and implementation of a business plan for Reorganized Frontier that is consistent with this Term Sheet and otherwise acceptable to the Company Parties and reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders.
	The Debtors shall solicit a Disclosure Statement containing go-forward financial projections for: (a) the Debtors' "base case" business plan; (b) the Debtors' "reinvestment" sensitivity case; and (c) an alternative "reinvestment" sensitivity case that will be delivered to the Consenting Noteholders by the RSA Effective Date. The contents of the Disclosure Statement shall provide appropriate disclosures regarding the preparatory work for each business plan and scenario and otherwise be reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders; <i>provided</i> , that the Debtors shall bear no obligation to attest to the Debtors' management team's view of reasonableness for either sensitivity case if sufficient preparatory work has not been conducted as of the date on which the Disclosure Statement is filed.
	The analyses contained in the Debtors' "reinvestment" sensitivity case shall be premised on the following:
	• Material de-leveraging of the balance sheet;
	• Modernization of network, systems and operations, and improved quality of service for consumer, commercial and wholesale customers;
	• Reinvestment of capital into fiber expansion and FTTx upgrades with IRR profiles that are viewed as acceptable to Company Parties; and
	• Opportunistic participation in next generation of government subsidies for rural broadband (" <u>RDOF</u> " program).
	The Debtors will use commercially reasonable efforts to provide a detailed report within 120 days of the RSA Effective Date on the following:
	• Specific initiatives for modernization and improved quality of service; and
	• A plan for participation in the upcoming RDOF auction including the following:
	<ul> <li>technology plan;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>building strategy to maximize success at the accretive returns; and</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>assessment of potential sensitivities around different return requirement thresholds.</li> </ul>
	The Debtors will use commercially reasonable efforts to provide by January 31, 2021 the following:
	• New budgetary plan, which shall be developed in consideration of the foregoing materials, including, but not limited to, as appropriate, information derived from results of upcoming RDOF auction and concepts of investment underlying Virtual Separation (as defined

	below); and
	<ul> <li>Capital spending into fiber expansion and FTTx upgrades within the network.</li> </ul>
	The Debtors will use commercially reasonable best efforts to provide a detailed report by no later than the Plan Effective Date detailing analysis and development of the following:
	• a virtual separation under the same ownership structure of select state operations where the reorganized Debtors will conduct fiber deployments (" <u>InvestCo</u> ") from those state operations where the reorganized Debtors will perform broadband upgrades and operational improvements (" <u>ImproveCo</u> "), with such allocation of state operations to be reasonably acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders (the " <u>Virtual Separation</u> "), such that the Reorganized Frontier Board (as defined below) may, at its determination, adopt and implement the Virtual Separation at any time on or after the Plan Effective Date; and
	• an internal revenue and cost sharing model based around the Virtual Separation. <sup>11</sup>
	The Debtors will use commercially reasonable efforts to deliver by no later than the applicable date specified below, on a one-time basis, based on available analytics, each of the following:
	<ul> <li>no later than 3 business days after the RSA Effective Date, the Debtors' "base case" business plan; and</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>no later than 10 business days after the RSA Effective Date, (a) the Debtors' "reinvestment" sensitivity case and (b) an alternative "reinvestment" sensitivity case for the reorganized Debtors in a form consistent with the analysis underlying the Virtual Separation, and otherwise reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders; <i>provided</i>, <i>however</i>, the Company Parties shall not be bound by how the ImproveCo and InvestCo clusters are defined in these cases, as all parties recognize that the composition of these clusters may change from time to time as part of the Virtual Separation evaluation process.</li> </ul>
	Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, any materials that constitute material, non-public information shall only be delivered to the Consenting Noteholders' advisors and the Company Parties will not have an obligation to disclose any such materials to any Consenting Noteholders unless the Company Parties and such Consenting Noteholders have entered into a mutually acceptable confidentiality agreement with respect to such information.
Pre-Effective Date Implementation	Upon the RSA Effective Date, the finance committee of Frontier's Board (the " <u>Finance Committee</u> ") will oversee certain initiatives and decisions during the period from the RSA Effective Date until the Plan Effective Date, including

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Within 14 days after the RSA Effective Date, the advisors to the Company Parties will provide to the advisors to the Consenting Noteholders (on a professionals' eyes only basis) a detailed timeline with respect to the Virtual Separation and will provide updates to the advisors to the Consenting Noteholders (on a professionals' eyes only basis) not less frequently than monthly as to progress with respect to the Company Parties' efforts in connection therewith.

the following:
• Management evaluation and selection process for the reorganized Debtors with respect to certain key management positions.
• Evaluation and oversight of any material asset sale proposals and implementation of any asset sales, if any (including selection of the M&A financial advisor with respect thereto, if applicable).
• Material strategic decisions relating to the restructuring.
• The Debtors' use of commercially reasonable best efforts to analyze and develop a detailed report regarding Virtual Separation by no later than the Plan Effective Date in accordance with this Term Sheet.
Upon the RSA Effective Date, and until the earlier of (a) the Plan Effective Date and (b) the date on which the RSA is terminated in accordance with its terms, the Consenting Noteholders shall be entitled to designate two observers to Frontier's Board (and the Finance Committee) that are reasonably acceptable to Frontier's Board (who shall be "independent" within the meaning of the rules of any stock exchange on which the shares of Frontier are listed (or if not so listed, would qualify under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange)): one observer to be appointed by the Consenting Noteholders represented by Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP and Ducera Partners LLC and one observer to be appointed by the Consenting Noteholders represented by Milbank LLP and Houlihan Lokey Capital, Inc.
Such board observer rights shall permit the observers' active and regular participation in Board (and Finance Committee) discussions and deliberations; <i>provided, that</i> , any such participation shall be subject to agreements reasonably acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders that preserve confidentiality and privilege of such discussions and deliberations. Each observer shall be paid a reasonable and customary fee and reimbursed for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.
The Company Parties shall consult with the Consenting Noteholders with respect to certain Specified Material Actions. <sup>12</sup> The Company Parties shall not take action with respect to the Specified Material Actions absent reasonable consent from the Required Consenting Noteholders.
Promptly following the RSA Effective Date, the Finance Committee, together with one designee to be appointed by the Consenting Noteholders represented by Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP and Ducera Partners LLC and one designee to be appointed by the Consenting Noteholders represented by Milbank LLP and Houlihan Lokey Capital, Inc. (such designees, the " <u>Management Selection Designees</u> ") shall commence and oversee a management selection process for the reorganized Debtors with respect to certain key management positions. The identity and compensation of any person that is proposed to be retained for, appointed to or hired for a key management position (effective either before or upon the Plan Effective Date), including any person occupying a management role on or after the RSA Effective Date, but before the Plan Effective Date who is proposed to retain such position or be appointed to a different senior management position shall be reasonably acceptable to the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> "<u>Specified Material Actions</u>" to be mutually agreed by Frontier and the Required Consenting Noteholders prior to the RSA Effective Date.

	Management Selection Designees and reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders.
New Board of Directors	The board of directors of Reorganized Frontier (the " <u>Reorganized Frontier</u> <u>Board</u> ") shall consist of directors, the number and identities of which shall be determined by the Required Consenting Noteholders.
Key Employee Incentive / Retention Plans	During the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors shall implement a key employee incentive plan and key employee retention plan for certain employees, in amounts, allocations, and subject to customary terms, conditions, documentation and metrics, in each case, that are reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders.
Management Incentive Plan	On the Plan Effective Date, the reorganized Debtors will reserve a pool of 6% (on a fully diluted basis) of the New Common Stock (the " <u>Management Incentive Plan Pool</u> ") for a post-emergence management incentive plan for management employees of the reorganized Debtors, which will contain terms and conditions (including, without limitation, with respect to participants, form, allocation, structure, duration and timing and extent of issuance and vesting), in each case, as determined at the discretion of the Reorganized Frontier Board after the Plan Effective Date; <i>provided</i> , that up to 50% of the Management Incentive Plan Pool may be allocated prior to the Plan Effective Date as emergence grants (" <u>Emergence Awards</u> ") to individuals selected to serve in key senior management positions after the Plan Effective Date (as and when such individuals are selected as contemplated by and subject to the consent rights specified in this Term Sheet); <i>provided</i> , <i>further</i> , that the Emergence Awards will have terms and conditions (including, without limitation, with respect to form, allocation, structure, duration, timing and extent of issuance and vesting) that are acceptable to the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders. For the avoidance of doubt, the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders shall work jointly in good faith to effectuate the intent of the foregoing.
Asset Sales	<ul> <li>The Debtors shall use commercially reasonable efforts to evaluate potential sales of assets during the Chapter 11 Cases (in certain specified markets and other markets as may be identified) and, as appropriate, prepare for and commence a marketing process for and, if applicable and approved by the Required Consenting Noteholders, consummate such potential sales of assets.</li> <li>The Finance Committee shall oversee any such asset sale process.</li> <li>Any material asset sales to be subject to monitoring by and reasonable consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders, including with respect to any such sale</li> </ul>
PNW Sale	process. The Debtors will promptly file a motion after the Petition Date to assume the Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 28, 2019, among Frontier, Frontier Communications ILEC Holdings LLC, and Northwest Fiber, LLC, as amended, amended and restated, or otherwise modified from time to time, and close the sale (the " <u>PNW Sale</u> ") as soon as reasonably practicable. Any extension or material amendment of the Purchase Agreement shall be on terms reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders.

Noteholder	The Debtors shall make certain additional reporting (including key performance
Reporting	indicators to be agreed) available to Noteholders during the course of the
	Chapter 11 Cases pursuant to mutually agreed upon procedures.
Structure/Tax	The Debtors and the Consenting Noteholders will cooperate in good faith to structure the Restructuring as a "Bruno's transaction" pursuant to which Frontier sells substantially all the assets and/or stock of the Debtors in a taxable transaction to an indirect subsidiary of Reorganized Frontier; <i>provided</i> , <i>however</i> , that if the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders determine that an alternative structure would be more value maximizing than such a "Bruno's transaction," then the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders will cooperate in good faith to implement such alternative structure in the Restructuring. The Debtors shall use commercially reasonable efforts to analyze additional asset-level information and, as appropriate, evaluate potential alternative value-maximizing structures, including REIT structures.
Regulatory	The Debtors will use commercially reasonable efforts to, (i) as soon as reasonably practicable, commence any required regulatory approval processes, (ii) evaluate the path to approval by jurisdiction including a cost/benefit analysis of any conditions of approval, (iii) secure approval from the FCC, PUCs, and other applicable regulatory bodies, and (iv) provide progress reports to the Required Consenting Noteholders' advisors with respect to regulatory approval processes.
Reorganized Frontier New Common Stock	As determined by the Required Consenting Noteholders and the Debtors prior to the Plan Effective Date, upon emergence from the Chapter 11 Cases, the New Common Stock may be listed on a recognized U.S. stock exchange. In the event the Required Consenting Noteholders and the Debtors determine that the New Common Stock should be listed on a recognized U.S. stock exchange, Reorganized Frontier shall use commercially reasonable efforts to have the New Common Stock listed on a recognized U.S. stock exchange as promptly as reasonably practicable on or after the Plan Effective Date, and prior to any such listing to use commercially reasonable efforts to qualify its shares for trading in the pink sheets.
	MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS
Conditions Precedent to Consummation of the Restructuring	<ul> <li>The occurrence of the Plan Effective Date shall be subject to the following conditions precedent:</li> <li>The Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the order confirming the Plan (the "<u>Confirmation Order</u>"), and such Confirmation Order shall be a Final Order and in full force and effect;</li> <li>Reorganized Frontier's New Common Stock shall have been issued;</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The Plan Supplement, including any amendments, modifications, or supplements to the documents, schedules, or exhibits included therein shall have been filed with the Bankruptcy Court;</li> <li>Any and all requisite regulatory approvals, and any other authorizations, consents, rulings, or documents required to implement and effectuate the Plan shall have been obtained;</li> <li>Payment of all professional fees and other amounts contemplated to be paid under the RSA and the Plan;</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>The Debtors shall have used commercially reasonable best efforts to analyze and develop a detailed report regarding Virtual Separation; and</li> <li>Such other conditions as mutually agreed by the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders.</li> </ul>
Releases and Exculpation	The releases to be included in the Plan will be consistent with those set forth in <u>Annex 1</u> to this Term Sheet. <sup>13</sup>
Fiduciary Out	Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, nothing in this Term Sheet or any of the Definitive Documents shall require the Company Parties, nor any of the Company Parties' directors, managers, or officers, to take or refrain from taking any action to the extent such person or persons determines based on advice of counsel that taking such action, or refraining from taking such action, as applicable, would be inconsistent with applicable law or its fiduciary obligations under applicable law; <i>provided</i> , that the Company Parties shall be required to notify the Consenting Noteholders promptly in the event of any such determination, in which case the Consenting Noteholders will have a termination right.
	The Definitive Documents shall provide that such agreements or undertakings, as applicable, shall be terminable by the Company Parties and the Consenting Noteholders where any Company Parties' board of directors or similar governing body, determines in good faith and upon the advice of counsel that continued performance would be inconsistent with its fiduciary duties under applicable law.
Corporate Governance Documents	In connection with the Plan Effective Date, and consistent with section 1123(a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code, Reorganized Frontier shall adopt customary corporate governance documents, including amended and restated certificates of incorporation, bylaws, and shareholders' agreements in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Company Parties and the Required Consenting Noteholders. Such governance documents shall contain indemnification provisions no less favorable than those contained in the existing governance documents of the Company Parties.
Director, Officer, Manager, and Employee Insurance	On the Plan Effective Date, the applicable Debtors shall be deemed to have assumed all unexpired directors', managers', and officers' liability insurance policies.
Exemption from SEC Registration	The issuance of all securities in connection with the Plan will be exempt to the extent permitted under section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code and otherwise pursuant to Section $4(a)(2)$ of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
Indemnification of Prepetition Directors, Officers, Managers, <i>et al</i> .	Under the Restructuring, all indemnification provisions currently in place (whether in the by-laws, certificates of incorporation or formation, limited liability company agreements, other organizational documents, board resolutions, indemnification agreements, employment contracts, or otherwise) for the current and former directors, officers, managers, employees, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, and other professionals of the Company Parties, as applicable, shall be assumed and survive the effectiveness of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Defined terms used but not otherwise defined in <u>Annex 1</u> to this Term Sheet shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms in the RSA.

	Restructuring.
Plan Supplement	The following documents shall be filed by the Debtors no later than 7 days before the Confirmation hearing or such later date as may be approved by the Bankruptcy Court on notice to parties in interest, and additional documents prior to the Plan Effective Date as amendments, including the following, as applicable:
	(a) the form of certificate or articles of incorporation, bylaws, or such other applicable formation documents (if any) of Reorganized Frontier or any other reorganized Debtor, as applicable; (b) to the extent known, the identity and members of the Reorganized Frontier Board; (c) the Rejected Executory Contracts and Unexpired Lease List (if applicable); (d) the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action; (e) the Exit Facility Documents; (f) the Restructuring Transactions Memorandum; (g) as applicable, and consistent with the consent rights in this Term Sheet, documentation relating to the Emergence Awards, and (h) any additional documents necessary to effectuate the Plan.
Restructuring Fees and Expenses	The Company Parties shall pay all accrued and future fees and expenses of the Noteholder Committees in connection with the Restructuring, including the reasonable and documented fees and disbursements of (a) Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, (b) Milbank LLP, (c) Ducera Partners LLC, (d) Houlihan Lokey Capital, Inc., (e) Altman Vilandrie & Company, and (f) October Three, in their capacities as counsel, financial advisors, and consultants, as applicable, and any other professionals retained by the Noteholder Committees in connection with the Restructuring, as set forth in the RSA; provided, that, the Company Parties shall not be obligated to pay any fees and expenses incurred by the Consenting Noteholders incurred after the Plan Effective Date. For the avoidance of doubt, all accrued fees and expenses for the Noteholder Committees shall be paid upon the RSA Effective Date. The Company Parties shall use commercially reasonable best efforts to obtain court approval for such payment promptly after commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases. <sup>14</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, all "Transaction Fees" (as defined in the applicable engagement letters) to be deemed fully earned upon execution of the RSA and to be paid in full by no later than consummation of the Plan (and if a portion of such fee is payable on an earlier date pursuant to the applicable engagement letter, on such earlier date to the extent then payable, in each case, with any support condition to be deemed satisfied upon execution of the RSA). Upon the occurrence of the RSA Effective Date, the Company Parties will provide agreed advance payment retainers to the advisors to the Noteholder Committees.

# Annex 1

# **Proposed Plan Releases and Exculpation Provisions**

Definitions	The following terms shall have the following definitions for purposes of this <u>Annex 1</u> :
	• " <u>Affiliate</u> " shall have the meaning set forth in section 101(2) of the Bankruptcy Code.
	• " <u>Avoidance Actions</u> " means any and all actual or potential avoidance, recovery, subordination, or other Causes of Action or remedies that may be brought by or on behalf of the Debtors or their estates or other parties in interest under the Bankruptcy Code or applicable non bankruptcy law, including Causes of Action or remedies under sections 502, 510, 542, 544, 545, 547–553, and 724(a) of the Bankruptcy Code or under other similar or related local, state, federal, or foreign statutes and common law, including fraudulent transfer laws.
	<ul> <li>"<u>Causes of Action</u>" any action, Claim, damage, judgment, cause of action, controversy, demand, right, action, suit, obligation, liability, debt, account, defense, offset, power, privilege, license, Lien, indemnity, guaranty or franchise of any kind or character whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, contingent or non-contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, secured or unsecured, assertable directly or derivatively, matured or unmatured, suspected or unsuspected, in contract or in tort, at law or in equity, or pursuant to any other theory of law or otherwise. For the avoidance of doubt, "Causes of Action" include: (a) any right of setoff, counterclaim, or recoupment and any claim arising from any contract or for breach of duties imposed by law or in equity; (b) any claim based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, tort, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, violation of local, state, federal, or foreign law, or breach of any duty imposed by law or in equity, including securities laws, negligence, and gross negligence; (c) any right to object to or otherwise contest Claims or Equity Interests; (d) any claim pursuant to sections 362 or chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code; (e) any claim or defense, including fraud, mistake, duress, usury, and any other defenses set forth in section 558 of the Bankruptcy Code; and (e) any Avoidance Action.</li> </ul>
	• " <u>Entity</u> " shall have the meaning set forth in section 101(15) of the Bankruptcy Code.
	• " <u>Lien</u> " shall have the meaning set forth in section 101(37) of the Bankruptcy Code.
	• " <u>Related Party</u> " means, with respect to any Entity, in each case in its capacity as such with respect to such Entity, such Entity's current and former directors, managers, officers, investment committee members, special committee members, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, managed accounts or funds, predecessors, participants, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, affiliates, partners, limited partners, general partners, principals, members, management companies, fund advisors or managers, employees, agents, trustees, advisory board members, financial advisors, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals and advisors.
	• " <u>Released Parties</u> " means, collectively, each Released Company Party and each Released Noteholder Party.
	• " <u>Releasing Parties</u> " means, collectively, each Company Releasing Party and each Noteholder Releasing Party.
Company Releasing Parties	Each of the Company Parties and each of the Company Parties on behalf of their respective current and former Affiliates and Related Parties.
Consenting Noteholder Releasing Parties	Each Consenting Noteholder, on its own behalf and on behalf of each of its Affiliates and Related Parties, in each case, solely in their respective capacities as such with respect to such Noteholder and solely to the extent such Noteholder has the authority to bind such Affiliate or Related Party in such capacity.

Released Company Parties	Collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) each Company Party; (b) each reorganized Debtor; (c) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clause (a) through the following clause (d); and (d) each Related Party of each Entity in clauses (a) through this clause (d).
Released Noteholder Parties	Collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) each Consenting Noteholder; (b) each Trustee; (c) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clause (a) through the following clause (d); and (d) each Related Party of each Entity in clauses (a) through this clause (d).
Debtor Release	Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, effective on the Plan Effective Date, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, each Released Party is hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released and discharged by each and all of the Company Releasing Parties, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of, the foregoing Entities, from any and all Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Company Releasing Parties, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, matured or unmatured, existing or hereafter arising, in law, equity, contract, tort or otherwise, that the Company Releasing Parties would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, a Company Releasing Party, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Company Parties (including the management, ownership or operation thereof), their capital structure, the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Company Parties, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Company Party and any Released Party, the Chapter 11 Cases and related adversary proceedings, the Credit Facilities, the First Lien Notes, the Second Lien Notes, the IDRB, the Senior Notes, the DIP Facility, the Exit Facility, the assertion or enforcement of rights and remedies against the Company Party and another Company Party, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of this Agreement or document, created or entered into in con
Third-Party Release	Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, effective on the Plan Effective Date, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, each Released Party is hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released and discharged by each and all of the Consenting Noteholder Releasing Parties, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Cause of Action, from any and all Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, matured or unmatured, existing or hereafter arising, in law, equity, contract, tort, or otherwise, including any derivative claims asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Company Parties, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert in its own right (whether individually or collectively or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, a Debtor or other Entity), based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Company Parties (including the management, ownership or operation thereof), their capital structure, the purchase, sale, or rescission of any security of the Company Parties, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Company and any Released Party, the Credit Facility, the assertion or enforcement of rights and remedies against the Company Parties' out-of-court restructuring efforts, intercompany transaction, negotiation, or filing of this Agreement, the Definitive Documents, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with this Agreement or the Definitive Documents, the parts and another Company Party and another Company Party, the administration and implementation of the Restructuring Transaction, or up

Exculpated Party	Collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) each of the Debtors; (b) each of the reorganized Debtors; (c) the holders of Senior Notes; (d) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clause (a) through the following clause (e); and (e) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through this clause (e).
Exculpation	Effective as of the Plan Effective Date, to the fullest extent permissible under applicable law and without affecting or limiting either the Debtor Release or the Third-Party Release, and except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur, and each Exculpated Party is released and exculpated from any Cause of Action for any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, filing, or consummation of the Restructuring Support Agreement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, any Definitive Documents, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement or the Plan, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of consummation of the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement (including, for the avoidance of doubt, providing any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Exculpated Party on the Plan or the Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion), except for Causes of Action related actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects such Entities shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Plan. The Exculpated Parties have, and upon consummation of the Plan shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with the applicable laws with regard to the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan or such distributions for the Plan.

Series of Senior Notes	Series Accrued Amount (\$) <sup>15</sup>	Series Ratable Share (%)
2020 April Notes	5,515,998.56	1.47
2020 September Notes	2,194,528.87	0.59
2021 July Notes	1,536,172.61	0.41
2021 September Notes	6,214,268.09	1.66
2022 April Notes	16,498,148.66	4.40
2022 September Notes	103,940,094.57	27.72
2023 Notes	9,135,260.60	2.44
2024 Notes	21,565,437.17	5.75
2025 January Notes	8,036,955.27	2.14
2025 September Notes	179,198,176.94	47.79
2025 November Notes	3,254,226.83	0.87
2026 Notes	8,918.58	0.002
2027 Notes	4,108,332.02	1.10
2031 Notes	6,416,686.24	1.71
2034 Notes	19,885.23	0.005
2035 Notes	1,732,462.73	0.46
2046 Notes	5,624,447.02	1.50
TOTAL	375,000,000.00	100.00

Annex 2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Amount of interest accrued but unpaid on each series of Senior Notes as of March 15, 2020, subject to an aggregate cap of \$375,000,000.00.

## EXHIBIT C

#### Form of Joinder

The undersigned ("<u>Joinder Party</u>") hereby acknowledges that it has read and understands the Restructuring Support Agreement, dated as of \_\_\_\_\_\_ (the "<u>Agreement</u>")<sup>1</sup> by and among Frontier Communications Corporation ("<u>Frontier</u>"), the other Company Parties bound thereto and the Consenting Noteholders and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions thereof to the extent the other Consenting Noteholders are thereby bound, and shall be deemed a "Consenting Noteholder" under the terms of the Agreement.

The Joinder Party specifically agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Agreement and makes all representations and warranties contained therein applicable to a Consenting Noteholder as of the date hereof and any further date specified in the Agreement.

Date Executed:

#### [CONSENTING NOTEHOLDER]

[INSERT ENTITY NAME]

Name: Title:

Address:

E-mail address(es):

Aggregate Amounts Beneficially Owned or Managed on Account of:	
2020 April Notes	
2020 September Notes	
2021 July Notes	
2021 September Notes	
2022 April Notes	
2022 September Notes	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms not used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Agreement.

2023 Notes	
2024 Notes	
2025 January Notes	
2025 September Notes	
2025 November Notes	
2026 Notes	
2027 Notes	
2031 Notes	
2034 Notes	
2035 Notes	
2046 Notes	

## EXHIBIT D

#### **Provision for Transfer Agreement**

The undersigned ("<u>Transferee</u>") hereby acknowledges that it has read and understands the Restructuring Support Agreement, dated as of \_\_\_\_\_\_ (the "<u>Agreement</u>"),<sup>1</sup> by and among Frontier Communications Corporation ("<u>Frontier</u>"), the other Company Parties bound thereto and the Consenting Noteholders, including the transferor to the Transferee of any Senior Notes Claims or Incremental Payments (collectively, the "<u>Transferred Claims</u>," and each such transferor, a "<u>Transferor</u>"), and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions thereof to the extent the Transferor was thereby bound, and shall be deemed a "Consenting Noteholder" under the terms of the Agreement.

The Transferee specifically agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Agreement and makes all representations and warranties contained therein applicable to a Consenting Noteholder as of the date of the Transfer, including the agreement to be bound by the vote of the Transferor if such vote was cast before the effectiveness of the Transfer discussed herein.

Date Executed:

## [CONSENTING NOTEHOLDER]

[INSERT ENTITY NAME]

Name: Title:

Address:

E-mail address(es):

Aggregate Amounts Beneficially Owned or Managed on A	Account of:
2020 April Notes	
2020 September Notes	
2021 July Notes	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms not used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Agreement.

2021 September Notes	
2022 April Notes	
2022 September Notes	
2023 Notes	
2024 Notes	
2025 January Notes	
2025 September Notes	
2025 November Notes	
2026 Notes	
2027 Notes	
2031 Notes	
2034 Notes	
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# EXHIBIT B

# Plan of Reorganization

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#### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, *et al.*,<sup>1</sup>

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 20-22476 (RDD)

(Jointly Administered)

#### JOINT PLAN OF REORGANIZATION OF FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION AND ITS DEBTOR AFFILIATES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 11 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

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#### THIS IS A DRAFT BEING CIRCULATED FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES ONLY. NOTHING CONTAINED HEREIN SHALL CONSTITUTE AN OFFER, ACCEPTANCE, COMMITMENT, OR LEGALLY BINDING OBLIGATION OF THE DEBTORS OR ANY OTHER PARTY IN INTEREST, AND THIS PLAN IS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT AND OTHER CUSTOMARY CONDITIONS. THIS PLAN IS NOT AN OFFER WITH RESPECT TO ANY SECURITIES.

#### YOU SHOULD NOT RELY ON THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN, OR THE TERMS OF, THIS PLAN FOR ANY PURPOSE PRIOR TO THE CONFIRMATION OF THIS PLAN BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The last four digits of Debtor Frontier Communications Corporation's tax identification number are 9596. Due to the large number of debtor entities in these chapter 11 cases, for which the Court has ordered joint administration, a complete list of the debtor entities and the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers are not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at https://cases.primeclerk.com/ftr. The location of the Debtors' service address for purposes of these chapter 11 cases is: 50 Main Street, Suite 1000, White Plains, New York 10606.

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

Frontier Communications Corporation and the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession propose this joint chapter 11 plan of reorganization. Although proposed jointly for administrative purposes, the Plan constitutes a separate chapter 11 plan for each Debtor for the resolution of outstanding Claims against and Interests in each Debtor pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code. Each Debtor is a proponent of the Plan within the meaning of section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code. The classifications and treatment of Claims and Interests set forth in Article III of this Plan apply separately with respect to each Plan proposed by each Debtor, as applicable. The Plan does not contemplate substantive consolidation of any of the Debtors.

Pursuant to section 1125(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, votes to accept or reject a chapter 11 plan cannot be solicited from holders of claims or interests entitled to vote on a chapter 11 plan until a disclosure statement has been approved by a bankruptcy court and distributed to such holders. On [\_\_\_\_], 2020, the Bankruptcy Court entered the Disclosure Statement Order, which, among other things, approved the Disclosure Statement, established procedures for voting on the Plan, and scheduled the Confirmation Hearing for [\_\_\_], 2020. Holders of Claims against and Interests in the Debtors should refer to the Disclosure Statement for a discussion of the Debtors' history, business, properties, operations, historical financial information, projections of future operations, and risk factors, as well as a summary and description of the Plan, the Restructuring Transactions that the Debtors seek to consummate on the Effective Date of the Plan, and certain related matters.

#### ARTICLE I.

### DEFINED TERMS, RULES OF INTERPRETATION, COMPUTATION OF TIME, GOVERNING LAW, AND OTHER REFERENCES

### A. Defined Terms

Capitalized terms used in this Plan have the meanings ascribed to them below.

1. *"1991 Notes Indenture"* means that certain Base Indenture, dated as of August 15, 1991, by and among Frontier, as issuer, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as successor trustee, as amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time.

2. *"2001 Notes Indenture"* means that certain Indenture, dated as of August 16, 2001, by and among Frontier, as issuer, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as successor trustee, as amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time.

3. *"2006 Notes Indenture"* means that certain Indenture, dated as of December 22, 2006, by and among Frontier, as issuer, and The Bank of New York, as trustee, as amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time.

4. *"2009 Notes Indenture"* means that certain Base Indenture, dated as of April 9, 2009, by and among Frontier, as issuer, and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee, as amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time.

5. *"2010 Notes Indenture"* means that certain Indenture, dated as of April 12, 2010, by and among New Communications Holdings Inc., as issuer, and the Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee, as amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time.

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6. *"2015 Notes Indenture"* means that certain Base Indenture, dated as of September 25, 2015, by and among Frontier, as issuer, and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee, as amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time.

7. *"2020 April Notes"* means the 8.500% unsecured notes due April 15, 2020, issued pursuant to the 2010 Notes Indenture.

8. *"2020 September Notes"* means the 8.875% unsecured notes due September 15, 2020, issued pursuant to the 2015 Notes Indenture.

9. *"2021 July Notes"* means the 9.250% unsecured notes due July 1, 2021, issued pursuant to the 2009 Notes Indenture.

10. *"2021 September Notes"* means the 6.250% unsecured notes due September 15, 2021, issued pursuant to the 2009 Notes Indenture.

11. "2022 April Notes" means the 8.750% unsecured notes due April 15, 2022, issued pursuant to the 2010 Notes Indenture.

12. "2022 September Notes" means the 10.500% unsecured notes due September 15, 2022, issued pursuant to the 2015 Notes Indenture.

13. *"2023 Notes"* means the 7.125% unsecured notes due January 15, 2023, issued pursuant to the 2009 Notes Indenture.

14. *"2024 Notes"* means the 7.625% unsecured notes due April 15, 2024, issued pursuant to the 2009 Notes Indenture.

15. *"2025 January Notes"* means the 6.875% unsecured notes due January 15, 2025, issued pursuant to the 2009 Notes Indenture.

16. "2025 November Notes" means the 7.000% unsecured debentures due November 1, 2025, issued pursuant to the 1991 Notes Indenture.

17. "2025 September Notes" means the 11.000% unsecured notes due September 15, 2025, issued pursuant to the 2015 Notes Indenture.

18. *"2026 Notes"* means the 6.800% unsecured debentures due August 15, 2026, issued pursuant to the 1991 Notes Indenture.

19. "2027 Notes" means the 7.875% unsecured notes due January 15, 2027, issued pursuant to the 2006 Notes Indenture.

20. "2031 Notes" means the 9.000% unsecured notes due August 15, 2031, issued pursuant to the 2001 Notes Indenture.

21. "2034 Notes" means the 7.680% unsecured debentures due October 1, 2034, issued pursuant to the 1991 Notes Indenture.

22. "2035 Notes" means the 7.450% unsecured debentures due July 1, 2035, issued pursuant to the 1991 Notes Indenture.

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23. "2046 Notes" means the 7.050% unsecured debentures due October 1, 2046, issued pursuant to the 1991 Notes Indenture.

24. "Administrative Claim" means a Claim against a Debtor for the costs and expenses of administration of the Chapter 11 Cases arising on or prior to the Effective Date pursuant to section 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code and entitled to priority pursuant to sections 507(a)(2), 507(b), or 1114(e)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, including: (a) the actual and necessary costs and expenses incurred on or after the Petition Date until and including the Effective Date of preserving the Estates and operating the Debtors' business and (b) Allowed Professional Fee Claims.

25. "Administrative Claims Bar Date" means the deadline for Filing requests for payment of Administrative Claims (other than requests for payment of Administrative Claims arising under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code), which: (a) with respect to Administrative Claims other than Professional Fee Claims, shall be thirty days after the Effective Date; and (b) with respect to Professional Fee Claims, shall be forty-five days after the Effective Date.

26. *"Affiliate"* has the meaning set forth in section 101(2) of the Bankruptcy Code.

27. "AG Group Representatives" means Akin and Ducera.

28. *"AG Notes Group"* means the ad hoc group or committee of Consenting Noteholders represented by the AG Group Representatives.

29. "*Agents*" means, collectively, the Credit Agreement Agent, [the DIP Agent,] and any other agent or similar entity under the Credit Agreement [or the DIP Credit Agreement].

30. *"Akin"* means Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, as counsel to the AG Notes Group.

31. "Allowed" means, with respect to any Claim against or Interest in a Debtor, except as otherwise provided in the Plan: (a) a Claim that is evidenced by a Proof of Claim or a request for payment of an Administrative Claim, as applicable, that is Filed on or before the Claims Bar Date or Administrative Claims Bar Date, as applicable (or for which Claim under the Plan, the Bankruptcy Code, or pursuant to a Final Order, a Proof of Claim or request for payment of an Administrative Claim is not required to be Filed); (b) a Claim that is listed in the Debtors' Schedules as not contingent, not unliquidated, and not disputed, and for which no contrary or superseding Proof of Claim, as applicable, has been timely Filed; or (c) a Claim or Interest allowed pursuant to the Plan or a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court; provided that, with respect to a Claim described in clauses (a) and (b) above, such Claim shall be considered Allowed only if, and to the extent that, with respect to such Claim, no objection to the allowance thereof is Filed within the applicable period of time fixed by the Plan, the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the Bankruptcy Court, or such an objection is so Filed and the Claim has been allowed by a Final Order. Except as otherwise specified in the Plan, any Final Order, or as otherwise agreed by the Debtors, and except for any Claim that is Secured by property of a value in excess of the principal amount of such Claim (as determined by Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court), the amount of an Allowed Claim shall not include interest or fees on such Claim accruing from and after the Petition Date. For purposes of determining the amount of an Allowed Claim, there shall be deducted therefrom an amount equal to the amount of any Claim that the Debtors may hold against the Holder thereof, to the extent such Claim may be offset, recouped, or otherwise reduced under applicable law. Any Claim that has been or is hereafter listed in the Schedules as contingent, unliquidated, or disputed, and for which no Proof of Claim is or has been timely Filed, is not considered Allowed and shall be expunded without further action by the Debtors and without further notice to any party or action, approval, or order of the Bankruptcy Court. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no Claim of any Entity subject to section 502(d) of the Bankruptcy Code shall be deemed Allowed

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unless and until such Entity pays in full the amount that it owes the applicable Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable. For the avoidance of doubt: (x) any Proof of Claim or any request for payment of an Administrative Claim, that is Filed after the Claims Bar Date or Administrative Claims Bar Date, as applicable, shall not be Allowed for any purposes whatsoever absent entry of a Final Order allowing such late-filed Claim and (y) the Debtors may affirmatively determine to deem Unimpaired Claims Allowed to the same extent such Claims would be allowed under applicable non-bankruptcy law. "Allow" and "Allowing" shall have correlative meanings.

32. *"Altman"* means Altman Vilandrie & Company, as advisor to the Noteholder Groups.

33. "Avoidance Actions" means any and all actual or potential avoidance, recovery, subordination, or other Causes of Action or remedies that may be brought by or on behalf of the Debtors or their Estates or other parties-in-interest under the Bankruptcy Code or applicable non-bankruptcy law, including Causes of Action or remedies under sections 502, 510, 542, 544, 545, 547–553, and 724(a) of the Bankruptcy Code or under other similar or related local, state, federal, or foreign statutes and common law, including fraudulent transfer laws.

34. *"Bankruptcy Code"* means title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532, as now in effect or hereafter amended.

35. "*Bankruptcy Court*" means the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, or any other court having jurisdiction over the Chapter 11 Cases, including to the extent of the withdrawal of reference under section 157 of the Judicial Code, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

36. *"Bankruptcy Rules"* means the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, as applicable to the Chapter 11 Cases, promulgated by the United States Supreme Court under section 2075 of the Judicial Code and the general, local, and chambers rules of the Bankruptcy Court.

37. *"Bar Date Order"* means the [\_\_\_\_] [Docket No. [•]].

38. "Board Observer Fees" means, collectively, to the extent not previously paid, all outstanding fees and expenses payable to the Board Observers under the Final Order Authorizing the Debtors to (I) Pay Prepetition Employee Wages, Salaries, Other Compensation, and Reimbursable Employee Expenses and (II) Continue Employee Benefits Programs [Docket No. [•]].

39. *"Board Observers"* means, together, the observers to the Board of Directors of Frontier designated by the Consenting Noteholders pursuant to the terms of the Restructuring Support Agreement.

40. "Business Day" means any day, other than a Saturday, Sunday, or a "legal holiday" (as defined in Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a)).

41. "CARES Act" means the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136 (Mar. 27, 2020).

42. *"Cash"* means the legal tender of the United States of America or the equivalent thereof, including bank deposits and checks.

43. "*Causes of Action*" any action, Claim, cross-claim, third-party claim, damage, judgment, cause of action, controversy, demand, right, action, suit, obligation, liability, debt, account, defense, offset, power, privilege, license, Lien, indemnity, interest, guaranty, or franchise of any kind or character

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whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, contingent or non-contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, disputed or undisputed, secured or unsecured, assertable directly or derivatively, matured or unmatured, suspected or unsuspected, in contract or in tort, at law or in equity, or pursuant to any other theory of law or otherwise. For the avoidance of doubt, "Causes of Action" include: (a) any right of setoff, counterclaim, or recoupment and any claim arising from any contract or for breach of duties imposed by law or in equity; (b) any claim based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, tort, breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, violation of local, state, federal, or foreign law, or breach of any duty imposed by law or in equity, including securities laws, negligence, and gross negligence; (c) any right to object to or otherwise contest Claims or Interests; (d) any claim pursuant to section 362 or chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code; (e) any claim or defense, including fraud, mistake, duress, usury, and any other defenses set forth in section 558 of the Bankruptcy Code; and (f) any Avoidance Action.

44. *"Certificate"* means any instrument evidencing a Claim or an Interest.

45. "*Chapter 11 Cases*" means (a) when used with reference to a particular Debtor, the case pending for that Debtor in the Bankruptcy Court under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and (b) when used with reference to all Debtors, the procedurally consolidated cases filed for the Debtors in the Bankruptcy Court under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

46. *"Claim"* has the meaning set forth in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code.

47. "*Claims Bar Date*" means, collectively, the applicable dates by which Proofs of Claim must be Filed, as established by: (a) the Bar Date Order; (b) a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court; or (c) the Plan.

48. *"Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent"* means Prime Clerk LLC, in its capacity as the claims, noticing, and solicitation agent in the Chapter 11 Cases for the Debtors and any successors appointed by an order of the Bankruptcy Court.

49. "*Claims Objection Deadline*" means the deadline for objecting to a Claim asserted against a Debtor, which shall be on the date that is the later of: (a) (i) with respect to Administrative Claims (other than Professional Fee Claims and Administrative Claims arising under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code), sixty days after the Administrative Claims Bar Date or (ii) with respect to all other Claims (other than Professional Fee Claims), 180 days after the Effective Date and (b) such other period of limitation as may be specifically fixed by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, or by an order of the Bankruptcy Court for objecting to such Claims.

50. *"Claims Register"* means the official register of Claims against and Interests in the Debtors maintained by the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court or the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent.

51. *"Class"* means a class of Claims against or Interests in the Debtors as set forth in Article III of the Plan in accordance with section 1122(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

52. *"Communications Act"* means chapter 5 of title 47 of the United States Code, 47 U.S.C. §§ 151–622, as now in effect or hereafter amended, or any other successor federal statute, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

53. *"Compensation Consultant"* means that certain compensation consultant retained jointly by the Noteholder Groups in accordance with the terms of the Restructuring Support Agreement.

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54. *"Confirmation"* means the Bankruptcy Court's entry of the Confirmation Order on the docket of the Chapter 11 Cases within the meaning of Bankruptcy Rules 5003 and 9021.

55. *"Confirmation Date"* means the date on which Confirmation occurs.

56. *"Confirmation Hearing"* means the hearing before the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to section 1128 of the Bankruptcy Code at which the Debtors will seek Confirmation of the Plan.

57. *"Confirmation Order"* means the Bankruptcy Court's order confirming the Plan pursuant to section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code.

58. "Consenting Noteholder Fees" means, collectively, to the extent not previously paid, all outstanding, reasonable, and documented fees and expenses of any professional retained on behalf of the Noteholder Groups (whether incurred directly or on their behalf and regardless of whether such fees and expenses are incurred before or after the Petition Date), including (i) Akin, (ii) Milbank, (iii) Ducera, (iv) Houlihan, (v) Altman, (vi) October Three, and (vii) the Compensation Consultant; *provided* that payment of such fees and expenses for any additional professionals besides those listed in (i) through (vii) of this paragraph shall be subject to the reasonable consent of the Debtors.

59. "*Consenting Noteholders*" means, collectively, the holders of, or investment advisors, subadvisors, or managers of discretionary accounts that hold, Senior Notes Claims that executed and delivered counterpart signature pages to the Restructuring Support Agreement on April 14, 2020 or subsequently delivered a joinder or a transfer agreement to counsel to the Debtors in accordance with the Restructuring Support Agreement.

60. *"Consummation"* means the occurrence of the Effective Date.

61. *"Credit Agreement"* means that certain credit agreement, dated as of February 27, 2017, as amended, restated, amended and restated, modified, or supplemented from time to time, by and among Frontier, as the borrower, the Credit Agreement Agent, and the lenders party thereto.

62. "Credit Agreement Agent" means JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., in its capacity as administrative agent under the Credit Agreement, and any successors and permitted assigns, in such capacity.

63. *"Credit Facilities"* means, collectively, the Revolving Credit Facility and the Term Loan Facility.

64. *"Creditors' Committee"* means the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors appointed by the U.S. Trustee in the Chapter 11 Cases pursuant to section 1102(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, as it may be reconstituted from time to time.

65. *"Cure"* or *"Cure Claim"* means a Claim (unless waived or modified by the applicable counterparty) based upon a Debtor's default under an Executory Contract or an Unexpired Lease assumed by such Debtor under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, other than a default that is not required to be cured pursuant to section 365(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code.

66. "*D&O Liability Insurance Policies*" means all unexpired insurance policies maintained by the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, or the Estates as of the Effective Date that have been issued (or provide coverage) regarding directors', managers', officers', members', and trustees' liability (including any "tail policy") and all agreements, documents, or instruments relating thereto.

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#### 67. "Debtor Release" means the releases set forth in Article VIII.B of the Plan.

68. *"Debtors"* means, collectively, Frontier and each of its direct and indirect subsidiaries listed on **Exhibit A**, attached hereto.

"Definitive Documents" means (a) the Plan (and any and all exhibits, annexes, and 69. schedules thereto); (b) the Confirmation Order; (c) the Disclosure Statement and the other Solicitation Materials; (d) the Disclosure Statement Order; (e) all pleadings filed by the Debtors in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases (or related orders), including the First Day Filings and all orders sought pursuant thereto; (f) the Plan Supplement; (g) the DIP Facility Documents; (h) the DIP Orders; (i) the Exit Facility Documents; (j) the Takeback Debt Documents; (k) the New Organizational Documents; (l) any key employee incentive plan or key employee retention plan; (m) all documentation with respect to any post-emergence management incentive plan, including the Management Incentive Plan; (n) any other disclosure documents related to the issuance of the New Common Stock; (o) any new material employment, consulting, or similar agreements; (p) any and all filings as may be required under the rules of the FCC and/or any PUC in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases (including any FCC Applications and any PUC Applications); and (q) any and all other deeds, agreements, filings, notifications, pleadings, orders, certificates, letters, instruments or other documents reasonably desired or necessary to consummate and document the transactions contemplated by the Restructuring Support Agreement or the Restructuring Transactions (including any exhibits, amendments, modifications, or supplements made from time to time thereto). Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Definitive Documents not executed or in a form attached to the Restructuring Support Agreement shall otherwise be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders; provided, that the New Organizational Documents shall be determined by and acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders in their sole discretion.

70. "Determining Noteholders" has the meaning set forth in Article [IV.D.]

71. ["*DIP Agent*" means Goldman Sachs Bank USA, in its capacity as administrative agent and collateral agent under the DIP Credit Agreement, and any successors and permitted assigns, in such capacity.

72. "*DIP Claim*" means any Claim against a Debtor arising under, derived from, based on, or related to the DIP Facility Documents.

73. "*DIP Credit Agreement*" means that certain senior secured superpriority debtor-in-possession credit agreement (as amended, restated, amended and restated, modified, supplemented, or replaced from time to time in accordance with its terms) entered into by Frontier, as a debtor and debtor-in-possession, the DIP Lenders, and the DIP Agent.

74. "*DIP Facility*" means that certain \$460 million debtor-in-possession credit facility provided by the DIP Lenders on the terms of, and subject to the conditions set forth in, the DIP Facility Documents.

75. "*DIP Facility Documents*" means, collectively, the DIP Credit Agreement, and all other agreements, documents, and instruments delivered or entered into in connection therewith, including the DIP Order and any guarantee agreements, pledge agreements, security agreements, UCC Financing statements or other perfection documents, intercreditor agreements, subordination agreements, fee letters, engagement letters, and other security documents.

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76. "*DIP Lenders*" means the lenders providing the DIP Facility under the DIP Facility Documents.

77. "DIP Order" means the [ ] [Docket No. [•]].]

78. "Disclosure Statement" means the Disclosure Statement Relating to the Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of Frontier Communications Corporation and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code [Docket No. [•]], as may be amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time, including all exhibits and schedules thereto and references therein that relate to the Plan.

79. "*Disclosure Statement Order*" means the [\_\_\_\_] [Docket No. [•]], entered by the Bankruptcy Court approving the Disclosure Statement and the solicitations procedures with respect to the Plan.

80. "*Disputed*" means a Claim or an Interest or any portion thereof: (a) that is not Allowed; (b) that is not disallowed under the Plan, the Bankruptcy Code, or a Final Order; and (c) with respect to which a party in interest has Filed a Proof of Claim, a Proof of Interest, or otherwise made a written request to a Debtor for payment.

81. "*Distribution Agent*" means, as applicable, the Reorganized Debtors or any Entity or Entities designated by the Reorganized Debtors to make or to facilitate distributions that are to be made pursuant to the Plan.

82. "*Distribution Date*" means, except as otherwise set forth herein, the date or dates determined by the Reorganized Debtors, on or after the Effective Date, upon which the Distribution Agent shall make distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims entitled to receive distributions under the Plan.

83. "Distribution Record Date" means, other than with respect to Securities of the Debtors deposited with DTC, the record date for purposes of determining which Holders of Allowed Claims against or Allowed Interests in the Debtors are eligible to receive distributions under the Plan, which date shall be the Confirmation Date, or such other date as is agreed to by the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders or designated by an order of the Bankruptcy Court. The Distribution Record Date shall not apply to Securities of the Debtors deposited with DTC, the holders of which shall receive a distribution in accordance with Article VI of the Plan and, as applicable, the customary procedures of DTC.

84. *"DTC*" means The Depository Trust Company.

85. "Ducera" means Ducera Partners LLC, as financial advisor to the AG Notes Group.

86. *"Effective Date"* means the date that is the first Business Day after the Confirmation Date on which (a) all conditions precedent to the occurrence of the Effective Date set forth in Article IX.A of the Plan have been satisfied or waived in accordance with Article IX.B of the Plan, (b) no stay of the Confirmation Order is in effect, and (c) the Debtors declare the Plan effective.

87. *"Emergence Award"* has the meaning set forth in [Article IV.Q].

88. *"Entity"* has the meaning set forth in section 101(15) of the Bankruptcy Code.

89. *"Estate"* means, as to each Debtor, the estate created on the Petition Date for the Debtor in its Chapter 11 Case pursuant to sections 301 and 541 of the Bankruptcy Code and all property (as defined

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in section 541 of the Bankruptcy Code) acquired by the Debtor after the Petition Date through and including the Effective Date.

90. "Excess Cash" means the amount of unrestricted balance sheet cash in excess of \$150 million on the Effective Date as projected thirty days prior to the anticipated Effective Date (in each case, estimated and calculated in a manner reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders, including in respect of available net after-tax cash proceeds from the PNW Sale and less any deferred pension contribution payments, and any interest associated therewith, of the Debtors under the CARES Act or applicable IRS/PBGC waiver, potential costs related to regulatory settlements, and other restructuring related payments due on the Effective Date, including any required repayments of debt but excluding the Incremental Payments). For the avoidance of doubt, any Incremental Payments will be made from Excess Cash first prior to the determination of, and distribution of, any Surplus Cash. Further, for the avoidance of doubt, the Exit Facility shall remain undrawn as of the Effective Date (excluding any required letters of credit).

91. "*Exculpated Parties*" means, collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) each of the Debtors; (b) each of the Reorganized Debtors; (c) the Consenting Noteholders; (d) the members of the Creditors' Committee in their capacities as such; (e) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clause (a) through the following clause (f); and (f) each Related Party of each Entity in clause (a) through this clause (f).

92. *"Executory Contract"* means a contract to which one or more of the Debtors is a party that is subject to assumption or rejection under section 365 or 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code.

93. *"Exit Credit Agreement"* means either (i) the Exit Facility Agreement, as defined in the DIP Credit Agreement, which shall be in form and substance consistent with the requirements set forth in the Exit Facility Term Sheet, or (ii) a new credit agreement of one of more of the Reorganized Debtors providing for the Exit Facility to be effective on the Effective Date.

94. *"Exit Facility"* means that certain revolving credit facility to be provided for under the Exit Credit Agreement, in an aggregate principal amount of no more than \$600 million.

95. *"Exit Facility Documents"* means, collectively, the Exit Credit Agreement, and all other agreements, documents, and instruments delivered or entered into in connection with the Exit Facility, including any guarantee agreements, pledge and collateral agreements, UCC financing statements or other perfection documents, intercreditor agreements, subordination agreements, fee letters, and other security documents.

96. "*Exit Facility Term Sheet*" means, the Exit Facility Term Sheet attached as <u>Exhibit B</u> to the DIP Credit Agreement.

97. *"FCC"* means the Federal Communications Commission, including any official bureau or division thereof acting on delegated authority, and any successor Governmental Unit performing functions similar to those performed by the Federal Communications Commission on the Effective Date.

98. *"FCC Applications"* means, collectively, each requisite application, petition, or other request filed or to be filed with the FCC in connection with the Restructuring Transactions or this Plan, including the applications filed with the FCC seeking consent to the Transfer of Control.

99. "FCC Approval" means the FCC's grant of the FCC Applications; provided that the possibility that an appeal, request for stay, or petition for rehearing or review by a court or administrative

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agency may be filed with respect to such grant, or that the FCC may reconsider or review such grant on its own authority, shall not prevent such grant from constituting FCC Approval for purposes of the Plan.

100. *"FCC Licenses"* means any licenses, authorizations, waivers, and permits that are issued from time to time by the FCC.

101. ["*FCC Ownership Procedures Order*" means an order entered by the Bankruptcy Court establishing procedures for, among other things, completion and submission of the Ownership Certifications, which order shall be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders.]<sup>1</sup>

102. "Federal Judgment Rate" means the federal judgment interest rate in effect as of the Petition Date calculated as set forth in section 1961 of the Judicial Code.

103. *"File," "Filed,"* or *"Filing"* means file, filed, or filing, respectively, in the Chapter 11 Cases with the Bankruptcy Court or its authorized designee, or, with respect to the filing of a Proof of Claim or Proof of Interest, file, filed, or filing, respectively, with the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent.

104. *"Final Decree"* means the decree contemplated under Bankruptcy Rule 3022.

105. *"Final Order"* means, as applicable, an order or judgment of the Bankruptcy Court or other court of competent jurisdiction with respect to the relevant subject matter that has not been reversed, stayed, modified, or amended, and as to which the time to appeal, petition for certiorari, or move for a new trial, reargument, reconsideration, or rehearing has expired and no appeal, petition for certiorari, or motion for a new trial, reargument, reconsideration, or rehearing has been timely taken or filed, or as to which any appeal that has been or may be taken or any petition for certiorari or any motion for a new trial, reargument, reconsideration, or rehearing that has been or may be made or filed has been resolved by the highest court to which the order or judgment could be appealed or from which certiorari could be sought or the motion for a new trial, reargument, reconsideration, or rehearing shall have been denied, resulted in no modification of such order (if any such motion has been or may be granted), or have otherwise been dismissed with prejudice; *provided* that the possibility that a motion under rule 60 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or any comparable Bankruptcy Rule may be filed relating to such order or judgment shall not cause such order or judgment to not be a Final Order.

106. *"First Day Filings"* means the "first-day" filings that the Debtors made upon or shortly following the commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases.

107. "First Lien Noteholders" means, collectively, the Holders of First Lien Notes Claims.

108. *"First Lien Notes"* means the 8.000% first lien secured notes due April 1, 2027, issued by Frontier pursuant to the First Lien Notes Indenture.

109. *"First Lien Notes Claim"* means any Claim against a Debtor arising under, derived from, based on, or related to the First Lien Notes or the First Lien Notes Indenture.

110. "First Lien Notes Indenture" means that certain Indenture, dated as of March 15, 2019, by and among Frontier, as issuer, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> **NTD:** To be discussed.

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collateral agent, and Wilmington Trust, National Association, as successor trustee to the Bank of New York Mellon, as amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time.

111. "Frontier" means Frontier Communications Corporation, a company incorporated under the laws of Delaware.

112. "General Unsecured Claim" means any Claim against a Debtor that is not Secured and is not: (a) paid in full prior to the Effective Date pursuant to an order of the Bankruptcy Court; (b) an Administrative Claim; (c) a Secured Tax Claim; (d) an Other Secured Claim; (e) a Priority Tax Claim; (f) an Other Priority Claim; [(g) a DIP Claim;] (h) a Professional Fee Claim; (i) a Revolving Credit Claim; (j) a Term Loan Claim; (k) a First Lien Notes Claim; (l) a Second Lien Notes Claim; (m) a Subsidiary Unsecured Notes Claim; (n) a Subsidiary Secured Notes Claim; (o) a Senior Notes Claim; (p) a Section 510(b) Claim; or (q) an Intercompany Claim.

113. "Governmental Unit" has the meaning set forth in section 101(27) of the Bankruptcy Code.

114. *"Holder"* means an Entity holding a Claim against or an Interest in any Debtor.

115. "Houlihan" means Houlihan Lokey Capital, Inc., as financial advisor to the MB Notes Group.

116. *"IDRB*" means the 6.200% industrial development revenue bonds due May 1, 2030, issued pursuant to the Indenture and in connection with the IDRB Loan Agreement.

117. "*IDRB Claim*" means any Claim against a Debtor arising under, derived from, based on, or related to the IDRB or IDRB Loan Agreement.<sup>2</sup>

118. "IDRB Holders" means, collectively, the Holders of IDRB Claims.

119. *"IDRB Indenture*" means that certain Indenture of Trust, dated as of May 1, 1995, between The Industrial Development Authority of the County of Maricopa, as issuer, and Shawmut Bank Connecticut, National Association, as trustee.

120. "*IDRB Loan Agreement*" means that certain Loan Agreement, dated as of May 1, 1995, by and among Citizens Utilities Company and The Industrial Development Authority of the County of Maricopa, as issuer, as amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time, entered into in connection with the issuance of the IDRB.

121. *"Impaired*" means, with respect to a Class of Claims or Interests, a Class of Claims or Interests that is impaired within the meaning of section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code.

122. "Incremental Payments" means, collectively, the Cash payments, on the Effective Date (to the extent of available Excess Cash), to each Holder of Senior Notes, which shall be allocated to the Holders of Senior Notes of each series of Senior Notes based on such series' Series Ratable Share of the Incremental Payment Amount. Payment of the Incremental Payments shall be made to every Holder of each series of Senior Notes in respect of the portion of the Series Accrued Amounts related to such Holder's holdings in such series of Senior Notes. Distribution of Incremental Payments shall be subject to the conditions set forth in the Restructuring Support Agreement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> **NTD:** To confirm security of the IDRB.

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123. "Incremental Payment Amount" means, with respect to each series of Senior Notes, (a) if the amount of Excess Cash is equal to or greater than the sum of all Series Accrued Amounts, the Series Accrued Amount for such series, (b) if the amount of Excess Cash is less than the sum of all Series Accrued Amounts but greater than zero, an amount equal to Excess Cash multiplied by the Series Ratable Share for such series, or (c) if Excess Cash is zero, zero.

124. "Indemnification Provisions" means the provisions in place before or as of the Effective Date, whether in a Debtor's bylaws, certificates of incorporation, limited liability company agreement, partnership agreement, management agreement, other formation or organizational document, board resolution, indemnification agreement, contract, or otherwise providing the basis for any obligation of a Debtor as of the Effective Date to indemnify, defend, reimburse, or limit the liability of, or to advance fees and expenses to, any of the Debtors' current and former directors, equity holders, managers, officers, members, employees, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, and other professionals, and each such Entity's respective affiliates, as applicable.

125. "Interim Compensation Order" means the Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Retained Professionals [Docket No. 88].

126. *"Intercompany Claim"* means any Claim against a Debtor that is held by another Debtor or a direct or indirect subsidiary of a Debtor.

127. "Intercompany Interest" means any Interest in one Debtor held by another Debtor, other than an Interest in Frontier.

128. "Interest" means any equity security as such term is defined in section 101(16) of the Bankruptcy Code, including all issued, unissued, authorized, or outstanding shares of capital stock and any other common stock, preferred stock, limited liability company interests, and any other equity, ownership, or profit interests of an Entity, including all options, warrants, rights, stock appreciation rights, phantom stock rights, restricted stock units, redemption rights, repurchase rights, convertible, exercisable, or exchangeable securities, or other agreements, arrangements, or commitments of any character relating to, or whose value is related to, any such interest or other ownership interest in an Entity whether or not arising under or in connection with any employment agreement and whether or not certificated, transferable, preferred, common, voting, or denominated "stock" or a similar security, and including any Claim against the Debtors subject to subordination pursuant to section 510(b) of the Bankruptcy Code arising from or related to the foregoing.

129. *"Judicial Code"* means title 28 of the United States Code, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1–4001 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as applicable to the Chapter 11 Cases.

130. *"Lien"* has the meaning set forth in section 101(37) of the Bankruptcy Code.

131. ["*Make-Whole Claim*" means any Claim, whether secured or unsecured, derived from or based upon any make-whole, applicable premium, redemption premium, or other similar payment provisions provided for by the applicable indenture, credit agreement, or other agreement, or any other alleged premiums, fees, or Claims relating to the repayment of the principal balance of any notes, credit facilities, or other debts, including any Claims for damages or other relief arising from the repayment, prior to the respective stated maturity or call date, of the principal balance of any credit facilities, notes, or other debts, or any denial of any right to rescind any acceleration of such credit facilities, notes, or other debts,

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including, without limitation, those Claims arising under Section 4.09 of the First Lien Notes Indenture, and Section 4.07 of the Second Lien Notes Indenture.]<sup>3</sup>

132. "Management Incentive Plan" shall have the meaning set forth in the Restructuring Support Agreement.

133. *"Management Incentive Plan Pool"* means the pool of up to six percent of the fully diluted New Common Stock, which is reserved for distribution to participants in the Management Incentive Plan, including Emergence Awards, if any.

134. *"Management Selection Designees"* means one designee to be appointed by the AG Notes Group and one designee to be appointed by the MB Notes Group to participate in the management selection process.

135. *"MB Notes Group"* means the ad hoc group or committee of Consenting Noteholders represented by the MB Notes Group Representatives.

136. "MB Notes Group Representatives" means Houlihan and Milbank.

137. "*Milbank*" means Milbank LLP, as counsel to the MB Notes Group.

138. "*New Board*" means the initial board of directors of Reorganized Frontier immediately following the occurrence of the Effective Date, to be appointed in accordance with the Plan and the New Organizational Documents.

139. "*New Common Stock*" means the common stock of Reorganized Frontier to be issued on the Effective Date.

140. "New Organizational Documents" means the organizational and governance documents for the Reorganized Debtors and any subsidiaries thereof, including, as applicable, the certificates or articles of incorporation, certificates of formation, certificates of organization, certificates of limited partnership, or certificates of conversion, limited liability company agreements, operating agreements, or limited partnership agreements, stockholder or shareholder agreements, bylaws, the identity of proposed members of the Reorganized Frontier Board, indemnification agreements, and Registration Rights Agreements (or equivalent governing documents of any of the foregoing). The New Organizational Documents shall be determined by and acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders in their sole discretion.

141. "Noteholder Groups" means, collectively, the MB Notes Group and the AG Notes Group.

142. "Noteholder Representatives" means, Akin, Altman, Ducera, Houlihan, and Milbank.

143. "*Other Priority Claim*" means any Claim against a Debtor, other than an Administrative Claim or a Priority Tax Claim, entitled to priority in right of payment under section 507(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

144. "*Other Secured Claim*" means a Secured Claim against a Debtor that is not: [(a) a DIP Claim;] (b) a Revolving Credit Claim; (c) a Term Loan Claim; (d) a First Lien Notes Claim; (e) a Second Lien Notes Claim; (f) a Subsidiary Secured Notes Claim; or (g) a Secured Tax Claim.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> **NTD:** Definition under review.

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145. ["*Ownership Certification*" means a written certification, in the form attached to the FCC Ownership Procedures Order, which shall, among other things, be sufficient to enable the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, to determine the extent to which direct and indirect voting and equity interests of the certifying party are held by non-U.S. Persons, as determined under section 310(b) of the Communications Act, as interpreted and applied by the FCC.]<sup>4</sup>

146. ["*Ownership Certification Deadline*" means the deadline set forth in the FCC Ownership Procedures Order for returning the Ownership Certifications.]

147. "*Parent Litigation Claims*" means litigation-related Claims against Frontier that would be subject to the section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code (except for such Claims subject to the exception contained in section 362(b)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code). For the avoidance of doubt, the Parent Litigation Claims shall not include any litigation-related Claims against any of Frontier's direct or indirect subsidiaries.

148. "*Person*" has the meaning set forth in section 101(41) of the Bankruptcy Code.

149. "Petition Date" means April 14, 2020.

150. "*Plan*" means this joint chapter 11 plan and all exhibits, supplements, appendices, and schedules hereto, as may be altered, amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with Article X.A hereof, including the Plan Supplement (as altered, amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time), which is incorporated herein by reference and made part of the Plan as if set forth herein.

"Plan Supplement" means the compilation of documents and forms of documents, 151. agreements, schedules, and exhibits to the Plan (in each case, as may thereafter be amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with the terms of the Plan, the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and applicable law), each of which shall be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders and the Debtors (provided that the New Organizational Documents shall be determined by and acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders in their sole discretion), to be Filed by the Debtors no later than seven days before the Confirmation Hearing or such later date as may be approved by the Bankruptcy Court, and additional documents Filed with the Bankruptcy Court prior to the Effective Date as amendments to the Plan Supplement. The Plan Supplement may include the following, as applicable: (a) the New Organizational Documents; (b) to the extent known, the identity and members of the New Board; (c) the Schedule of Rejected Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases: (d) the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action: (e) the Exit Facility Documents. (f) the Takeback Debt Documents, as applicable; (g) the Restructuring Transactions Memorandum; (h) documentation relating to Emergence Awards, as applicable; and (i) any additional documents necessary to effectuate the Restructuring Transactions or that is contemplated by the Plan.

152. "*PNW Sale*" means the sale of all of the issued and outstanding equity interests of the subsidiaries of Frontier and Frontier Communications ILEC Holdings LLC that operate Frontier's business in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana to Northwest Fiber, LLC as reflected in a purchase agreement entered into on May 28, 2019.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> **NTD:** Process for determining foreign ownership to be discussed.

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153. *"Priority Tax Claim"* means any Claim of a Governmental Unit against a Debtor of the kind specified in section 507(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code.

154. "*Pro Rata*" means the proportion that an Allowed Claim or an Allowed Interest in a particular Class bears to the aggregate amount of Allowed Claims or Allowed Interests in that Class.

155. "*Professional*" means an Entity: (a) employed in the Chapter 11 Cases pursuant to an order of the Bankruptcy Court in accordance with sections 327, 363, or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code and to be compensated for services rendered and expenses incurred pursuant to sections 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, and 363 of the Bankruptcy Code or (b) for which compensation and reimbursement has been Allowed by Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to section 503(b)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code.

156. "*Professional Fee Claim*" means any Administrative Claim by a Professional for compensation for services rendered or reimbursement of expenses incurred by such Professional through and including the Effective Date to the extent such fees and expenses have not been paid pursuant to an order of the Bankruptcy Court. To the extent the Bankruptcy Court denies or reduces by a Final Order any amount of a Professional's requested fees and expenses, then the amount by which such fees or expenses are reduced or denied shall reduce the applicable Professional Fee Claim.

157. *"Professional Fee Escrow Account"* means an escrow account funded by the Debtors with Cash no later than the Effective Date in an amount equal to the Professional Fee Escrow Amount.

158. "*Professional Fee Escrow Amount*" means the aggregate amount of Professional Fee Claims and other unpaid fees and expenses the Professionals have incurred or will incur in rendering services in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases prior to and as of the Confirmation Date projected to be outstanding as of the anticipated Effective Date, which shall be estimated pursuant to the method set forth in Article II.B of the Plan.

159. "*Proof of Claim*" means a written proof of Claim Filed against any of the Debtors in the Chapter 11 Cases.

160. *"Proof of Interest"* means a written proof of Interest Filed against any of the Debtors in the Chapter 11 Cases.

161. "*PUC*" means any state-level public utility commission or similar agency with regulatory authority over any of the Debtors or their affiliates.

162. "*PUC Application*" means any requisite application, petition, notice, or other request filed or to be filed with a PUC seeking PUC approval to effectuate any Restructuring Transactions contemplated in the Plan.

163. "*PUC Approval*" means any applicable PUC's grant of a PUC Application; *provided* that the possibility that an appeal, request for stay, or petition for rehearing or review by a court or administrative agency may be filed with respect to such grant, or that a PUC may reconsider or review such grant on its own authority, shall not prevent such grant from constituting a PUC Approval for purposes of the Plan.

164. *"Registration Rights Agreement"* means any agreement providing registration rights to the Consenting Noteholders, their affiliates, or any other parties, in each case, with respect to the New Common Stock.

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165. *"Reinstate," "Reinstated,"* or *"Reinstatement"* means, with respect to Claims and Interests, that the Claim or Interest shall be rendered Unimpaired in accordance with section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code.

166. *"Related Party"* means, with respect to any Entity, in each case in its capacity as such with respect to such Entity, such Entity's current and former directors, managers, officers, investment committee members, special committee members, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), affiliated investment funds or investment vehicles, managed accounts or funds, predecessors, participants, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, affiliates, partners, limited partners, general partners, principals, members, management companies, fund advisors or managers, employees, agents, trustees, advisory board members, financial advisors, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals and advisors.

167. "*Released Parties*" means, collectively, in each case in its capacity as such: (a) each Debtor; (b) each Reorganized Debtor; [(c) the DIP Agent; (d) each DIP Lender;] (e) each Consenting Noteholder; (f) each Trustee; (g) the members of the Creditors' Committee in their capacities as such, (h) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clause (a) through (g); and (i) each Related Party of each Entity in clauses (a) through (h); *provided* that any Holder of a Claim against or Interest in the Debtors that is not a Releasing Party shall not be a "Released Party."

168. "*Releasing Parties*" means, collectively, in each case in its capacity as such: (a) each Debtor; (b) each Reorganized Debtor; [(c) the DIP Agent; (d) each DIP Lender;] (e) each Consenting Noteholder; (f) each Trustee; (g) the members of the Creditors' Committee in their capacities as such; (h) all Holders of Claims against the Debtors; (i) all Holders of Interests in the Debtors; (j) each current and former Affiliate of each Entity in clauses (a) through (i), and (k) each Related Party of each Entity in clauses (a) through (j); *provided* that any Entity that opts out of or otherwise objects to the releases in the Plan (including the Debtor Release and Third-Party Release) shall not be a "Releasing Party."

169. *"Reorganized Debtor"* means a Debtor, or any successor or assign thereto, by merger, consolidation, reorganization, or otherwise, in the form of a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other form, as the case may be, on and after the Effective Date, including Reorganized Frontier and any intermediary holding company formed in the Restructuring Transactions through which Reorganized Frontier holds any other Reorganized Debtor.

170. *"Reorganized Frontier"* means either (a) Frontier, or any successor or assign thereto, by merger, consolidation, reorganization, or otherwise, in the form of a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other form, as the case may be, on and after the Effective Date, or (b) a new corporation, limited liability company, or partnership that may be formed to, among other things, directly or indirectly acquire substantially all of the assets and/or stock of the Debtors and issue the New Common Stock to be distributed pursuant to the Plan.

171. "*Required Consenting Noteholders*" means, as of the relevant date, the Consenting Noteholders then holding greater than fifty and one-tenth percent (50.1%) of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Senior Notes Claims that are held by all Consenting Noteholders subject to the Restructuring Supporting Agreement as of such date.

172. "*Restructuring Support Agreement*" means that certain Restructuring Support Agreement, made and entered into as of April 14, 2020, including all exhibits thereto, by and among the Debtors and the Consenting Noteholders party thereto from time to time, as such may be amended from time to time in accordance with its terms.

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173. *"Restructuring Term Sheet"* means that certain term sheet attached as <u>Exhibit B</u> to the Restructuring Support Agreement.

174. "*Restructuring Transactions*" means those mergers, amalgamations, consolidations, arrangements, continuances, restructurings, transfers, conversions, dispositions, liquidations, dissolutions, or other corporate transactions that the Debtors, with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders (not to be unreasonably withheld), reasonably determine to be necessary to implement the transactions described in this Plan, as described in more detail in Article IV.B herein and the Restructuring Transactions Memorandum and consistent with the Restructuring Support Agreement.

175. *"Restructuring Transactions Memorandum"* means that certain memorandum describing the steps to be carried out to effectuate the Restructuring Transactions, the form of which shall be included in the Plan Supplement and, for the avoidance of doubt, be reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders.

176. *"Revolving Credit Claim"* means any Claim against a Debtor arising under, derived from, based on, or related to the Revolving Credit Facility provided for in the Credit Agreement.

177. *"Revolving Credit Facility"* means that certain prepetition senior secured revolving credit facility provided for under the Credit Agreement.

178. "Revolving Credit Lenders" means, collectively, Holders of Revolving Credit Claims.

179. *"Rural Utilities Service Lenders"* means, collectively, the Holders of Rural Utilities Service Loan Claims.

180. *"Rural Utilities Service Loan Claim"* means a Claim arising under a Rural Utilities Service Loan Contract.

181. *"Rural Utilities Service Loan Contracts"* means those Rural Utilities Service loan contracts due January 3, 2028 to which certain Debtors are counterparties.

182. "Schedule of Rejected Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases" means a schedule that may be Filed as part of the Plan Supplement at the Debtors' option of certain Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases to be rejected by the Debtors pursuant to the Plan, as the same may be amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time by the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, in accordance with the Plan.

183. *"Schedule of Retained Causes of Action"* means the schedule of certain Causes of Action of the Debtors that are not released, waived, or transferred pursuant to the Plan, as the same may be amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time by the Debtors, which shall be included in the Plan Supplement.

184. *"Schedules"* means, collectively, the schedules of assets and liabilities, Schedule of Rejected Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, and statements of financial affairs Filed by each of the Debtors pursuant to section 521 of the Bankruptcy Code, as such schedules and statements may have been or may be amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time.

185. "SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

186. "Second Lien Noteholders" means, collectively, Holders of Second Lien Notes Claims.

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187. "Second Lien Notes" means the 8.500% second lien secured notes due April 1, 2026, issued by Frontier pursuant to the Second Lien Notes Indenture.

188. "Second Lien Notes Claim" means any Claim against a Debtor arising under, derived from, based on, or related to the Second Lien Notes or the Second Lien Notes Indenture.

189. "Second Lien Notes Indenture" means that certain Indenture, dated as of March 19, 2018, by and among Frontier, as issuer, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto, and Wilmington Savings Fund Society FSB, as successor trustee and successor collateral agent, as amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time.

190. "Section 510(b) Claim" means any Claim against a Debtor subject to subordination under section 510(b) of the Bankruptcy Code; *provided* that a Section 510(b) Claim shall not include any Claims subject to subordination under section 510(b) of the Bankruptcy Code arising from or related to an Interest.

191. "Secured" means, when referring to a Claim: (a) secured by a Lien on property in which the applicable Estate has an interest, which Lien is valid, perfected, and enforceable pursuant to applicable law or by reason of a Bankruptcy Court order, or that is subject to a valid right of setoff pursuant to section 553 of the Bankruptcy Code, to the extent of the value of the creditor's interest in such Estate's interest in such property or to the extent of the amount subject to setoff, as applicable, as determined in accordance with section 506(a) of the Bankruptcy Code or (b) Allowed pursuant to the Plan as a secured Claim.

192. "Secured Tax Claim" means any Secured Claim against a Debtor that, absent its Secured status, would be entitled to priority in right of payment under section 507(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code (determined irrespective of time limitations), including any related Secured Claim for penalties.

193. "Securities Act" means the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. §§ 77a–77aa, as now in effect or hereafter amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

194. "Security" has the meaning set forth in section 2(a)(1) of the Securities Act.

195. "Senior Noteholders" means, collectively, the Holders of Senior Notes Claims.

196. "Senior Notes" means, collectively, the 2020 April Notes, the 2020 September Notes, the 2021 July Notes, the 2021 September Notes, the 2022 April Notes, the 2022 September Notes, the 2023 Notes, the 2024 Notes, the 2025 January Notes, the 2025 September Notes, the 2025 November Notes, the 2026 Notes, the 2027 Notes, the 2031 Notes, the 2034 Notes, the 2035 Notes, and the 2046 Notes.

197. "Senior Notes Claim" means any Claim against a Debtor arising under, derived from, based on, or related to the Senior Notes or the Senior Notes Indentures.

198. "Senior Notes Indentures" means, collectively, the 1991 Notes Indenture, the 2001 Notes Indenture, 2006 Notes Indenture, the 2009 Notes Indenture, the 2010 Notes Indenture, and the 2015 Notes Indenture.

199. "Series Accrued Amount" means, with respect to any series of Senior Notes, the "Series Accrued Amount," subject to an aggregate cap of \$375 million, and otherwise on terms as specified on Annex 2 of the Restructuring Term Sheet with respect to such series of Senior Notes.

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200. "Series Ratable Share" means, with respect to any series of Senior Notes, the "Series Ratable Share" specified on <u>Annex 2</u> of the Restructuring Term Sheet with respect to such series of Senior Notes.

201. "Solicitation Materials" means all solicitation materials with respect to the Plan.

202. "Subsidiary Debt" means, collectively, the Subsidiary Unsecured Notes, Rural Utilities Service Loan Contracts, and Verizon Secured Notes.

203. "Subsidiary Secured Notes Claims" means, collectively, the Verizon Secured Claims and the Rural Utilities Service Loan Claims.

204. "Subsidiary Unsecured Noteholders" means, collectively, the Holders of Subsidiary Unsecured Notes Claims.

205. "Subsidiary Unsecured Notes" means, collectively, the Unsecured Frontier California Notes, the Unsecured Frontier Florida Notes, the Unsecured Frontier North Notes, and the Unsecured Frontier West Virginia Notes.

206. "Subsidiary Unsecured Notes Claim" means any Claim against a Debtor arising under, derived from, based on, or related to the Subsidiary Unsecured Notes, Subsidiary Unsecured Notes Indentures, or Unsecured Frontier West Virginia Notes Documents.

207. "Subsidiary Unsecured Notes Indentures" means, collectively, the Unsecured Frontier California Notes Indenture, the Unsecured Frontier Florida Notes Indenture, and the Unsecured Frontier North Notes Indenture.

"Surplus Cash" means the amount of unrestricted balance sheet cash in excess of 208. \$150 million on the Effective Date as projected thirty days prior to the anticipated Effective Date (in each case, estimated and calculated in a manner reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders, including in respect of available net after-tax cash proceeds from the PNW Sale and less any deferred pension contribution payments, and any interest associated therewith, of the Debtors under the CARES Act or applicable IRS/PBGC waiver, potential costs related to regulatory settlements, and other restructuring related payments due on the Effective Date, including any required repayments of debt and the Incremental Payments); provided, the Debtors shall use commercially reasonable best efforts to raise an \$850 million exit facility (including seeking proposals from Consenting Noteholders), to be comprised of a revolving credit facility and/or other funded instrument, with any such proceeds expressly excluded from Surplus Cash; provided, further, that to the extent the exit facility commitments, including those with respect to the Exit Facility, are below \$850 million, the amount of Surplus Cash shall be reduced in an amount equal to the difference between \$850 million and the actual exit facility commitments. Further, for the avoidance of doubt, the Exit Facility shall remain undrawn as of the Plan Effective Date (excluding any required LCs).

209. *"Takeback Debt"* means the new debt to be issued by one or more of the Reorganized Debtors pursuant to the Plan and the Takeback Debt Documents.

210. "Takeback Debt Principal Amount" means, subject to Article [IV.D.], \$750 million in aggregate principal amount of Takeback Debt.

211. *"Takeback Debt Documents"* means, collectively, the indenture or loan agreement by and among one or more of the Reorganized Debtors and the lender parties thereto, and all other agreements,

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documents, and instruments delivered or entered into in connection therewith, including any guarantee statements, pledge and collateral agreements, UCC financing statements or other perfection documents, intercreditor agreements, subordination agreements, fee letters, and other security documents, which will set forth the terms of the Takeback Debt, if any.

212. *"Term Loan Claim"* means any Claim against a Debtor arising under, derived from, based on, or related to the Term Loan Facility provided for in the Credit Agreement.

213. "Term Loan Facility" means that certain prepetition senior secured term loan facility provided for under the Credit Agreement.

214. "Term Loan Lenders" means, collectively, the Holders of Term Loan Claims.

215. "Third-Party Release" means the releases set forth in Article VIII.C of the Plan.

216. *"Transfer of Control"* means the transfer of control of the FCC Licenses held by Frontier or any of its subsidiaries as a result of the transfer of the New Common Stock to Holders of Allowed Senior Notes Claims.

217. *"Trustee"* means, collectively, any indenture trustee, collateral trustee, or other trustee or similar entity under the Senior Notes Indentures.

218. *"Trustee Fees"* means, collectively, to the extent not previously paid in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases, all outstanding, reasonable, and documented compensation, fees, and expenses, whether incurred prior to or after the Effective Date, of (a) the Trustees, (b) counsel to the Trustees, and (c) any other advisors to the Trustees to the extent provided under the Senior Notes Indentures.

219. "Unclaimed Distribution" means any distribution under the Plan on account of an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest to a Holder that has not: (a) accepted a particular distribution or, in the case of distributions made by check, negotiated such check, (b) given notice to the Reorganized Debtors of an intent to accept a particular distribution, (c) responded to the Debtors' or Reorganized Debtors' requests for information necessary to facilitate a particular distribution, or (d) taken any other action necessary to facilitate such distribution.

220. *"Unexpired Lease"* means a lease to which one or more of the Debtors is a party that is subject to assumption or rejection under section 365 or section 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code.

221. "Unimpaired" means, with respect to a Class of Claims or Interests, a Class of Claims or Interests that is unimpaired within the meaning of section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code.

222. "Unsecured Frontier California Notes" means the 6.750% unsecured notes due May 15, 2027, issued by Frontier California Inc. (formerly known as GTE California Inc.) pursuant to the Unsecured Frontier California Notes Indenture.

223. "Unsecured Frontier California Notes Indenture" means that certain Indenture, dated December 1, 1993, by and among Frontier California Inc. (formerly known as GTE California Inc.), as issuer, and U.S. Bank, National Association, as successor trustee, as amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time.

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224. "Unsecured Frontier Florida Notes" means the 6.860% unsecured notes due February 1, 2028, issued by Frontier Florida LLC (formerly known as GTE Florida Inc.) pursuant to the Unsecured Frontier Florida Notes Indenture.

225. "Unsecured Frontier Florida Notes Indenture" means that certain Indenture, dated November 1, 1993, by and among Frontier Florida LLC (formerly known as GTE Florida Inc.), as issuer, and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor trustee, as amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time.

226. "Unsecured Frontier North Notes" means the 6.730% unsecured notes due February 15, 2028, issued by Frontier North Inc. (formerly known as GTE North Inc.) pursuant to the Unsecured Frontier North Notes Indenture.

227. "Unsecured Frontier North Notes Indenture" means that certain Indenture, dated January 1, 1994, by and among Frontier North Inc. (formerly known as GTE North Inc.), as issuer, and U.S. Bank National Association, as successor trustee, as amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time.

228. "Unsecured Frontier West Virginia Notes" means the 8.400% unsecured notes due October 15, 2029, issued by Frontier West Virginia Inc. (formerly known as Verizon West Virginia Inc., and prior thereto, The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of West Virginia) pursuant to the Unsecured Frontier West Virginia Notes Documents.

229. "Unsecured Frontier West Virginia Notes Documents" means, collectively, those certain debentures and purchase agreements, executed pursuant to the private placement funded on October 25, 1989, with Merrill Lynch Capital Markets as exclusive placement agent, by and among Frontier West Virginia Inc. (formerly known as Verizon West Virginia Inc., and prior thereto, The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of West Virginia), and Holders of the Unsecured Frontier West Virginia Notes, as amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time.

230. "U.S. Trustee" means the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York.

231. "Verizon Noteholders" means, collectively, the Holders of Verizon Secured Claims.

232. *"Verizon Secured Claim"* means any Claim against a Debtor arising under, derived from, based on, or related to the Verizon Secured Notes or the Verizon Secured Notes Indenture.

233. "Verizon Secured Notes" means the 8.500% secured subsidiary notes due November 15, 2031, issued by Frontier Southwest Incorporated (formerly known as GTE Southwest Incorporated, and prior thereto, Southwestern Associated Telephone Company) pursuant to the Verizon Secured Notes Indenture.

234. "Verizon Secured Notes Indenture" means that certain Restated Indenture, dated June 1, 1940, by and among Frontier Southwest Incorporated (formerly known as GTE Southwest Incorporated, and prior thereto, Southwestern Associated Telephone Company), as issuer, and BOKF, NA, as successor trustee, as amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time.

235. "Voting Deadline" means [\_\_\_\_], 2020, at [\_\_\_] p.m. prevailing Eastern Time.

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#### **B. Rules of Interpretation**

For purposes of this Plan: (1) in the appropriate context, each term, whether stated in the singular or the plural, shall include both the singular and the plural, and pronouns stated in the masculine, feminine, or neuter gender shall include the masculine, feminine, and the neuter gender; (2) capitalized terms defined only in the plural or singular form shall nonetheless have their defined meanings when used in the opposite form; (3) unless otherwise specified, any reference herein to a contract, lease, instrument, release, indenture, or other agreement or document being in a particular form or on particular terms and conditions means that the referenced document shall be substantially in that form or substantially on those terms and conditions; (4) unless otherwise specified, any reference herein to an existing document, schedule, or exhibit, whether or not Filed, having been Filed, or to be Filed, shall mean that document, schedule, or exhibit, as it may thereafter have been or may thereafter be validly amended, amended and restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified; (5) unless otherwise specified, any reference to an Entity as a Holder of a Claim (including a Consenting Noteholder) or Interest, includes that Entity's successors and assigns; (6) unless otherwise specified, all references herein to "Articles" are references to Articles hereof or hereto; (7) unless otherwise specified, all references herein to exhibits are references to exhibits in the Plan Supplement; (8) unless otherwise specified, the words "herein," "hereof," and "hereto" refer to the Plan in its entirety rather than to any particular portion of the Plan; (9) captions and headings to Articles are inserted for convenience of reference only and are not intended to be a part of or to affect the interpretation of the Plan; (10) unless otherwise specified, the rules of construction set forth in section 102 of the Bankruptcy Code shall apply; (11) any term used in capitalized form herein that is not otherwise defined but that is used in the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules shall have the meaning assigned to that term in the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules, as applicable; (12) references to docket numbers of documents Filed in the Chapter 11 Cases are references to the docket numbers under the Bankruptcy Court's CM/ECF system; (13) unless otherwise specified, all references to statutes, regulations, orders, rules of courts, and the like shall mean as amended from time to time, and as applicable to the Chapter 11 Cases; (14) any effectuating provisions may be interpreted by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors in such a manner that is consistent with the overall purpose and intent of the Plan all without further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court or any other Entity; (15) any references herein to the Effective Date shall mean the Effective Date or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter; (16) all references herein to consent, acceptance, or approval shall be deemed to include the requirement that such consent, acceptance, or approval be evidenced by a writing, which may be conveyed by counsel for the respective parties that have such consent, acceptance, or approval rights, including by electronic mail; (17) references to "shareholders," "directors," and/or "officers" shall also include "members" and/or "managers," as applicable, as such terms are defined under the applicable state limited liability company laws; and (18) the use of "include" or "including" is without limitation unless otherwise stated.

#### C. Computation of Time

Unless otherwise specifically stated herein, the provisions of Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a) shall apply in computing any period of time prescribed or allowed herein. If the date on which a transaction may occur pursuant to the Plan shall occur on a day that is not a Business Day, then such transaction shall instead occur on the next succeeding Business Day.

#### D. Governing Law

Unless a rule of law or procedure is supplied by federal law (including the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules) or unless otherwise specifically stated, the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to the principles of conflict of laws, shall govern the rights, obligations, construction, and implementation of the Plan and any agreements, documents, instruments, or contracts executed or entered into in connection with the Plan (except as otherwise set forth in those agreements, documents, instruments,

or contracts, in which case the governing law of such agreement shall control); *provided* that corporate, limited liability company, or partnership governance matters relating to the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall be governed by the laws of the jurisdiction of incorporation or formation of the relevant Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable.

#### E. Reference to Monetary Figures

All references in the Plan to monetary figures refer to currency of the United States of America, unless otherwise expressly provided.

#### F. Reference to the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan to the contrary, references in the Plan to the Debtors or to the Reorganized Debtors mean the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, to the extent the context requires.

#### G. Nonconsolidated Plan

Although for purposes of administrative convenience and efficiency the Plan has been filed as a joint plan for each of the Debtors and presents together Classes of Claims against and Interests in the Debtors, the Plan does not provide for the substantive consolidation of any of the Debtors.

# H. [Certain Consent Rights

Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, any and all consent rights of the parties to the Restructuring Support Agreement as set forth in the Restructuring Support Agreement with respect to the form and substance of the Plan, the Plan Supplement, and any Definitive Document, including any amendments, restatements, supplements, or other modifications to such documents, and any consents, waivers, or other deviations under or from such documents, shall be incorporated herein by this reference (including the applicable definitions of Article I hereof) and fully enforceable as if stated in full herein.]

### ARTICLE II.

### ADMINISTRATIVE AND PRIORITY CLAIMS

In accordance with section 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, Administrative Claims, Professional Fee Claims, [DIP Claims,] and Priority Tax Claims have not been classified and thus are excluded from the Classes of Claims and Interests set forth in Article III of the Plan.

#### A. Administrative Claims

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, and except to the extent that a Holder of an Allowed Administrative Claim agrees to a less favorable treatment with respect to such Holder, to the extent an Allowed Administrative Claim has not already been paid in full or otherwise satisfied during the Chapter 11 Cases, each Holder of an Allowed Administrative Claim (other than Holders of Professional Fee Claims [and Holders of DIP Claims]) will receive in full and final satisfaction, compromise, settlement, release, and discharge of, and in exchange for, such Administrative Claim, an amount of Cash equal to the amount of the unpaid or unsatisfied portion of such Allowed Administrative Claim in accordance with the following: (1) if such Administrative Claim is Allowed on or prior to the Effective Date, no later than thirty days after the Effective Date or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter (or, if not then due, when such Allowed Administrative Claim is due or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter); (2) if such

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Administrative Claim is not Allowed as of the Effective Date, no later than thirty days after the date on which an order Allowing such Administrative Claim becomes a Final Order, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter; (3) if such Allowed Administrative Claim is based on liabilities incurred by the Debtors in the ordinary course of their business after the Petition Date, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the particular transaction or course of business giving rise to such Allowed Administrative Claim, without any further action by the Holder of such Allowed Administrative Claim; (4) at such time and upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the Holder of such Allowed Administrative Claim and the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable; or (5) at such time and upon such terms as set forth in a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court.

Except as otherwise provided in this Article II.A, and except with respect to [Administrative Claims that are DIP Claims or] Professional Fee Claims unless previously Filed, requests for payment of Administrative Claims (other than Administrative Claims arising under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code) must be Filed and served on the Reorganized Debtors pursuant to the procedures specified in the Confirmation Order and the notice of entry of the Confirmation Order no later than the Administrative Claims Bar Date. Holders of Administrative Claims that are required to, but do not, File and serve a request for payment of such Administrative Claims by the Administrative Claims Bar Date shall be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such Administrative Claims shall be deemed discharged as of the Effective Date without the need for any objection from the Reorganized Debtors or any notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court or any other Entity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no request for payment of an Administrative Claim need be Filed with respect to an Administrative Claim previously Allowed by Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court.

Objections to requests for payment of such Administrative Claims, if any, must be Filed with the Bankruptcy Court and served on the Reorganized Debtors and the requesting Holder no later than the Claims Objection Deadline for Administrative Claims. After notice and a hearing in accordance with the procedures established by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and prior Bankruptcy Court orders, the Allowed amounts, if any, of Administrative Claims shall be determined by, and satisfied in accordance with, an order that becomes a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court.

#### **B.** Professional Fee Claims

[Reserved]

# C. [DIP Claims

Except to the extent that a Holder of an Allowed DIP Claim agrees to a less favorable treatment, in full and final satisfaction, compromise, settlement, release, and discharge of, and in exchange for, each Allowed DIP Claim, on the Effective Date, each such Holder of an Allowed DIP Claim shall receive (a) payment in full in Cash of such Holder's Allowed DIP Claim or (b) at the Debtors' election, and solely to the extent permitted under the DIP Facility Documents or otherwise agreed to by such Holder of an Allowed DIP Claim, such Holder's Pro Rata share of the Exit Facility by way of having their commitments under the DIP Credit Agreement be converted into commitments under the Exit Credit Agreement in accordance with Section 2.19 of the DIP Credit Agreement. Upon the satisfaction of the Allowed DIP Claims in accordance with the terms of this Plan, or other such treatment as contemplated by this Article II.C of the Plan, all guarantees provided and all Liens and security interests granted, in each case, to secure such obligations shall be automatically released, terminated, and of no further force and effect without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court or any other Entity.]

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### **D. Priority Tax Claims**

Except to the extent that a Holder of an Allowed Priority Tax Claim agrees to a less favorable treatment, in full and final satisfaction, compromise, settlement, release, and discharge of, and in exchange for, each Allowed Priority Tax Claim, each Holder of such Allowed Priority Tax Claim shall be treated in accordance with the terms set forth in section 1129(a)(9)(C) of the Bankruptcy Code.

### ARTICLE III.

### CLASSIFICATION, TREATMENT, AND VOTING OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS

#### A. Classification of Claims and Interests

Except for the Claims addressed in Article II of the Plan, all Claims against and Interests in the Debtors are classified in the Classes set forth in this Article III for all purposes, including voting, Confirmation, and distributions pursuant to the Plan and in accordance with section 1122 and 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code. A Claim or an Interest is classified in a particular Class only to the extent that the Claim or Interest qualifies within the description of that Class and is classified in other Classes to the extent that any portion of the Claim or Interest qualifies within the description of such other Classes. A Claim or an Interest also is classified in a particular Class for the purpose of receiving distributions under the Plan only to the extent that such Claim or Interest is an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest in that Class and has not been paid, released, or otherwise satisfied prior to the Effective Date.

#### **B.** Summary of Classification

A summary of the classification of Claims against and Interests in each Debtor pursuant to the Plan is summarized in the following chart. The Plan constitutes a separate chapter 11 plan for each of the Debtors, and accordingly, the classification of Claims and Interests set forth below applies separately to each of the Debtors. All of the potential Classes for the Debtors are set forth herein. Certain of the Debtors may not have Holders of Claims or Interests in a particular Class or Classes, and such Claims or Interests shall be treated as set forth in Article III.E hereof. Voting tabulations for recording acceptances or rejections of the Plan will be conducted on a Debtor-by-Debtor basis as set forth above.<sup>5</sup>

Class	Claim or Interest	Status	Voting Rights
1	Secured Tax Claims	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept)
2	Other Secured Claims	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept)
3	Other Priority Claims	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Debtors reserve the right to separately classify Claims or Interests to the extent necessary to comply with any requirements under the Bankruptcy Code or applicable law.

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Class	Claim or Interest	Status	Voting Rights
4	Revolving Credit Claims	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept)
5	Term Loan Claims	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept)
6	First Lien Notes Claims	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept)
7	Second Lien Notes Claims	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept)
8	Subsidiary Secured Notes Claims	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept)
9	Subsidiary Unsecured Notes Claims	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept)
10	Senior Notes Claims	Impaired	Entitled to Vote
11	General Unsecured Claims	Unimpaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Accept)
12	Section 510(b) Claims	Impaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Reject)
13	Intercompany Claims	Unimpaired/Impaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Presumed to Accept/Deemed to Reject)
14	Intercompany Interests	Unimpaired/Impaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Presumed to Accept/Deemed to Reject)
15	Interests in Frontier	Impaired	Not Entitled to Vote (Deemed to Reject)

### C. Treatment of Classes of Claims and Interests

Subject to Article VI hereof, each Holder of an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest, as applicable, shall receive under the Plan the treatment described below in full and final satisfaction, compromise, settlement, release, and discharge of, and in exchange for, such Holder's Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest, except to the extent different treatment is agreed to by the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, and the Holder of such Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest, as applicable.

- 1. <u>Class 1 Secured Tax Claims</u>
  - (a) *Classification*: Class 1 consists of all Secured Tax Claims.

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- (b) *Treatment*: Each Holder of an Allowed Secured Tax Claim shall receive, at the option of the applicable Reorganized Debtor:
  - (i) payment in full in Cash of such Holder's Allowed Secured Tax Claim; or
  - (ii) equal semi-annual Cash payments commencing as of the Effective Date or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter and continuing for five years, in an aggregate amount equal to such Allowed Secured Tax Claim, together with interest at the applicable non-default rate under non-bankruptcy law, subject to the option of the applicable Reorganized Debtor to prepay the entire amount of such Allowed Secured Tax Claim during such time period.
- (c) *Voting*: Class 1 is Unimpaired under the Plan. Holders of Allowed Secured Tax Claims are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, such Holders are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.
- 2. <u>Class 2 Other Secured Claims</u>
  - (a) *Classification*: Class 2 consists of all Other Secured Claims.
  - (b) *Treatment*: Each Holder of an Allowed Other Secured Claim shall receive, at the option of the applicable Debtor:
    - (i) payment in full in Cash of such Holder's Allowed Other Secured Claim;
    - (ii) Reinstatement of such Holder's Allowed Other Secured Claim;
    - (iii) delivery of the collateral securing such Holder's Allowed Other Secured Claim; or
    - (iv) such other treatment rendering such Holder's Allowed Other Secured Claim Unimpaired.
  - (c) *Voting*: Class 2 is Unimpaired under the Plan. Holders of Allowed Other Secured Claims are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, such Holders are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.
- 3. <u>Class 3 Other Priority Claims</u>
  - (a) *Classification*: Class 3 consists of all Other Priority Claims.
  - (b) *Treatment*: Each Holder of an Allowed Other Priority Claim shall receive, at the option of the applicable Debtor, payment in full in Cash of such Holder's Other Priority Claim or such other treatment rendering such Holder's Other Priority Claim Unimpaired.
  - (c) *Voting*: Class 3 is Unimpaired under the Plan. Holders of Allowed Other Priority Claims are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to

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section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, such Holders are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

- 4. <u>Class 4 Revolving Credit Claims</u>
  - (a) *Classification*: Class 4 consists of all Revolving Credit Claims.
  - (b) *Allowance*: The Revolving Credit Claims are deemed Allowed in an amount equal to the sum of: (i) the principal amount outstanding under the Credit Agreement; and (ii) accrued but unpaid postpetition interest at the non-default contract rate.
  - (c) *Treatment*: To the extent not already satisfied in full during the Chapter 11 Cases, each Holder of an Allowed Revolving Credit Claim shall receive payment in full in Cash on the Effective Date in an amount equal to the principal portion of its Allowed Revolving Credit Claim plus ordinary course Cash interest payments on the principal portion of its Allowed Revolving Credit Claim at the non-default contract rate through the earlier of the Effective Date or repayment of the Revolving Credit Facility (as applicable).
  - (d) *Voting*: Class 4 is Unimpaired under the Plan. Holders of Revolving Credit Claims are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, such Holders are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.
- 5. <u>Class 5 Term Loan Claims</u>
  - (a) *Classification*: Class 5 consists of all Term Loan Claims.
  - (b) Allowance: The Term Loan Claims are deemed Allowed in an amount equal to the sum of: (i) the principal amount outstanding under the Credit Agreement; and (ii) accrued but unpaid postpetition interest at the non-default contract rate.
  - (c) *Treatment*: Each Holder of an Allowed Term Loan Claim shall receive ordinary course Cash interest payments at the non-default contract rate through the earlier of the Effective Date or repayment or Reinstatement of the Term Loan Facility (as applicable). To the extent not already satisfied in full during the Chapter 11 Cases, on the Effective Date, each Holder of an Allowed Term Loan Claim shall receive either:
    - (i) payment in full in Cash; or
    - (ii) solely in the event that the Debtors cannot procure financing on terms acceptable to the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders to repay the Term Loan Facility in full, Reinstatement of any such Allowed Term Loan Claim.
  - (d) *Voting*: Class 5 is Unimpaired under the Plan. Holders of Term Loan Claims are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, such Holders are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

#### 6. <u>Class 6 — First Lien Notes Claims</u>

- (a) *Classification*: Class 6 consists of all First Lien Notes Claims.
- (b) *Allowance:* The First Lien Notes Claims are deemed Allowed in an amount equal to the sum of: (i) the principal amount outstanding, plus accrued but unpaid prepetition interest at the contract rate under the First Lien Notes Indenture; and (ii) accrued but unpaid postpetition interest at the non-default contract rate.
- (c) Treatment: Each Holder of an Allowed First Lien Notes Claim shall receive ordinary course Cash interest payments on its Allowed First Lien Notes Claim at the non-default contract rate through the earlier of the Effective Date or repayment or Reinstatement of the First Lien Notes (as applicable). To the extent not already satisfied in full during the Chapter 11 Cases, on the Effective Date, each Holder of an Allowed First Lien Notes Claim shall receive either:
  - (i) payment in full in Cash; or
  - (ii) solely in the event that the Debtors cannot procure financing on terms acceptable to the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders to repay the First Lien Notes in full, Reinstatement of such Claim.
- (d) *Voting*: Class 6 is Unimpaired under the Plan. Holders of First Lien Notes Claims are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, such Holders are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.
- 7. <u>Class 7 Second Lien Notes Claims</u>
  - (a) *Classification*: Class 7 consists of all Second Lien Notes Claims.
  - (b) *Allowance*: The Second Lien Notes Claims are deemed Allowed in an amount equal to the sum of: (i) the principal amount outstanding, plus accrued but unpaid prepetition interest at the contract rate under the Second Lien Notes Indenture; and (ii) accrued but unpaid postpetition interest at the non-default contract rate.
  - (c) Treatment: Each Holder of an Allowed Second Lien Notes Claim shall receive ordinary course Cash interest payments on its Allowed Second Lien Notes Claim at the non-default contract rate through the earlier of the Effective Date or repayment or Reinstatement of the Second Lien Notes (as applicable). To the extent not already satisfied in full during the Chapter 11 Cases, on the Effective Date, each Holder of an Allowed Second Lien Notes Claim shall receive either:
    - (i) payment in full in Cash; or
    - (ii) solely in the event that the Debtors cannot procure financing on terms acceptable to the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders to repay the Second Lien Notes in full, Reinstatement of such Claim.
  - (d) *Voting*: Class 7 is Unimpaired under the Plan. Holders of Second Lien Notes Claims are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to

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section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, such Holders are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

- 8. <u>Class 8 Subsidiary Secured Notes Claims</u>
  - (a) *Classification*: Class 8 consists of all Subsidiary Secured Notes Claims.
  - (b) Allowance: The Subsidiary Secured Notes Claims are deemed Allowed in an amount equal to the sum of: (i) the principal amount outstanding under the Verizon Secured Notes Indenture and Rural Utilities Service Loan Contracts; and (ii) accrued but unpaid postpetition interest at the non-default contract rate.
  - (c) *Treatment*: On the Effective Date, each Allowed Subsidiary Secured Notes Claim shall be Reinstated. Each Holder of an Allowed Subsidiary Secured Notes Claim shall receive ordinary course Cash interest payments on its Allowed Subsidiary Secured Notes Claim at the applicable non-default contract rate through the Effective Date.
  - (d) *Voting*: Class 8 is Unimpaired under the Plan. Holders of Subsidiary Secured Notes Claims are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, such Holders are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

#### 9. <u>Class 9 — Subsidiary Unsecured Notes Claims</u>

- (a) *Classification*: Class 9 consists of all Subsidiary Unsecured Notes Claims.
- (b) *Allowance*: The Subsidiary Unsecured Notes Claims are deemed Allowed in an amount equal to the sum of the principal amount outstanding under the Subsidiary Unsecured Notes Indentures; *provided*, *however*, that to the extent it is determined by a Final Order that any postpetition payments made on account of the Subsidiary Unsecured Notes Claims were impermissible payments of postpetition interest under the Bankruptcy Code, then such payments shall be recharacterized and applied as a payment of principal owed under the applicable Subsidiary Unsecured Notes Indentures.
- (c) *Treatment*: On the Effective Date, each Allowed Subsidiary Unsecured Notes Claim shall be Reinstated. Each Holder of an Allowed Subsidiary Unsecured Notes Claim shall receive ordinary course Cash interest payments on its Allowed Subsidiary Unsecured Notes Claim at the applicable non-default contract rate through the Effective Date.
- (d) *Voting*: Class 9 is Unimpaired under the Plan. Holders of Subsidiary Unsecured Notes Claims are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, such Holders are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.
- 10. <u>Class 10 Senior Notes Claims</u>
  - (a) *Classification*: Class 10 consists of all Senior Notes Claims.

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- (b) *Allowance*: The Senior Notes Claims are deemed Allowed in the aggregate principal amount of \$[10.95 billion],<sup>6</sup> plus accrued and unpaid interest as of the Petition Date, consisting of:
  - (i) \$[172 million] in aggregate principal amount on account of the 2020 April Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest as of the Petition Date;
  - (ii) \$[55 million] in aggregate principal amount on account of the 2020 September Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest as of the Petition Date;
  - (iii) \$[89 million] in aggregate principal amount on account of the 2021 July Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest as of the Petition Date;
  - (iv) \$[220 million] in aggregate principal amount on account of the 2021 September Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest as of the Petition Date;
  - (v) \$[500 million] in aggregate principal amount on account of the 2022 April Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest as of the Petition Date;
  - (vi) \$[2.19 billion] in aggregate principal amount on account of the 2022 September Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest as of the Petition Date;
  - (vii) \$[850 million] in aggregate principal amount on account of the 2023 Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest as of the Petition Date;
  - (viii) \$[750 million] in aggregate principal amount on account of the 2024 Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest as of the Petition Date;
  - (ix) \$[775 million] in aggregate principal amount on account of the 2025 January Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest as of the Petition Date;
  - (x) \$[3.60 billion] in aggregate principal amount on account of the 2025 September Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest as of the Petition Date;
  - (xi) \$[138 million] in aggregate principal amount on account of the 2025 November Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest as of the Petition Dates;
  - (xii) \$[2 million] in aggregate principal amount on account of the 2026 Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest as of the Petition Date;
  - (xiii) \$[346 million] in aggregate principal amount on account of the 2027 Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest as of the Petition Date;
  - (xiv) \$[945 million] in aggregate principal amount on account of the 2031 Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest as of the Petition Date;
  - (xv) \$[1 million] in aggregate principal amount on account of the 2034 Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest as of the Petition Date;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> **NTD:** Precise amounts to be computed for all tranches.

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- (xvi) \$[125 million] in aggregate principal amount on account of the 2035 Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest as of the Petition Date; and
- (xvii) \$[193 million] in aggregate principal amount on account of the 2046 Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest as of the Petition Date.
- (c) *Treatment*: On the Effective Date, each Holder of an Allowed Senior Notes Claim shall receive
  - (i) its Pro Rata share of and interest in the Incremental Payment Amount that is to be made on account of such Holders' series of Senior Notes; and
  - (ii) its Pro Rata share of and interest in (after first reducing, for distribution purposes only, the amount of such Holder's Allowed Senior Notes Claim on a dollar-for-dollar basis by the amount of Incremental Payments, and solely to the extent actually paid):
    - A. 100% of Reorganized Frontier's New Common Stock, subject to dilution by the Management Incentive Plan;
    - B. the Takeback Debt, if any; and
    - C. the Surplus Cash, if any.
- (d) *Voting*: Class 10 is Impaired under the Plan. Therefore, such Holders are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.
- 11. <u>Class 11 General Unsecured Claims</u>
  - (a) *Classification*: Class 11 consists of all General Unsecured Claims.
  - (b) *Treatment*: To the extent not already satisfied during the Chapter 11 Cases, each Holder of an Allowed General Unsecured Claim shall receive, at the option of the applicable Debtor as reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders:
    - (i) payment in full in Cash of such Holder's Allowed General Unsecured Claim;
    - (ii) Reinstatement of such Holder's Allowed General Unsecured Claim; or
    - (iii) such other treatment rendering such Holder's Allowed General Unsecured Claim Unimpaired, in each case set forth above as reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders.
  - (c) *Voting*: Class 11 is Unimpaired under the Plan. Holders of General Unsecured Claims are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, such Holders are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

### 12. <u>Class 12 — Section 510(b) Claims</u>

- (a) *Classification*: Class 12 consists of all Section 510(b) Claims.
- (b) Allowance: Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, a Section 510(b) Claim, if any such Section 510(b) Claim exists, may only become Allowed by Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court. [The Debtors are not aware of any valid Section 510(b) Claim and believe that no such Section 510(b) Claim exists.]
- (c) Treatment: Allowed Section 510(b) Claims, if any, shall be cancelled, released, discharged, and extinguished as of the Effective Date, and will be of no further force or effect, and Holders of Allowed Section 510(b) Claims will not receive any distribution on account of such Allowed Section 510(b) Claims.
- (d) Voting: Class 12 is Impaired under the Plan. Holders (if any) of Section 510(b) Claims are conclusively deemed to have rejected the Plan under section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, Holders (if any) of 510(b) Claims are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.
- 13. <u>Class 13 Intercompany Claims</u><sup>7</sup>
  - (a) *Classification*: Class 13 consists of all Intercompany Claims.
  - (b) *Treatment*: On the Effective Date, all Intercompany Claims shall be, at the option of Reorganized Frontier, either (a) Reinstated or (b) cancelled without any distribution on account of such interests.
  - (c) Voting: Holders of Intercompany Claims are either Unimpaired, and such Holders of Intercompany Claims are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan under section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, or Impaired, and such Holders of Intercompany Claims are conclusively presumed to have rejected the Plan pursuant to section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, such Holders are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.
- 14. <u>Class 14 Intercompany Interests<sup>8</sup></u>
  - (a) *Classification*: Class 14 consists of all Intercompany Interests.
  - (b) *Treatment*: On the Effective Date, all Intercompany Interests shall be, at the option of Reorganized Frontier, either (a) Reinstated in accordance with Article III.G of the Plan or (b) cancelled without any distribution on account of such Intercompany Interests.
  - (c) *Voting*: Holders of Intercompany Interests are either Unimpaired, and such Holders of Intercompany Interests are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan under section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, or Impaired, and such Holders of Intercompany Interests are conclusively presumed to have rejected the Plan

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> **NTD:** Subject to review.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> **NTD:** Subject to review.

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pursuant to section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, such Holders are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

- 15. <u>Class 15 Interests in Frontier</u>
  - (a) *Classification*: Class 15 consists of all Interests in Frontier.
  - (b) *Treatment*: On the Effective Date, all Interests in Frontier will be cancelled, released, and extinguished, and will be of no further force or effect.
  - (c) *Voting*: Class 15 is Impaired under the Plan. Holders of Interests in Frontier are conclusively presumed to have rejected the Plan pursuant to section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, Holders of Interest in Frontier are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

### D. Special Provision Governing Unimpaired Claims

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, nothing under the Plan shall affect the Debtors' or the Reorganized Debtors' rights in respect of any Unimpaired Claim, including all rights in respect of legal and equitable defenses to or setoffs or recoupments against any such Unimpaired Claim. [Unless otherwise Allowed, Claims that are Unimpaired shall remain Disputed Claims under the Plan.] No Make-Whole Claims shall be Allowed Claims under the Plan.

# E. Elimination of Vacant Classes; Presumed Acceptance by Non-Voting Classes

Any Class of Claims or Interests that does not have a Holder of an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest or a Claim or Interest temporarily Allowed by the Bankruptcy Court in an amount greater than zero as of the date of the Confirmation Hearing shall be considered vacant and deemed eliminated from the Plan for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan and for purposes of determining acceptance or rejection of the Plan by such Class pursuant to section 1129(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code. If a Class contains Claims or Interests eligible to vote and no Holders of Claims or Interests eligible to vote in such Class vote to accept or reject the Plan, the Holders of such Claims or Interests in such Class shall be presumed to have accepted the Plan.

### F. Subordinated Claims

Except as expressly provided herein, the allowance, classification, and treatment of all Allowed Claims against and Allowed Interests in the Debtors and the respective distributions and treatments under the Plan take into account and conform to the relative priority and rights of the Claims and Interests in each Class in connection with any contractual, legal, and equitable subordination rights relating thereto, whether arising under general principles of equitable subordination, section 510(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, or otherwise. Pursuant to section 510 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors reserve the right to reclassify any Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest in accordance with any contractual, legal, or equitable subordination relating thereto.

# G. Intercompany Interests

To the extent Reinstated under the Plan, distributions on account of Intercompany Interests are not being received by Holders of such Intercompany Interests on account of their Intercompany Interests but for the purposes of administrative convenience and due to the importance of maintaining the corporate structure given the existing intercompany systems connecting the Debtors and their Affiliates, and in exchange for the Debtors' and Reorganized Debtors' agreement under the Plan to make certain distributions to the Holders of Allowed Claims.

## H. Controversy Concerning Impairment

If a controversy arises as to whether any Claims or Interests, or any Class of Claims or Interests, are Impaired, the Bankruptcy Court shall, after notice and a hearing, determine such controversy on or before the Confirmation Date.

#### I. Confirmation Pursuant to Sections 1129(a)(10) and 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code

Section 1129(a)(10) of the Bankruptcy Code is satisfied for purposes of Confirmation by acceptance of the Plan by at least one Impaired Class of Claims or Interests. The Debtors shall seek Confirmation of the Plan pursuant to section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to any rejecting Class of Claims or Interests. The Debtors reserve the right to modify the Plan in accordance with Article X of the Plan to the extent, if any, that Confirmation pursuant to section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code requires modification, including by modifying the treatment applicable to a Class of Claims or Interests to render such Class of Claims or Interests Unimpaired to the extent permitted by the Bankruptcy Code and the Bankruptcy Rules.

## ARTICLE IV.

## PROVISIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN

#### A. General Settlement of Claims and Interests

As discussed in detail in the Disclosure Statement and as otherwise provided herein, pursuant to section 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9019, and in consideration for the classification, distributions, releases, and other benefits provided under the Plan, on the Effective Date, the provisions of the Plan shall constitute a good-faith compromise and settlement of all Claims, Interests, Causes of Action, and controversies released, settled, compromised, discharged, or otherwise resolved pursuant to the Plan. The Plan shall be deemed a motion to approve the good-faith compromise and settlement of all such Claims, Interests, Causes of Action, and controversies pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, and the entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of such compromise and settlement under section 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9019 of all such Claims, Interests, Causes of Action, and controversies, as well as a finding by the Bankruptcy Court that such compromise and settlement is fair, equitable, reasonable, and in the best interests of the Debtors, their Estates, and Holders of Claims and Interests. Subject to Article VI of the Plan, all distributions made to Holders of Allowed Claims and Allowed Interests in any Class are intended to be and shall be final.

## **B.** Restructuring Transactions<sup>9</sup>

On or before the Effective Date, the applicable Debtors, with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders (not to be unreasonably withheld), or Reorganized Debtors will take any action as may be necessary or advisable to effectuate the Restructuring Transactions described in the Plan and Restructuring Transactions Memorandum, including: (1) the execution and delivery of any New Organizational Documents, including any appropriate agreements or other documents of merger, amalgamation, consolidation, restructuring, conversion, disposition, transfer, formation, organization,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> **NTD:** Subject to review.

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dissolution, or liquidation, in each case, containing terms that are consistent with the terms of the Plan, and that satisfy the requirements of applicable law and any other terms to which the applicable Entities may agree, including the documents comprising the Plan Supplement; (2) the execution and delivery of appropriate instruments of transfer, assignment, assumption, or delegation of any asset, property, right, liability, debt, or obligation on terms consistent with the terms of the Plan; (3) the filing of any New Organizational Documents, including any appropriate certificates or articles of incorporation, reincorporation, merger, amalgamation, consolidation, conversion, or dissolution pursuant to applicable state law; (4) such other transactions that are required to effectuate the Restructuring Transactions, including any sales, mergers, consolidations, restructurings, conversions, dispositions, transfers, formations, organizations, dissolutions, or liquidations; (5) the execution, delivery, and filing of the Exit Facility Documents; (6) the execution, delivery, and filing of the Takeback Debt Documents, if any; and (7) all other actions that the applicable Entities determine to be necessary or appropriate, including making filings or recordings that may be required by applicable law.

The Confirmation Order shall and shall be deemed to, pursuant to sections 1123 and 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, authorize, among other things, all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effect any transaction described in, approved by, contemplated by, or necessary to effectuate the Plan, including the Restructuring Transactions.

## C. Sources of Consideration for Plan Distributions

The Debtors shall fund distributions under the Plan with: (i) Cash held on the Effective Date by or for the benefit of the Debtors, (ii) the New Common Stock, and (iii) the Exit Facility, Takeback Debt, and/or third-party market financing, as applicable. The Reorganized Debtors will be entitled to transfer funds between and among themselves as they determine to be necessary or appropriate to enable the Reorganized Debtors to satisfy their obligations under the Plan. Except as set forth herein, any changes in intercompany account balances resulting from such transfers will be accounted for and settled in accordance with the Debtors' historical intercompany account settlement practices and will not violate the terms of the Plan.

From and after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors, shall have the right and authority without further order of the Bankruptcy Court to raise additional capital and obtain additional financing as the boards of directors of the applicable Reorganized Debtors deem appropriate.

#### D. Takeback Debt

On the Effective Date, one or more of the Reorganized Debtors shall issue the Takeback Debt in the Takeback Debt Principal Amount to the Holders of Senior Notes Claims. The Takeback Debt Documents shall provide for, among other things:

- i. an interest rate that is either (a) no more than 2.50% higher than the interest rate of the next most junior secured debt facility to be entered into by the Reorganized Debtors on the Effective Date if the Takeback Debt is secured on a third lien basis or (b) no more than 3.50% higher than the interest rate of the most junior secured debt facility to be entered into on the Effective Date if the Takeback Debt is unsecured;
- ii. a maturity of no less than one year outside of the longest-dated debt facility to be entered into by the Reorganized Debtors on the Effective Date; *provided*, *however*, that in no event shall the maturity of the Takeback Debt be longer than eight years from the Effective Date; and

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iii. to the extent that the Allowed Second Lien Notes Claims are Reinstated under the Plan, the Takeback Debt will be third lien debt; *provided, however*, that, to the extent the Allowed Second Lien Notes Claims are paid in full in Cash during the pendency of the Chapter 11 Cases or under the Plan, the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders will agree on whether the Takeback Debt will be secured or unsecured within three Business Days of the Debtors' delivery to the Consenting Noteholders of a term sheet for the financing to repay the Allowed Second Lien Notes Claims in full in Cash that contains terms and conditions reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders.

For the avoidance of doubt, all other terms of the Takeback Debt, including, without limitation, covenants and governance, shall be reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders and otherwise consistent with the Restructuring Support Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, in no event shall the terms of the Takeback Debt be more restrictive than those terms contained in the Second Lien Notes Indenture. Any terms of the Takeback Debt other than the Takeback Debt Principal Amount may be modified subject to the consent of the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders.

The Takeback Debt Principal Amount is subject to downward adjustment by Consenting Noteholders holding at least sixty-six and two-thirds percent of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Senior Notes that are held by all Consenting Noteholders (the "<u>Determining Noteholders</u>"). Any such downward adjustment to the Takeback Debt Principal Amount must be determined by the Debtors and the Determining Noteholders no later than thirty days prior to the Effective Date.

On the Effective Date, one or more of the Reorganized Debtors shall execute and deliver the Takeback Debt Documents and such documents shall become effective in accordance with their terms, all in accordance with the Restructuring Transactions Memorandum. On and after the Effective Date, the Takeback Debt Documents shall constitute legal, valid, and binding obligations of such applicable Reorganized Debtors and shall be enforceable in accordance with their respective terms. The terms and conditions of the Takeback Debt Documents shall bind each such Reorganized Debtor and each other Entity that enters into such Takeback Debt Documents, whether as a guarantor, if any, or otherwise. Any Entity's acceptance of Takeback Debt shall be deemed as its agreement to the terms of the Takeback Debt Documents, as amended, amended and restated, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time following the Effective Date in accordance with their terms.

Confirmation shall be deemed approval of the Takeback Debt Documents (including the transactions contemplated thereby, and all actions to be taken, undertakings to be made, and obligations and guarantees to be incurred and fees and expenses paid in connection therewith) and, to the extent not approved by the Bankruptcy Court previously, the Reorganized Debtors will be authorized to execute and deliver those documents necessary or appropriate to obtain the Takeback Debt, including the Takeback Debt Documents, without further notice to or order of the Bankruptcy Court, act or action under applicable law, regulation, order or rule or vote, consent, authorization, or approval of any Person, subject to such modifications as the Reorganized Debtors may deem to be necessary to enter into the Takeback Debt Documents.

In the event the Allowed Second Lien Notes Claims are Reinstated, on the Effective Date, all of the claims, liens, and security interests to be granted in accordance with the terms of the Takeback Debt Documents, (1) shall be deemed to be granted, (2) shall be legal, binding, and enforceable Liens on, and security interests in, the collateral granted thereunder in accordance with the terms of the Takeback Debt Documents, (3) shall be deemed automatically attached and perfected on the Effective Date (without any further action being required by the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, the applicable Agents, or any of the applicable lenders), subject only to such other liens and security interests as may be permitted

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under the Takeback Debt Documents, and (4) shall not be subject to avoidance, recharacterization, or subordination (including equitable subordination) for any purposes whatsoever and shall not constitute preferential transfers, fraudulent conveyances, or other voidable transfers under the Bankruptcy Code or applicable non-bankruptcy law. The Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, and the Entities granting such Liens and security interests are authorized to make all filings and recordings and to obtain all governmental approvals and consents necessary to establish and perfect such Liens and security interests under the provisions of the applicable state, provincial, federal, or other law (whether domestic or foreign) that would be applicable in the absence of the Plan and the Confirmation Order (it being understood that perfection shall occur automatically by virtue of the entry of the Confirmation Order, and any such filings, recordings, approvals, and consents shall not be required) and will thereafter cooperate to make all other filings and recordings that otherwise would be necessary under applicable law to give notice of such Liens and security interests to third parties.

Notwithstanding anything herein, the Takeback Debt may be replaced with cash proceeds of third-party market financing that becomes available prior to the Effective Date; *provided*, that the third-party market financing shall contain terms no less favorable to the Reorganized Debtors than those contemplated for the Takeback Debt.

#### E. Exit Facility

On the Effective Date, the Exit Facility Documents shall constitute legal, valid, binding, and authorized obligations of one or more of either the Reorganized Debtors or the Debtors, as applicable, and following the consummation of the Restructuring Transactions, the Exit Facility Documents shall constitute legal, valid, binding, and authorized obligations of the applicable Reorganized Debtors, enforceable in accordance with their terms. The financial accommodations to be extended pursuant to the Exit Facility Documents are being extended and shall be deemed to have been extended in good faith and for legitimate business purposes and are reasonable and shall not be subject to avoidance, recharacterization, or subordination (including equitable subordination) for any purposes whatsoever and shall not constitute preferential transfers, fraudulent conveyances, or other voidable transfers under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable non-bankruptcy law. On the Effective Date, all of the Liens and security interests to be granted in accordance with the Exit Facility Documents (1) shall be deemed to be granted, (2) shall be legal, binding, and enforceable Liens on and security interests in the collateral granted thereunder in accordance with the terms of the Exit Facility Documents, (3) shall be deemed automatically attached and perfected on the Effective Date (without any further action being required by the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, the applicable Agents, or any of the applicable lenders), having the priority set forth in the Exit Facility Documents and subject only to such Liens and security interests as may be permitted under the Exit Facility Documents, and (4) shall not be subject to avoidance, recharacterization, or subordination (including equitable subordination) for any purposes whatsoever and shall not constitute preferential transfers, fraudulent conveyances, or other voidable transfers under the Bankruptcy Code or any applicable non-bankruptcy law. The Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, and the Entities granted such Liens and security interests are authorized to make all filings and recordings and to obtain all governmental approvals and consents necessary to establish and perfect such Liens and security interests under the provisions of the applicable state, provincial, federal, or other law (whether domestic or foreign) that would be applicable in the absence of the Plan and the Confirmation Order (it being understood that perfection shall occur automatically by virtue of the entry of the Confirmation Order, and any such filings, recordings, approvals, and consents shall not be required) and will thereafter cooperate to make all other filings and recordings that otherwise would be necessary under applicable law to give notice of such Liens and security interests to third parties.

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The Exit Facility and any other third-party debt facilities to be entered into on the Effective Date shall be on terms and conditions (including as to amount) reasonably acceptable to the Debtors and reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders.

#### F. Issuance and Distribution of the New Common Stock<sup>10</sup>

On the Effective Date, Reorganized Frontier shall issue the New Common Stock and cause it to be transferred to Frontier pursuant to the Restructuring Transactions, the Interests in Frontier shall be cancelled, and Frontier shall transfer the New Common Stock (along with the other consideration described in this Plan) to the Holders of Senior Notes Claims in exchange for such Holders' respective Claims against or Interests in the Debtors (including their respective Senior Notes Claims) as set forth in Article III.C hereof. The issuance of the New Common Stock by Reorganized Frontier and the transfer of the New Common Stock by Frontier to the Holders of Senior Notes Claims is authorized without the need for any further corporate action and without the need for any further action by Holders of any Claims or Interests.

All of the New Common Stock issued pursuant to the Plan shall be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid, and non-assessable. Each distribution and issuance of the New Common Stock under the Plan shall be governed by the terms and conditions set forth in the Plan applicable to such distribution or issuance and by the terms and conditions of the instruments evidencing or relating to such distribution or issuance, which terms and conditions shall bind each Entity receiving such distribution or issuance. For the avoidance of doubt, the acceptance of New Common Stock by any Holder of any Claim or Interest shall be deemed as such Holder's agreement to the New Organizational Documents, as may be amended or modified from time to time following the Effective Date in accordance with their terms.

[It is intended that the New Common Stock will be publicly traded and Reorganized Frontier will seek to obtain a listing for the New Common Stock on a recognized U.S. stock exchange as promptly as reasonably practicable on or after the date on which such New Common Stock is issued. However, Reorganized Frontier shall have no liability if it does not or is unable to do so. In the event the New Common Stock is listed on a recognized U.S. stock exchange, recipients accepting distributions of New Common Stock, including the Required Consenting Noteholders, shall be deemed to have agreed to cooperate with Reorganized Frontier's reasonable requests to assist in its efforts to list the New Common Stock on a recognized U.S. stock exchange. Subject to meeting the applicable requirements for pink sheet trading and cooperation from a market maker, in the event that listing on a recognized U.S. stock exchange has not occurred by or on the date on which such New Common Stock is issued, Reorganized Frontier will use commercially reasonable efforts to qualify the New Common Stock for trading in the pink sheets or otherwise qualify the New Common Stock as "regularly traded" as defined in Treas. Reg. Section 1.897-9T(d) until such time as the New Common Stock is listed on a recognized U.S. stock exchange.<sup>11</sup>]<sup>12</sup>

## G. Corporate Existence

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, each Debtor shall continue to exist after the Effective Date as a separate corporate entity, limited liability company, partnership, or other form, as the case may be, with all the powers of a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other form, as the case may be, pursuant to the applicable law in the jurisdiction in which each applicable Debtor is incorporated

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> **NTD:** Process for determining foreign ownership and whether special warrants will be necessary to be discussed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> **NTD:** To confirm whether the New Common Stock can be listed on the OTCQX or OTCQB at emergence for tax purposes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> **NTD:** Proposed language with respect to Reorganized Debtors being public under review and consideration.

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or formed and pursuant to the respective certificates or articles of incorporation, certificates of formation, certificates of organization, or certificates of limited partnership and bylaws, operating agreements, limited liability company agreements, or limited partnership agreements (or other formation documents) in effect prior to the Effective Date, except to the extent such certificates or articles of incorporation, certificates of formation, certificates of organization, or certificates of limited partnership agreements, limited partnership and bylaws, operating agreements, limited liability company agreements, or limited partnership agreements (or other formation, certificates of organization, or certificates of limited partnership agreements (or other formation documents) are amended pursuant to the Plan or otherwise, and to the extent such documents are amended, such documents are deemed to be amended pursuant to the Plan and require no further action or approval (other than any requisite filings under applicable state or federal law). After the cancellation of the Interests in Frontier, the former equityholders of Frontier shall not, on account of their former ownership of Interests in Frontier, own or be deemed to own any interest, directly or indirectly, in Frontier, any Reorganized Debtor, or any of their assets.

## H. New Organizational Documents

To the extent advisable or required under the Plan or applicable non-bankruptcy law, on or prior to the Effective Date, except as otherwise provided in the Plan or the Restructuring Transactions Memorandum, the Reorganized Debtors will file their respective New Organizational Documents with the applicable Secretary of State and/or other applicable authorities in the state, province, or country of incorporation or formation in accordance with the applicable corporate or formational laws of the respective state, province, or country of incorporation. The New Organizational Documents of Reorganized Frontier shall, among other things: (1) authorize the issuance of the New Common Stock; and (2) pursuant to and only to the extent required by section 1123(a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code, prohibit the issuance of non-voting equity securities. After the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors may amend, amend and restate, supplement, or modify the New Organizational Documents, and the Reorganized Debtors may file their respective certificates or articles of incorporation, certificates of formation, certificates of organization, certificates of limited partnership, or certificates of conversion, limited liability company agreements, operating agreements, or limited partnership agreements, or such other applicable formation documents, and other constituent documents as permitted by the laws of the respective states, provinces, or countries of incorporation or formation and the New Organizational Documents.

#### I. Directors and Officers of the Reorganized Debtors

## 1. The New Board

As of the Effective Date, the terms of the current members of the board of directors of Frontier shall expire, and, without further order of the Bankruptcy Court, the New Board of Reorganized Frontier shall be appointed. The New Board will initially consist of directors who shall be determined by the Required Consenting Noteholders.

Pursuant to section 1129(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code, to the extent known, the identity of the members of the New Board will be disclosed in the Plan Supplement or prior to the commencement of the Confirmation Hearing. [The directors of each of the subsidiary Debtors shall consist of either existing directors of such Debtor or such persons as designated in the Plan Supplement or prior to the commencement of the Confirmation Hearing, and remain in such capacities as directors of the applicable Reorganized Debtor until replaced or removed in accordance with the New Organizational Documents of the applicable Reorganized Debtor.]

From and after the Effective Date, each director (or director equivalent) of the Reorganized Debtors shall serve pursuant to the terms of the respective Reorganized Debtor's charters and bylaws or other

formation and constituent documents, and applicable laws of the respective Reorganized Debtor's jurisdiction of formation.

## J. FCC Applications and PUC Applications

The FCC Applications and PUC Applications will be filed as soon as reasonably practicable after the filing of the Plan, with respect to the Restructuring Transactions contemplated by the Plan. The Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall diligently prosecute the FCC Applications and the PUC Applications, and shall promptly provide such additional documents or information requested by the FCC or any PUC in connection with the review of the foregoing.

Any agreements with or commitments to the FCC or any PUCs by the Debtors, including any decision to accept and/or not to oppose any proposed material conditions or limitations on any such required approvals shall require the prior approval of the Required Consenting Noteholders, not to be unreasonably withheld.

## K. Corporate Action

Upon the Effective Date, all actions contemplated under the Plan shall be deemed authorized and approved in all respects, and, to the extent taken prior to the Effective Date, ratified without any requirement for further action by Holders of Claims or Interests, directors, managers, managing-members, limited or general partners, or officers of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, or any other Entity, including: (1) selection of the directors, managers, members, and officers for the Reorganized Debtors, including the appointment of the New Board or any directors of a subsidiary Debtor; (2) the issuances, transfer, and distribution of the New Common Stock; (3) the formation of any entities pursuant to and the implementation of the Restructuring Transactions and performance of all actions and transactions contemplated hereby and thereby: (4) adoption and filing of the New Organizational Documents; (5) the rejection, assumption, or assumption and assignment, as applicable, of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases; (6) the entry into the Exit Facility and the execution, entry into, delivery and filing of the Exit Facility Documents; (7) the execution, delivery, and filing of the Takeback Debt Documents, if any; (8) reservation of the Management Incentive Plan Pool; and (9) all other acts or actions contemplated by the Plan or reasonably necessary or appropriate to promptly consummate the Restructuring Transactions (whether to occur before, on, or after the Effective Date). All matters provided for in the Plan involving the corporate structure of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, and any corporate action required by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, in connection with the Plan shall be deemed to have occurred on, and shall be in effect as of, the Effective Date, without any requirement of further action by the security holders, directors, managers, or officers of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable. On or, as applicable, prior to the Effective Date, the appropriate officers of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall be authorized and, as applicable, directed to issue, execute, and deliver the agreements, documents, Securities, certificates of incorporation, certificates of formation, bylaws, operating agreements, and instruments contemplated under the Plan (or necessary or desirable to effect the transactions contemplated under the Plan) in the name of and on behalf of the Reorganized Debtors, including the New Common Stock, the Exit Facility Documents, the Takeback Debt Documents, and the New Organizational Documents, and any and all other agreements, documents, Securities, and instruments relating to the foregoing. The authorizations and approvals contemplated by this Article IV.K shall be effective notwithstanding any requirements under non-bankruptcy law.

## L. Vesting of Assets in the Reorganized Debtors

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Restructuring Transactions), or in any agreement, instrument, or other document incorporated in the Plan, notwithstanding

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any prohibition of assignability under applicable non-bankruptcy law and in accordance with section 1141 of the Bankruptcy Code, on the Effective Date, all property in each Debtor's Estate, all Causes of Action of the Debtors (unless otherwise released or discharged pursuant to the Plan), and any property acquired by any of the Debtors under the Plan shall vest in each respective Reorganized Debtor, free and clear of all Liens, Claims, charges, or other encumbrances (except for Liens securing obligations on account of any Term Loan Claims, First Lien Notes Claims, Second Lien Notes Claims, Subsidiary Secured Notes Claims, or Other Secured Claims that are Reinstated pursuant to the Plan and Liens securing obligations under the Exit Facility Documents and the Takeback Debt). On and after the Effective Date, except as otherwise provided herein, and subject to compliance with the applicable provisions of the Communications Act, each Reorganized Debtor may operate its business and may use, acquire, or dispose of property and compromise or settle any Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action without supervision or approval by the Bankruptcy Court and free of any restrictions of the Bankruptcy Code or Bankruptcy Rules.

## M. Cancellation of Notes, Instruments, Certificates, and Other Documents

On the Effective Date, except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or any agreement, instrument, or other document entered into in connection with or pursuant to the Plan or the Restructuring Transactions, all notes, bonds, indentures, Certificates, Securities, shares, purchase rights, options, warrants, collateral agreements, subordination agreements, intercreditor agreements, or other instruments or documents directly or indirectly evidencing, creating, or relating to any indebtedness or obligations of, or ownership interest in, the Debtors giving rise to any rights or obligations relating to Claims against or Interests in the Debtors (except with respect to any Claim or Interest that is Reinstated pursuant to the Plan) shall be deemed cancelled and surrendered without any need for a Holder to take further action with respect thereto, and the obligations of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, and any non-Debtor Affiliates thereunder or in any way related thereto shall be deemed satisfied in full, released, and discharged; *provided* that, notwithstanding such cancellation, satisfaction, release, and discharge, anything to the contrary contained in the Plan or Confirmation Order, Confirmation, or the occurrence of the Effective Date, any such document or instrument that governs the rights, claims, or remedies of the Holder of a Claim or Interest shall continue in effect solely for purposes of allowing Holders to receive distributions as specified under the Plan.

#### N. Effectuating Documents; Further Transactions

On and after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors, and the directors, managers, partners, officers, authorized persons, and members thereof, are authorized to and may issue, execute, deliver, file, or record such contracts, Securities, instruments, releases, and other agreements or documents and take such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate, implement, and further evidence the terms and conditions of the Plan, the Restructuring Transactions, the New Common Stock, the New Organizational Documents, the Exit Facility, the Takeback Debt, and any other Securities issued pursuant to the Plan in the name of and on behalf of the Reorganized Debtors, without the need for any approvals, authorizations, or consents except for those expressly required under the Plan.

#### O. Section 1145 Exemption

The shares of New Common Stock and the Takeback Debt (if applicable) being issued under the Plan will be issued without registration under the Securities Act or any similar federal, state, or local law in reliance upon (i) section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code (except with respect to an entity that is an "underwriter" as defined in subsection (b) of section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code is not available (including with respect to an entity that is an "underwriter") pursuant to section 4(a)(2) under the Securities Act and/or Regulation D thereunder.

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Securities issued in reliance upon section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code are exempt from, among other things, the registration requirements of section 5 of the Securities Act and any other applicable U.S. state or local law requiring registration prior to the offering, issuance, distribution, or sale of securities and (a) are not "restricted securities" as defined in Rule 144(a)(3) under the Securities Act and (b) are freely tradable and transferable by any holder thereof that, at the time of transfer, (1) is not an "affiliate" of the Reorganized Debtors as defined in Rule 144(a)(1) under the Securities Act, (2) has not been such an "affiliate" within ninety (90) days of such transfer, (3) has not acquired such securities from an "affiliate" within one year of such transfer and (4) is not an entity that is an "underwriter."

To the extent any shares of New Common Stock and Takeback Debt (if applicable) are issued in reliance on section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act or Regulation D thereunder, such shares or Takeback Debt (as applicable), will be "restricted securities" subject to resale restrictions and may be resold, exchanged, assigned, or otherwise transferred only pursuant to registration, or an applicable exemption from registration under the Securities Act and other applicable law.

New Common Stock constituting or issued with respect to any Emergence Awards will be issued pursuant to a registration statement or an exemption from registration under the Securities Act and applicable state and local securities laws.

Should the Reorganized Debtors elect on or after the Effective Date to reflect any ownership of the New Common Stock and/or the Takeback Debt (if applicable) to be issued under the Plan through the facilities of DTC, the Reorganized Debtors need not provide any further evidence other than the Plan or the Confirmation Order with respect to the treatment of the New Common Stock and the Takeback Debt (if applicable), as applicable, to be issued under the Plan under applicable securities laws. DTC shall be required to accept and conclusively rely upon the Plan and Confirmation Order in lieu of a legal opinion regarding whether the New Common Stock and/or the Takeback Debt (if applicable) to be issued under the Plan are exempt from registration and/or eligible for DTC book-entry delivery, settlement, and depository services. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, no Entity (including, for the avoidance of doubt, DTC) may require a legal opinion regarding the validity of any transaction contemplated by the Plan, including, for the avoidance of doubt, whether the New Common Stock and the Takeback Debt (if applicable) to be issued under the Plan are exempt from registration contemplated by the Plan, including, for the avoidance of doubt, whether the New Common Stock and the Takeback Debt (if applicable) to be issued under the Plan are exempt from registration contemplated by the Plan, including, for the avoidance of doubt, whether the New Common Stock and the Takeback Debt (if applicable) to be issued under the Plan are exempt from registration and/or eligible for DTC book-entry delivery, settlement, and depository services.

#### P. Section 1146(a) Exemption

To the fullest extent permitted by section 1146(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, any transfers (whether from a Debtor to a Reorganized Debtor or to any other Entity) of property under the Plan or pursuant to: (1) the issuance, distribution, transfer, or exchange of any debt, equity security, or other interest in the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors; (2) the Restructuring Transactions; (3) the creation, modification, consolidation, termination, refinancing, and/or recording of any mortgage, deed of trust, or other security interest, or the securing of additional indebtedness by such or other means; (4) the making, assignment, or recording of any lease or sublease; or (5) the making, delivery, or recording of any deed or other instrument of transfer under, in furtherance of, or in connection with, the Plan, including any deeds, bills of sale, assignments, or other instrument of transfer executed in connection with any transaction arising out of, contemplated by, or in any way related to the Plan, shall not be subject to any document recording tax, stamp tax, conveyance fee, intangibles or similar tax, mortgage tax, real estate transfer tax, mortgage recording tax, sales or use tax, Uniform Commercial Code filing or recording fee, regulatory filing or recording fee, or other similar tax or governmental assessment, and upon entry of the Confirmation Order, the appropriate state or local governmental officials or agents shall forgo the collection of any such tax or governmental assessment and accept for filing and recordation any of the foregoing instruments or other documents without the payment of any such tax, recordation fee, or governmental assessment. All filing

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or recording officers (or any other Person with authority over any of the foregoing), wherever located and by whomever appointed, shall comply with the requirements of section 1146(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, shall forgo the collection of any such tax or governmental assessment, and shall accept for filing and recordation any of the foregoing instruments or other documents without the payment of any such tax or governmental assessment.

## Q. Management Incentive Plan

The Management Incentive Plan Pool shall be established and reserved for grants to be made from time to time from such pool to management employees of the Reorganized Debtors at the discretion of the New Board effective as of the Effective Date. The terms and conditions (including, without limitation, with respect to participants, form, allocation, structure, duration and timing, and extent of issuance and vesting) shall be determined at the discretion of the New Board after the Effective Date; *provided*, that up to fifty percent of the Management Incentive Plan Pool may be allocated prior to the Effective Date as emergence grants ("Emergence Awards") to individuals selected to serve in key senior management positions after the Effective Date (as and when such individuals are selected as contemplated by and subject to the consent rights specified in the Restructuring Support Agreement); *provided, further*, that the Emergence Awards will have terms and conditions (including, without limitation, with respect to form, allocation, structure, duration, timing, and extent of issuance and vesting) that are acceptable to the Debtors and the Required Consenting Noteholders.

## **R.** Employee Matters

Except as provided herein or in the Plan Supplement, or pursuant to an order of the Bankruptcy Court, or any applicable law, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document, all employee wages, compensation, and benefit programs, and collective bargaining agreements, including without limitation under any expired collective bargaining agreements, in place as of the Effective Date with the Debtors shall be assumed by the Reorganized Debtors and shall remain in place as of the Effective Date. All Proofs of Claim filed for amounts due under any collective bargaining agreement and any cure obligation shall be considered satisfied by the agreement and obligation to assume and cure in the ordinary course.

## S. Qualified Defined Benefit Plan

Frontier sponsors a defined benefit pension plan covered by Title IV of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974, as amended ("<u>ERISA</u>"). Reorganized Frontier will assume the Frontier Communications Pension Plan (the "<u>Pension Plan</u>") in accordance with its terms on the Effective Date and the relevant provisions of ERISA and the Internal Revenue code. Reorganized Frontier, and all members of its controlled group, are obligated to pay contributions to the Pension Plan necessary to satisfy the minimum funding standards under section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code and section 302 of ERISA.

## T. Workers' Compensation Programs

As of the Effective Date, except as set forth in the Plan Supplement, the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors shall continue to honor their obligations under (1) all applicable workers' compensation laws in states in which the Reorganized Debtors operate and (2) the Debtors' applicable written contracts, agreements, agreements of indemnity, self-insured workers' compensation bonds, policies, programs, and plans, in each case, for workers' compensation and workers' compensation insurance. Any and all Proofs of Claims on account of workers' compensation shall be deemed withdrawn automatically and without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court; *provided* that nothing in the Plan shall limit, diminish, or otherwise alter the Debtors' or Reorganized

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Debtors' defenses, Causes of Action, or other rights under applicable non-bankruptcy law with respect to any such contracts, agreements, policies, programs, and plans; *provided*, *further*, that nothing herein shall be deemed to impose any obligations on the Debtors in addition to what is provided for under applicable state law.

#### U. Preservation of Rights of Action

In accordance with section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Reorganized Debtors shall retain and may enforce all rights to commence and pursue any and all Causes of Action of the Debtors, whether arising before or after the Petition Date, including any actions specifically enumerated in the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action, and the Reorganized Debtors' rights to commence, prosecute, or settle such Causes of Action shall be preserved notwithstanding the occurrence of the Effective Date, other than the Causes of Action released by the Debtors pursuant to the releases and exculpations contained in the Plan, including in Article VIII of the Plan, which shall be deemed released and waived by the Debtors and Reorganized Debtors as of the Effective Date.

The Reorganized Debtors may pursue such Causes of Action, as appropriate, in accordance with the best interests of the Reorganized Debtors. No Entity may rely on the absence of a specific reference in the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the Disclosure Statement, or the Schedule of Retained Causes of Action to any Cause of Action against it as any indication that the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, will not pursue any and all available Causes of Action of the Debtors against it. The Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors expressly reserve all rights to prosecute any and all Causes of Action against any Entity, except as otherwise provided in the Plan, including Article VIII of the Plan. Unless any Cause of Action of the Debtors against an Entity is expressly waived, relinquished, exculpated, released, compromised, or settled in the Plan or pursuant to a Final Order, the Reorganized Debtors expressly reserve all such Causes of Action for later adjudication, and, therefore, no preclusion doctrine, including the doctrines of res judicata, collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, claim preclusion, estoppel (judicial, equitable, or otherwise), or laches, shall apply to such Causes of Action upon, after, or as a consequence of Confirmation or Consummation.

The Reorganized Debtors reserve and shall retain such Causes of Action of the Debtors notwithstanding the rejection or repudiation of any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease during the Chapter 11 Cases or pursuant to the Plan. In accordance with section 1123(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, any Cause of Action that a Debtor may hold against any Entity shall vest in the applicable Reorganized Debtor, except as otherwise provided in the Plan, including Article VIII of the Plan. The applicable Reorganized Debtors, through their authorized agents or representatives, shall retain and may exclusively enforce any and all such Causes of Action. The Reorganized Debtors shall have the exclusive right, authority, and discretion to determine and to initiate, file, prosecute, enforce, abandon, settle, compromise, release, withdraw, or litigate to judgment any such Causes of Action, or to decline to do any of the foregoing, without the consent or approval of any third party or any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

## V. Release of Preference Actions

On the Effective Date, the Debtors, on behalf of themselves and their Estates, shall release any and all Avoidance Actions arising under section 547 of the Bankruptcy Code or any comparable "preference" action arising under applicable nonbankruptcy law; *provided* that the Reorganized Debtors shall retain the right to assert counterclaims or defenses to claims asserted against the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, based thereon.

## W. Consenting Noteholder Fees

On the Confirmation Date, the Debtors shall pay all Consenting Noteholder Fees in Cash to the extent not already paid by the Debtors subject to receipt by the Debtors of an invoice from any Entity entitled to a Consenting Noteholder Fee and in accordance with the applicable engagement letter. On and after the Confirmation Date, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall pay all Consenting Noteholder Fees in Cash, to the extent not already paid by the Debtors, in each case, within ten Business Days of receipt by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, of an invoice from any Entity entitled to a Consenting Noteholder Fee for any unpaid Consenting Noteholder Fees in accordance with the applicable engagement letter.

## X. [Payment of Trustee Fees]

[On the Effective Date, the Debtors shall pay all Trustee Fees in Cash to the extent not already paid by the Debtors subject to receipt by the Debtors of an invoice from any Entity entitled to a Trustee Fee. On and after the Effective Date, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall pay all Trustee Fees in Cash, to the extent not already paid by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, in each case, within ten Business Days of receipt by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, of an invoice from any Entity entitled to a Trustee Fee for any unpaid Trustee Fees.]<sup>13</sup>

#### Y. Payment of Board Observer Fees

On the Effective Date, the Debtors shall pay all Board Observer Fees in Cash to the extent not already paid by the Debtors.

## ARTICLE V. TREATMENT OF EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES

#### A. Assumption and Rejection of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

Except as otherwise provided herein, each Executory Contract and Unexpired Lease shall be deemed assumed, without the need for any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court, as of the Effective Date, pursuant to sections 365 and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code, unless such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease (a) was previously assumed, assumed and assigned, or rejected by the Debtors; (b) previously expired or terminated pursuant to its own terms; (c) is the subject of a motion to assume, assume and assign, or reject Filed on or before the Confirmation Date that is pending on the Effective Date; or (d) is designated specifically, or by category, as an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease shereunder may include the assignment of certain of such contracts to Affiliates. The Confirmation Order will constitute an order of the Bankruptcy Court approving the above-described assumptions and assignments, all pursuant to sections 365(a) and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code and effective on the occurrence of the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall have the right to alter, amend, modify, or supplement the Schedule of Rejected Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases at any time through and including 45 days after the Effective Date.

Except as otherwise provided herein or agreed to by the Debtors and the applicable counterparty, each assumed Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease shall include all modifications, amendments,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> **NTD**: Subject to review.

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supplements, restatements, or other agreements related thereto. To the extent any provision in any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease assumed pursuant to the Plan restricts or prevents, or purports to restrict or prevent, or is breached or deemed breached by, the assumption of such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease (including any "change of control" provision), then such provision shall be deemed modified such that the transactions contemplated by the Plan shall not entitle the non-Debtor party thereto to terminate such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease or to exercise any other default-related rights with respect thereto. Modifications, amendments, supplements, and restatements to prepetition Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases that have been executed by the Debtors during the Chapter 11 Cases shall not be deemed to alter the prepetition nature of the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease or the validity, priority, or amount of any Claims that may arise in connection therewith.

## B. Preexisting Obligations to the Debtors Under Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

Rejection of any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease pursuant to the Plan or otherwise shall not constitute a termination of preexisting obligations owed to the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, under such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease. Without limiting the general nature of the foregoing, and notwithstanding any non-bankruptcy law to the contrary, the Debtors and Reorganized Debtors expressly reserve and do not waive any right to receive, or any continuing obligation of a counterparty to provide, warranties or continued maintenance obligations on goods previously purchased by the Debtors contracting from non-Debtor counterparties to any rejected Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease.

#### C. Claims Based on Rejection of Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases

Counterparties to Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases listed on the Schedule of Rejected Executory Contracts and Leases, if any, shall be served with a notice of rejection of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases with the Plan Supplement. Unless otherwise provided by a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, all Proofs of Claim with respect to Claims arising from the rejection of Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases, pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, if any, must be Filed with the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent and served on the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, no later than thirty days after the date of entry of an order of the Bankruptcy Court (including the Confirmation Order) approving such rejection. Any Claims arising from the rejection of an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease not Filed with the Bankruptcy Court within such time will be automatically disallowed, forever barred from assertion, and shall not be enforceable against the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, the Estates, or their property without the need for any objection by the Reorganized Debtors or further notice to, or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court or any other Entity, and any Claim arising out of the rejection of the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease shall be deemed fully satisfied, released, and discharged, and be subject to the permanent injunction set forth in Article VIII.E of the Plan, including any Claims against any Debtor listed on the Debtors' schedules as unliquidated, contingent, or disputed. All Allowed Claims arising from the rejection by any Debtor of any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease shall be treated as a General Unsecured Claim in accordance with Article III.C of the Plan.

#### D. Cure of Defaults for Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases Assumed

The Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall pay Cures, if any, on the Effective Date, with the amount and timing of payment of any such Cure dictated by the Debtors' ordinary course of business. Unless otherwise agreed upon in writing by the parties to the applicable Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease, all requests for payment of Cure that differ from the ordinary course amounts paid or proposed to be paid by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors must be Filed with the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent on or before thirty days after the Effective Date. Any such request that is

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not timely Filed shall be disallowed and forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from assertion, and shall not be enforceable against any Reorganized Debtor, without the need for any objection by the Reorganized Debtors or any other party in interest or any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court. Any Cure shall be deemed fully satisfied, released, and discharged upon payment by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors of the Cure in the Debtors' ordinary course of business; *provided, however*, that nothing herein shall prevent the Reorganized Debtors from paying any Cure Claim despite the failure of the relevant counterparty to File such request for payment of such Cure. The Reorganized Debtors may also settle any Cure Claim without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court. In addition, any objection to the assumption of an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease under the Plan must be Filed with the Bankruptcy Court on or before thirty days after the Effective Date. Any such objection will be scheduled to be heard by the Bankruptcy Court at the Debtors' first scheduled omnibus hearing for which such objection is timely Filed. Any counterparty to an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease will be deemed to have consented to such assumption.

In the event of a dispute regarding: (1) the amount of any Cure Claim, (2) the ability of the Reorganized Debtors or any assignee to provide "adequate assurance of future performance" (within the meaning of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code) under the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease to be assumed (or assumed and assigned, as applicable), or (3) any other matter pertaining to assumption or assignment, then any disputed Cure payments required by section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code shall be made as soon as reasonably practicable following the entry of a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court resolving such dispute or as may be agreed upon by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, and the counterparty to the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease, and any such unresolved dispute shall not prevent or delay implementation of the Plan or the occurrence of the Effective Date.

Assumption of any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease pursuant to the Plan or otherwise and full payment of any applicable Cure pursuant to this Article V.D, in the amount and at the time dictated by the Debtors' ordinary course of business, shall result in the full release and satisfaction of any Cures, Claims, or defaults, whether monetary or nonmonetary, including defaults of provisions restricting the change in control or ownership interest composition or other bankruptcy-related defaults, arising under any assumed Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease at any time prior to the effective date of assumption. Any and all Proofs of Claim based upon Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases that have been assumed in the Chapter 11 Cases, including pursuant to the Confirmation Order, and for which any Cure has been fully paid pursuant to this Article V.D, in the amount and at the time dictated by the Debtors' ordinary course of business, shall be deemed disallowed and expunged as of the Effective Date without the need for any objection thereto or any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

#### E. Indemnification Provisions

On and as of the Effective Date, the Indemnification Provisions will be assumed by the Debtors, and shall be reinstated and remain intact, irrevocable, and shall survive the Effective Date. The Reorganized Debtors' governance documents shall provide for indemnification, defense, reimbursement, and limitation of liability of, and advancement of fees and expenses to, the Reorganized Debtors' current and former directors, managers, officers, members, employees, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, and other professionals of the Debtors to the fullest extent permitted by law and at least to the same extent as provided under the Indemnification Provisions against any Cause of Action whether direct or derivative, liquidated or unliquidated, fixed or contingent, disputed or undisputed, matured or unmatured, known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted; *provided* that the Reorganized Debtors shall not indemnify any Person for any Cause of Action arising out of or related to any act or omission that is a criminal act or constitutes actual fraud, gross negligence, bad faith, or willful misconduct. None of the Reorganized

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Debtors will amend or restate their respective governance documents before, on, or after the Effective Date to terminate or materially adversely affect any of the Reorganized Debtors' obligations to provide such rights to indemnification, defense, reimbursement, limitation of liability, or advancement of fees and expenses. Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Debtors' foregoing assumption of each of the Indemnification Provisions.

#### F. Restructuring Support Agreement

The Restructuring Support Agreement shall be deemed assumed in its entirety pursuant to sections 105, 363, and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, without the need for any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court, upon entry of the Confirmation Order. Upon the entry of the Confirmation Order, the Restructuring Support Agreement shall be effective and binding upon all parties in interest, including, without limitation, all creditors of any of the Debtors, the Creditors' Committee, and the Debtors, and their respective successors and assigns, whether in these chapter 11 cases, in any successor chapter 11 or chapter 7 cases, or upon any dismissal of any of the Consenting Noteholders and the Debtors and their respective permitted successors and assigns.

#### G. Insurance Policies

Each D&O Liability Insurance Policy (including, without limitation, any "tail policy" and all agreements, documents, or instruments related thereto) shall be deemed assumed, without the need for any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court, as of the Effective Date, pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.

The Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall not terminate or otherwise reduce the coverage under any D&O Liability Insurance Policy (including, without limitation, any "tail policy" and all agreements, documents, or instruments related thereto) in effect prior to the Effective Date, and any current and former directors, officers, managers, and employees of the Debtors who served in such capacity at any time before or after the Effective Date shall be entitled to the full benefits of any such policy for the full term of such policy regardless of whether such directors, officers, managers, and employees remain in such positions after the Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors shall retain the ability to supplement such D&O Liability Insurance Policy as the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors may deem necessary.

The Debtors shall continue to satisfy their surety bonds and insurance policies in full and continue such programs in the ordinary course of business. Each of the Debtors' surety bonds and insurance policies, and any agreements, documents, or instruments relating thereto shall be treated as Executory Contracts under the Plan. Unless otherwise provided in the Plan, on the Effective Date: (a) the Debtors shall be deemed to have assumed all such surety bonds and insurance policies and any agreements, documents, and instruments relating to coverage of all insured Claims; and (b) such surety bonds and insurance policies and any agreements, documents, or instruments relating thereto shall revest in the applicable Reorganized Debtor(s).

Entry of the Confirmation Order will constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Reorganized Debtors' assumption of all such insurance policies. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Plan, Confirmation of the Plan shall not discharge, impair, or otherwise modify any indemnity obligations assumed by the foregoing assumption of insurance policies and each such indemnity obligation will be deemed and treated as an Executory Contract that has been assumed by the Reorganized Debtors under the Plan as to which no Proof of Claim need be filed, and shall survive the Effective Date.

## H. Reservation of Rights

Nothing contained in the Plan or the Plan Supplement (unless otherwise explicitly provided) shall constitute an admission by the Debtors or any other party that any contract or lease is in fact an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease or that any Reorganized Debtor has any liability thereunder. If there is a dispute regarding whether a contract or lease is or was executory or unexpired at the time of assumption or rejection, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall have forty-five days following entry of a Final Order resolving such dispute to alter their treatment of such contract or lease, including by rejecting such contract or lease *nunc pro tunc* to the Confirmation Date.

#### I. Nonoccurrence of Effective Date

In the event that the Effective Date does not occur, the Bankruptcy Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to any request to extend the deadline for assuming or rejecting Unexpired Leases pursuant to section 365(d)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code.

#### J. Contracts and Leases Entered into After the Petition Date

Contracts and leases entered into after the Petition Date by any Debtor, including any Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases assumed under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, will be performed by the applicable Debtor or Reorganized Debtor liable thereunder in the ordinary course of its business. Such contracts and leases that are not rejected under the Plan shall survive and remain unaffected by entry of the Confirmation Order.

## ARTICLE VI.

## **PROVISIONS GOVERNING DISTRIBUTIONS**

## A. Timing and Calculation of Amounts to Be Distributed

Except (1) as otherwise provided herein, (2) upon a Final Order, or (3) as otherwise agreed to by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as the case may be, and the Holder of the applicable Claim, on the Effective Date (or if a Claim is not an Allowed Claim on the Effective Date, on the next Distribution Date after such Claim becomes, as applicable, an Allowed Claim, or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter), each Holder of an Allowed Claim shall receive the full amount of distributions that the Plan provides for Allowed Claims in the applicable Class from the Distribution Agent. In the event that any payment or distribution under the Plan is required to be made or performed on a date that is not a Business Day, then the making of such payment or distribution may be completed on the next succeeding Business Day, but shall be deemed to have been completed as of the required date. Except as specifically provided in the Plan, Holders of Claims shall not be entitled to interest, dividends, or accruals on the distributions provided for in the Plan, regardless of whether such distributions are delivered on or at any time after the Effective Date.

## B. Rights and Powers of Distribution Agent

## 1. <u>Powers of the Distribution Agent</u>

The Distribution Agent shall be empowered to: (a) effect all actions and execute all agreements, instruments, and other documents necessary to perform its duties and exercise its rights under the Plan; (b) make all distributions contemplated under the Plan; (c) employ professionals to represent it with respect to its responsibilities and powers; and (d) exercise such other powers as may be vested in the Distribution

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Agent by order of the Bankruptcy Court, pursuant to the Plan, or as deemed by the Distribution Agent to be necessary and proper to implement the provisions of the Plan.

## 2. <u>Expenses Incurred on or after the Effective Date</u>

Except as otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, the amount of any reasonable fees and expenses incurred by the Distribution Agent on or after the Effective Date and any reasonable compensation and expense reimbursement claims (including reasonable attorney and/or other professional fees and expenses) made by such Distribution Agent shall be paid in Cash by the Reorganized Debtors.

## C. Delivery of Distributions and Undeliverable or Unclaimed Distributions

## 1. <u>Distributions Generally</u>

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, the Distribution Agent shall make distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims at the address for each such Holder as indicated on the applicable register or in the Debtors' records as of the date of any such distribution (as applicable), including the address set forth in any Proof of Claim filed by that Holder; *provided* that the manner of such distributions shall be determined at the discretion of the Reorganized Debtors.

## 2. <u>Distributions on Account of Obligations of Multiple Debtors</u>

For all purposes associated with distributions under the Plan, all guarantees by any Debtor of the obligations of any other Debtor, as well as any joint and several liability of any Debtor with respect to any other Debtor, shall be deemed eliminated so that any obligation that could otherwise be asserted against more than one Debtor shall result in a single distribution under the Plan. Any such Claims shall be released and discharged pursuant to Article VIII of the Plan and shall be subject to all potential objections, defenses, and counterclaims, and to estimation pursuant to section 502(c) of the Bankruptcy Code.

## 3. <u>Record Date of Distributions</u>

[On the Distribution Record Date, the various transfer registers for each Class of Claims as maintained by the Debtors or their respective agents shall be deemed closed, and there shall be no further changes in the record Holders of any Claims.] The Distribution Agent shall have no obligation to recognize any transfer of Claims occurring on or after the Distribution Record Date. In addition, with respect to payment of any Cure amounts or disputes over any Cure amounts, neither the Debtors nor the Distribution Agent shall have any obligation to recognize or deal with any party other than the non-Debtor party to the applicable Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease as of the Effective Date, even if such non-Debtor party has sold, assigned, or otherwise transferred its Claim for a Cure amount. For the avoidance of doubt, the Distribution Record Date shall not apply to distributions to Holders of public Securities.

## 4. Special Rules for Distributions to Holders of Disputed Claims

Notwithstanding any provision otherwise in the Plan and except as otherwise agreed to by the Reorganized Debtors, on the one hand, and the Holder of a Disputed Claim, on the other hand, or as set forth in a Final Order, no partial payments and no partial distributions shall be made with respect to a Disputed Claim until all of the Disputed Claim has become an Allowed Claim or has otherwise been resolved by settlement or Final Order; *provided* that, if the Reorganized Debtors do not dispute a portion of an amount asserted pursuant to an otherwise Disputed Claim, the Distribution Agent may make a partial distribution on account of that portion of such Claim that is not Disputed at the time and in the manner that the Distribution Agent makes distributions to similarly situated Holders of Allowed Claims pursuant to the

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Plan. Any dividends or other distributions arising from property distributed to Holders of Allowed Claims, as applicable, in a Class and paid to such Holders under the Plan shall also be paid, in the applicable amounts, to any Holder of a Disputed Claim, as applicable, in such Class that becomes an Allowed Claim after the date or dates that such dividends or other distributions were earlier paid to Holders of Allowed Claims in such Class.

## 5. <u>De Minimis Distributions; Minimum Distributions</u>

No fractional shares of New Common Stock or Takeback Debt shall be distributed, and no Cash shall be distributed in lieu of such fractional amounts and such fractional amount shall be deemed to be zero. When any distribution pursuant to the Plan on account of an Allowed Claim would otherwise result in the issuance of a number of shares of New Common Stock or Takeback Debt that is not a whole number, the actual distribution of shares of New Common Stock or Takeback Debt shall be rounded as follows: (a) fractions of greater than one-half shall be rounded to the next higher whole number and (b) fractions of one-half or less shall be rounded to the next lower whole number with no further payment thereto. The total number of authorized shares of New Common Stock or Takeback Debt to be distributed to Holders of Allowed Senior Notes Claims may (at the Debtors' discretion) be adjusted as necessary to account for the foregoing rounding; *provided* that DTC may be considered a single holder for purposes of distributions.

The Distribution Agent shall not make any distributions to a Holder of an Allowed Senior Notes Claim on account of such Allowed Senior Notes Claim of New Common Stock or Cash where such distribution is valued, in the reasonable discretion of the Distribution Agent, at less than \$100.00, and each Senior Notes Claim to which this limitation applies shall be discharged pursuant to Article VIII of the Plan and its Holder shall be forever barred pursuant to Article VIII of the Plan from asserting that Senior Notes Claim against the Reorganized Debtors or their property.

## 6. <u>Undeliverable Distributions and Unclaimed Property</u>

In the event that either (a) a distribution to any Holder is returned as undeliverable or (b) the Holder of an Allowed Claim does not respond to a request by the Debtors or the Distribution Agent for information necessary to facilitate a particular distribution, no distribution to such Holder shall be made unless and until the Distribution Agent has determined the then-current address of such Holder or received the necessary information to facilitate a particular distribution, at which time such distribution shall be made to such Holder without interest, dividends, or other accruals of any kind; *provided* that such distributions shall be deemed unclaimed property under section 347(b) of the Bankruptcy Code on the date that is six months after the Effective Date. After such date, all unclaimed property or interests in property shall revert to the Reorganized Debtors automatically and without need for a further order by the Bankruptcy Court (notwithstanding any applicable local, state, federal, or foreign escheat, abandoned, or unclaimed property laws to the contrary), and the Claim of any Holder to such property or interest in property shall be discharged and forever barred.

## 7. <u>Manner of Payment Pursuant to the Plan</u>

At the option of the Distribution Agent, any Cash payment to be made hereunder may be made by check, wire transfer, automated clearing house, or credit card, or as otherwise provided in applicable agreements.

## **D.** Compliance Matters

In connection with the Plan, to the extent applicable, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, any Distribution Agent, and any other applicable withholding and reporting agents shall comply with all tax

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withholding and reporting requirements imposed on them by any Governmental Unit, and all distributions pursuant to the Plan shall be subject to such withholding and reporting requirements. Notwithstanding any provision in the Plan to the contrary, the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Distribution Agent, and any other applicable withholding and reporting agents shall be authorized to take all actions necessary or appropriate to comply with such withholding and reporting requirements, including liquidating a portion of the distribution to be made under the Plan to generate sufficient funds to pay applicable withholding taxes, withholding distributions pending receipt of information necessary to facilitate such distributions, or establishing any other mechanisms that are are reasonable and appropriate; *provided* that the Reorganized Debtors and the Distribution Agent, as applicable, shall request appropriate documentation from the applicable distributees and allow such distributees a reasonable amount of time to respond. The Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Distribution Agent, and any other applicable withholding and reporting agents reserve the right to allocate all distributions made under the Plan in compliance with all applicable wage garnishments, alimony, child support, and other spousal awards, liens, and encumbrances.

## E. Foreign Currency Exchange Rate

Except as otherwise provided in a Bankruptcy Court order, as of the Effective Date, any Claim asserted in currency other than U.S. dollars shall be automatically deemed converted to the equivalent U.S. dollar value using the exchange rate for the applicable currency as published in The Wall Street Journal, National Edition, on the Effective Date.

## F. Claims Paid or Payable by Third Parties

#### 1. <u>Claims Paid by Third Parties</u>

The Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, shall reduce a Claim, and such Claim (or portion thereof) shall be disallowed without an objection to such Claim having to be Filed and without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court, to the extent that the Holder of such Claim receives a payment on account of such Claim from a party that is not a Debtor or Reorganized Debtor (or other Distribution Agent), as applicable. To the extent a Holder of a Claim receives a distribution on account of such Claim and receives payment from a party that is not a Debtor or a Reorganized Debtor (or other Distribution Agent), as applicable, on account of such Claim, such Holder shall, within ten Business Days of receipt thereof, repay, return, or deliver any distribution held by or transferred to the Holder to the applicable Reorganized Debtor to the extent the Holder's total recovery on account of such Claim from the third party and under the Plan exceeds the amount of such Claim as of the date of any such distribution under the Plan. The failure of such Holder to timely repay, return, or deliver such distribution shall result in the Holder owing the applicable Reorganized Debtor annualized interest at the Federal Judgment Rate on such amount owed for each Business Day after the ten-Business Day grace period specified above until the amount is repaid.

## 2. <u>Claims Payable by Third Parties</u>

No distributions under the Plan shall be made on account of an Allowed Claim that is payable pursuant to one of the Debtors' insurance policies until the Holder of such Allowed Claim has exhausted all remedies with respect to such insurance policy. To the extent that one or more of the Debtors' insurers agrees to satisfy in full or in part a Claim (if and to the extent adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction), then immediately upon such satisfaction, such Claim may be expunged on the Claims Register by the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent to the extent of any such satisfaction without an objection to such Claim having to be Filed and without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

## 3. Applicability of Insurance Policies

Except as otherwise provided herein, distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims shall be in accordance with the provisions of any applicable insurance policy. Nothing contained in the Plan shall constitute or be deemed a release, settlement, satisfaction, compromise, or waiver of any rights, defenses, or Cause of Action that the Debtors or any other Entity may hold against any other Entity, including insurers, under any policies of insurance, agreements related thereto, or applicable indemnity, nor shall anything contained herein constitute or be deemed a waiver by such insurers of any rights or defenses, including coverage defenses, held by such insurers under the applicable insurance policies, agreements related thereto, and applicable non-bankruptcy law.

## G. Setoffs and Recoupment

Except as otherwise expressly provided for herein, each Debtor, Reorganized Debtor, or such Entity's designee as instructed by such Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, may, pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code (including section 553 of the Bankruptcy Code), applicable non-bankruptcy law, or as may be agreed to by the Holder of a Claim, set off against or recoup from an Allowed Claim and any distributions to be made pursuant to the Plan on account of such Allowed Claim, any Claims, rights, and Causes of Action of any nature whatsoever that the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, may have against the Holder of such Allowed Claim, to the extent such Claims, rights, or Causes of Action have not been otherwise). Notwithstanding the foregoing, except as expressly stated in Article VIII of this Plan, neither the failure to effect such a setoff or recoupment nor the allowance of any Claim pursuant to the Plan shall constitute a waiver or release by the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors of any such Claims, rights, or Causes of Action the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors may possess against such Holder.

## H. Allocation between Principal and Accrued Interest

Except as otherwise provided herein, the aggregate consideration paid to Holders with respect to their Allowed Claims shall be treated pursuant to the Plan as allocated first to the principal amount of such Allowed Claims (to the extent thereof and as determined for federal income tax purposes) and second, to the extent the consideration exceeds the principal amount of the Allowed Claims, to the remaining portion of such Allowed Claim, if any.

## ARTICLE VII.

## PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING DISPUTED, CONTINGENT, AND UNLIQUIDATED CLAIMS AND INTERESTS

#### A. Disputed Claims Process<sup>14</sup>

Notwithstanding section 502(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, and in light of the Unimpaired status of all Allowed General Unsecured Claims under the Plan, the Reorganized Debtors and the Holders of Claims shall determine, adjudicate, and resolve any disputes over the validity and amounts of such Claims in the ordinary course of business as if the Chapter 11 Cases had not been commenced, except that (unless expressly waived pursuant to the Plan) the Allowed Amount of such Claims shall be subject to the limitations or maximum amounts permitted by the Bankruptcy Code, including sections 502 and 503 of the Bankruptcy Code, to the extent applicable. Unless relating to a Claim expressly Allowed pursuant to the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> **NTD:** To be discussed.

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Plan, all Proofs of Claim filed in these Chapter 11 Cases shall be considered objected to and Disputed without further action by the Debtors. Upon the Effective Date, all Proofs of Claim filed against the Debtors, regardless of the time of filing, and including Proofs of Claim filed after the Effective Date, shall be deemed withdrawn and expunged, other than as provided below. Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary: (1) all Claims against the Debtors that result from the Debtors' rejection of an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease; (2) disputes regarding the amount of any Cure pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; and (3) Claims that the Debtors seek to have determined by the Bankruptcy Court, shall in all cases be determined by the Bankruptcy Court.

All Proofs of Claim required to be Filed by the Plan that are Filed after the date that they are required to be Filed pursuant to the Plan shall be disallowed and forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from assertion, and shall not be enforceable against any Reorganized Debtor, without the need for any objection by the Reorganized Debtors or any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

#### **B. Objections to Claims**

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors, shall have the sole authority to: (1) File, withdraw, or litigate to judgment, any objections to Claims; and (2) settle or compromise any Disputed Claim without any further notice to or action, order, or approval by the Bankruptcy Court. For the avoidance of doubt, except as otherwise provided herein, from and after the Effective Date, each Reorganized Debtor shall have and retain any and all rights and defenses such Debtor had immediately prior to the Effective Date with respect to any Disputed Claim, including the Causes of Action retained pursuant to Article IV.U of the Plan.

Any objections to Claims shall be Filed on or before the Claims Objection Deadline. For the avoidance of doubt, the Bankruptcy Court may extend the time period to object to Claims set forth in this paragraph at any time, including before or after the expiration of one hundred eighty days after the Effective Date, in its discretion or upon request by the Debtors or any party in interest.

## C. Estimation of Claims

Before or after the Effective Date, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, may (but are not required to), at any time, request that the Bankruptcy Court estimate any Disputed Claim that is contingent or unliquidated pursuant to applicable law, including pursuant to section 502(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, for any reason, regardless of whether any party previously has objected to such Disputed Claim or whether the Bankruptcy Court has ruled on any such objection, and the Bankruptcy Court shall retain jurisdiction under sections 157 and 1334 of the Judicial Code to estimate any such Disputed Claim, including during the litigation of any objection to any Disputed Claim or during the pendency of any appeal relating to such objection. Notwithstanding any provision otherwise in the Plan, a Disputed Claim that has been expunded from the Claims Register, but that either is subject to appeal or has not been the subject of a Final Order, shall be deemed to be estimated at zero dollars, unless otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court. In the event that the Bankruptcy Court estimates any contingent or unliquidated Claim, that estimated amount shall constitute a maximum limitation on such Claim for all purposes under the Plan (including for purposes of distributions and discharge) and may be used as evidence in any supplemental proceedings, and the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors may elect to pursue any supplemental proceedings to object to any ultimate distribution on such Claim. Notwithstanding section 502(j) of the Bankruptcy Code, in no event shall any Holder of a Disputed Claim that has been estimated pursuant to section 502(c) of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise be entitled to seek reconsideration of such estimation unless such Holder has Filed a motion requesting the right to seek such reconsideration on or before fourteen days after the date on which such Disputed Claim is estimated.

#### D. No Distributions Pending Allowance

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, if any portion of a Claim is a Disputed Claim, no payment or distribution provided hereunder shall be made on account of such Claim unless and until such Disputed Claim becomes an Allowed Claim; *provided* that if only a portion of a Claim is Disputed, such Claim shall be deemed Allowed in the amount not Disputed and payment or distribution shall be made on account of such undisputed amount; *provided*, *further* that the foregoing shall not apply to any Make-Whole Claim, which Claims shall not be Allowed Claims under the Plan.

#### E. Distributions After Allowance

To the extent that a Disputed Claim ultimately becomes an Allowed Claim , distributions (if any) shall be made to the Holder of such Allowed Claim in accordance with the provisions of the Plan. As soon as reasonably practicable after the date that the order or judgment of the Bankruptcy Court Allowing any Disputed Claim becomes a Final Order, the Distribution Agent shall provide to the Holder of such Allowed Claim the distribution (if any) to which such Holder is entitled under the Plan as of the Effective Date, without any interest, dividends, or accruals to be paid on account of such Allowed Claim unless required under applicable bankruptcy law.

## F. No Interest

Unless otherwise specifically provided for herein or by Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, postpetition interest shall not accrue or be paid on Claims against the Debtors, and no Holder of a Claim against the Debtors shall be entitled to interest accruing on or after the Petition Date on any such Claim . Additionally, and without limiting the foregoing, interest shall not accrue or be paid on any Disputed Claim with respect to the period from the Effective Date to the date a final distribution is made on account of such Disputed Claim, if and when such Disputed Claim becomes an Allowed Claim.

#### G. Adjustment to Claims and Interests without Objection

Any Claim or Interest that has been paid, satisfied, amended, superseded, cancelled, or otherwise expunged (including pursuant to the Plan) may be adjusted or expunged on the Claims Register at the direction of the Reorganized Debtors without the Reorganized Debtors having to File an application, motion, complaint, objection, or any other legal proceeding seeking to object to such Claim or Interest and without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court. Additionally, any Claim or Interest that is duplicative or redundant with another Claim or Interest against the same Debtor may be adjusted or expunged on the Claims Register at the direction of the Reorganized Debtors without the Reorganized Debtors having to File an application, motion, complaint, objection, or any other legal proceeding seeking to object to such Claim or Interest and without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

## H. Disallowance of Claims

All Claims of any Entity from which property is sought by the Debtors under section 542, 543, 550, or 553 of the Bankruptcy Code or that is a transferee of a transfer that is avoidable under section 522(f), 522(h), 544, 545, 547, 548, 549, or 724(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, shall be deemed disallowed pursuant to section 502(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, and Holders of such Claims may not receive any distributions on account of such Claims until such time as such Causes of Action against that Entity have been settled or a Final Order with respect thereto has been entered by the Bankruptcy Court and all sums due, if any, to the Debtors by that Entity have been turned over or paid to the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable. All Claims filed on account of an indemnification obligation to a director, officer, or employee

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shall be deemed satisfied and expunged from the Claims register as of the Effective Date to the extent such indemnification obligation is assumed (or honored or reaffirmed, as the case may be) pursuant to the Plan, without any further notice to or action, order or approval of the Bankruptcy Court. All Claims filed on account of an employee benefit shall be deemed satisfied and expunged from the Claims register as of the Effective Date to the extent the Reorganized Debtors elect to honor such employee benefit, without any further notice to or action, order or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

Except as otherwise provided herein or as agreed to by the Reorganized Debtors, all Proofs of Claim Filed after the Claims Bar Date or Administrative Claims Bar Date, as applicable, shall be deemed disallowed in full and expunged as of the Effective Date, forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from assertion, and shall not be enforceable against any Reorganized Debtor, without the need for any objection by the Reorganized Debtors or any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court, unless on or before the Confirmation Hearing such late Claim has been deemed timely filed by a Final Order.

#### I. Amendments to Proofs of Claim

On or after the Effective Date, except as provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, a Proof of Claim or Proof of Interest may not be Filed or amended without the prior authorization of the Bankruptcy Court or the Reorganized Debtors, and any such new or amended Proof of Claim or Proof of Interest Filed shall be deemed disallowed in full and expunged without any further action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court.

#### **ARTICLE VIII.**

#### EFFECT OF CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN

#### A. Discharge of Claims and Termination of Interests

As provided by section 1141(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, and except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or in any contract, instrument, or other agreement or document created pursuant to the Plan, the distributions, rights, and treatment that are provided in the Plan shall be in complete satisfaction, discharge, and release, effective as of the Effective Date, of Claims (including any Intercompany Claims resolved or compromised after the Effective Date by the Reorganized Debtors), Interests, and Causes of Action of any nature whatsoever, including any interest accrued on Claims or Interests from and after the Petition Date, whether known or unknown, against, liabilities of, Liens on, obligations of, rights against, and Interests in, the Debtors or any of their assets or properties, regardless of whether any property shall have been distributed or retained pursuant to the Plan on account of such Claims and Interests, including demands, liabilities, and Causes of Action that arose before the Effective Date, any liability (including withdrawal liability) to the extent such Claims or Interests relate to services performed by current or former employees of the Debtors prior to the Effective Date and that arise from a termination of employment, any contingent or non-contingent liability on account of representations or warranties issued on or before the Effective Date, and all debts of the kind specified in sections 502(g), 502(h), or 502(i) of the Bankruptcy Code, in each case whether or not: (1) a Proof of Claim or Proof of Interest based upon such debt, right, or Interest is Filed or deemed Filed pursuant to section 501 of the Bankruptcy Code; (2) a Claim or Interest based upon such debt, right, or Interest is Allowed pursuant to section 502 of the Bankruptcy Code; or (3) the Holder of such a Claim or Interest has accepted the Plan. Any default by the Debtors or their Affiliates with respect to any Claim or Interest that existed immediately prior to or on account of filing of the Chapter 11 Cases shall be deemed cured (and no longer continuing) on the Effective Date. The Confirmation Order shall be a judicial determination of the discharge of all Claims and Interests subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date.

#### **B.** Releases by the Debtors

Except as expressly set forth in the Plan, effective on the Effective Date, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, each Released Party is hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released and discharged by each and all of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and their Estates, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of, the foregoing Entities, from any and all Causes of Action, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, matured or unmatured, existing or hereafter arising, in law, equity, contract, tort, or otherwise, that the Debtors would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, a Debtor, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the management, ownership, or operation thereof), their capital structure, the purchase, sale, or rescission of the purchase or sale of any Security of the Debtors, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor and any Released Party, the Chapter 11 Cases and related adversary proceedings, the Credit Facilities, the First Lien Notes, the Second Lien Notes, the IDRB, the Senior Notes, the Subsidiary Debt, the DIP Facility, the Exit Facility, the Takeback Debt, the assertion or enforcement of rights and remedies against the Debtors' out-of-court restructuring efforts, intercompany transactions between or among a Debtor and another Debtor, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the Restructuring Support Agreement, the Definitive Documents, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Restructuring Support Agreement or the Definitive Documents, the pursuit of consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Restructuring Transaction, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence related to the Debtors taking place on or before the Effective Date.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval, pursuant to section 1123(b) and Bankruptcy Rule 9019, of the releases described in this Article VIII.B by the Debtors, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in this Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that each release described in this Article VIII.B is: (1) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties; (2) a good-faith settlement and compromise of such Causes of Action; (3) in the best interests of the Debtors and all Holders of Claims and Interests; (4) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (5) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing; (6) a sound exercise of the Debtors' business judgment; and (7) a bar to any of the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors or their respective Estates asserting any Cause of Action related thereto, of any kind, against any of the Released Parties or their property.

#### C. Releases by Holders of Claims and Interests

Except as expressly set forth in the Plan, effective on the Effective Date, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, each Released Party is hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released and discharged by each and all of the Releasing Parties, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Cause of Action, from any and all Causes of Action, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, matured or unmatured, existing or hereafter arising, in law, equity, contract, tort, or

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otherwise, including any derivative claims asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert in its own right (whether individually or collectively or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, a Debtor or other Entity), based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the management, ownership, or operation thereof), their capital structure, the purchase, sale, or rescission of the purchase or sale of any security of the Debtors, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor and any Released Party, the Credit Facilities, the First Lien Notes, the Second Lien Notes, the IDRB, the Senior Notes, the Subsidiary Debt, the DIP Facility, the Exit Facility, the Takeback Debt, the assertion or enforcement of rights and remedies against the Debtors' out-of-court restructuring efforts, intercompany transactions between or among a Debtor and another Debtor, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the Restructuring Support Agreement, the Definitive Documents, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Restructuring Support Agreement or the Definitive Documents, the pursuit of consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Restructuring Transaction, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence related to the Debtors taking place on or before the Effective Date.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, of the releases described in this Article VIII.C, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in this Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that each release described in this Article VIII.C is: (1) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties; (2) a good-faith settlement and compromise of such Causes of Action; (3) in the best interests of the Debtors and all Holders of Claims and Interests; (4) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (5) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing; (6) a sound exercise of the Debtors' business judgment; and (7) a bar to any of the Releasing Parties or the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors or their respective Estates asserting any Cause of Action related thereto, of any kind, against any of the Released Parties or their property.

#### D. Exculpation

Effective as of the Effective Date, to the fullest extent permissible under applicable law and without affecting or limiting either the Debtor Release or the third-party release, and except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur, and each Exculpated Party is released and exculpated from any Cause of Action for any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, filing, or consummation of the Restructuring Support Agreement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, any Definitive Documents, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement or the Plan, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of consummation of the Plan, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance of Securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement (including, for the avoidance of doubt, providing any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Exculpated Party on the Plan or the Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion), except for Causes of Action related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order of a court of competent jurisdiction to have constituted actual fraud, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, but in all respects such Entities shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Plan.

The Exculpated Parties have, and upon Consummation of the Plan shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with the applicable laws with regard to the solicitation of votes and distribution of consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan.

#### E. Injunction

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities who have held, hold, or may hold Claims, Interests, Causes of Action, or liabilities that: (a) are subject to compromise and settlement pursuant to the terms of the Plan; (b) have been released pursuant to Article VIII.B of this Plan; (c) have been released pursuant to Article VIII.C of this Plan, (d) are subject to exculpation pursuant to Article VIII.D of this Plan, or (e) are otherwise discharged, satisfied, stayed, or terminated pursuant to the terms of the Plan, are permanently enjoined and precluded, from and after the Effective Date, from commencing or continuing in any manner, any action or other proceeding, including on account of any Claims, Interests, Causes of Action, or liabilities that have been compromised or settled against the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, or any Entity so released or exculpated (or the property or estate of any Entity, directly or indirectly, so released or exculpated) on account of, or in connection with or with respect to, any discharged, released, settled, compromised, or exculpated Claims, Interests, Causes of Action, or liabilities.

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, all Holders of Claims and Interests and their respective current and former directors, managers, officers, principals, predecessors, successors, employees, agents, and direct and indirect Affiliates shall be enjoined from taking any actions to interfere with the implementation or Consummation of the Plan. Each Holder of an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest, as applicable, by accepting, or being eligible to accept, distributions under or Reinstatement of such Claim or Interest, as applicable, pursuant to the Plan, shall be deemed to have consented to the injunction provisions set forth in this Article VIII.E.

#### F. Release of Liens

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or any contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created pursuant to the Plan or Confirmation Order, on the Effective Date, and concurrently with the applicable distributions made pursuant to the Plan, all mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, or other security interests against any property of the Estates shall be fully released, settled, compromised, and discharged, and all of the right, title, and interest of any holder of such mortgages, deeds of trust, Liens, pledges, or other security interests against any property of the Debtors shall automatically revert to the applicable Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, as applicable, and their successors and assigns, in each case, without any further approval or order of the Bankruptcy Court and without any action or Filing being required to be made by the Debtors. Any Holder of such Secured Claim (and the applicable agents for such Holder) shall be authorized and directed to release any collateral or other property of any Debtor (including any cash collateral and possessory collateral) held by such Holder (and the applicable agents for such Holder), and to take such actions as requested by the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors to evidence the release of such Lien, including the execution, delivery, and filing or recording of such documents evidencing such releases. The presentation or filing of the Confirmation Order to or with any local, state, federal, or foreign agency or department shall constitute good and sufficient evidence of, but shall not be required to effect, the termination of such Liens.

## G. Protection against Discriminatory Treatment

As provided by section 525 of the Bankruptcy Code, and consistent with paragraph 2 of Article VI of the United States Constitution, no Entity, including Governmental Units, shall discriminate against any Reorganized Debtor or deny, revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew a license, permit, charter, franchise, or other similar grant to, condition such a grant to, or discriminate with respect to such a grant against, any Reorganized Debtor, or any Entity with which a Reorganized Debtor has been or is associated, solely because such Reorganized Debtor was a debtor under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, may have been insolvent before the commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases (or during the Chapter 11 Cases but before such Debtor was granted or denied a discharge), or has not paid a debt that is dischargeable in the Chapter 11 Cases.

## H. Document Retention

On and after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors may maintain documents in accordance with their standard document retention policy, as may be altered, amended, modified, or supplemented by the Reorganized Debtors.

#### I. Reimbursement or Contribution

If the Bankruptcy Court disallows a Claim for reimbursement or contribution of an Entity pursuant to section 502(e)(1)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code, then to the extent that such Claim is contingent as of the time of allowance or disallowance, such Claim shall be forever disallowed and expunged notwithstanding section 502(j) of the Bankruptcy Code, unless prior to the Confirmation Date: (1) such Claim has been adjudicated as non-contingent; or (2) the relevant Holder of a Claim has Filed a non-contingent Proof of Claim on account of such Claim and a Final Order has been entered prior to the Confirmation Date determining such Claim as no longer contingent.

## J. Term of Injunctions or Stays

Unless otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order, all injunctions or stays in effect in the Chapter 11 Cases pursuant to sections 105 or 362 of the Bankruptcy Code, or any order of the Bankruptcy Court, and extant on the Confirmation Date (excluding any injunctions or stays contained in the Plan or the Confirmation Order), shall remain in full force and effect until the Effective Date. All injunctions or stays contained in the Plan or the Confirmation Order shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms.

## ARTICLE IX.

## CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE

## A. Conditions Precedent to the Effective Date.

It shall be a condition to the Effective Date that the following conditions shall have been satisfied or waived pursuant to Article IX.B of the Plan:

- 1. The Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the Confirmation Order, and such order shall be a Final Order and in full force and effect.
- 2. Reorganized Frontier's New Common Stock shall have been issued.

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- 3. As applicable, the Exit Facility Documents shall have been executed and delivered by all of the Entities that are parties thereto, and all conditions precedent (other than any conditions related to the occurrence of the Effective Date) to the consummation of the Exit Facility shall have been waived or satisfied in accordance with the terms thereof, and the closing of the Exit Facility shall be deemed to occur concurrently with the occurrence of the Effective Date.
- 4. As applicable, the Takeback Debt Documents shall have been executed and delivered by all of the Entities that are parties thereto, and all conditions precedent (other than any conditions related to the occurrence of the Effective Date) to the consummation of the Takeback Debt shall have been waived or satisfied in accordance with the terms thereof, and the closing of the Takeback Debt shall be deemed to occur concurrently with the occurrence of the Effective Date.
- 5. The Plan Supplement, including any amendments, modifications, or supplements to the documents, schedules, or exhibits included therein shall have been Filed with the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to the terms of the Plan.
- 6. Any and all requisite FCC Approvals, PUC Approvals, and any other authorizations, consents, regulatory approvals, rulings, or documents required to implement and effectuate the Plan shall have been obtained, without any conditions required to implement and effectuate the Plan that are materially adverse to the Debtors and that have not previously been approved by the Required Consenting Noteholders in accordance with Article IV.J, and shall be in full force and effect.
- 7. The Professional Fee Escrow Account shall have been established and funded with Cash in accordance with **Error! Reference source not found.** of the Plan.
- 8. The Reorganized Debtors shall have paid, to the extent unpaid and invoiced at least five Business Days prior to the Effective Date, all Consenting Noteholder Fees.
- 9. The Debtors shall have used commercially reasonable best efforts to analyze and develop a detailed report regarding a virtual separation under the same ownership structure of select state operations where the Reorganized Debtors will conduct fiber deployments from those states' operations where the Reorganized Debtors will perform broadband upgrades and operational improvements.
- 10. The Restructuring Support Agreement shall remain in full force and effect, all conditions shall have been satisfied thereunder, and there shall be no breach that, after the lapse of time or expiration of any applicable notice or any cure period, would give rise to right to terminate the Restructuring Support Agreement.
- 11. [The Required Consenting Noteholders shall have determined in their reasonable judgment, with the assistance of their financial and legal advisors, that the aggregate amount of Parent Litigation Claims is reasonably expected to be equal to or less than existing insurance coverage plus \$25 million.]<sup>15</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> NTD: Subject to discussion.

#### **B.** Waiver of Conditions Precedent

The Debtors may, with the prior written consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld), waive any of the conditions to the Effective Date set forth in Article IX.A of the Plan at any time, without any notice to any other parties-in-interest and without any further notice to or action, order, or approval of the Bankruptcy Court, and without any formal action other than proceeding to confirm and consummate the Plan; *provided*, *however*, that any waiver in respect of Article IX.A.4 that affects the Takeback Debt Principal Amount shall require the prior written consent of the Determining Noteholders in accordance with Article IV.D of the Plan and the Restructuring Support Agreement.

## C. Effect of Non-Occurrence of Conditions to Consummation

If the Effective Date does not occur, then the Plan will be null and void in all respects and nothing contained in the Plan or the Disclosure Statement shall: (1) constitute a waiver or release of any Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action held by any Debtor or any other Entity; (2) prejudice in any manner the rights of any Debtor or any other Entity; or (3) constitute an admission, acknowledgment, offer, or undertaking of any sort by any Debtor or any other Entity in any respect.

## ARTICLE X.

## MODIFICATION, REVOCATION, OR WITHDRAWAL OF THE PLAN

## A. Modification of Plan

Subject to the limitations and terms contained in the Plan, and subject to the terms of the Restructuring Support Agreement, the Debtors reserve the right to (1) amend or modify the Plan before the entry of the Confirmation Order, in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code and the Bankruptcy Rules (2) after the entry of the Confirmation Order, the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, may, upon order of the Bankruptcy Court, amend or modify the Plan, in accordance with section 1127(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, remedy any defect or omission, or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan in such manner as may be necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of the Plan consistent with the terms set forth herein.

## B. Effect of Confirmation on Modifications

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute approval of all modifications or amendments to the Plan occurring after the solicitation thereof pursuant to section 1127(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and a finding that such modifications to the Plan do not require additional disclosure or resolicitation under Bankruptcy Rule 3019.

## C. Revocation or Withdrawal of Plan

The Debtors, subject to the terms of the Restructuring Support Agreement, reserve the right to revoke or withdraw the Plan with respect to any or all Debtors before the Confirmation Date and to File subsequent chapter 11 plans. If the Debtors revoke or withdraw the Plan, or if Confirmation or the Effective Date does not occur, then: (1) the Plan will be null and void in all respects; (2) any settlement or compromise not previously approved by Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court embodied in the Plan (including the fixing or limiting to an amount certain of the Claims or Classes of Claims), assumption or rejection of Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases effectuated by the Plan, and any document or agreement executed pursuant to the Plan will be null and void in all respects; and (3) nothing contained in the Plan shall (a) constitute a waiver or release of any Claims, Interests, or Causes of Action by any Entity,

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(b) prejudice in any manner the rights of any Debtor or any other Entity, or (c) constitute an admission, acknowledgement, offer, or undertaking of any sort by any Debtor or any other Entity.

#### ARTICLE XI.

#### **RETENTION OF JURISDICTION**

Notwithstanding the entry of the Confirmation Order and the occurrence of the Effective Date, the Bankruptcy Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction over all matters arising out of, or related to, the Chapter 11 Cases and the Plan pursuant to sections 105(a) and 1142 of the Bankruptcy Code, including jurisdiction to:

1. Allow, disallow, determine, liquidate, classify, estimate, or establish the priority, Secured or unsecured status, or amount of any Claim or Interest, including the resolution of any request for payment of any Administrative Claim and the resolution of any and all objections to the Secured or unsecured status, priority, amount, or allowance of Claims or Interests;

2. decide and resolve all matters related to the granting and denying, in whole or in part, of any applications for allowance of compensation or reimbursement of expenses to Professionals authorized pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code or the Plan;

3. resolve any matters related to Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases, including: (a) the assumption, assumption and assignment, or rejection of any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease to which a Debtor is party or with respect to which a Debtor may be liable and to hear, determine, and, if necessary, liquidate, any Cure Claims or other Claims arising therefrom, including pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (b) any potential contractual obligation under any Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease that is assumed or assumed and assigned; and (c) any dispute regarding whether a contract or lease is or was executory, expired, or terminated;

4. ensure that distributions to Holders of Allowed Claims and Allowed Interests are accomplished pursuant to the provisions of the Plan and adjudicate any and all disputes arising from or relating to distributions under the Plan;

5. adjudicate, decide, or resolve any motions, adversary proceedings, contested or litigated matters, and any other matters, and grant or deny any applications involving a Debtor or the Estates that may be pending on the Effective Date;

6. enter and implement such orders as may be necessary or appropriate to execute, implement, or consummate the provisions of (a) contracts, instruments, releases, indentures, and other agreements or documents approved by Final Order in the Chapter 11 Cases and (b) the Plan, the Confirmation Order, and contracts, instruments, releases, indentures, and other agreements or documents created in connection with the Plan; *provided* that the Bankruptcy Court shall not retain jurisdiction over disputes concerning documents contained in the Plan Supplement that have a jurisdictional, forum selection, or dispute resolution clause that refers disputes to a different court;

7. enter and enforce any order for the sale of property pursuant to sections 363, 1123, or 1146(a) of the Bankruptcy Code;

8. grant any consensual request to extend the deadline for assuming or rejecting Unexpired Leases pursuant to section 365(d)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code;

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9. issue injunctions, enter and implement other orders, or take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to restrain interference by any Entity with Consummation or enforcement of the Plan;

10. hear, determine, and resolve any cases, matters, controversies, suits, disputes, or Causes of Action in connection with or in any way related to the Chapter 11 Cases, including: (a) with respect to the repayment or return of distributions and the recovery of additional amounts owed by the Holder of a Claim or an Interest for amounts not timely repaid pursuant to Article VI of the Plan; (b) with respect to the releases, injunctions, and other provisions contained in Article VIII of the Plan, including entry of such orders as may be necessary or appropriate to implement such releases, injunctions, and other provisions; (c) anything that may arise in connection with the Consummation, interpretation, implementation, or enforcement of the Plan and the Confirmation Order; or (d) related to section 1141 of the Bankruptcy Code;

11. enter and implement such orders as are necessary or appropriate if the Confirmation Order is for any reason modified, stayed, reversed, revoked, or vacated;

12. adjudicate any and all disputes arising from or relating to distributions under the Plan or any transactions contemplated therein;

13. consider any modifications of the Plan, to cure any defect or omission, or to reconcile any inconsistency in any Bankruptcy Court order, including the Confirmation Order;

14. enforce all orders, judgments, injunctions, releases, exculpations, indemnifications, and rulings entered in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases with respect to any Entity, and resolve any cases, controversies, suits, or disputes that may arise in connection with any Entity's rights arising from or obligations incurred in connection with the Plan;

15. hear and determine matters concerning local, state, federal, and foreign taxes in accordance with sections 346, 505, and 1146 of the Bankruptcy Code;

16. enter an order or Final Decree concluding or closing the Chapter 11 Cases;

17. enforce all orders previously entered by the Bankruptcy Court; and

18. hear and determine any other matters related to the Chapter 11 Cases and not inconsistent with the Bankruptcy Code or the Judicial Code.

Nothing herein limits the jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court to interpret and enforce the Plan and all contracts, instruments, releases, indentures, and other agreements or documents created in connection with the Plan, or the Disclosure Statement, without regard to whether the controversy with respect to which such interpretation or enforcement relates may be pending in any state or other federal court of competent jurisdiction.

If the Bankruptcy Court abstains from exercising, or declines to exercise, jurisdiction or is otherwise without jurisdiction over any matter arising in, arising under, or related to the Chapter 11 Cases, including the matters set forth in this Article XI, the provisions of this Article XI shall have no effect on and shall not control, limit, or prohibit the exercise of jurisdiction by any other court having competent jurisdiction with respect to such matter.

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Unless otherwise specifically provided herein or in a prior order of the Bankruptcy Court, the Bankruptcy Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction to hear and determine disputes concerning Claims against or Interests in the Debtors that arose prior to the Effective Date.

#### ARTICLE XII.

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

#### A. Immediate Binding Effect

Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rules 3020(e), 6004(h), or 7062 or otherwise, upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, the terms of the Plan shall be immediately effective and enforceable and deemed binding upon the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, and any and all Holders of Claims or Interests (irrespective of whether such Claims or Interests are deemed to have accepted the Plan), all Entities that are parties to or are subject to the settlements, compromises, releases, discharges, exculpations, and injunctions described in the Plan, each Entity acquiring property under the Plan, and any and all non-Debtor parties to Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases with the Debtors. All Claims against and Interests in the Debtors shall be as fixed, adjusted, or compromised, as applicable, pursuant to the Plan regardless of whether any Holder of a Claim or Interest has voted on the Plan.

#### **B.** Additional Documents

On or before the Effective Date, the Debtors may File with the Bankruptcy Court such agreements and other documents as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate and further evidence the terms and conditions of the Plan; *provided* that such agreements and other documents shall be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Required Consenting Noteholders. The Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as applicable, and all Holders of Claims and Interests receiving distributions pursuant to the Plan and all other parties-in-interest shall, from time to time, prepare, execute, and deliver any agreements or documents and take any other actions as may be necessary or advisable to effectuate the provisions and intent of the Plan.

## C. Payment of Statutory Fees

All fees and applicable interest payable pursuant to section 1930 of the Judicial Code and 31 U.S.C. § 3717, as applicable, as determined by the Bankruptcy Court at a hearing pursuant to section 1128 of the Bankruptcy Code, shall be paid by each of the Reorganized Debtors (or the Distribution Agent on behalf of the Reorganized Debtors) for each quarter (including any fraction thereof) until the Chapter 11 Cases are converted, dismissed, or a Final Decree is issued, whichever occurs first.

#### D. Dissolution of Statutory Committees

On the Effective Date, any statutory committee appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases, including the Creditors' Committee, shall dissolve, and the members thereof shall be released and discharged from all rights and duties arising from, or related to, the Chapter 11 Cases. The Reorganized Debtors shall not be responsible for paying any fees or expenses incurred by the members of or advisors to any statutory committee after the Effective Date.

## E. Reservation of Rights

Except as expressly set forth herein, the Plan shall have no force or effect unless the Bankruptcy Court shall enter the Confirmation Order, and the Confirmation Order shall have no force or effect if the

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Effective Date does not occur. None of the Filing of the Plan, any statement or provision contained in the Plan, or the taking of any action by any Debtor with respect to the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, or the Plan Supplement shall be or shall be deemed to be an admission or waiver of any rights of any Debtor with respect to the Holders of Claims or Interests, unless and until the Effective Date has occurred.

#### F. Successors and Assigns

The rights, benefits, and obligations of any Entity named or referred to in the Plan shall be binding on, and shall inure to the benefit of any heir, executor, administrator, successor or assign, Affiliate, officer, director, agent, representative, attorney, beneficiary, or guardian, if any, of each such Entity.

## G. Service of Documents

After the Effective Date, any pleading, notice, or other document required by the Plan to be served on or delivered to the Reorganized Debtors shall be served on:

Reorganized Debtors	Frontier Communications Corporation
	50 Main Street, Suite 1000
	White Plains, New York 10606
	Attention: Mark Nielsen,
	Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer,
	and Chief Transaction Officer
	E-mail address: mark.nielsen@ftr.com
	with copies for information only (which shall not constitute notice) to:
Counsel to the Debtors	Kirkland & Ellis LLP
	Kirkland & Ellis International LLP
	601 Lexington Avenue
	New York, New York 10022
	Attention: Stephen E. Hessler, P.C. and Patrick Venter
	Kirkland & Ellis LLP
	Kirkland & Ellis International LLP
	300 North LaSalle Street
	Chicago, Illinois 60654
	Attention: Chad J. Husnick, P.C. and Benjamin M. Rhode
Counsel to the	
Noteholder Groups	Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP
-	One Bryant Park
	New York, New York 10036
	Attention: Ira S. Dizengoff, Philip C. Dublin, and Naomi
	Moss
	-and-

Milbank LLP

55 Hudson Yards,

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New York, New York 10001 Attention: Dennis F. Dunne, Samuel A. Khalil, and Michael W. Price

#### H. Entire Agreement; Controlling Document

Except as otherwise indicated, on the Effective Date, the Plan supersedes all previous and contemporaneous negotiations, promises, covenants, agreements, understandings, and representations with respect to the subject matter of the Plan, all of which will have become merged and integrated into the Plan. Except as set forth in the Plan, in the event that any provision of the Restructuring Support Agreement, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Supplement, or any order (other than the Confirmation Order) referenced in the Plan (or any exhibits, schedules, appendices, supplements, or amendments to any of the foregoing), conflict with or are in any way inconsistent with any provision of the Plan, the Plan shall govern and control. In the event of any inconsistency between the Plan and the Confirmation Order, the Confirmation Order shall control.

#### I. Plan Supplement

All exhibits and documents included in the Plan Supplement are incorporated into and are a part of the Plan as if set forth in full in the Plan. After the exhibits and documents are Filed, copies of such exhibits and documents shall be made available upon written request to the Debtors' counsel at the address above or by downloading such exhibits and documents from the website of the Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent at https://cases.primeclerk.com/ftr or the Bankruptcy Court's website at http://www.nysb.uscourts.gov. Unless otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, to the extent any exhibit or document in the Plan Supplement is inconsistent with the terms of any part of the Plan that does not constitute the Plan Supplement, such part of the Plan that does not constitute the Plan Supplement shall control.

## J. Non-Severability

If, prior to Confirmation, any term or provision of the Plan is held by the Bankruptcy Court to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the Bankruptcy Court, at the request of the Debtors, with the consent of the Required Consenting Noteholders (not to be unreasonably withheld), shall have the power to alter and interpret such term or provision to make it valid or enforceable, consistent with the original purpose of the term or provision held to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, and such term or provision shall then be applicable as altered or interpreted. Notwithstanding any such holding, alteration, or interpretation, the remainder of the terms and provisions of the Plan will remain in full force and effect and will in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated by such holding, alteration, or interpretation. The Confirmation Order shall constitute a judicial determination and shall provide that each term and provision of the Plan, as it may have been altered or interpreted in accordance with the foregoing, is: (1) valid and enforceable pursuant to its terms; (2) integral to the Plan and may not be deleted or modified without the Debtors' consent, consistent with the terms set forth herein; and (3) non-severable and mutually dependent.

#### K. Votes Solicited in Good Faith

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, the Debtors will be deemed to have solicited votes on the Plan in good faith and in compliance with the Bankruptcy Code, and pursuant to section 1125(e) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors, and each of their respective Affiliates, agents, representatives, members, principals, shareholders, officers, directors, managers, employees, advisors, and attorneys will be deemed to have participated in good faith and in compliance with the Bankruptcy Code in the offer, issuance, sale,

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and purchase of Securities offered and sold under the Plan and any previous plan, and, therefore, neither any of such parties nor individuals or the Reorganized Debtors will have any liability for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of votes on the Plan or the offer, issuance, sale, or purchase of the Securities offered and sold under the Plan or any previous plan.

## L. Closing of Chapter 11 Cases

The Reorganized Debtors shall, promptly after the full administration of the Chapter 11 Cases, File all documents required by Bankruptcy Rule 3022 and any applicable order of the Bankruptcy Court to close the Chapter 11 Cases.

## M. Waiver or Estoppel

Each Holder of a Claim or an Interest shall be deemed to have waived any right to assert any argument, including the right to argue that its Claim or Interest should be Allowed in a certain amount, in a certain priority, Secured or not subordinated by virtue of an agreement made with the Debtors or their counsel, or any other Entity, if such agreement was not disclosed in the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, or papers Filed prior to the Confirmation Date.

## N. FCC Rights and Powers

No provision in the Plan or the Confirmation Order relieves the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors from their obligations to comply with the Communications Act. No transfer of any FCC License held by Debtors or transfer of control of any Debtor, or transfer of control of an FCC licensee controlled by Debtors shall take place prior to the issuance of FCC regulatory approval for such transfer pursuant to applicable FCC regulations. The FCC's rights and powers to take any action pursuant to its regulatory authority including, but not limited to, imposing any regulatory conditions on any of the above described transfers, are fully preserved, and nothing herein shall proscribe or constrain the FCC's exercise of such power or authority.

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Dated: May 14, 2020

FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION on behalf of itself and all other Debtors

/s/ Mark Nielsen

Mark Nielsen, Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, and Chief Transaction Officer Frontier Communications Corporation

#### EXHIBIT A

#### **Frontier Communications Corporation Affiliate Entities**

Citizens Capital Ventures Corp. Citizens Directory Services Company L.L.C. Citizens Louisiana Accounting Company Citizens Newcom Company Citizens Newtel, LLC Citizens Pennsylvania Company LLC Citizens SERP Administration Company Citizens Telecom Services Company L.L.C. Citizens Telecommunications Company of California Inc. Citizens Telecommunications Company of Illinois Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska LLC Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nevada Citizens Telecommunications Company of New York, Inc. Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee L.L.C. Citizens Telecommunications Company of the White Mountains, Inc. Citizens Telecommunications Company of Utah Citizens Telecommunications Company of West Virginia Citizens Utilities Capital L.P. Citizens Utilities Rural Company, Inc. Commonwealth Communication, LLC Commonwealth Telephone Company LLC Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises LLC Commonwealth Telephone Management Services, Inc. CTE Holdings, Inc. CTE Services, Inc. CTE Telecom, LLC CTSI. LLC CU Capital LLC CU Wireless Company LLC Electric Lightwave NY, LLC Evans Telephone Holdings, Inc. Fairmount Cellular LLC Frontier ABC LLC Frontier California Inc. Frontier Communications - Midland, Inc. Frontier Communications - Prairie, Inc. Frontier Communications - Schuyler, Inc. Frontier Communications Corporate Services Inc. Frontier Communications ILEC Holdings LLC Frontier Communications of America, Inc. Frontier Communications of Ausable Valley, Inc. Frontier Communications of Breezewood, LLC Frontier Communications of Canton, LLC Frontier Communications of Delaware, Inc. Frontier Communications of Depue, Inc.

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Frontier Communications of Georgia LLC Frontier Communications of Illinois, Inc. Frontier Communications of Indiana, LLC Frontier Communications of Iowa, LLC Frontier Communications of Lakeside, Inc. Frontier Communications of Lakewood, LLC Frontier Communications of Michigan, Inc. Frontier Communications of Minnesota, Inc. Frontier Communications of Mississippi LLC Frontier Communications of Mt. Pulaski, Inc. Frontier Communications of New York. Inc. Frontier Communications of Orion, Inc. Frontier Communications of Oswayo River LLC Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC Frontier Communications of Rochester, Inc. Frontier Communications of Seneca-Gorham, Inc. Frontier Communications of Sylvan Lake, Inc. Frontier Communications of the Carolinas LLC Frontier Communications of the South, LLC Frontier Communications of the Southwest Inc. Frontier Communications of Thorntown, LLC Frontier Communications of Virginia, Inc. Frontier Communications of Wisconsin LLC Frontier Communications Online and Long Distance Inc. Frontier Communications Services Inc. Frontier Directory Services Company, LLC Frontier Florida LLC Frontier Infoservices Inc. Frontier Midstates Inc. Frontier Mobile LLC Frontier North Inc. Frontier Security Company Frontier Services Corp. Frontier Southwest Incorporated Frontier Subsidiary Telco LLC Frontier Techserv, Inc. Frontier Telephone of Rochester, Inc. Frontier Video Services Inc. Frontier West Virginia Inc. **GVN Services** Navajo Communications Co., Inc. N C C Systems, Inc. Newco West Holdings LLC Ogden Telephone Company Phone Trends, Inc. Rhinelander Telecommunications, LLC Rib Lake Cellular for Wisconsin RSA #3, Inc. Rib Lake Telecom, Inc. SNET America, Inc. TCI Technology & Equipment LLC The Southern New England Telephone Company

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Total Communications, Inc.

# EXHIBIT C

**List of Frontier Entities** 

# List of subsidiaries of Frontier Communications Corporation\*

## As of May 1, 2020

	Entity Name	Domestic Jurisdiction
1	Citizens Capital Ventures Corp.	Delaware
2	Citizens Directory Services Company L.L.C.	Delaware
3	Citizens Louisiana Accounting Company	Delaware
4	Citizens Newcom Company	Delaware
5	Citizens Newtel, LLC	Delaware
6	Citizens Pennsylvania Company LLC	Delaware
7	Citizens SERP Administration Company	Delaware
8	Citizens Telecom Services Company L.L.C.	Delaware
9	Citizens Telecommunications Company of California Inc.	California
10	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Illinois	Illinois
11	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Minnesota, LLC	Delaware
12	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska	Delaware
13	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nebraska LLC	Delaware
14	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Nevada	Nevada
15	Citizens Telecommunications Company of New York, Inc.	New York
16	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee L.L.C.	Delaware
17	Citizens Telecommunications Company of The White Mountains, Inc.	Delaware
18	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Utah	Delaware
19	Citizens Telecommunications Company of West Virginia	West Virginia
20	Citizens Utilities Capital L.P.	Delaware
21	Citizens Utilities Rural Company, Inc.	Delaware
22	Commonwealth Communication, LLC	Delaware
23	Commonwealth Telephone Company LLC	Pennsylvania
24	Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises LLC	Delaware
25	Commonwealth Telephone Management Services, Inc.	Pennsylvania
26	CTE Holdings, Inc.	Pennsylvania
27	CTE Services, Inc.	Pennsylvania
28	CTE Telecom, LLC	Pennsylvania
29	CTSI, LLC	Pennsylvania
30	CU Capital LLC	Delaware
31	CU Wireless Company LLC	Delaware
32	Electric Lightwave NY, LLC	Delaware
33	Evans Telephone Holdings, Inc.	Delaware
34	Fairmount Cellular LLC	Georgia
35	Frontier ABC LLC	Delaware
36	Frontier California Inc.	California
37	Frontier Communications - Midland, Inc.	Illinois
38	Frontier Communications - Prairie, Inc.	Illinois
39	Frontier Communications - Schuyler, Inc.	Illinois

40	Frontier Communications Corporate Services Inc.	Delaware
41	Frontier Communications ILEC Holdings LLC	Delaware
42	Frontier Communications of America, Inc.	Delaware
43	Frontier Communications of Ausable Valley, Inc.	New York
44	Frontier Communications of Breezewood, LLC	Pennsylvania
45	Frontier Communications of Canton, LLC	Pennsylvania
46	Frontier Communications of Delaware, Inc.	Delaware
47	Frontier Communications of Depue, Inc.	Illinois
48	Frontier Communications of Georgia LLC	Georgia
49	Frontier Communications of Illinois, Inc.	Illinois
50	Frontier Communications of Indiana, LLC	Indiana
51	Frontier Communications of Iowa, LLC	lowa
52	Frontier Communications of Lakeside, Inc.	Illinois
53	Frontier Communications of Lakewood, LLC	Pennsylvania
54	Frontier Communications of Michigan, Inc.	Michigan
55	Frontier Communications of Minnesota, Inc.	Minnesota
56	Frontier Communications of Mississippi LLC	Mississippi
57	Frontier Communications of Mt. Pulaski, Inc.	Illinois
58	Frontier Communications of New York, Inc.	New York
59	Frontier Communications of Orion, Inc.	Illinois
60	Frontier Communications of Oswayo River LLC	Pennsylvania
61	Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC	Pennsylvania
62	Frontier Communications of Rochester, Inc.	Delaware
63	Frontier Communications of Seneca-Gorham, Inc.	New York
64	Frontier Communications of Sylvan Lake, Inc.	New York
65	Frontier Communications of the Carolinas LLC	Delaware
66	Frontier Communications of The South, LLC	Alabama
67	Frontier Communications of The Southwest Inc.	Delaware
68	Frontier Communications of Thorntown, LLC	Indiana
69	Frontier Communications of Virginia, Inc.	Virginia
70	Frontier Communications of Wisconsin LLC	Wisconsin
71	Frontier Communications Online And Long Distance Inc.	Delaware
72	Frontier Communications Services Inc.	Arizona
73	Frontier Directory Services Company, LLC	Delaware
74	Frontier Florida LLC	Florida
75	Frontier Infoservices Inc.	Delaware
76	Frontier Midstates Inc.	Georgia
77	Frontier Mobile LLC	Delaware
78	Frontier North Inc.	Wisconsin
79	Frontier Security Company	Delaware
80	Frontier Services Corp.	Connecticut
81	Frontier Southwest Incorporated	Delaware
82	Frontier Subsidiary Telco LLC	Delaware

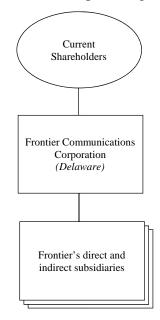
83	Frontier Techserv, Inc.	Delaware
84	Frontier Telephone Of Rochester, Inc.	New York
85	Frontier Video Services Inc.	Delaware
86	Frontier West Virginia Inc.	West Virginia
87	GVN Services	California
88	Navajo Communications Co., Inc.	New Mexico
89	N C C Systems, Inc.	Texas
90	Newco West Holdings LLC	Delaware
91	Ogden Telephone Company	New York
92	Phone Trends, Inc.	New York
93	Rhinelander Telecommunications, LLC	Wisconsin
94	Rib Lake Cellular For Wisconsin RSA #3, Inc.	Wisconsin
95	Rib Lake Telecom, Inc.	Wisconsin
96	SNET America Inc.	Connecticut
97	TCI Technology & Equipment LLC	Delaware
98	The Southern New England Telephone Company	Connecticut
99	Total Communications, Inc.	Connecticut

\* All entities are direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries of Frontier Communications Corporation.

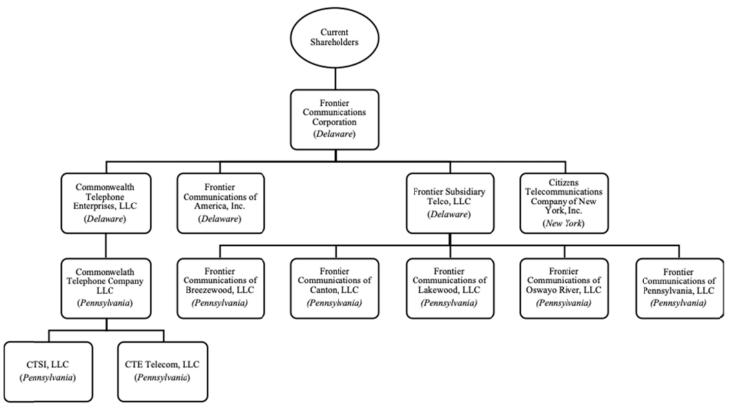
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### **Pre-Bankruptcy Corporate Organizational Diagrams**

Frontier's current corporate ownership and organizational structure is as follows:



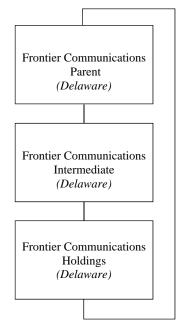
As it relates to Pennsylvania, the following diagram reflects the corporate ownership and organizational structure of the Joint Applicants:



#### EXHIBIT E

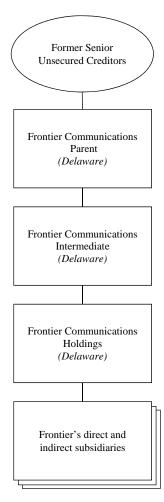
#### **Post-Bankruptcy Organizational Diagrams**

Post restructuring, the new shareholders will hold the Frontier subsidiaries through a new corporate structure consisting of three newly formed companies: new Frontier Communications Parent, Frontier Communications Intermediate, and Frontier Communications Holdings, depicted as follows:

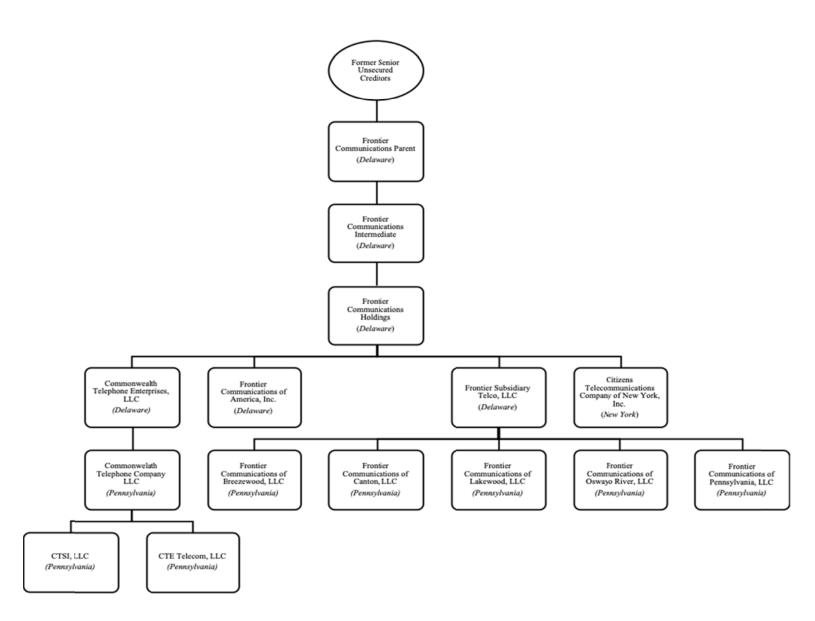


The three newly formed companies will replace Frontier (the current publicly-traded parent holding company) in the ownership structure of the Frontier subsidiaries, including the Pennsylvania Operating Subsidiaries. As part of the Chapter 11 emergence process, Frontier will transfer all of the stock of its 57 direct, first-tier subsidiaries, and its 42 indirect subsidiaries, including Joint Applicants FST, Citizens NY, and Frontier America, and any other assets directly held by Frontier to the newly-formed Frontier Communications Holdings. All outstanding and issued stock of Frontier will be cancelled and the legal entity will dissolve. In other words, upon emergence, all existing direct, first-tier subsidiaries, including Joint Applicants CTE, Frontier Communications Holdings. Frontier's 42 indirect subsidiaries, including Joint Applicants CTE, Frontier Oswayo, and Frontier PA, will continue to be held by the existing entities, with no change in their current corporate organizational structure below the level of Frontier (the current publicly-traded parent holding company).

The post-emergence overall corporate structure will be as follows:



As it relates to Pennsylvania, the following diagram reflects the post-emergence ownership structure of the Applicants:



Upon emergence from Chapter 11, the Senior Noteholders will hold the new common stock of New Frontier Communications Parent, though no single noteholder is anticipated to hold a 10% or greater interest in New Frontier Communications Parent. It is intended that the new common stock of New Frontier Communications Parent will be publicly traded and listed on a recognized U.S. stock exchange as promptly as reasonably practical after the Company's emergence from Chapter 11. Accordingly, as is the case today, the ownership of New Frontier Communications Parent will be widely dispersed.

#### VERIFICATION

I, Allison M. Ellis, Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs of Frontier Communications Corporation, hereby state that the facts set forth in the foregoing Joint Application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

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Allison M. Ellis Senior Vice President Regulatory Affairs Frontier Communications Corporation

Dated: May 22, 2020

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2020, served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document upon the persons and in the manner listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54:

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