



February 1, 2013

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
P.O. Box 3265  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

RE: Commonwealth Telephone Company d/b/a Frontier Communications Commonwealth Telephone Company  
Supplement No. 113 – Telephone PA P.U.C. No. 24  
Effective: April 1, 2013

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Commonwealth Telephone Company d/b/a Frontier Communications Commonwealth Telephone Company hereby files with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission the enclosed supplement is to increase residential service rates.

Enclosed for filing, please find one copy of this Supplement No. 113 to Tariff Telephone No. 24, to become effective April 1, 2013.

This supplement is an accurate representation of the company's official tariff currently on file with the P.U.C. and provided on the Internet.

If you have any questions regarding the formatting of the tariff pages, please contact Tanya Swanson at [Tanya.swanson@ftr.com](mailto:Tanya.swanson@ftr.com) (651) 257-4835. If you have questions regarding the content of these tariff pages call me at (570) 631-5366.

Respectfully Submitted,

*/s/ Michael Sharry*

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Enclosures

## **EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW**

### **FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS COMMONWEALTH TELEPHONE COMPANY**

#### **Supplement No. 113 - PA PUC No. 24**

#### SUBSTANCE

Frontier Communications Commonwealth Telephone Company (“Frontier Commonwealth”) is proposing the following tariff change as a result of its Price Stability/Service Price (PSI/SPI) Index filing submitted to the PUC on February 1, 2013.

#### COMMENTS

Based on Frontier Commonwealth’s PA PUC approved PSI/SPI methodology, a rate modification is indicated. Frontier Commonwealth respectfully requests approval of the following proposed tariff change:

Adjustment of Basic Local Service Rates --- This filing proposes an increase in existing local residential dial tone line rates of \$1.89 monthly.

Frontier Commonwealth’s approved Chapter 30 Plan requires that the PUC review the PSI/SPI filing, and any accompanying tariff changes. This filing ensures that Frontier Commonwealth’s Chapter 30 plan methodology has been properly followed; \$1,180,381 in rate changes are proposed in this filing.

It is respectfully requested that the proposed tariff supplements be approved by the PA PUC to become effective April 1, 2013.

**FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS COMMONWEALTH TELEPHONE COMPANY**

**RESPONSES TO TITLE 52, CHAPTER 53, SECTION 53.52**

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1. The specific reasons for each change.

Frontier Communications Commonwealth Telephone Company ("Frontier Commonwealth") is proposing the following tariff changes as a result of its Price Stability/Service Price (PSI/SPI) Index filing submitted to the PA PUC on February 1, 2013.

Frontier Commonwealth respectfully requests approval of the following proposed tariff change:

Adjustment of Basic Local Service Rates --- This filing proposes an increase in existing local residential dial tone rates of \$1.89 monthly.

2. The total number of customers served by the utility.

As of December 2012, Frontier Commonwealth served 124,267 customers.

3. A calculation of the total customers, by tariff subdivision, whose bills would be affected by the change.

52,045 one-party residential service lines are affected by this proposed change.

4. The effect of the change on the utility's customers.

Please refer to response to Question No. 3.

5. The effect, whether direct or indirect, of the proposed change on the utility's revenue and expenses.

Implementation of the proposed changes will keep Frontier Commonwealth's price indexes consistent with the provisions contained in the Company's Chapter 30 Plan, approved by the PUC at Docket No. P-00961024. In this case, \$1,180,381 in rate changes are proposed in this filing.

6. The effect of the change on the service rendered by the utility.

Approval of this tariff supplement will have no adverse impact on the service provided by Frontier Commonwealth.

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**RESPONSES TO TITLE 52, CHAPTER 53, SECTION 53.52**

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7. A list of factors considered by the utility in making this change.

Frontier Commonwealth's approved Chapter 30 Plan governs PUC review of the PSI/SPI filing, and any accompanying tariff changes. The filing of accompanying tariff supplements ensures that the Company's Chapter 30 Plan, including the price cap formula, is properly followed.

8. Studies undertaken to draft the proposed change.

Frontier Commonwealth's PSI/SPI filing submitted to the Commission on February 1, 2013 supports the proposed tariff change contained in this filing.

9. Customer polls taken which indicate customer acceptance of the proposed change.

No polls were taken or are required to propose these changes.

10. Plans the utility has for introducing or implementing the service.

Communication of the proposed tariff changes is provided to customers via billing notices.

11. FCC, FERC, or Commission orders or rulings applicable to the filing.

Frontier Commonwealth's PA PUC-approved Chapter 30 Plan, (Docket Number P-00961024), defines the methodology involved in this filing.

**FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS COMMONWEALTH TELEPHONE COMPANY**  
**COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION - GUIDELINES FOR TARIFF FILINGS**

**Supplement No. 113 - PA PUC No. 24**

1. What is being proposed?

Frontier Communications Commonwealth Telephone Company (“Frontier Commonwealth”) is proposing the following tariff changes as a result of its Price Stability/Service Price (PSI/SPI) Index filing submitted to the PA PUC on February 1, 2013.

Frontier Commonwealth respectfully requests approval of the following proposed tariff change:

Adjustment of Basic Local Service Rates --- This filing proposes an increase in existing local residential dial tone rates of \$1.89 monthly.

2. Why is it proposed?

Frontier Commonwealth shall implement the proposed tariff change to remain in compliance with its approved Chapter 30 Plan, approved by the PA PUC at Docket No. P-00961024.

3. Why is it proposed at this time?

Frontier Commonwealth’s approved Chapter 30 Plan requires that the PUC review the PSI/SPI filing, submitted on February 1, 2013, and any accompanying tariff changes. The filing of the accompany tariff supplements ensures that this methodology is properly followed.

4. Why is it proposed this way?

Please see response to Question Number 1.

5. What are the estimated customer acceptance levels in the first year and following years, revenues, expenses, contributions, and effect on other products and services?

52,045 Residential dial tone line customers are affected by the rate change proposed in this filing, which produces an additional \$1,180,381 in annual revenue.

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**FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS COMMONWEALTH TELEPHONE COMPANY**  
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6. What is the cost/benefit support for the changed tariff rates?

Frontier Commonwealth's current PSI/SPI provides the support for the proposed tariff changes contained in this filing

7. How will the change be introduced and the program implemented?

Notice of the proposed tariff change will be provided to customers via billing notice, with the proposed changes becoming effective April 1, 2013.

**COMMONWEALTH TELEPHONE COMPANY d/b/a FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS COMMONWEALTH  
TELEPHONE COMPANY**

LOCAL EXCHANGE TARIFF

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**RATES AND RULES**

ISSUED: February 1, 2013

EFFECTIVE: April 1, 2013

by

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**NOTICE**

See Sheet 2

Telephone - PA P.U.C. No. 24

LIST OF MODIFICATIONS

Local Measured and Local Exchange Service

Section 1	Eighth Revised Sheet 2B
Section 1	Eighth Revised Sheet 2C
Section 1	Fortieth Revised Sheet 3
Section 1	Forty Third Revised Sheet 4

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Section 1  
Eighth Revised Sheet 2B  
Canceling Seventh Revised Sheet 2B

LOCAL MEASURED SERVICE (LMS)  
(continued)

B. REGULATIONS(cont.)

3. All calls to the Telephone Company Business Office, Repair Service, or Local Directory Assistance, and 911 Emergency Service will be exempt from usage charges.
4. Each call to a telephone number within the customer's local calling area is charged on a usage basis. Usage charges apply on customer dialed, station-to-station local calls and are charged to the calling party.
5. Customers have the option of retaining current flat rate telephone service or changing to LOCAL MEASURED SERVICE (LMS), either MEASURED SERVICE or METERED SERVICE.
6. All customer lines at a given location where LMS is provided must be arranged with LOCAL MEASURED SERVICE, either MEASURED SERVICE or METERED SERVICE and equipped for outward calling.

C. MEASURED SERVICE

1. Basic monthly line rates apply in addition to measured usage charges for residence and business one-party service or PBX trunk in the exchange where the service is available.

2. Rates for MEASURED SERVICE:

a. LMS Basic Monthly Line Rates

<u>Exchange</u>	<u>One-Party</u>	<u>PBX Trunk</u>
Dallas		
Residence	\$12.58 (I)	-
Business	\$13.46	\$18.81
Lewisberry		
Residence	\$12.58 (I)	-
Business	\$13.46	\$18.81

b. MEASURED SERVICE Usage Rates

The initial period for each call reflects the first four minutes of a completed call.

<u>Charge Per Call*</u>	<u>Initial Period</u>	<u>Each Additional Minute</u>
Calls within Exchange	\$ .04	\$ .005
Local Rate Step 1 (1 to 10 Miles)	.05	.01
Local Rate Step 2 (11 to 16 Miles)	.06	.015

\*50% discount from these rates shall apply every day of the week from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

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LOCAL MEASURED SERVICED (LMS)  
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D. METERED SERVICE

1. Basic monthly line rates apply in addition to metered usage charges for residence and business one-party service or PBX Trunk in the exchange where the service is available.

2. Rates for METERED SERVICE

a. Basic Monthly Line Rates

<u>Exchange</u>	<u>One-Party</u>	<u>PBX Trunk</u>
Dallas		
Residence	\$12.58 (I)	-
Business	\$13.46	\$18.81
Lewisberry		
Residence	\$12.58 (I)	-
Business	\$13.46	\$18.81

b. METERED SERVICE Usage Rates

The METERED SERVICE Usage Rate is charged each time the customer establishes a local call per the schedule below.

Charge Per Call\*

\$ .07

\*50% discount from this rate every day of the week from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

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Section 1

Fortieth Revised Sheet 3

Canceling Thirty Ninth Revised Sheet 3

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE  
(continued)

CLASS OF SERVICE	RATE GROUPS			
	1	2	3	4
<u>Business</u>				
PBX Trunk	\$22.27	\$23.27	\$26.27	\$30.27
One-Party	16.53	17.03	18.53	20.78
<u>Residence</u>				
One-Party	16.32(I)	16.57(I)	16.82(I)	17.07(I)
each add'l	11.67(I)	11.92(I)	12.17(I)	12.42(I)
<u>Local Calling Area</u>				
Minimum	0	10,801	20,001	60,001
	to	to	to	to
Maximum	10,800	20,000	60,000	100,000
Benton	Atglen	Conyngam-	Bangor	
Brooklyn	Blossburg	Drums	Belvidere	
Dushore	Covington	New Albany	Ferndale	
Eagles Mere	Elizabeth-	Noxen	Muhlen-	
Estella	ville	Nuremberg	burg	
Gratz	Huntington	Orangeville	Nuangola	
Hallstead	Mills	Rome	Pen Argyl	
Laporte	Laceyville	Towanda	Pocono	
Lawrenceville	LeRaysville	Tremont	Lake	
Lawsville	Lykens	Troy	Portland	
Liberty	Mansfield	Uhlerstown	Saylors-	
Muncy Valley	Mehoopany	Ulster	burg	
Ringtown	Middlebury	Wapwallopen	Shick-	
Rush	Center		shinny	
St. Joseph	Millersburg			
Susquehanna	Montrose			
Valley View	Morris			
Warren Center	Nicholson			
	Springville			
	Tioga			
	Tower City			
	Tunkhannock			
	Wellsboro			
	Wyalusing			

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Section 1  
 Forty Third Revised Sheet 4  
 Canceling Forty Second Revised Sheet 4

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE  
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CLASS OF SERVICE	RATE GROUPS	
	5	6
<u>Business</u>		
PBX Trunk	\$33.27	\$38.27
One-Party	21.78	24.03
<u>Residence</u>		
One-Party	17.57(I)	18.07(I)
each add'l	12.92(I)	13.42(I)
<u>Local Calling Area</u>		
Minimum	100,001	180,001
	to	to
Maximum	180,000	260,000

Center-  
 Moreland  
 Clarks Summit  
 Dallas  
 Dalton  
 Factoryville  
 Gap  
 Harveys Lake  
 Hensel  
 Kirkwood  
 Lake Winola  
 Leesport  
 Quarryville  
 Rawlinsville  
 Sweet Valley  
 Trucksville

Coopersburg  
 Harding  
 Lewisberry

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