

BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Office of Small Business Advocate	:	
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v.	:	C-2016-2534366
	:	R-2016-2524592
Frontier Communications Commonwealth	:	P-00961024F1000
Telephone Company	:	

NOTICE OF INTERVENTION

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code Sections 5.71-74, the Office of Consumer Advocate hereby gives Notice of Intervention in the above-captioned proceeding. A copy of all correspondence and notices, documents, orders or other communications with respect to the above-captioned proceeding should be addressed to the following:

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PUBLIC STATEMENT OF THE
OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE
PURSUANT TO 71 P.S. SECTION 309-4(e)

Act 161 of the Pennsylvania General Assembly, 71 P.S. § 309-2, as enacted July 9, 1976, authorizes the Consumer Advocate to represent the interests of consumers before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC or Commission). In accordance with Act 161, and for the following reasons, the Consumer Advocate determined to file a Notice of Intervention and participate in proceedings before the Commission involving the Price Stability Index (PSI) filings and rate increases requested by Frontier Communications Commonwealth Telephone Company (Company) and the Formal Complaint filed by the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA). The Company provides local exchange telephone service in all of Wyoming County and portions of Berks, Bradford, Bucks, Carbon, Chester, Columbia, Dauphin, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, Monroe, Northampton, Schuylkill, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga and York Counties.

The Company filed an Advance Notice letter on January 14, 2016 stating that it will file by February 1, 2016 its PSI and anticipated rate increase of up to \$1.00 for residential and business dial tone rates. Frontier Commonwealth filed its PSI filing on January 29, 2016 and identified a proposed annual revenue increase of \$396,474. On February 2, 2016, Frontier Commonwealth filed proposed tariffs to increase rates for residential dial tone lines up to \$1.00 per month and increases to business dial tone lines ranging from \$0.50 to \$2.00. The tariffs had a proposed effective date of April 17, 2016. The Office of Small Business Advocate filed a Formal Complaint on March 17, 2016, opposing the Company's PSI filing as deficient and

proposing higher increases to business dial tone rates than noticed. The Commission allowed the proposed increases to take effect, while the OSBA complaint is pending, subject to refund.

The OCA has intervened in these proceedings to represent the interests of residential consumers and the public, to assure that the Company has complied with its Chapter 30 Plan provisions regarding rate changes, and that the Company's consumers only pay just and reasonable rates.

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