

BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Office of Small Business Advocate	:	
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v.	:	C-2016-2534365
	:	R-2016-2524540
Frontier Communications of Breezewood,	:	P-00951005F1000
LLC, Canton, LLC, Lakewood, LLC, Oswayo	:	
River, LLC, and Pennsylvania, LLC	:	

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 the five rural Frontier local exchange companies: Frontier Communications of Breezewood, LLC, Frontier Communications of Canton, LLC, Frontier Communications of Lakewood, LLC, Frontier Communications of Oswayo River, LLC, and Frontier Communications of Pennsylvania, LLC (the Companies) and the Formal Complaint filed by the Office of Small Business Advocate (OSBA). The Companies provides local exchange telephone service in Bedford, Fulton, Bradford, Lycoming, Tioga, Schuylkill, McKean, Potter, Lancaster and Berks Counties.

The Companies filed an Advance Notice letter on January 14, 2016 stating that they will file by February 1, 2016 their PSI filings and anticipated rate increase of up to \$1.00 for residential and business dial tone rates. The Companies filed their PSI filings on January 29, 2016 and identified allowed revenue increases. On February 2, 2016, the Companies filed proposed tariffs to increase rates for residential and business dial tone lines of up to \$1.00 per month. 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 Companies' PSI filings as deficient. 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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