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**COMMENT SOUGHT ON THE JOINT PETITION OF VERIZON CALIFORNIA INC.,
VERIZON SOUTH INC., AND FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION TO WAIVE
THE STUDY AREA BOUNDARY FREEZE AS CODIFIED IN PART 36 OF THE
COMMISSION'S RULES**

WC Docket No. 09-95

Comment Date: March 26, 2010

Reply Comment Date: April 12, 2010

On January 20, 2010, Verizon California Inc. (Verizon California), Verizon South Inc. (Verizon South), and Frontier Communications Corporation (Frontier) filed a joint petition for waiver of the study area boundary freeze.¹ Verizon California and Frontier seek a waiver of the study area boundary freeze to transfer seven exchanges from Verizon California's existing California study area to a newly created Frontier study area in California.² Verizon South and Frontier also seek a waiver of the study area boundary freeze to transfer all exchanges, with the exception of the Knotts Islands exchange, from Verizon South's existing North Carolina study area to a newly created Frontier study area in North Carolina.³ The study area waiver requests are in connection with the transaction in which Verizon proposes to transfer operating companies in a number of states to Frontier.⁴

Interested parties may file **comments on or before March 26, 2010**, and **reply comments on or before April 12, 2010**. All pleadings are to reference **WC Docket No. 09-95**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), or by filing paper copies.⁵

¹ Verizon California Inc., Verizon South Inc., and Frontier Communications Corporation, Joint Petition for Waiver of the Definition of "Study Area" Contained in Part 36, Appendix-Glossary of the Commission's Rules (filed Jan. 10, 2010) (Petition); 47 C.F.R. Part 36 App. (defining "study area").

² See Petition at 2-3. The seven exchanges to be transferred are Alpine, Coleville, Earp Big River, Havasu Landing, Parker Dam, Blythe, and Palo Verde. *Id.* at 2. Frontier requests that its newly created study area be operated separate from its existing California study areas. *Id.* at 3.

³ *Id.* at 3. Verizon South will continue to operate a study area in North Carolina consisting solely of the Knotts Island exchange. *Id.*

⁴ See Verizon Communications Inc. and Frontier Communications Corp. Application for Consent to Assign and Transfer Control of Authority to Provide Global Facilities-Based and Global Resale International Telecommunications Services and to Assign and Transfer Control of Domestic Common Carrier Transmission Lines, Consolidated Application for Transfer of Control and Assignment of International and Domestic Section 214 Authority, as Amended, WC Docket No. 09-95 (filed July 30, 2009).

⁵ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, GC Docket No. 97-113, Report and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 11322 (1998).

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- (2) Gary Seigel, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-C408, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: Gary.Seigel@fcc.gov;
- (3) Katie King, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-B544, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: Katie.King@fcc.gov; and
- (4) Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-A452, Washington, D.C. 20554; e-mail: Charles.Tyler@fcc.gov.

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⁶ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentation and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented generally is required.⁷ Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules.⁸

For further information, please contact Gary Seigel, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at (202) 418-7400 or TTY (202) 418-0484.

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⁷ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁸ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).