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APPLICATION OF FRONTIER
SOUTHWEST INCORPORATED D/B/A
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF
TEXAS FOR AN AMENDMENT TO A
CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE
AND NECESSITY

ORDER ON INTERIM APPEAL

This Order addresses the appeal by Frontier Southwest Incorporated d/b/a Frontier Communications of Texas (Frontier) of Order No. 2, which was issued by the Commission's administrative law judge (ALJ) on May 25, 2016. Order No. 2 directed Frontier to provide notice of its application by publication, in compliance with 16 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 22.52(b)(1). It also directed Frontier to mail notice of its application to neighboring cities and utilities as required by 16 TAC § 22.52(b)(2).

On May 27, 2016, Frontier filed a request for reconsideration of Order No. 2, which the Commission treated as an appeal and agreed to hear at the June 29, 2016 open meeting. In its appeal, Frontier requested that the Commission find that Frontier's provision of notice in this proceeding is sufficient.³ Alternatively, Frontier requested that the Commission grant a good cause exception to the notice requirements of 16 TAC § 22.52(b).⁴

The Commission finds that the notice requirements of 16 TAC § 22.52(b) apply to this case, but that a good cause exception is warranted. The Commission grants Frontier's appeal of Order No. 2 and directs the ALJ to issue an order granting Frontier's request for a good cause exception to the notice requirements of 16 TAC § 22.52(b).

¹ Order No. 2 Addressing Sufficiency of Application and Notice (May 25, 2016).

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³ Frontier Communications of Texas' Response to Commission Staff's Recommendation Regarding Sufficiency of notice, Request for Reconsideration of Order No. 2, and Request for Good Cause Exception at 5 (May 27, 2016).

⁴ Id. at 5-6.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 7th day of June 2016.

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