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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission Chairman James F. Huston  
 Commissioners Freeman, Krevda, Ober, and Ziegner

FROM: Commission Technical Divisions

DATE: November 20, 2020

RE: 30-Day Utility Articles for Conference on *Wednesday November 25, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m.*

The following thirty-day filings have been submitted to the Commission. Each item was reviewed by the appropriate Commission Technical Divisions and all regulations were met in accordance with 170 IAC 1-6 Thirty-Day Administrative Filing Procedures and Guidelines. Therefore, the following filings listed below and attached hereto are recommended to be considered by the Commission at the next conference:

Attachment Number	30-Day Filing No.	Name of Utility Company	Type of Request	Date Received
1	50368	Indiana Bell Telephone Company, Incorporated	To reduce the Federal Lifeline Program discount that assists qualified low-income applicants by providing a reduction in their monthly rate for qualifying services, as defined in 47 C.F.R 54.400(m)	10/20/2020
2	50370	Frontier North Inc. and Frontier Midstates Inc.	To reduce the Federal Lifeline support for voice-only Lifeline service from \$7.25 per month per Lifeline subscriber to \$5.25 as a result of the FCC's Lifeline Modernization Order	10/30/2020

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**Filing Party:** Indiana Bell Telephone Co., Inc., d/b/a AT&T Indiana (“AT&T”)

**30-Day Filing ID No.:** 50368

**Date Filed:** October 20, 2020

**Filed Pursuant To:** IC 8-1-2-42(a) & 170 IAC 1-6; and the FCC’s 2016 Further Report and Order (“*Lifeline Order*”).<sup>1</sup>

**Request:** The purpose of the October 30 filing is to implement the second step in the FCC-mandated reduction in the monthly Federal Lifeline credit to \$5.25 (currently \$7.25), which will begin on December 1, 2020. This rate reduction applies only for qualifying voice-only Lifeline subscribers.

**Retail Customer Impact:** Some Lifeline voice-only subscribers might see a small increase in their monthly rates for local exchange service, due to the lower discount. However, given that the Commission does not have jurisdiction over local exchange rates, due to the passage of House Enrolled Act 1279 in 2006, it is up to the retail local exchange carrier serving a particular subscriber whether to increase or decrease that subscriber’s rates (and by how much), or to keep rates at the current level.

**Tariff Page(s) Affected:** Tariff I.U.R.C. No. 20, Part 4, Section 4, 10<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet 1 & 8<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet 2.

**Staff Recommendations:** Requirements in IC 8-1-2-42, 170 IAC 1-6, and applicable provisions of 47 C.F.R. 54 were met; **Staff recommends approval and an effective date of December 1, 2020 (as mandated by the FCC), rather than November 25.**

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<sup>1</sup> *In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, et al., WC Docket No. 11-42, et al., Third Report and order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration* (FCC 16-38, rel. April 27, 2016).

**Filing Party:** Frontier North Inc. and Frontier Midstates Inc. (“Frontier”)

**30-Day Filing ID No.:** 50370

**Date Filed:** October 30, 2020

**Filed Pursuant To:** IC 8-1-2-42(a) & 170 IAC 1-6; and the FCC’s 2016 Further Report and Order (“*Lifeline Order*”).<sup>1</sup>

**Request:** The purpose of the October 30 filing is to implement the second step in the FCC-mandated reduction in the monthly Federal Lifeline credit to \$5.25 (currently \$7.25), which will begin on December 1, 2020.<sup>2</sup> This rate reduction applies only for qualifying voice-only Lifeline subscribers. Frontier also retains the \$9.25 monthly credit for broadband-only subscribers and subscribers who purchase a broadband-voice bundle meeting all applicable FCC requirements under 47 C.F.R. § 54.403(a)(2).

**Retail Customer Impact:** Some Lifeline voice-only subscribers might see a small increase in their monthly rates for local exchange service, due to the lower discount. However, given that the Commission does not have jurisdiction over local exchange rates, due to the passage of House Enrolled Act 1279 in 2006, it is up to the retail local exchange carrier serving a particular subscriber whether to increase or decrease that subscriber’s rates (and by how much), or to keep rates at the current level.

**Tariff Page(s) Affected:** Tariff I.U.R.C. No. T-2, Section 6, 15<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet 2.

**Staff Recommendations:** Requirements in IC 8-1-2-42, 170 IAC 1-6, and applicable FCC rules were met; **Staff recommends approval and an effective date of December 1, 2020 (as mandated by the FCC), rather than November 25.**

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<sup>1</sup> *In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization*, et al., WC Docket No. 11-42, et al., *Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration* (FCC 16-38, rel. April 27, 2016).

<sup>2</sup> The Commission is advised that Frontier has requested an effective date for this tariff change of December 1, consistent with FCC mandates. Given that 31 days will have elapsed between October 30 and the Dec. 1 effective date, Frontier will have met the requirement in IC 8-1-2-42(a) and 170 IAC 1-6-1(d) that no rates go into effect on less than 30 days’ notice, unless the Commission approves a shorter timeframe.