Indiana Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Fund - Phase 1 - Unserved Areas  
Frontier Communications Corporation  
Exhibit 9 – Executive Summary

Frontier is presenting an Application for unserved areas only within its telephone exchange service boundaries. The Application provides for 16 broadband infrastructure expansion projects throughout Indiana. Each project is an extension of existing broadband capabilities to the grant service areas where rate of return on investment is not feasible. Broadband infrastructure deployment for the projects involves extension of middle mile fiber optic facilities, placement of last mile fiber optic facilities (FTTP), and routers for FTTP and copper VDSL applications.

The 16 projects include:

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The projects total 1,908 passings in unserved areas and an additional 2,480 passings in underserved areas for a grand total of 4,388. This is due to the nature of building “hub and spoke” networks. The extension of fiber optic cable from the hub location passes homes, business, and farms to reach the distant unserved area. The homes, business, and farms passed by this new fiber optic cable also receive the same or faster broadband than the distant unserved area where the fiber optic cable serves the hub for the last mile. Frontier’s experience with the Connect America Fund has yielded similar underserved area results. These underserved area passings are NOT included in the cost of this Application.

Of the 1,908 passings, 697 will receive a minimum of 10/1; 912 a minimum of 25/3; and 299 up to 1G/1G based on the engineering design and standards. These engineered speeds vary by project.

Frontier has been solely involved in the project site selection, engineering design, network element costing, and application preparation. Frontier evaluated 25 potential projects through engineering design and network element costing and selected the 16 listed above. The project site selection was based primarily on the cost per passing with the lowest cost per passing receiving the highest point scores to maximize the utility of grant and company funds. The cost per passing included ongoing maintenance and investment costs as reflected in our 5-year forecast, so future costs to manage and sustain the network infrastructure deployed has been accounted for. The post-grant construction, testing, and turn up phases of each project will be managed by a dedicated professional project management organization in Frontier who have experience completing with over 30,000 broadband construction projects over the last five years. The project management organization in Frontier manages all aspects of project completion with functional departments in Frontier including materials acquisition and delivery; construction labor deployment including contractors; permits with government entities and pole attachments; speed testing and deployment validation; compliance reporting; and final decisions to open for
sales. Frontier manages and sustains broadband projects throughout its 29 state U.S. service footprint.

Broadband infrastructure improvements advance the quality of life by opening digital opportunities beyond the front door of your home, business, or farm. Broadband infrastructure in and of itself does nothing to improve the quality of life unless the home, business, or farm adopts and uses the technology. Once adoption and use take place, vision is not limited to the front door, but a worldwide view is possible. Education through distant eLearning opens possibilities for all ages of knowledge seekers where curriculums are not available locally. These education opportunities enable skill and labor retention and state competitiveness. Telemedicine enables rural areas to reach specialists in centralized urban clinics. New digital telemedicine devices and techniques enable remote health monitoring and robotic surgery. Public safety and security is enhanced using broadband infrastructure to enable remote video monitoring and alerts for your home to your personal device or law enforcement. Fire alarms and carbon monoxide alarms become digitized alerts when you are not home to protect those that can’t protect themselves. Farmers can use the latest GIS applications to control chemical use to maximize yield and minimize environmental damage to Indiana’s water sheds.

In addition, there is the more human part of broadband technology use and adoption. The use of social media to stay in touch with family and friends, online gaming, streaming entertainment, finding lost friends and family, online shopping, ride sharing, appointment setting, etc. all improve the quality of life by making daily enjoyment easier, faster, and cheaper.

Economic development is usually synonymous with business expansion including farms and work from home. Access to broadband infrastructure is today a requirement for starting or expanding business opportunities, employment, and wealth creation. Competition for technology savvy labor will drive the opportunities where broadband infrastructure can support the needs of the business. Where broadband infrastructure exists, desirability to live there goes up and therefore home prices are sustainable. Vacant land including industrial parks without access to broadband infrastructure is not desirable for economic development. Frontier understands the value of broadband infrastructure to economic development.

Frontier’s is excited for the opportunity to partner with the State of Indiana in the Next Level Connections Broadband Grant Program to deploy broadband infrastructure to unserved areas.