## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA



In the Matter of the Joint Application of Frontier Communications Corporation, Frontier Communications of America, Inc. (U 5429 C), Verizon California Inc. (U 1002 C), Verizon Long Distance, LLC (U 5732 C), and Newco West Holdings LLC for Approval of Transfer of Control Over Verizon California Inc. and Related Approval of Transfer of Assets and Certifications

Application 15-03-005 (Filed April 11, 2014)

## MOTION OF THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF COMPETITIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES FOR PARTY STATUS

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Counsel for the California Association of Competitive Telecommunications Companies In accordance with Commission Rule 1.4(a)(4), the California Association of Competitive Telecommunications Companies (CALTEL) respectfully moves the Commission to grant it party status in the above-captioned application proceeding. In support of this motion, CALTEL states:

- 1. CALTEL is a trade association representing the interests of competitive telecommunications companies in the State of California and before the Federal Communications Commission. CALTEL is a frequent participant in proceedings of this Commission. CALTEL member companies provide telecommunications services in the State of California. A complete list of CALTEL's member companies is provided at www.caltel.org.
- 2. CALTEL member companies need and use wholesale services purchased from a variety of sources, including Applicants in this matter, to provide retail telecommunications services to their customers in California. CALTEL believes that the proposed transactions may have a negative effect on the availability (including ordering and other operational systems), quality, and terms and conditions under which wholesale services are available to CALTEL members from the Applicants.
- 3. In addition, CALTEL members provide services in the business telecommunications and data market in this state, and CALTEL is concerned that the proposed transactions may have an adverse effect on its members ability to compete.
- 4. Therefore, CALTEL has a substantial interest in the subject matter of this proceeding, and the participation of CALTEL would be in the public interest.

WHEREFORE, CALTEL respectfully requests that it be granted party status in this proceeding.

## Respectfully submitted,

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