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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. (U5429C), Verizon California, Inc. (U1002C), Verizon Long Distance LLC (U5732C), 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 March 18, 2015)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SETTING EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

The amended scoping memo includes several issues related to the physical condition of the Verizon land line network (Network). Through comments and submissions at workshops and public participation hearings, other parties and members of the public have raised questions regarding the current condition of the Network, its compliance with Commission General Orders, and the cost and extent of repairs required to bring the Network into compliance with Commission-imposed standards of safety and reliability.

In order to obtain record evidence regarding these topics, I have scheduled two days of evidentiary hearings on September 24 and 25, 2015 at the Commission Courtroom, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California. Hearings will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day with a 90-minute break for lunch.

I direct Verizon to prepare and serve on the other parties a comprehensive report on the current condition of the Network and the cost and extent of repairs required to bring the Network into compliance with Commission-imposed

standards of safety and reliability, and to make available for cross-examination at the evidentiary hearings a person or persons most knowledgeable regarding the contents of that report. The report shall be served on the other parties no later than Friday, September 18, 2015, with copies to the Assigned Commissioner and to the undersigned.

Other parties who wish to present evidence regarding the physical condition of the Network and the cost and extent of repairs required to bring the Network into compliance with Commission-imposed standards of safety and reliability shall serve testimony no later than Friday, September 18, 2015, with copies to the Assigned Commissioner and the undersigned, and shall make available for cross-examination at the evidentiary hearings the sponsoring witness or witnesses.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated August 20, 2015, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KARL J. BEMESDERFER

Karl J. Bemesderfer
Administrative Law Judge