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Mrs. Jewell,

In order No. 29845, in Case No. CTC-T-05-02, the PUC directed Frontier to respond one question and 2 sub-parts. The following are Frontier's response to those questions.

1. Is Frontier willing to provide Telephone service to Tamarack Resort?

Answer:

Yes, Frontier is willing to serve customers within its certificated areas including Tamarack Resort, to the extent that it can acquire access to the customers and be compensated for all costs to serve the area.

- a. If yes, under what conditions?

Answer:

Service within the Tamarack Resort, could be provided under one of two possible scenarios.

- 1) Frontier could overbuild the existing Tamarack facilities. In order to do this, the company would have to be granted rights-of-way within the resort, which it does not now have. Frontier would also have to recover the extremely high construction costs necessary to install facilities. The cost could be excessive because roads, sidewalks, curb and gutter, and landscaping have all been completed. In addition, utility lines, cables, pipes, etc. have already been placed and would have to be identified, marked, worked around, or possibly moved.

- 2) Frontier could interconnect with the existing facilities of Tamarack Resort. Tamarack would need to allow Frontier access to its network at reasonable rates. Tamarack Resort would need to make personnel available to perform trouble shooting in its network and be responsible for its part of the circuits on a timely basis.

Frontier would also need to purchase and install network equipment to enable Tamarack's fiber to the Home facilities to interface with Frontiers existing network. As with Scenario 1, Frontier would need to be able to recover all costs incurred to serve these customers.

- b. If no, then why does Frontier believe it reasonable to decline the requests for service?

Answer:

As stated above, Frontier is willing to serve customers within the Tamarack Resort so long as it can recover its costs. Depending on the how service is provisioned, it may be cost prohibitive for Frontier to serve customers at the resort. At the present time, Frontier has been unable to fulfill requests for service to customers in the Tamarack Resort because:

- 1) Frontier has no facilities in place past the demarcation point to reach customers in the resort. Frontier has optical fiber to the point of demarcation.
- 2) Frontier does not have right-of-way access to customers within the resort boundaries.
- 3) The cost of bringing facilities to customers in the Tamarack resort would be excessive due to existing infrastructure in place.
- 4) Frontier has no agreement with Tamarack Resort to interconnect with the resorts facilities in order to provide service to customers, nor has sufficient interest been expressed by current customers to justify investment in the necessary electronic equipment.

Should the Commission have additional questions, please direct them to me at the address above. In addition, my direct telephone number is 801-924-6357. My Email address is ingo.henningsen@czn.com.

Sincerely Yours,



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BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION TO)
DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS REASONABLE FOR)
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF IDAHO TO) CASE No. CTC-T-05-2
PROVIDE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE TO)
CUSTOMERS LOCATED IN THE TAMARACK)
RESORT)**

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