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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION, *et al.*,¹

APR 17 2020

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Chapter 11

Case No. 20-22476 (RDD)

Debtors.

(Joint Administration Requested)

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF CHAPTER 11 CASES AND HEARING ON FIRST DAY MOTIONS

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 14, 2020 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), Frontier Communications Corporation and certain of its affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>"), each filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Court").

¹ The last four digits of Debtor Frontier Communications Corporation's tax identification number are 9596. Due to the large number of debtor entities in these chapter 11 cases, for which the Debtors have requested joint administration, a complete list of the debtor entities and the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers are not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' proposed claims and noticing agent at https://cases.primeclerk.com/ftr. The location of the Debtors' service address for purposes of these chapter 11 cases is: 50 Main Street, Suite 1000, White Plains, New York 10606.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that on the Petition Date, in addition to their

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chapter 11 petitions, the Debtors have filed the following first day motions and related pleadings

(collectively, the "First Day Pleadings"):

- 1. *Joint Administration Motion*. Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order Directing Joint Administration of Chapter 11 Cases [Docket No. 2].
- 2. *First Day Declaration*. Declaration of Carlin Adrianopoli, Executive Vice President of Strategic Planning, in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Motions [Docket No. 3].
- 3. Noticing Agent 156(c) Application. Debtors' Application for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing and Approving the Appointment of Prime Clerk LLC as Claims and Noticing Agent, Effective Nunc Pro Tunc to the Petition Date, and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 4].
- 4. Schedules and SOFA Extension Motion. Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Extending Time to File Schedules of Assets and Liabilities, Schedules of Current Income and Expenditures, Schedules of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, and Statements of Financial Affairs; (II) Waiving Requirements to File Lists of Equity Holders; and (III) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 5].
- 5. *Case Management Motion*. Debtors' Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Establishing Certain Notice, Case Management, and Administrative Procedures and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 6].
- 6. *Interim Compensation Motion*. Debtors' Motion Seeking Entry of an Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Retained Professionals [Docket No. 7].
- 7. Insurance Motion. Debtors' Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Debtors to (A) Pay Their Obligations Under Prepetition Insurance Policies, (B) Continue to Pay Certain Brokerage Fees, (C) Renew, Supplement, Modify, or Purchase Insurance Coverage, (D) Maintain Their Surety Bond Program, and (E) Enter into New Financing Agreements in the Ordinary Course of Business and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 8].
- 8. *Taxes Motion*. Debtors' Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Payment of Certain Prepetition Taxes and Fees and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 9].
- 9. *NOL Motion*. Debtors' Motion Seeking Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Approving Notification and Hearing Procedures for Certain Transfers of and Declarations of Worthlessness With Respect to Common Stock and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 10].

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- 10. *Critical Vendors Motion*. Debtors' Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders Authorizing the Debtors to Pay Certain Prepetition Claims of (I) Critical Vendors, (II) Lien Claimants, and (III) Section 503(B)(9) Claimants in the Ordinary Course of Business on a Postpetition Basis [Docket No. 11].
- Creditor Matrix Motion. Debtors' Motion Seeking Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Debtors to File a Consolidated List of Creditors in Lieu of Submitting a Separate Mailing Matrix for Each Debtor, (II) Authorizing the Debtors to File a Consolidated List of the Debtors' Fifty Largest Unsecured Creditors, (III) Authorizing the Debtors to Redact Certain Personally Identifiable Information for the Debtors' Employees, (IV) Approving the Form and Manner of Notifying Creditors of Commencement, and (V) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 12].
- 12. *Customer Programs Motion*. Debtors' Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Honor Certain Prepetition Obligation to Customers and Continue Certain Customer Programs in the Ordinary Course of Business and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 13].
- Cash Management Motion. Debtors' Motion Seeking Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Debtors to (A) Continue to Operate Their Cash Management System, (B) Honor Certain Prepetition Obligations Related Thereto, (C) Maintain Existing Business Forms, and (D) Continue to Perform Intercompany Transactions, (II) Granting Superpriority Administrative Expense Status to Postpetition Intercompany Balances, and (III) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 14].
- 14. *Content Motion*. Debtors' Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders Authorizing the Debtors to Pay or Honor Prepetition Claims of Content Providers [Docket No. 15].
- 15. Utilities Motion. Debtors' Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Prohibiting Utility Providers from Altering, Refusing, or Discontinuing Utility Services, (II) Determining Adequate Assurance of Payment for Future Utility Services, (III) Establishing Procedures for Determining Adequate Assurance of Payment, (IV) Authorizing Fee Payments to the Utility Agent, and (V) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 16].
- 16. *Sale Motion*. Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing and Approving (A) the Assumption of the Purchase Agreement, (B) the Sale of the Debtors' Pacific Northwest Assets Free and Clear of All Claims, Liens, Rights, Interests, and Encumbrances, and (C) the Debtors' Assumption of Certain Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 22].²
 - A. *Motion to Shorten Notice*. Debtors' Motion to Schedule an Expedited Hearing and Shorten the Notice Period with Respect to the Debtors' Motion to Sell the Pacific Northwest Assets Free and Clear of all Claims, Liens, Rights, Interests, and

² The Debtors are not seeking approval of the Sale Motion at the April 16th hearing. The Debtors are seeking approval of the Motion to Shorten Notice and the Motion to Seal at the April 16th hearing.

Encumbrances, and the Debtors' Assumption of Certain Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases [Docket No. 20].

- B. *Motion to Seal*. Debtors' Motion Seeking Entry of an Order Authorizing the Debtors to Restrict Access to the Transition Services Agreement Related to the Purchase Agreement [Docket No. 18].
- 17. *Wages Motion*. Debtors' Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders Authorizing the Debtors to (I) Pay Prepetition Employee Wages, Salaries, Other Compensation, and Reimbursable Employee Expenses and (II) Continue Employee Benefits Programs [Docket No. ●].³
- 18. DIP Motion. Debtors' Motion for Entry of (I) an Interim and Final Order (A) Granting Adequate Protection, (B) Authorizing the Unsecured Subsidiary Debt Payments, (C) Modifying the Automatic Stay, and (D) Granting Related Relief, and (II) a Final Order (A) Authorizing the Debtors to Obtain Senior Secured Superpriority Postpetition Financing, (B) Granting Liens and Superpriority Administrative Expense Claims, (C) Authorizing Repayment of the Prepetition Revolving Credit Facility in Full, (D) Modifying the Automatic Stay, and (E) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. ●].⁴
 - A. **DIP Motion to Seal.** Debtors' Motion Seeking Entry of an Order Authorizing the Debtors to (I) Restrict Access to Certain Confidential Fee Letters Related to the Proposed Debtor-In-Possession Financing and (II) Redact Certain Related Items in the DIP Motion and Shah Declaration [Docket No. ●].

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a hearing to consider these motions

(the "First Day Hearing") has been scheduled by the Court for April 16, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

(prevailing Eastern Time), with such hearing to be held before the Honorable Robert D. Drain,

United States Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New

York, at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, 300 Quarropas

Street White Plains, New York 10601 in accordance with the Court's schedule. The Debtors have

requested that the Court consider the relief requested in the First Day Pleadings on a final basis, in

³ The Wages Motion has not yet been filed as of the submission of this Notice.

⁴ The DIP Motion and related DIP Motion to Seal have not yet been filed as of the submission of this Notice.

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certain cases, or on an interim basis pending a final hearing to be scheduled at a later date. The Debtors will file an agenda in advance of the First Day Hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the First Day Pleadings and other pleadings for subsequent hearings may be obtained free of charge by visiting the website of Prime Clerk LLC at https://cases.primeclerk.com/ftr. You may also obtain copies of any pleadings by visiting the Court's website at http://www.nysb.uscourts.gov in accordance with the procedures and fees set forth therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that <u>your rights may be affected</u>. You should read the First Day Pleadings carefully and discuss them with your attorney, if you have one in connection with the chapter 11 cases. (If you do not have an attorney, you may wish to consult with one).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you do not want the Court to grant the relief requested in the First Day Pleadings, or if you want the Court to consider your views on the First Day Pleadings, then you or your attorney must attend the First Day Hearing. If you or your attorney do not take these steps, the Court may decide that you do not oppose the relief sought in the First Day Pleadings and may enter orders granting the relief requested in the First Day Pleadings.

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