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Notice #:	CCBFTR02245
Audience:	Carrier, IXC, CLEC, Reseller
Subject:	Legal and Contract Notice of 25% Rate Increase for UNE DS1 Loops per FCC Forbearance and Modernization Orders
Date Effective:	September 1, 2024

This notice is further to prior communications that Frontier has made to its customers during the past several years regarding the subject matter covered herein and related matters.

Your company has previously obtained or may have planned to order and obtain unbundled network elements (“**UNEs**”) from Frontier in the form of unbundled DS1 Loops (collectively, “**Loops**”). Such Loops that are (or were) in-service as of the respective applicable dates set forth in the FCC Schedule (defined and set forth below) are referred to as “**Embedded Base UNE Loops.**” Your company’s purchase of Loops from Frontier is pursuant to one or more interconnection agreements between Frontier and your company, in accordance with Section 251 of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. §151 et seq.), as amended from time to time (including, without limitation, by the Telecommunications Act of 1996) (the “**Act**”) (each such agreement, an “**Interconnection Agreement**”).

Discontinuance of Certain Unbundling Obligations per the FCC Schedule. Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission (“**FCC**”)’s Forbearance and Modernization Orders,¹ and notwithstanding anything that may be to the contrary in any Interconnection Agreement, Frontier is not (and has not been, as applicable) obligated to provide to your company its Embedded Base UNE Loops at their previous rates or on their previous terms and conditions, or new UNE Loops at such

¹ The FCC issued Memorandum Opinion and Order, WC Docket Nos. 18-141 et al. (rel. Aug. 2, 2019) (“**UNE Loop-Resale Order**”), Report and Order on Remand and Memorandum Opinion Order, WC Docket Nos. 18-141 et al. (rel. July 12, 2019) (“**UNE Transport Forbearance Order**”), and In re. Modernizing Unbundling and Resale Requirements in an Era of Next-Generation Networks and Services, WC Docket No. 19-308 (the “**2020 Order**”) (the UNE Loop-Resale Order, the UNE Transport Forbearance Order and the 2020 Order collectively referred to herein as the “**FCC Forbearance and Modernization Orders**”). Per the FCC Forbearance and Modernization Orders, this contract notice, and previous notices regarding resale and UNEs, customers are (and have been) on notice of the changes of law resulting from the FCC Forbearance and Modernization Orders, associated rate increases and Frontier’s intent to implement and apply those changes as of the earliest applicable date.



rates or on such terms and conditions, as of the terms and timeframes established by the FCC, as follows (such terms and timeframes, the “**FCC Schedule**”):²

1. UNE Analog Loops:
 - a. New ordering ended: February 2, 2020
 - b. Pricing regulation ended: August 2, 2022
2. UNE DS0 Digital Loops for Urbanized Areas:
 - a. New ordering ended: February 8, 2023
 - b. Twenty-five percent (25%) price increase permitted beginning: February 8, 2024
 - c. Pricing regulation ends: February 8, 2025
3. UNE DS1 Digital Loops for Competitive Counties:
 - a. New ordering ended: February 8, 2023
 - b. Pricing regulation ends: August 8, 2024
4. UNE DS3 Digital Loops for Competitive Counties:
 - a. New ordering ended: February 8, 2021
 - b. Pricing regulation ended: February 8, 2024

The changes of law per the FCC Forbearance and Modernization Orders, including, without limitation, discontinuance of unbundling of UNE DS1 Loops at unbundled local Loop rates per the FCC Schedule, are self-effectuating and do not require an amendment of any Interconnection Agreement. The FCC has provided a transition over time, pursuant to which your company has been able to plan for these changes accordingly.

Rate Increases. Rates have already increased, or will increase, for certain unbundled Loops effective as of the dates set forth in this, and prior, Frontier notices, in each case consistent with the dates and terms of the FCC Schedule. In addition, as set forth in this notice, Frontier is increasing the rates for UNE DS1 Loops for all states in the Frontier footprint. The new rates – which reflect a twenty-five percent (25%) or, in some cases, slightly less than that, increase over existing rates, for your DS1 Embedded Base UNE Loops – are set forth in Attachment A to this notice and will take effect beginning on September 1, 2024. Some rate changes may be effectuated initially using a true-up to operationalize the rate increases.

If you would like to receive a list of your company’s UNE DS1 Loops that are impacted by the rate increases on UNE DS1 Loops described in this notice, please contact your

² Capitalized terms used in the FCC Schedule that are not defined in this notice have the meanings set forth in the FCC Forbearance and Modernization Orders.



Account Manager, who will then send to you an excel file, via email, with the subject Loops.

ATTACHMENT A

**RATES AND CHARGES FOR:
DS1 EMBEDDED BASE UNE Loops (EFFECTIVE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2024)**

The rates and charges for UNE DS1 Loops, which are provided on a month-to-month basis, include the following Monthly Recurring Charges (“MRCs”). Non-Recurring Charges (“NRCs”) shall apply at the same rates that were billing as of the effective date of this notice.

CALIFORNIA

S&E CODE	DESCRIPTION	OLD MRC	NEW MRC
69420	UNE DS1 Loop	\$67.70	\$84.62
69479	UNE Advanced DS1 Loop	\$67.70	\$84.62
69A20	UNE DS1 Loop	\$144.04	\$180.05

FLORIDA

S&E CODE	DESCRIPTION	OLD MRC	NEW MRC
69420	UNE DS1 Loop	\$130.25	\$162.81
69A20	UNE DS1 Loop	\$175.63	\$219.53
69B20	UNE DS1 Loop	\$299.06	\$373.82

INDIANA

S&E Code	Description	Old MRC	New MRC
69420	UNE DS1 Loop	\$88.28	\$110.35

MICHIGAN

S&E Code	Description	Old MRC	New MRC
69420	UNE DS1 Loop	\$72.13	\$90.16

NORTH CAROLINA

S&E Code	Description	Old MRC	New MRC
6942A	UNE DS1 Loop	\$60.68	\$75.85
69420	UNE DS1 Loop	\$84.50	\$105.62



OHIO

S&E Code	Description	Old MRC	New MRC
69420	UNE DS1 Loop	\$112.22	\$140.27

SOUTH CAROLINA

S&E Code	Description	Old MRC	New MRC
69420	UNE DS1 Loop	\$125.11	\$156.38

TEXAS

S&E Code	Description	Old MRC	New MRC
69420	UNE DS1 Loop	\$126.39	\$157.98
69479	UNE Advanced DS1 Loop	\$126.39	\$157.98