

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Communications Division Advice Letter Summary Form

Date AL served on parties: 1/8/2026		CPUC Utility Number U - 1002 - C
Company Name: Frontier California Inc. (Frontier)		<input type="checkbox"/> GRC-LEC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> URF-Carrier <input type="checkbox"/> CMRS
Address: 9260 East Stockton Blvd		<input type="checkbox"/> Commission Resolution Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Carrier of Last Resort (See D.96-10-066)
City, State, ZIP: Elk Grove, CA 95624		AL Tier I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/> III <input type="checkbox"/>
Filing AL #: 12992 Requested Effective Date: 1/9/2026		Information-Only <input type="checkbox"/>
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Keyword: Decision / Resolution Compliance For Contract Keyword, Type: Government Other
 Date Executed _____ Contract Total Rev (\$) _____

Subject of filing: Customer Relief Protections During December 23, 2025, Gifford Fire Declared State of Emergency Declared on December 23, 2025
 (Service(s) included)

Authorization for filing: D.19-08-025, OP 2 Compliance Filing
 (Resolution #, Decision #, etc.)

Tariff Schedules: _____ **No. of Sheets:** _____

Affected services: _____
 (Other services affected, pending or replacement AL filings)

Rate Element(s) affected *and* % change: _____
 (Non-recurring and / or recurring)

Customer Notice Required (if so, please attach)

Notes/Comments: _____
 (Other information & reference to advice letter, etc.)

File Protest(s) and/or Response(s) to: Advice Letter Coordinator, Communications Division 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102 VIA EMAIL ONLY (DO NOT MAIL HARD COPY)	Email to: TD_PAL@cpuc.ca.gov Protests must be served to the Communications Division (TD_PAL) and the Utility on the same day Refer to GO 96-B 7.4 for additional information
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	Utility Type: <hr/>	Supv. / Analyst _____ / _____ Due Date to Supv.: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Logged In: <hr/>	CD Suspension Requested: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, see attached Analyst Completion Date: _____ Supervisor Completion Date: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Logged Out: <hr/>	Disposition: <input type="checkbox"/> Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected AL / Tariff Effective Date: _____ Resolution No.: T- _____ Notes: _____



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January 8, 2026

Advice Letter No. 12992

Frontier California Inc. (U-1002-C) to the Public Utilities Commission State of California

Subject: D.19-08-025, OP 2 Compliance Filing – Customer Relief Protections During December 23, 2025, Gifford Fire Declared State of Emergency

Purpose

The purpose of this Tier 1 Advice Letter (AL) filing is for Frontier California Inc. (U-1002-C) ('Frontier') to demonstrate its compliance with Ordering Paragraph (OP) 2 of Decision 19-08-025 (Decision).

On December 23, 2025, Governor Newsom declared a state of emergency in Santa Barbara County and San Luis Obispo County related to the Gifford Fire that ignited August 1, 2025 and was eventually contained on September 28, 2025.

Portions of Frontier California Inc.'s service area is located in Santa Barbara County; therefore, the following Customer Relief Protections were implemented for the state of emergency.

Customer Relief Protections

OP 2 of the Decision Requires:

"In the event the governor of California or a president of the United States declares a state of emergency which has either resulted in the loss or disruption of the delivery or receipt of utility service and/or resulted in the degradation of the quality of utility service, landline and wireless providers, as identified in Ordering Paragraph 1, shall file a Tier 1 Advice Letter within 15 days of the Governor's or President's state of emergency proclamation reporting compliance with implementing this Decision's mandated emergency disaster relief customer protections and outreach activities. These Advice Letters should include which of the required relief measures the provider has implemented, which of the required relief measures the provider will implement pending an FCC Lifeline waiver, which of the required relief measures do not apply because the provider either does not provide or does not charge for that service, and which relief measures, if any, the provider is offering in addition to the required measures. A service provider may request a blanket exemption via a letter on an annual basis from the Director of the Communications Division that explains that none of the adopted protections are applicable to its services or customers and require that provider to send another Tier 1 advice letter in the event that any of the protections in fact, become applicable."



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Upon customer contact and confirmation of disruption or degradation of service, customers will be issued the proper waivers. Frontier will comply in issuing all necessary credits and waivers as required by the Decision:

“Landline providers shall provide the following mandated protections to their customers whose service is disrupted or derogated in the declaration area:

- waiver of one-time activation fee for establishing remote call forwarding, remote access to call forwarding, call forwarding features and messaging services;
- waiver of the monthly rate for one month for remote call forwarding, remote access to call forwarding, call forwarding, call forwarding features, and messaging services;
- waiver of the service charge for installation of service at the temporary or new permanent location of the customer and again when the customer moves back to the premises;
- waiver of the fee for one jack and associated wiring at the temporary location regardless of whether the customer has an inside wiring plan;
- waiver of the fee for up to five free jacks and associated wiring for inside wiring plan customer upon their return to their permanent location; and
- waiver of the fee for one jack and associated wiring for non-Plan customers upon their return to their permanent location.”

CUSTOMER OUTREACH

In compliance with this Decision, Frontier is conducting outreach through multiple platforms to ensure our customers are aware of the rights and protections they are entitled to in the event their service is affected during a declared state of emergency. Frontier is providing its customers with access to information regarding their rights to these protections. Following is Frontier’s evolving communications plan which is not limited to:

- Website communications specific to California, including event specific information;
Status: Frontier’s state of emergency resource website was activated.
- Customer communications, in the form of letters, emails, bill inserts and text messages;
Status: When a service outage occurs, Frontier sends automated SMS (text) messages and emails to the impacted customers and keeps them informed of the status until the outage is resolved.
- Press releases, social media posts, blogs and bulletins;



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Status: Social media posts and press releases were not issued at this time.

- Communications to elected officials and key stakeholder partners; contractors, vendors, business partners;
- Status: As part of standard operating procedure, Frontier's operations team coordinates with local utilities and public officials to ensure safe access to affected areas during damage assessments and throughout the restoration process.**

Frontier attests that this advice letter filing complies with General Order 96-B, Telecommunications Industry Rule 8.3, adopted in Decision 07-09-019.

This filing will not change any rate or charge, cause the withdrawal of service, nor conflict with other schedules or rules.

Protests

Anyone may object to this Advice Letter, which was filed on January 8, 2026 by emailing a written protest to TD._PAL@cpuc.ca.gov.

The protest must state specifically the grounds on which it is based. The protest must be received by the Telecommunications Advice Letter Coordinator no later than 20 days after the date that the Advice letter was filed. On or before the day that the protest is sent to the Telecommunications Advice Letter Coordinator, the protestant must send a copy of the protest to:

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To obtain information about the Commission's procedures for advice letters and protests, go to the Commission's Internet site (www.cpuc.ca.gov) and look for document links to General Order 96-B. For information about the revised advice letter process effective January 1, 2020, please visit <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/General.aspx?id=1097>.

Effective Date

Frontier requests that this Tier 1 Advice Letter become effective on January 9, 2026 which is one calendar day after the date of filing in accordance with General Order 96-B, Telecommunications Industry Rule 7.1.



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Notice

In accordance with General Order 96-B, Section 4.3, copies of this Advice Letter are being served electronically to parties shown on the attached list and to those interested parties requesting such notification. In addition, Frontier is sending an email copy of this advice letter to the Commission-Maintained Service List.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 214-724-7719, or by email
judy.geise@ftr.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Judy Geise".

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Attachment

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Commission-Maintained Service List for “Changes in rates, terms and conditions of service, or initiation of new service” found at: <https://ia.cpuc.ca.gov/alsl/getlist.aspx>

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