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Amy Warshauer Manager, Government & External Affairs Frontier Communications 1201 K Street, Suite 1980 Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) – Frontier Communications' Proposed Colusa Project

Dear Ms. Warshauer:

Thank you for your October 25, 2018, CASF Infrastructure Grant Account application for Frontier's Colusa Project, which requested \$253,135.10 in CASF funds. During our review of your application, we consulted the latest deployment data for the project area as indicated in the current California Interactive Broadband Map. These data show that many of the census blocks Frontier offered to serve are already served, predominantly by Frontier and Comcast.

Staff also received challenges from both wireline and fixed wireless providers currently serving households in the project area at speeds in excess of 6 Megabits per second (mbps) download and 1 mbps upload. These challenges corroborated the data displayed on the Broadband Map. Based on this information, Staff finds that all but three of the inhabited census blocks in Frontier's application are already served, and that these census blocks contain only 8 unserved households.

Based on challenges and our evaluation, Staff finds that the project area has broadband available at served speeds. CASF rules limit funding to broadband infrastructure areas determined to be unserved. Therefore, Staff considers the proposed project area as ineligible for Infrastructure Grant Account funding. Please contact Caleb Jones at (415) 703-1628 or Tom Glegola at (415) 703-2438 if you have any questions or would like to share additional information.

Sincerely,

Robert Wullenjohn, Program Manager Broadband, Video & Market Branch

Communications Division

cc: Cynthia Walker, Communications Division Director Tom Glegola, CASF Infrastructure Section Supervisor