

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
FOR PROPOSED MERGER OF)
FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF) **Case No. XM-2003-0393**
AMERICA, INC., AND CITIZENS)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY)

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

Come now Citizens Communications Company (“Citizens”), Citizens Telecommunications Company (“CTC”) and Frontier Communications of America, Inc. (“FCA”)(collectively “Joint Applicants”), through their undersigned counsel, and respectfully request expedited treatment in the Missouri Public Service Commission’s (“Commission”) review and approval of the Joint Application filed in this matter concurrently herewith. In support of their Motion, Joint Applicants respectfully state:

1. As specifically set forth in the Joint Application filed in this matter (the allegations and statements contained in the Joint Application are incorporated herein by reference), Joint Applicants respectfully request that the Commission act expeditiously to grant the authority and relief requested in the Joint Application as soon as practicable, to be effective no later than May 29, 2003, if possible.

2. If requisite regulatory approvals are obtained by May 29, 2003, the Joint Applicants intend to complete the transactions proposed in the Joint Application to be effective on May 29, 2003. In order to accomplish this merger and implement a consolidated tariff that reflects the services and rates of both companies, a new tariff under the name of "Frontier Communications of America, Inc." was filed with the Commission on April 29, 2003, with an effective date of May 29, 2003.

WHEREFORE, the Joint Applicants respectfully request the Commission to grant their Motion for Expedited Treatment and to grant the authority and relief requested in the Joint Application as soon as practicable, effective no later than May 29, 2003, if possible. **In order to facilitate this approval by May 29, 2003, Joint Applicants hereby waive the traditional ten (10) day effective date that is routinely used between the issue date and the effective date of the order approving the transaction.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: May 15, 2003

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered, transmitted by e-mail or mailed, First Class, postage prepaid, this 15th day of May, 2003, to:

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