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Frontier Communications and Hughes Announce Wholesale Agreement to Provide Satellite Broadband Services

Several hundred thousand households and businesses targeted for new Frontier Broadband Service

STAMFORD, Conn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Frontier Communications Corporation (NASDAQ: FTR), the largest provider of communications services focused on rural America, announced today it has signed a wholesale agreement with Hughes Network Systems, LLC (Hughes), the global leader in broadband satellite networks and services.

Frontier will distribute satellite-based broadband services, branded **Frontier Broadband**, that will deliver dramatically increased speed and capacity to several hundred thousand households and small businesses within markets previously unserved or underserved by all broadband providers, including cable.

Frontier Broadband products are owned and managed by Frontier Communications and supported by highly-trained, 100 percent U.S.-based local installation, customer service and support teams. According to Melinda White, executive vice president of revenue development for Frontier, "We are very excited to offer a new, high-performance broadband Internet service. This is another example of Frontier's unwavering commitment to making broadband access ubiquitous — especially in rural America. We chose Hughes because it shares that vision and has the proven ability to bring high-quality technology to customers around the world."

Frontier Broadband will leverage the Hughes EchoStar XVII Satellite with JUPITER™ HighThroughput Technology that was successfully launched on July 5, 2012, and which will enable HughesNet Gen4 satellite Internet services for **Frontier Broadband** customers. HughesNet Gen4 offers dramatically increased performance and capacity, including support for high-bandwidth applications such as streaming video and music.

"We are excited to work with Frontier Communications to deliver high-speed Internet access to households in rural America that have traditionally been unserved or underserved," said Mike Cook, senior vice president, North American Division, Hughes. "HughesNet Gen4 will dramatically improve performance for high-bandwidth multimedia applications and accelerate web browsing, delivering a media-rich world like never before."

To learn more information about **Frontier Broadband** and to sign-up for this new service, Frontier customers may call **877-451-1801**.

About Hughes Network Systems

Hughes Network Systems, LLC (Hughes) is the world's leading provider of satellite broadband for home and office, delivering innovative network technologies, managed services and solutions for enterprises and governments globally. HughesNet® is the #1 high-speed satellite Internet service in the marketplace, with offerings to suit every budget. To date, Hughes has shipped more than 2.8 million systems to customers in over 100 countries, representing over 50 percent market share. Its products employ global standards approved by the TIA, ETSI and ITU organizations, including IPoS/DVB-S2, RSM-A, and GMR-1. Headquartered outside Washington, D.C., in Germantown, Maryland, USA, Hughes operates sales and support offices worldwide, and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of EchoStar Corporation (NASDAQ: SATS), a premier global provider of satellite operations and digital TV solutions. For additional information about Hughes, please visit www.hughes.com.

About Frontier Communications

Frontier Communications Corporation (NASDAQ: FTR), is an S&P 500 company and is included in the FORTUNE 500 list of America's largest corporations. Frontier offers broadband, voice, satellite video, wireless Internet data access, data security solutions, bundled offerings and specialized bundles for residential customers, small businesses and home offices and advanced business communications for medium and large businesses in 27 states. Frontier's approximately 15,500 employees are based entirely in the United States. More information is available at www.frontier.com.

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