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## **Frontier Communications Expands Broadband to 7,000 Additional Illinois Households**

### ***Residents Gain Access to Leading-Edge Services***

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Frontier Communications (NASDAQ:FTR) announced that it has made enhanced broadband service available to an additional 7,000 households in Illinois. Frontier is leveraging the FCC's Connect America Fund (CAF) program to bring broadband to approximately 4,000 households in CAF-eligible census blocks while expanding its overall service and reach to approximately 3,000 more households throughout Illinois.

"Through ongoing network investments, Frontier is providing broadband and faster speeds to residents in our Illinois service areas," Greg Stephens, Frontier Senior Vice President, Operations said. "We have been aggressively deploying and upgrading our broadband service and look forward to serving more residents."

The deployments are made possible through a combination of Frontier's capital investment and the CAF. The FCC established the CAF in 2011 to facilitate broadband deployment to the millions of Americans living in rural areas without access to broadband infrastructure. As of 2016, Frontier began receiving approximately \$31 million a year from the CAF to expand and upgrade the company's network to 56,000 locations in Illinois by the end of 2020.

The CAF program and investments by Frontier are enabling broadband access to previously unserved households, as well as improvements in speeds and services. Frontier offers simplified broadband offerings and bundled service packages that provide customers with choice and affordable options.

Broadband availability allows businesses and consumers to stay connected and take full advantage of online education, healthcare, and entertainment options. "Broadband connectivity is critical today, especially in more rural areas," said Stephens. "Through investment and ongoing enhancements, Frontier is helping to close America's digital divide."

### **About Frontier Communications**

Frontier Communications Corporation (NASDAQ: FTR) is a leader in providing communications services to urban, suburban, and rural communities in 29 states. Frontier offers a variety of services to residential customers over its fiber-optic and copper networks, including video, high-speed internet, advanced voice, and Frontier Secure® digital protection solutions. Frontier's video offerings include Frontier FiOS® and Vantage TV by Frontier™ with 100 percent HD picture quality, Total Home DVR, instant channel change, enhanced search, Video on Demand, and much more. Business Edge™ offers communications solutions to small, medium, and enterprise businesses. More information about Frontier is available at [www.frontier.com](http://www.frontier.com).

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