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## **Frontier Communications Expands Broadband to Approximately 6,900 Additional North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee Rural Households**

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

DURHAM, N.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Frontier Communications (NASDAQ: FTR) announced that it has made enhanced broadband service available to an additional 6,900 households in rural communities in North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Frontier is leveraging the FCC's Connect America Fund (CAF) program to bring broadband to approximately 3,400 households in CAF-eligible census blocks while expanding its overall service and reach to 3,500 more households.

"Through ongoing network investments, Frontier is providing broadband and faster speeds to residents in our service areas," Melanie Williams, Frontier's Senior Vice President of Operations, Southeast area, said. "We have been aggressively deploying and upgrading our broadband service and look forward to serving more residents."

The deployments are 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 \$8.4 million a year from the CAF to expand and upgrade the company's network to more than 25,000 locations in North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee 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. Representative counties in this latest round include households in Cashiers, Cherokee, Franklin and Hayesville in North Carolina; Georgetown and Johnsonville in South Carolina; and Weakley and Putnam in Tennessee. 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 Williams. "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<sup>®</sup> digital protection solutions. Frontier Business Edge<sup>™</sup> 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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