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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Project Title: Frontier 5288549 – Alturas – 2026 (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-MOD-63256-R11)

Project Location (Modoc): The project is located on the Pit River, in the County of Modoc, State of California; Latitude 41.48161, Longitude -120.64001.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-MOD-63256-R1, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Greg Bordelon/Frontier Communications.

The project is limited to the installation of approximately 1,985 feet of fiber optic cable via underground placement along County Road 75 in Modoc County. The work will consist of approximately 1,314 feet of plowing and 671 feet of horizontal directional drilling (HDD). The Pit River Crossing will consist of 500 feet of HDD with a minimum depth of 48 inches below the drainage feature. The project is intended to upgrade existing copper infrastructure to broadband service within Modoc County.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project:

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Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption. California Code, Public Resources Code - PRC § 21080.51

Categorical Exemption. Type – Class 2 and 4; California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections:

15302 – Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced.

15304 – Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes.

Reasons why project is exempt: The project proposes to replace existing copper infrastructure to broadband service within Modoc County. There will be no removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees as a result of this project. The project would have no significant effect on the environment.

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