

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**

DOCKET NO. 03A-127T

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS OF AMERICA, INC. AND CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY TO EXECUTE A MERGER OF JURISDICTIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS PROVIDERS.

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**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION**

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Mailed Date: May 19, 2003  
Adopted Date: May 16, 2003

**I. BY THE COMMISSION**

**A. Statement**

1. On April 1, 2003, Citizens Communications Company (Citizens), Citizens Telecommunications Company (CTC), and Frontier Communications of America, Inc. (FCA), filed an application to execute a transfer whereby FCA will transfer its assets and be merged into CTC, pursuant to 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-25-8.

2. FCA was granted a Letter of Registration for non-optional operator services in Commission Decision No. C98-399. Both FCA and CTC are registered toll resellers.

3. FCA and CTC are both subsidiaries of Citizens. Citizens proposes that CTC will acquire all of the outstanding shares of capital stock and assets of FCA. As of the effective date of the transaction, all of the issued and outstanding shares of FCA shall cease to exist and be canceled. Simultaneous with the transaction, FCA will no longer be a registered toll reseller and CTC will change its name to Frontier Communications of America.

4. FCA has effective tariffs on file with the Commission.

5. Notice of the application was posted on the Commission's web site on April 2, 2003. Interventions were due on or before May 2, 2003. None were filed.

**B. Discussion**

6. The application is unopposed and may be considered without a hearing. § 40-6-109(5), C.R.S.

7. The Commission finds that the proposed transfer of assets is not contrary to the public interest.

**II. ORDER**

**A. The Commission Orders That:**

1. The application by Frontier Communications of America, Inc., and Citizens Telecommunications Company is deemed complete.

2. The application to approve the transfer of Frontier Communications of America, Inc., is granted.

3. The obligations of Frontier Communications of America, Inc., to file an annual report with the Commission and contribute to all applicable Colorado funds for the period prior to the effective date of this Order remains. These funds include the Public Utilities Commission's Fixed Utilities Fund, the Colorado High Cost Administration Fund, the Telecommunications Relay Services for the Disabled Telephone Users Program, and the Emergency Telephone Access Act Program.

4. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING  
May 16, 2003.**

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