

STATE OF NEW YORK  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 19-V-0040 - Petition of Citizens Telecommunications Company of New York, Inc. d/b/a Frontier Communications of New York for a Certificate of Confirmation for its Franchise with the Town of Highland, Sullivan County.

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION

(Issued May 22, 2019)

NOTICE is hereby given that an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared in connection with a proposed action by the Commission to grant a Certificate of Confirmation for a cable television franchise. This is based on the Commission's determination, pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, that such action will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. The action contemplated is an "Unlisted Action" as defined in 6 NYCRR, Section 617.2.

The Commission is being asked to issue a certificate of confirmation of a cable television franchise granted to the Petitioner, Citizens Telecommunications Company of New York, Inc. d/b/a Frontier Communications of New York (Frontier), by the Town of Highland, Sullivan County. The Commission's approval would authorize the Petitioner to exercise a franchise granted by a municipality to provide cable television service. Such exercise would result in Frontier constructing and deploying facilities to be used for the provision of cable television service including distribution cables and individual service cables to residential and business premises and related equipment.

Having considered the proposed action and upon review of the information contained in the EAF, the supporting information provided and our review of the record, the Commission determines that there will be no significant environmental impacts. The proposed action will induce construction activities in certain instances. The types of construction activities proposed by Frontier are not expected to cause significant environmental impacts or changes to natural resources beyond the ordinary construction that is typical of the modern environment. Routine cable distribution on existing utility poles and service line extensions do not involve the type of activities that raise material environmental concerns.

The address of the Public Service Commission, the lead agency for purposes of environmental quality review of this action, is 3 Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350. Questions may be directed to Lauri Mullen at (518) 457-5762, lauriann.mullen@dps.ny.gov, or at the address above.

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