Collocation Forecasting Requirements

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Frontier’s ability to meet the provisioning intervals for both Physical and Virtual Collocation is related to its ability to schedule the work and appropriately size its work force. Therefore, Frontier will request forecasts of anticipated collocation requirements from requesting carriers.

Certain states have ongoing regulatory proceedings, filed statements and regulatory orders, which may affect forecasting guidelines going forward. As the local competitive market continues to develop, Frontier is committed to establishing a simple streamlined forecasting methodology for its entire service area. Based on the success of the Trunk Forecast process, an expanded and improved Collocation Template and instructions for use by all CLECs throughout the region has been developed.

Frontier will request Collocation forecasts on a semi-annual basis, with each forecast covering a two-year period. Information requested will include the following:

- Date of previous forecast
- Date of current forecast
- State
- LATA
- City / County
- Central Office (CLLI Code)
- Quantity
- Month applications are expected to be sent
- Requested in-service month
- Preference for Virtual, Physical, SCOPE (Secured Collocation Open Physical Environment), CCOE (Cageless Collocation Open Environment), Assembly Room Collocation, or CRTEE (Collocation Remote Terminal Equipment Enclosure)
- New arrangement or augment to existing space
- Type of equipment augment
- Square footage required (physical)
- Type of equipment to be installed (Virtual & CRTEE)
- Forecast Update Code (Add, Change, Deletion)
- Each collocation request should be listed separately. Requests should be grouped by state and LATA for each year.
CLECs should strive to provide forecasts to Frontier with a high degree of accuracy. Forecasts should be sent in electronic format to the Account Manager semi-annually.

Use of Forecasting Data:

Frontier may use these forecasts to:

- Perform initial reviews of requested central offices forecasted for the next six (6) months to identify potential problem sites
- Facilitate forecasts in staffing decisions
- Enter into planning discussions with forecasting CLECs to validate forecasts, discuss flexibility in potential trouble areas, and assist in application preparation

Unforecasted demand will be given a lesser priority than forecasted demand. Frontier will make every attempt to meet standard intervals for unforecasted requests. However, if unanticipated requests push demand beyond Frontier’s capacity limits, Frontier will negotiate longer intervals as required (and within reason). In general, if forecasts are received less than the prescribed time as defined in applicable tariffs prior to receipt of the completed application (the application date), the interval start day may be postponed.

The forecasting requirements for a specific jurisdiction are defined in the applicable tariffs. Any such interval adjustments will be discussed with the CLEC at the time the application is received.
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