

**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044  
County Clerk  
County of: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**From: (Public Agency):** Caltrans, District 2  
\_\_\_\_\_  
1657 Riverside Drive  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Redding, CA 96001  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

Project Title: Caltrans Encroachment Permit 0221-0546 for Frontier's Fiber Optic ProjectProject Applicant: Frontier Communications

Project Location - Specific:

The project is located along State Route 395 in Lassen County from post mile 41.78 to 48.84.

Project Location - City: n/a Project Location - County: Lassen

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Frontier Communications is proposing to install new broadband fiber optic cable within Caltrans' ROW along SR 395 in Lassen County. Caltrans will issue an encroachment permit (0221-0546) only for the aerial cable work occurring within Caltrans' right-of-way. All HDPE efforts will be co-located through a separate undertaking.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Caltrans for issuance of encroachment permitName of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Frontier CommunicationsExempt Status: **(check one):**

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: New Construct. or Conversion, 15303
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

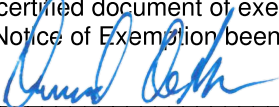
Reasons why project is exempt:

Caltrans determined that the project is categorically exempt in accordance with Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) Class 3 — Construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The project would not have a significant effect on the environment.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: David DeMar Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 759-3406

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature:  Date: 12/21/23 Title: Env. Branch Chief - R1 Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_