

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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August 9, 2018

Masood Choudhury Frontier Communications, Inc. 280 S. Locust Street Pomona, CA 91766

Re: Final Determination of Liability for Release of Hazardous Substances at the following Contaminated Site:

• Site Name:

Chelan Chevron

• Site Address:

232 E. Woodin Avenue, Chelan

• Cleanup Site ID:

6660

• Facility/Site ID:

77751227

Dear Mr. Choudhury:

On February 12, 2018, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) sent you written notice of our preliminary determination that Frontier Communications, Inc. is a potentially liable person (PLP) for a release of hazardous substances at the Chelan Chevron facility (Site). Ecology received a request from you for an extension of the 30-day deadline which we granted. The revised deadline was extended until April 4, 2018. The comment period on our preliminary determination is now expired. On April 6, Ecology received written comments from you. On May 23, Ecology issued a letter deferring the liability determination at that time.

Based on available information, Ecology finds that credible evidence exists that Frontier Communications, Inc. is liable for a release of hazardous substances at the Site. On the basis of this finding, Ecology has determined that Frontier Communications, Inc. is a PLP with regard to the Site.

The purpose of the Model Toxics Control Act (MTCA) is to identify, investigate, and cleanup facilities where hazardous substances have been released. Liability for environmental contamination under MTCA is strict, joint and several (RCW 70.105D.040(2)). Ecology ensures that contaminated sites are investigated and cleaned up to the standards set forth in the MTCA statute and regulations. Ecology has determined that it is in the public interest for remedial actions to take place at this Site. Ecology will contact you regarding the actions necessary for the Frontier Communications, Inc. to bring about the prompt and thorough cleanup of hazardous substances at this Site.

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Failure to cooperate with Ecology or comply with MTCA in this matter will result in Ecology employing enforcement tools as it deems necessary and appropriate. This includes, but is not limited to, the issuance of an administrative order. Failure to comply with such an order may result in a fine of up to \$25,000 per day and liability for up to three times the costs incurred by the state (RCW 70.105D.050(1)).

Your rights and responsibilities as a PLP are outlined in Chapter 70.105D RCW, and Chapters 173-340 and 173-204 WAC. Ecology's cleanup project manager for the Site, John Mefford, will contact you with information about how Ecology intends to proceed with the cleanup.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact John Mefford at 509-454-7836 or john.mefford@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Valerie Bound Section Manager

Toxics Cleanup Program Central Region Office

By certified mail: 7018 0360 0000 1740 8858

cc: Phyllis Barney, Office of the Attorney General

Eric Roehl, Chevron Environmental Management Company

Ecology Site File