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Debra A. Howland, Executive Director & Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

Re: Reorganization Plan of FairPoint Communications, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Dear Ms. Howland:

On behalf of FairPoint Communications, Inc. and Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC (collectively, "FairPoint"), enclosed for the information of the Commission are the following documents filed this morning with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York:

- Joint Plan of Reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- Disclosure Statement relating to Joint Plan of Reorganization; and
- Post Filing Regulatory Settlement between FairPoint and the Staff Advocates of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission.

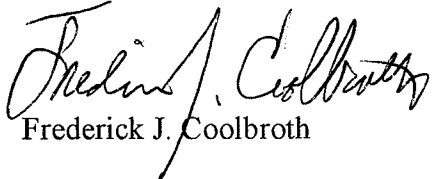
Also enclosed is the Memorandum of Understanding between FairPoint and the New Hampshire Office of the Consumer Advocate.

FairPoint will be following up with a formal filing with the Commission seeking the regulatory approval by this Commission with respect to (i) the change in control resulting from the senior lenders receiving stock of the reorganized parent company, with the possibility of a lender or lenders receiving more than ten percent (10%) of the stock; (ii) approval of the regulatory settlement; and (iii) modifications to the conditions set forth in Order No. 24,823 contemplated in the Regulatory Settlement. In accordance with the Regulatory Settlement, we will be seeking to establish a procedural schedule to complete proceedings and have the matter ripe for Commission action within ninety (90) days

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following the submission of the full application with testimony. We expect to make the complete filing with prefiled testimony shortly.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures

cc: Office of Consumer Advocate