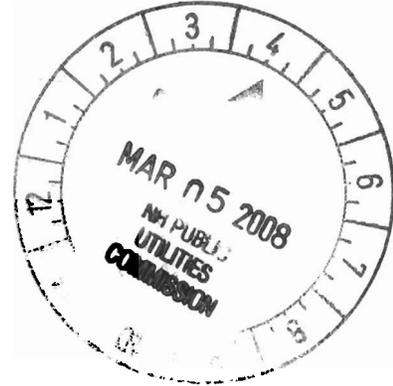


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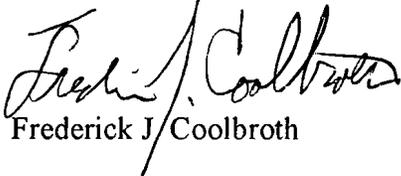
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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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Re: DRM 08-004 Utility Pole Attachments - Request for Advance Public Comment
on Subject Matter of Possible Rulemaking

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am writing on behalf of FairPoint Communications, Inc. ("FairPoint"). FairPoint attended the technical session on February 27, 2008. Given the fact that FairPoint has not yet closed on the acquisition of Verizon-New Hampshire's landline assets, FairPoint does not take a position at this time. Consistent with the comments of other parties, FairPoint urges the Commission to take the time necessary to study thoroughly the issues involved, including further technical conferences in advance of formal rulemaking proceedings on the permanent rules.

Very truly yours,


Frederick J. Coolbroth

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