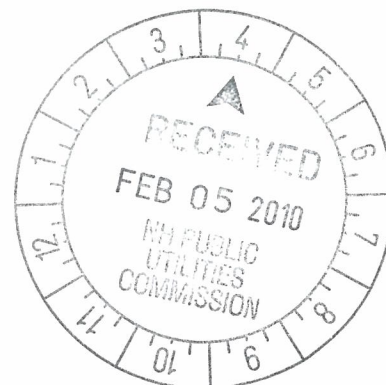




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February 5, 2010

Ms. Debra A. Howland
Executive Director & Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

RE: Special Contract for Service with Northeast Utilities Service Corp.

Dear Ms. Howland:

In accordance with New Hampshire RSA §378:18(b), I have enclosed the original and seven (7) copies of a special contract between FairPoint Communications, Inc. and Northeast Utilities Service Corp. for filing with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission. This filing also includes a cost analysis and billing details of the offering.

As part of and in support of its filing, FairPoint Communications, Inc. submits records and information that are subject to confidential treatment pursuant to RSA 378:43. These records, which have been marked "confidential", pertain to the provision of competitive services; set forth trade secrets or other confidential information falling within the scope of RSA 378:43, II(b); and are not general public knowledge or published elsewhere, the Company having taken measures to prevent dissemination of the records and information in the ordinary course of business.

FairPoint reserves its right to argue that the proceedings requiring this report are stayed or should be stayed and to seek appropriate relief with the Bankruptcy Court.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and its enclosures by signing or stamping and dating the receipt copy of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin M. Shea".

Kevin M. Shea