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January 5, 2017

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

**Re: DT 16-872 (Joint Petition for Findings in Furtherance of the Acquisition  
of FairPoint Communications, Inc. and its New Hampshire Operating  
Subsidiaries by Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.)**

Dear Ms. Howland:

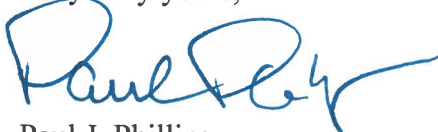
Enclosed please find an original and six (6) paper copies of the Appearance of Primmer Piper Eggleston & Cramer PC on behalf of FairPoint Communications, Inc., and its New Hampshire operating subsidiaries in the above-referenced proceeding.

In addition, please add the following individuals and email addresses to the Commission's service list in this proceeding:

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



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cc: NHPUC Service List, Docket DT 16-872

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**BEFORE THE**  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**  
**DT 16-872**

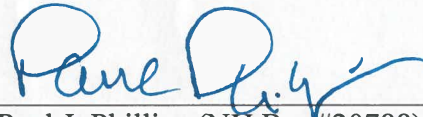
**Joint Petition for Findings in Furtherance of the Acquisition of  
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**Appearance**

Please enter our appearance pursuant to Rule Puc 203.16 as counsel for FairPoint Communications, Inc., Northern New England Telephone Operations, LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications-NNE, Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc., Enhanced Communications of Northern New England, Inc., and UI Long Distance, Inc. in the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 5, 2017

**Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Appearance has been sent by electronic mail this 5th day of January, 2017, to the service list in Docket DT 16-872.

By:   
Paul J. Phillips