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

Dear Ms. Howland:

Commission Staff, in collaboration with representatives of the Joint Petitioners and the Labor Intervenors, have agreed to cancel the next day of hearing in this proceeding scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, 2017, and instead hold the next day of hearing on Thursday, May 25, 2017. The proposed modification of the hearings schedule is intended to give parties and Staff additional time to negotiate and document a settlement agreed to in principle today.

Commission Staff also requests that an additional prehearing technical session be scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. at the Commission's offices.

I certify that a copy of this letter will be served electronically on the parties on the service list at the same time it is filed with the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Wiesner".

David K. Wiesner
Staff Attorney

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