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May 23, 2017

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 Modifying the Hearings Schedule for the Proceeding

To the Parties:

On May 22, 2017, Commission Staff filed a letter requesting that the Commission modify the hearings schedule for this proceeding to cancel the hearing session scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, 2017, and instead hold the next hearing session on Thursday, May 25, 2017. According to Staff's letter, the requested hearing date modification is intended to afford parties and Staff additional time to negotiate and document a settlement they have agreed to in principle.

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

The Commission has reviewed Staff's letter and has approved the proposed schedule modifications. Accordingly, the hearing scheduled for May 24, 2017 has been cancelled and the next hearing session will be held on May 25, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. An additional prehearing technical session will be held on May 23, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. at the Commission's offices.

Sincerely,

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Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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