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Debra A. Howland  
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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
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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  
Filing of Stipulation Concerning Hearing Procedures**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Please find enclosed for filing with the Commission the original and six copies of a Stipulation Concerning Hearing Procedures (Stipulation) executed by counsel for Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc., FairPoint Communications, Inc., the Communications Workers of America (CWA) Local 1400 and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Locals 2320, 2326, and 2327, that form the IBEW System Council T-9, and Commission Staff (collectively, Parties), pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.20.

Pursuant to Puc 203.20(f), Commission Staff, on behalf of the Parties, requests that the Commission accept the Stipulation as late-filed, because such acceptance will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding, and will not impair the rights of any party to the proceeding.

On behalf of the Parties, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission accept and approve the Stipulation.

Sincerely,

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

David K. Wiesner  
Staff Attorney

Enclosures  
cc: Docket File  
Service List