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January 17, 2017

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 for filing in the above-referenced matter are seven (7) paper copies of the "Prefiled Direct Testimony of Michael C. Reed," submitted on behalf of FairPoint Communications, Inc., and its New Hampshire operating subsidiaries.

Would you please date-stamp a copy of this filing and return it to my courier?

An electronic version of this submission is being delivered separately to you via electronic mail.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Paul J. Phillips
Counsel for FairPoint Communications, Inc., and its New Hampshire operating affiliates

cc: NHPUC Electronic Service List, Docket DT 16-872