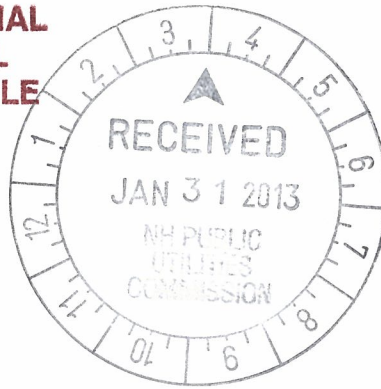




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Ms. Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**Re: Docket No. DT 01-006; Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a
FairPoint Communications – NNE Performance Assurance Plan**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications – NNE (“FairPoint Communications”) hereby files an original and two (2) disc copies of the December 2012 reports under the Performance Assurance Plan (“PAP”).

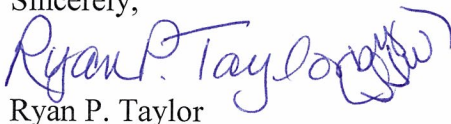
The reports provide the preliminary and final credits calculated for December performance, and are marked as such. As described in the PAP, final credits owed for the December performance month are subject to adjustment based upon the previous two months’ performance.

The materials submitted herein are being filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) and the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) under seal and subject to the terms of the Protective Agreement dated March 23, 2007 among Verizon, FairPoint and the OCA in Docket No. DT 07-011. This filing contains carrier-specific data and should be treated confidentially by the Commission and the OCA. Carriers eligible to receive credits may obtain a copy of their specific data by making a request to their FairPoint Communications’ Account Manager.

The materials submitted herewith include items that have been marked “proprietary information” and are being submitted pursuant to RSA 91-A:5. FairPoint Communications represents that the materials marked “proprietary information” pertain to the provision of competitive services; set forth trade secrets or other proprietary and confidential information falling within the scope of RSA 91-A:5 and PUC Rule 201:4(5); and are not general public knowledge or published elsewhere, FairPoint Communications having taken measures to prevent dissemination of the information in the ordinary course of business. Pursuant to PUC 203.08, FairPoint represents that a motion for confidentiality will be filed in advance of any hearing on these issues, if any.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Ryan P. Taylor

cc: Office of Consumer Advocate