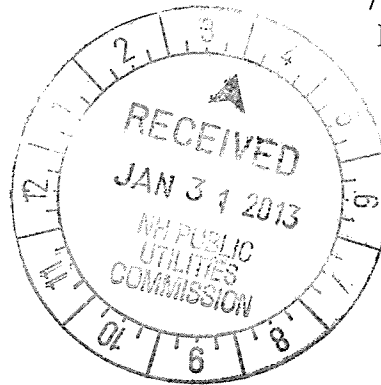




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January 30, 2013

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; Waiver of NH Puc Rules 201.04(b) and 201.04(c)

Dear Ms. Howland:

Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications – NNE (“FairPoint Communications”) hereby requests a waiver of NH Puc Rules 201.04(b) and 201.04(c) as they relate to FairPoint’s filing of its NNE Performance Assurance Plan Report (the “PAP Report”) in Docket No. DT 01-006.

NH Puc Rule 201.4(b) requires that redacted documents be prepared so that “...all redactions shall be made in a way that, within the redacted version of the document(s), preserves the line sequencing and pagination of the unredacted version of the document(s) to the greatest practicable extent...”.¹

Additionally, NH Puc Rule 201.4(c) states that, “For each redacted document submitted, the person submitting the document shall also provide an unredacted version of the document(s) so the commission...”.²

FairPoint proposes to file a public version of the PAP Report as well as a confidential version of the PAP Report. To be clear, the public version would not contain any redacted material, it would simply contain the public information. The confidential version would contain the entire material in the report, including both public and confidential information. FairPoint and its predecessor, Verizon, historically have filed the PAP Report in this manner with no issue since 2001.

The Commission contemplates a waiver of its rules in certain circumstances pursuant to Puc 201.05. In support of this filing, FairPoint contends that “[t]he waiver will not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the commission.”³ Furthermore, because of the tabular format and the

¹ NH Puc Rule 201.04(b)

² NH Puc Rule 201.04(c)

³ NH Puc Rule 201.05(a)2



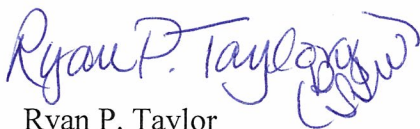
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amount of confidential material, redaction of the PAP Report is extremely labor intensive and costly. Thus, FairPoint's "[c]ompliance with the rule would be onerous...".⁴

For these reasons, FairPoint feels it is reasonable to file its PAP in the proposed manner described herein and respectfully request that the Commission grant this request.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 603.656.8102 or via email at rtaylor@fairpoint.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ryan P. Taylor". The signature is stylized and includes a small flourish at the end.

Ryan P. Taylor

cc: electronic service list

⁴ NH Puc Rule 201.05(b)1