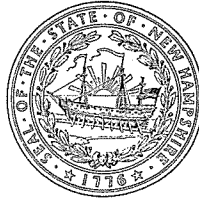


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January 6, 2010

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Re: DT 10-004, FairPoint Communications Inc.
Special Contract for Service with Carroll County

Dear Mr. Shea:

This letter serves as an acknowledgement of FairPoint Communications Inc.'s Filing of its Special Contract between FairPoint Communications, Inc. and Carroll County, received January 4, 2010. Please reference the docket number cited above on any additional material to be filed in this matter. All filings should consist of seven (7) copies of both the cover letter and any associated material.

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Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary

cc: Service List
DAH/smd

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