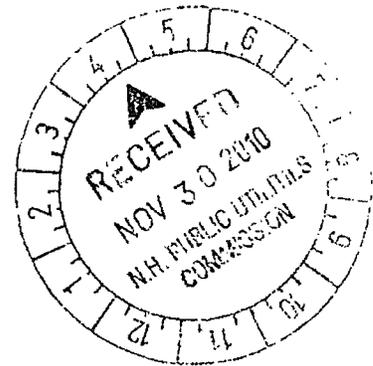




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RE: DT 10-211, Petition Requesting Approval of a Relief Plan for the 603 Numbering Plan Area

Dear Ms. Bailey,

After the pre-hearing conference in the above-captioned docket on October 27, 2010, FairPoint Communications – NNE (FairPoint) carefully researched options for extending the life of the 603 area code. FairPoint supports any reasonable additional method determined by the industry that the Commission would support for number conservation in an effort to delay the introduction of a new area code to the state of New Hampshire until it is absolutely necessary.

At this point, however, the only additional conservation method beyond those already in place which the PUC may wish to consider is increasing the contamination level of number blocks which are eligible to be donated to the numbering pool to 20% from the existing 10% level. This would allow for additional flexibility with number conservation and would be practical to implement immediately.

We appreciate your consideration of this recommendation and look forward to the upcoming technical session on December 21st.

Sincerely,

Ryan P. Taylor