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Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
N.H. Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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Re: DRM 12-189, Rulemaking (Puc 200 Practice and Procedure)
FairPoint Communications - NNE Comment Letter Dated 11/9/2012

Dear Ms. Howland:

This letter is in reference to the written comments filed by Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications – NNE (“FairPoint”) on November 9, 2012, regarding the current Commission rulemaking proceeding docketed in DRM 12-189.

Having reviewed FairPoint’s comments, Staff concurs with FairPoint’s suggestion that, for the current rulemaking process in DRM 12-189, the Commission should work to readopt without amendment N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc Part 206 (Alternative Regulation), and that the readoption without amendment of the remaining Puc Chapter 200 rule components should be suspended at the present time. Staff is hopeful that this modification of the DRM 12-189 rulemaking could be accomplished administratively through the Joint Committee on Legislative Rules, and then incorporated into the Commission’s Final Proposal submittal materials. Staff also wishes to relate that the Office of the Consumer Advocate also supports FairPoint’s proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alexander F. Speidel".

Alexander F. Speidel
Staff Attorney

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