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**Re: DT 16-872, Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.
Joint Petition for Findings in Furtherance of the Acquisition of FairPoint
Communications, Inc. and its New Hampshire Operating Subsidiaries
Written Statement Regarding Disputed Data Requests for Hearings Examiner**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and six copies of Commission Staff's Written Statement Regarding Disputed Data Requests For Hearings Examiner's Resolution, to be submitted to F. Anne Ross, Commission General Counsel, in her capacity as hearings examiner appointed in this docket pursuant to Order No. 25,997 (March 7, 2017) at 17-19.

By letter dated March 10, 2017, the hearings examiner granted Staff's request for an extension of the deadline for filing the written statement until March 14, 2017, pursuant to her authority under the Order "to extend deadlines otherwise applicable under the procedural schedule for the docket." Due to the severe winter weather conditions which occurred yesterday, Staff was unable to file the written statement by that deadline.

Staff therefore respectfully requests that the deadline for the written statement filing be extended until today, March 15, 2017. Neither of the joint petitioners objects to the requested extension.

If you should have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Wiesner".

David K. Wiesner
Staff Attorney

Enclosures
cc: Service List

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