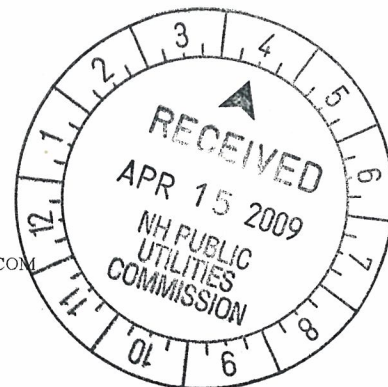


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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director & Secretary  
NH Public Utilities Commission  
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Re: DT 07-011 Verizon New England Inc., et al. and FairPoint Communications, Inc.  
Transfer of Assets

Dear Ms. Howland:

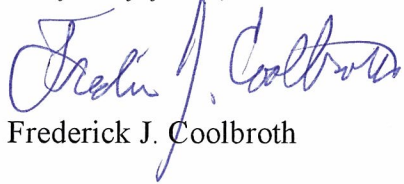
As a further follow-up response to the Commission's Secretarial Letter of April 9, 2009, enclosed are the engagement letters between FairPoint Communications, Inc. and KPMG, LLP and Heifetz Halle Consulting Group, LLC. These documents are being filed as confidential documents and are being furnished to the Commission pursuant to RSA 378:43 and to the Office of Consumer Advocate pursuant to the Protective Agreement in this Docket. Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC, d/b/a FairPoint-NNE ("FairPoint") represents that the materials marked "Confidential" pertain to the provision of competitive services; set for the trade secrets or other confidential information falling within the scope of RSA 378:43,II(b); and are not general public knowledge or published elsewhere, FairPoint having taken measures to prevent dissemination of the information in the ordinary course of business.

FairPoint has previously furnished in public filings statements of the scope of work by each of these consultants together with biographic information regarding individuals who will be involved in each engagement. Therefore, FairPoint believes that it has provided the information requested in Item 7 of the Commission's April 9, 2009 Secretarial Letter. FairPoint has been advised by the consultants that they are not able to schedule meetings in New Hampshire within the timeframe prescribed in the Commission's letter. Based on the information furnished and the schedule requirements of the consultants, FairPoint respectfully requests that this requirement be modified such that Staff first determine whether further information is needed in this regard and, if so, whether that information could be provided in writing or perhaps pursuant to a scheduled telephone conference call.

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As previously noted, FairPoint continues to address the remaining items in the Commission's April 9, 2009 Secretarial Letter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fred J. Coolbroth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "F".

Frederick J. Coolbroth

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cc: Office of Consumer Advocate  
Electronic Service List (letter only)