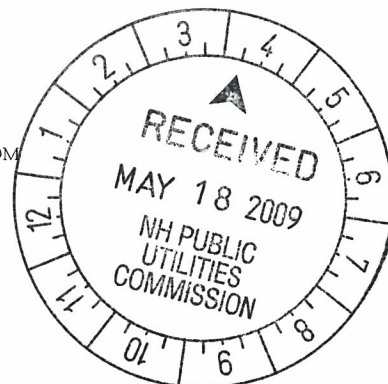


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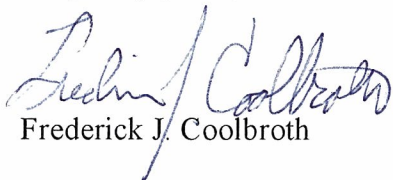
Debra A. Howland, Executive Director & Secretary
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Re: DT 07-011 Verizon New England Inc., et al. and FairPoint Communications, Inc.
Transfer of Assets

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to Order No. 24,823, enclosed is a Notification of Credit Downgrade of FairPoint Communications, Inc. The rating agency reports by Moody's and Standard & Poor's are available on a subscription basis only, and FairPoint is not authorized to release them publicly. A portion of the financial information in the report is also confidential. These items are being furnished pursuant to RSA 378:43 and the Protective Agreement in this Docket. Please note that the attestation bears an electronic signature. A manual signature will be furnished tomorrow.

Very truly yours,


Frederick J. Coolbroth

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Enclosures

cc: Office of Consumer Advocate
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