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Re: DT 07-011, FairPoint Communications  
Stabilization Plan Status Report  
Technical Session

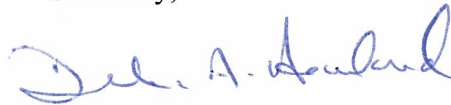
To the Service List:

This letter sets forth the format for the technical session to be held on July 28, 2009, scheduled pursuant to the July 21, 2009 secretarial letter issued in the above referenced proceeding.

- I. Conduct. Staff Attorney Robert Hunt, Esq. will direct the technical session including determining whether questions are beyond the scope of the technical session, calling breaks, and otherwise facilitating the efficient conduct of the session.
- II. FairPoint. FairPoint witnesses will be sworn in and will first provide a brief statement reviewing the Status Plan and its supporting data, explaining why certain indices in the Status Report failed to improve, and describing FairPoint's plans for corrective actions. FairPoint will then answer questions from the parties to DT 07-011, first in a public session followed by a non-public session for questions related to confidential data.
- III. Order of Questioning: Any party intending to question FairPoint must inform the Commission and the service list electronically in advance of the technical session. Staff will question FairPoint first, followed by the Office of the Consumer Advocate. Counsel for other parties will be permitted to ask questions in the order determined at the outset of the technical session. All parties should make their best effort to avoid duplicate questions. Only those parties present at the technical session will be allowed to ask questions, however, a phone bridge will be made for available to the parties for auditing purposes only.
- IV. Scope. The purpose of the technical session is to allow Staff, the OCA and any interested party the opportunity to work through the Stabilization Plan Status Report and the supporting data in detail, and to determine specifically where FairPoint is in

- V. returning its operations to business as usual. Accordingly, questions will be limited to the objectives set out in the Commission's secretarial letter of July 21, 2009.
- VI. Exhibits. Any party producing a document or other exhibit for the purposes of questioning shall mark it for identification as an exhibit by letter or number preceded by that party's name, e.g., "Staff Exhibit #1" and shall copy the same to Staff, OCA and all other parties electronically in advance of the technical session or shall distribute copies to all parties and Staff at the beginning of the session.
- VII. Disputed Questions: All objections, except objections to form, shall be preserved for any future proceedings.
- VIII. Confidentiality. When confidential data is being discussed, the hearing room will be cleared of all persons not subject to a confidentiality agreement or otherwise prohibited from disclosing confidential information to the public.

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