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July 27, 2009

Ms. Debra Howland  
Executive Director and Secretary  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street  
Concord, NH 03301

**Re: DT 07-011 (Verizon/FairPoint Merger)**

Dear Ms. Howland:

I write on behalf of the eight independent incumbent local exchange members of the New Hampshire Telephone Association ("NHTA ILECs")\* in response to your Secretarial Letter dated July 24, 2009, in the above-referenced matter.

The NHTA ILECs do not plan to attend the Technical Session scheduled for July 28, 2009, and have no questions for presentation at that session.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

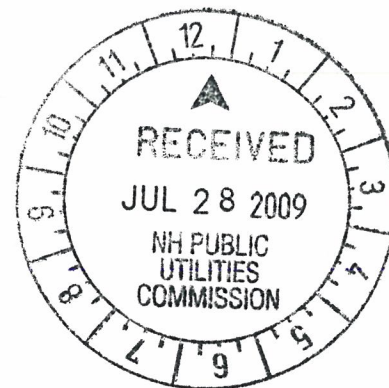
Sincerely yours,



Paul J. Phillips  
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PJP:

cc: Electronic Service List, Docket No. DT 07-011  
Eight Independent NHTA ILECs



\* The NHTA ILECs are Bretton Woods Telephone Company, Inc., Dixville Telephone Company, Dunbarton Telephone Company, Inc., Granite State Telephone, Inc., TDS Telecom/Hollis Telephone Company, Inc., TDS Telecom/Kearsarge Telephone Company, TDS Telecom/Merrimack County Telephone Company, and TDS Telecom/Wilton Telephone Company, Inc.