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Re: DT 07-011 Verizon New England, Inc. et al and FairPoint Communications, Inc.
Transfer of Assets
Staff Request for Extension of Deadline for Filing Report and Recommendations

Dear Ms. Howland:

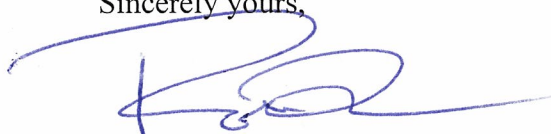
On July 28 and July 30, 2009, parties and Staff conducted a technical session in the nature of a deposition in accordance with secretarial letters issued by the Commission on July 21 and July 24, 2009. As per the July 21 secretarial letter, Staff was directed to file its report of the technical session and any recommendations for further action by August 7, 2009, and other parties were invited to do the same.

Staff has been informed that the transcript for this technical session will not be ready until approximately August 13. Furthermore, requests for additional data and materials were submitted to FairPoint during the technical session, and FairPoint has indicated that it can likely respond to those requests on Friday, August 14. FairPoint also notified Staff that some of its responses to requests for data and materials may require additional time, therefore, it may need to file its own request for an extension and, if so, it will do so in advance of the deadline.

Because both the transcript and the data and materials to be provided by FairPoint are necessary to prepare Staff's report and recommendations to the Commission, Staff submits this letter as a request that the deadline for submission of a report and recommendations be extended to August 21, subject to further extension in the event that the transcript or FairPoint's responses are provided later than expected. Staff

recommends other parties electing to file recommendations be given the same extension of time.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "RDH", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert D. Hunt
Staff Attorney

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