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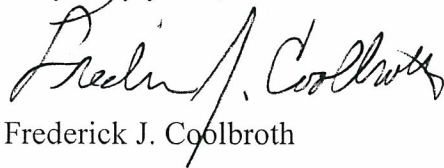
Debra A. Howland, Executive Director & Secretary
NH Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

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 are available on a subscription basis only, and FairPoint is not authorized to release them (including the announcements) publicly. The rating agencies treat them as trade secret information that required significant effort and cost to produce and includes confidential research and financial information. Therefore, the reports are being furnished on a confidential basis 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 upon receipt.

Very truly yours,



Frederick J. Coolbroth

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Enclosures

cc: Office of Consumer Advocate
Electronic Service List