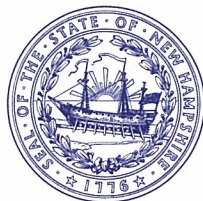


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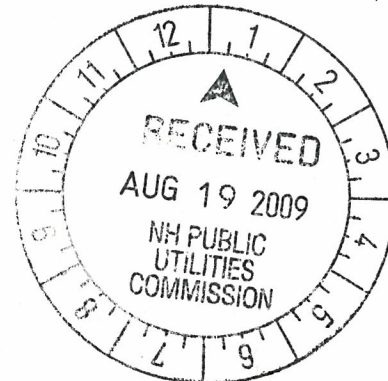
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August 19, 2009

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**Re: DT 07-011, Verizon NH Transfer of Assets to FairPoint Communications, Inc.  
Extension of Filing Deadline**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On August 7, 2009 the Commission extended the deadline for filing reports concerning the July 28 and 30 technical session, and recommendations for further action to this Friday, August 21. The extension request was based on the expectation that Parties would receive the completed transcripts by the end of last week. However, only Day 1 has been received (via email) due to the Commission's stenographer's unforeseen health issues. As a result, the OCA will not be able to meet this Friday's deadline.

We now understand that Day 2 may be completed on August 26, but possibly later. The OCA respectfully requests that the Commission extend the deadline, and in light of the possibility that the transcript may be further delayed, set a new deadline for recommendations that is no sooner than five business days after the transcripts are received. The OCA is mindful of the Commission's need for timely responses to the technical session, and is concerned about a further delay of the filing deadline. However, a complete transcript is necessary to complete our report and recommendations.

The OCA has sought the Parties' views regarding an extension. Those who replied supported or did not oppose an extension. Commission Staff suggested a deadline of September 3. The OCA does not object to a new deadline of September 3 if the final transcripts are received by the parties no later than August 26, 2009.

Sincerely,

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Consumer Advocate

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