

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**Petition by FairPoint Communications, Inc. and Affiliates
for the Issuance of a General Scheduling Order**

FairPoint Communications, Inc., Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC, d/b/a FairPoint Communications - NNE, Enhanced Communications of Northern New England, Inc. and Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc. (each, a “FairPoint Company” and collectively, “FairPoint”) hereby request that the Commission issue a general scheduling order, applicable to all proceedings to which any FairPoint Company is a party, which provides that any mandatory filing and appearance requirements or deadlines applicable to any FairPoint Company, which is currently established for effect during the period of October 26, 2009 through November 13, 2009, be extended by at least 21 days, and which further provides that no mandatory filing and appearance requirements and deadlines be established for effect prior to November 16, 2009. In support of this request, FairPoint states as follows:

1. As the Commission is aware, on October 26, 2009 FairPoint and its affiliated companies filed for voluntary reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “Bankruptcy Court”), Case Nos. 09-16333 et seq.

2. In light of the Chapter 11 filing, FairPoint proposes that all mandatory filing and appearance requirements and deadlines be suspended for a period of time. (By “appearance” requirements FairPoint means the holding of conferences and hearings at which any FairPoint Company would be required to attend.)

3. Without limiting the scope of this request, FairPoint states that its request is specifically intended to include, but not be limited to, the filings required by Commission Order No. 24,823 and the settlement agreements approved therein.

4. The submission of this request does not constitute nor intimate any admission or acknowledgement that any particular filing or appearance requirement or deadline is or is not stayed by the automatic stay in bankruptcy cases or that the making of this request is necessary.

WHEREFORE, FairPoint respectfully requests that the Commission issue a general scheduling order, applicable to all proceedings to which any FairPoint Company is a party, which provides that any mandatory filing and appearance requirements or deadlines applicable to any FairPoint Company, which is currently established for effect during the period of October 26, 2009 through November 13, 2009, be extended by 21 days, and which further provides that no mandatory filing and appearance requirements and deadlines be established for effect prior to November 16, 2009.

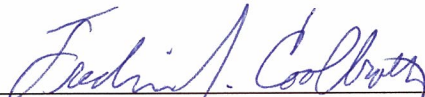
Respectfully submitted,

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OPERATIONS LLC, D/B/A FAIRPOINT
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ENHANCED COMMUNICATIONS OF
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