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Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director and Secretary  
Public Utilities Commission  
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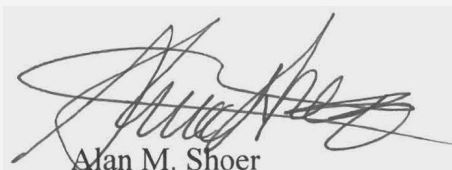
**RE: Verizon New England, Inc. d/b/a Verizon New Hampshire et al. - Request for Approval of Affiliated Interest Transaction and Transfer of Assets of Verizon's Property and Customer Relations to be Merged with and into Fairpoint Communications, Inc. - DT-07-011**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing in this matter is an original and seven copies of a petition for late filed intervenor party status, on behalf of Rural Economic Development, Inc., a competitive local exchange carrier ("CLEC") in New Hampshire.

Please let me know if you have any questions concerning this filing.

Respectfully submitted,



Alan M. Shoer



cc: Service List (via e-mail)

Enclosure

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