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SUBJECT: DT 07-011, Verizon Transfer of Assets to FairPoint Briefing Schedule
TO: Debra Howland, Executive Director



At the close of hearings in Docket No. DT 07-011 on Thursday, November 1, 2007, FairPoint suggested a single round of briefs – that is, that parties submit initial briefs and forego reply briefs. No parties objected to the suggestion at that time, although Alan Mandl, counsel for NECTA and Comcast, informed the Commission that he was not authorized to agree to a single brief, but that he would communicate his clients' wishes by the end of the week.

FairPoint also suggested a 75 page limit for the briefs, excluding attachments. Again, no parties objected at the time, although Mr. Mandl again indicated that he would seek his clients' position.

On Friday, November 2, 2007, Mr. Mandl sent an email to the docket service list indicating that his clients would like to keep the reply brief option open and, as a result, do not consent to the elimination of reply briefs. He noted, however, that his clients would be willing to review the initial briefs and quickly advise other parties at that later time as to whether his clients would have a need to file a reply brief.

Mr. Mandl reported, as well, that his clients do not object to a 75-page limitation for initial briefs (excluding attachments).

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