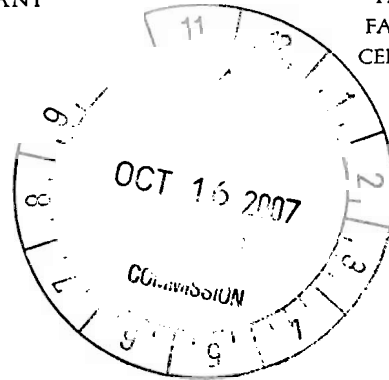


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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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Re: Joint Petition by Verizon New England Inc., et
al., and FairPoint Communications Inc.
Docket No. DT 07-011

Dear Ms. Howland:

On October 10, 2007 Donald Kreis, the Hearing Examiner in the above-referenced case requested that each party provide information related to witness availability, number of people attending the hearings, and time needed for cross examination. This letter provides Labor Intervenors' responses to those requests.

Labor Intervenors expect that between two and six people will attend the hearings each day. On most days, I would expect three or four people to attend.

Labor Intervenors have two expert witnesses: Randy Barber and Kenneth Peres. Mr. Barber, our financial witness, is available to testify on any day during the first week of hearings (Oct. 22 through 26). Dr. Peres, our service quality witness, is available to testify at any time. Due to the witnesses' needs to make travel arrangements and otherwise arrange their schedules, we would appreciate it if the order of witnesses and the approximate days on which the witnesses would appear could be determined as quickly as possible.

We have reviewed the proposed order of witnesses prepared by the Office of Consumer Advocate, and we concur with their proposal. The following table contains our estimated times for cross-examination, using the Office of Consumer Advocate's proposed witness order.

Witness	Party	Labor Estimated Time for Cross
Leach	FairPoint	90 minutes
W. King	FairPoint	30 minutes
Balhoff	FairPoint	30 minutes
Smith	Verizon	15 minutes
Barber	Labor	N/A
Brevitz	OCA	10 minutes
Antonuk	Staff	None
Vickroy	Staff	None

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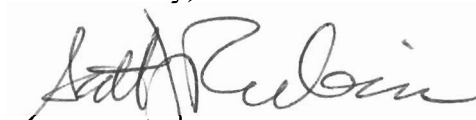
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Witness	Party	Labor Estimated Time for Cross
Nixon	FairPoint	30 minutes
Skrivan	FairPoint	None
Haga/Kurtze	FairPoint	None
Lippold	FairPoint	None
Harrington/ M. Brown/ Smee	FairPoint	None
Sicker	FairPoint	None
Falcone and C. King	FairPoint	None
Nestor	Verizon	15 minutes
Peres	Labor	N/A
Baldwin	OCA	10 minutes
Schmitt	NHLA	None
Pelcovitz	NECTA	None
Ball	BayRing/seg TEL/Otel	None
Thayer	BayRing	None
Katz	segTEL	None
Hybsch	PSNH	None
Meissner	Unitil	None
Parkinson	Portsmouth	None
Gregg	Portsmouth	None
Griffin	Hanover	None
J. Brown	Seabrook	None
Malasky	Newmarket	None

It should be noted that these estimates assume that no stipulations or substantive changes in testimony, exhibits, or interrogatory answers are filed before the hearings begin. In addition, I would note that we may have occasional questions for other witnesses in order to follow-up or clarify statements made under questioning from other parties.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



Scott J. Rubin

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