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Ms. Debra A. Howland  
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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429



Re: Docket No. DT 07-011  
Verizon New Hampshire  
Transfer of NH Wireline Operations to FairPoint Communications

Dear Ms. Howland:

On July 25- 27, 2007, Staff and parties held settlement discussions in Docket No. DT 07-011. Pursuant to Commission Order No. 24,779, this report provides a revised procedural schedule for Commission approval.

The following parties participated in discussions:

**Petitioners:** FairPoint Communications; Verizon New Hampshire  
**Electric Utilities:** Unitil; PSNH; National Grid; NH Electric Cooperative  
**Municipalities:** Hanover, Newmarket, Raymond, Salem, Seabrook, Keene, Exeter [by joint representation]; City of Portsmouth  
**CLECs:** BayRing Communications; segTEL; DSCI Corporation; Covad Communications; Otel Telekom; PAETEC; One Communications  
**Cable Providers:** Comcast Telephone; New England Cable and Telecommunications Association  
**Independent LECs:** Dunbarton Telephone; Granite State Telephone; Union Telephone; New Hampshire Telephone Association  
**Labor Intervenors**  
**New Hampshire Legal Assistance**  
**Office of the Consumer Advocate**

The majority of participants\* agreed to the following revised scheduling proposal:

Settlement Conference	July 25-27
Staff/Intervenor Testimony	August 1
Data Requests on Staff/Intervenor	August 10
Objections	August 20
Motions to Compel	August 24
Staff/Intervenor Data Responses (Unobjected)	August 28
Response to Motion to Compel	August 30
Teleconference to Resolve Remaining Disputes	August 31
Staff/Intervenor Data Responses (Compelled)	September 7
Rebuttal Testimony	September 10
Data Requests on Rebuttal Testimony	September 17
Objections	September 24
Motions to Compel	September 28
Response to Motion to Compel	October 3
Teleconference to Resolve Remaining Disputes	October 5
Data Responses on Rebuttal Testimony (Unobjected)	October 5
Data Responses on Rebuttal Testimony (Compelled)	October 10
Hearings on the Merits	October 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30 and 31
Simultaneous Briefs	November 16
Simultaneous Reply Briefs	November 28
Petitioners' Requested Order Issue Date	December 19

\*Staff notes that CLECs would prefer that briefs and reply briefs be due on Tuesday, November 20 and Tuesday, December 4, respectively. In response, Petitioners pointed out that the original, approved schedule required briefs to be filed two weeks after the end of hearings.

OCA noted that its finance expert, David Brevitz, will be out of the country October 13 through 28 and therefore available for hearings only on October 30 and 31.

Staff believes the schedule as set forth above provides a fair allocation of time and resources for the parties while avoiding undue delays in the proceeding. Staff therefore requests the Commission approve the above procedural schedule for Docket No. DT 07-011.

Sincerely,



Lynn Fabrizio  
Staff Attorney

Attachments  
cc: Service List