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April 23, 2007

Ms. Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: Docket No. DT 07-011
Verizon New Hampshire, Inc. et alia
Joint Petition for Approval of Asset Transfer

Dear Ms. Howland:

This letter confirms, and by electronic copy places the parties on notice, that pursuant to the procedural schedule in the above-referenced docket I will convene a telephonic discovery conference on April 27, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the telephone conference will be to address four pending motions to compel discovery responses that were filed on April 20, 2007.

I expect to proceed from those motions that raise the fewest number of discovery problems to those that raise the highest. Thus, the agenda of the conference will be:

1. Staff motion to compel Verizon discovery responses
2. Labor Intervenors' motion to compel discovery responses from Joint Petitioners
3. Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) motion to compel discovery responses from Fairpoint Communications
4. OCA motion to compel discovery responses from Verizon

Notwithstanding a previous suggestion to the contrary, I have decided to limit participation in the conference to the telephone, as opposed to giving parties the option of appearing at the Commission in person. In my judgment, this will best avoid the possibility of giving a participant any advantage that might arise out of in-person appearance.

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The call-in number for the conference is 334-309-0262. Participants should provide this meeting number, including the asterisks, when prompted by the conference service:
5793094.

It remains my firm recommendation to the parties that they seek to resolve the pending discovery disputes by agreement prior to the teleconference. Persons with questions about the foregoing may call me at 603.271.6006, bearing in mind that I will be unable to discuss the merits of the pending disputes on an *ex parte* basis.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald M. Kreis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "K".

Donald M. Kreis
General Counsel

Cc: Service List (via email)