

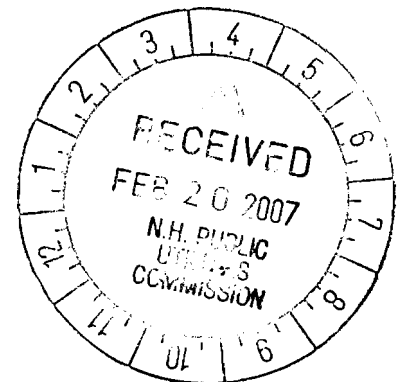


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February 20, 2007

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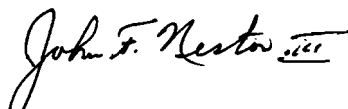


**RE: Notice of Pre-Hearing Conference in DT 07-011**

Dear Executive Director Howland:

Enclosed, you will find the affidavit of publication relative to the above-entitled matter. Please return the receipt copy in the attached self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Very truly yours,

  
John F. Nestor, III

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**Legal Notice**

**NOTICE OF PRE-HEARING  
CONFERENCE  
Acquisition of  
Verizon New Hampshire Assets by  
FairPoint Communications  
February 27, 2007  
10:00 a.m.**

**Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire**

On January 31, 2007, Verizon New England, Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc., NYNEX Long Distance Co., and Verizon Select Services and FairPoint Communications jointly filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a petition for approval of a series of transactions that, if consummated, would result in FairPoint (through subsidiaries) acquiring the current Verizon New England franchise to provide wireline telecommunications in New Hampshire and owning the network Verizon New England currently uses to provide those services. The petition is available on the Commission's website at [www.puc.nh.gov](http://www.puc.nh.gov).

The Commission has scheduled a Pre-Hearing Conference to be held at the Commission's offices in Concord on February 27, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. At the Pre-Hearing Conference, the Commission will hear preliminary statements from the petitioners and other parties, and will consider requests for formal intervenor status.

The Pre-Hearing Conference is open to the public. Parties wishing to obtain intervenor status should send an original and seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to the petitioners and the Office of Consumer Advocate by February 23, 2007. The appropriate addresses and further information can be obtained by contacting the Commission at 603-271-2431.  
(UL - Feb. 12)

I hereby certify that the foregoing notice was published in The Union Leader and/or New Hampshire Sunday News, newspapers printed at Manchester, N.H., by the Union Leader Corporation on the following dates, Viz: Feb. 12, 2007.....

(Signed) Christine Rheauime.....

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Hillsborough, SS.

(Dated) Feb. 15, 2007.....

Subscribed and sworn to by the said Christine Rheauime

Before me,

Therese M. Landry.....  
Notary Public