

VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. )  
D/B/A VERIZON NEW HAMPSHIRE )  
et al. )  
 )  
Request for Approval of Affiliated )  
Interest Transaction and Transfer )  
of Assets of Verizon’s Property and )  
Customer Relations to be Merged )  
with and into FairPoint Communications, Inc. )

Docket No. DT 07-011

**PETITION FOR LATE FILED INTERVENENOR STATUS**

In accordance with the Commission’s Rules of Practice, PUC 203.17, Rural Economic Development Network, Inc. (“REDNET”) hereby petitions the Commission for permission to participate in this proceeding as an intervening party on a late filed basis.

REDNET is a competitive local exchange carrier in New Hampshire that has interconnection arrangements with Verizon – New Hampshire. In order to serve its customers in New Hampshire, REDNET utilizes unbundled access to certain wholesale facilities and services from Verizon as the Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier in New Hampshire. As such, REDNET has interests in this proceeding and its business activities will likely be affected by the issues that will be decided by this proceeding.

REDNET intends to participate in this proceeding as necessary to protect its interests. However, given that the Commission will be conducting public hearings in this matter shortly, and in light of the procedural schedule, REDNET does not intend to submit any pre-filed public testimony. Further, REDNET does not intend to file any data requests to any of the parties before the hearings. Finally, because REDNET’s interests will likely be shared in common with other CLECs in New Hampshire, allowing

REDNET to intervene for purposes of the hearings and any other developments in this proceeding will not prejudice any of the parties to this proceeding, including Verizon or FairPoint.

For all these reasons, REDNET requests that it be allowed to intervene as a party to the remainder of these proceedings and that that we be included on the service list in this docket:

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Respectfully Submitted,

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