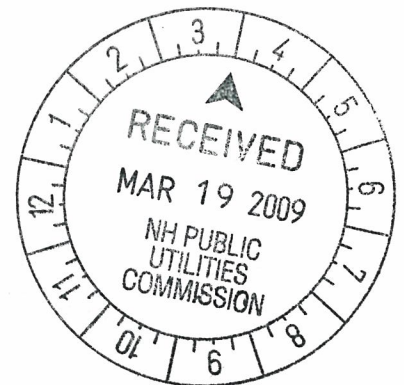


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**VIA HAND DELIVERY**

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Re: DT 07-011 Verizon New England Inc., et al. and FairPoint Communications, Inc.  
Transfer of Assets – Withdrawal of Motion for Limited Modification of Merger  
Conditions

Dear Ms. Howland:

This letter is submitted on behalf of FairPoint Communications, Inc. and Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications - NNE (collectively "FairPoint"). As you know, FairPoint filed on February 27, 2009, a Motion for Limited Modification of Merger Conditions (the "Motion"). That Motion hereby is withdrawn. FairPoint therefore respectfully requests that the Public Utilities Commission cancel the technical session scheduled for Friday, March 20, 2009, and the hearing scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2009.

FairPoint represents that the relief requested in the Motion and the corresponding procedural schedule are no longer necessary, as FairPoint will comply with the terms of Section 2.3 of the Settlement Agreement among the Joint Petitioners and the Commission Staff, dated January 28, 2008, as required.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

Patrick C. McHugh

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