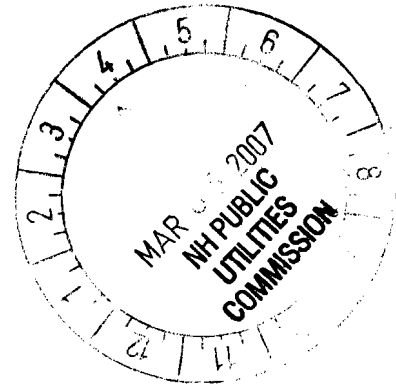


Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit St. Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301



March 2, 2007
RE: Docket DT 07-011


Dear Director Howland,

I am writing on behalf of the Communications Workers of America (CWA) to express our concerns about the proposed sale of Verizon to Fairpoint Communications. Among those concerns are the impact to 911 service in the state, whether Fairpoint will be required to pay pole and conduit taxes, increases in consumer rates, and Lifeline Services for low income and elderly citizens. We are also concerned that this transaction will put NH and the other northern New England states at a competitive disadvantage due to lack of investment in advanced technology. The CWA believes that the size and scope of the transaction warrants a discussion with the communities that will be affected.

1. The CWA requests the Commission to conduct public hearings around the state, in Keene, Berlin, Portsmouth, Manchester, Nashua and Concord, and Salem in the evenings to facilitate public participation. It is critical for consumers and concerned members of the public to be heard.
2. On behalf of the CWA, I request to be placed on the service list for Docket DT 07-011, to be informed about the proceedings concerning the proposed sale. Please address the communications to:

Ralph J. Montefusco, CWA
Stop-the-Sale Campaign Coordinator
172 Woodbury Road
Burlington, VT 05408

Thank you for your consideration of these requests.

Sincerely, 

Ralph J. Montefusco
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cc. Meredith Hatfield, Consumer Advocate