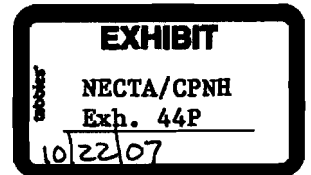


FairPoint Communications, Inc.
State of New Hampshire
Docket No. DT 07-011



Respondent: Michael Haga
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 Operations Support Services

REQUEST: New England Cable and Telecommunications Association, Inc. and
 Comcast Phone of New Hampshire, LLC - Rebuttal

DATED: September 20, 2007

ITEM: NECTA/CPNH - 71R Please refer to the testimony at page 24, line 19 – page 25, line 11. Please (a) explain whether FairPoint's plans for system testing, and other cutover readiness criteria, will be completed and provided to the parties before the evidentiary hearings commence, based upon the current schedule; (b) indicate whether the "finite checklist" mentioned on page 25, line 1 has been prepared, and, if so, provide a copy; and (c) state what cutover readiness criteria FairPoint expects that have established (i) before an order approving the proposed transaction, (ii) before merger closing, and (iii) before retention by the State Commissions of an independent third party consultant to review and certify acceptance of such cutover readiness criteria.

REPLY:

(a) Based upon the current schedule, FairPoint does not expect to have all plans for system testing and other cutover readiness criteria completed prior to the conclusion of evidentiary hearings.

(b) The "finite checklist," as referenced on page 25, line 11, refers to the "Deliverable Schedule" which is maintained by Verizon. This has already been provided.

(c)(i) FairPoint does not expect to have a complete list of readiness criteria established prior to the approval of the proposed transaction.

(c)(ii) FairPoint does not expect to have a complete list of readiness criteria prior to merger closing.

(c)(iii) FairPoint desires to engage an independent third party consultant to review acceptance of cutover readiness criteria which will include the ability for systems to perform functions necessary to support the business.