



**Verizon New England Inc.
d/b/a Verizon New Hampshire**

State of New Hampshire

Docket No. DT 07-011

**Respondent: Stephen E. Smith
Title: Vice President – Business
Development**

REQUEST: NECTA/Comcast Phone, Rebuttal Testimony Data Request

DATED: September 17, 2007

ITEM: NECTA/CPNH R-5 Please refer to page 10 of your rebuttal testimony, lines 6-8. Does Mr. Smith agree that FairPoint has been and is now “in the process of assembling a team to manage its new business” even while this transaction is “progressing toward state commission approval, closing and cutover”?

REPLY: Yes, FairPoint is in the process of assembling experienced professionals.

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