

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
Verizon New England, Inc.
Docket No. DT 07-011

Answers of Labor Intervenors
To Data Requests of
FairPoint Communications Inc., Set 1

FP: Labor-46: Please refer to Dr. Peres's testimony at page 29, lines 11 to 16. Please explain the basis and provide all supporting documentation for your conclusion that FairPoint will lose many experienced workers in the three states.

Answer:

Please refer to the answer provided in FP: Labor-47.

FairPoint also expressed similar concerns about such "supporting documentation" in the Vermont proceeding. In order to address such concerns, CWA and IBEW conducted a survey of the membership regarding whether they would "seriously consider" leaving the company if the transaction is approved.

The results of the survey are contained in the attached rebuttal testimony provided in the Vermont proceeding. Responses to Applicants' interrogatories related to that survey are also attached; see pages 5-16. The results for New Hampshire were summarized on page 12 of the rebuttal testimony.

"In New Hampshire 352 workers or thirty-four percent of the active union represented Verizon workforce responded to the survey. Fifty-two percent of these respondents stated that they would seriously consider leaving their current employment if the transaction was approved while just 5% stated that they would seriously consider leaving if the transaction was not approved. Thus, 164 workers or 47% of the respondents were seriously considering leaving their current employment solely because of the transaction. **Extending these survey results to the entire union represented workforce in New Hampshire indicates that almost 500 workers currently employed by Verizon are seriously considering leaving the company if the transaction is approved."**

Response provided by: Kenneth Peres

1 splicers at the Middlesex garage are seriously considering leaving if the
2 transaction is approved.

3 **Q. Were the survey results from New Hampshire similar?**

4 A. Yes. In New Hampshire 352 workers or thirty-four percent of the active union
5 represented Verizon workforce responded to the survey. Fifty-two percent of
6 these respondents stated that they would seriously consider leaving their current
7 employment if the transaction was approved while just 5% stated that they would
8 seriously consider leaving if the transaction was not approved. Thus, 164 workers
9 or 47% of the respondents were seriously considering leaving their current
10 employment solely because of the transaction. Extending these survey results to
11 the entire union represented workforce in New Hampshire indicates that almost
12 500 workers currently employed by Verizon are seriously considering leaving the
13 company if the transaction is approved.

14 **Q. Were the survey results from Maine similar?**

15 A. Yes. In Maine, 458 workers or 47% of the active union represented Verizon
16 workforce responded to the survey. Sixty percent of these respondents stated that
17 they would seriously consider leaving their current employment if the transaction
18 was approved while just 4% stated that they would seriously consider leaving if
19 the transaction was not approved. Thus, 255 workers or 56% of the respondents
20 were seriously considering leaving their current employment solely because of the
21 transaction. Extending these survey results to the entire union represented
22 workforce in Maine indicates that 550 workers currently employed by Verizon are
23 seriously considering leaving the company if the transaction is approved.