

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

**Respondent:** Brian Lippold  
**Title:** Vice President, Business &  
Wholesale Services

**REQUEST:** Office of Consumer Advocate - Rebuttal

**DATED:** September 19, 2007

**ITEM:** OCA R-118 Re page 19, line 17 through page 20, line 1, of the Rebuttal Testimony of Brian Lippold.

- a. Please explain why it is appropriate to provide a rate freeze of 18 months for tariffed access charges and of only 12 months for other services.
- b. Please confirm that the reference to "tariffed access charges" refers to special access charges and not to switched access charges.

**REPLY:**

- a. In order to provide wholesale customers with the additional protection, FairPoint proposed a longer timeframe to govern the preservation of special access rates than it proposed for other services.
- b. The quoted reference to "tariffed access charges" refers to special access charges.