

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

State of New Hampshire

Docket No. DT 07-011

Respondent: Stephen E. Smith
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REQUEST: One Communications, Rebuttal Testimony Data Request

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ITEM: One Comm R-2 Please refer to the Smith rebuttal testimony at p. 8, lines 1-7. Following receipt of FairPoint’s Notice of Readiness for cutover, what are Verizon’s options if Verizon should conclude that FairPoint’s selected cutover date is premature?

REPLY: In light of the close coordination between Verizon and FairPoint and the extensive cutover and systems testing that the parties have planned, the suggested scenario above is highly unlikely. That said, “if Verizon should conclude that FairPoint’s selected Cutover Date is premature”, Verizon will share its conclusions with FairPoint and urge FairPoint to reconsider its decision. However, the contractual agreements between the parties do not give Verizon the right to reject FairPoint’s Notice of Readiness.