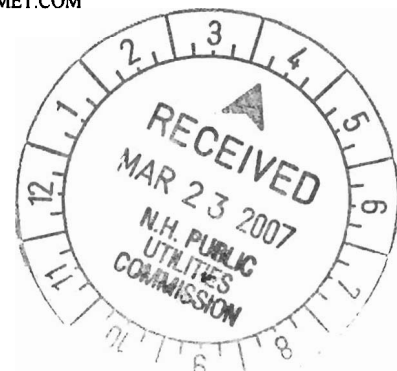


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**Re: DT 07-011 Joint Application of Verizon New England and FairPoint Communications for Transfer of Assets of Verizon New England**


Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of FairPoint Communications, Inc. are seven copies of the prefiled direct testimony of Peter G. Nixon, Walter E. Leach, Jr., Michael L. Harrington, Michael Haga and Michael J. Balhoff.

The testimony of Messrs. Leach and Balhoff includes certain confidential and proprietary information. FairPoint represents that such confidential information pertains to the provision of competitive services; sets forth trade secrets and other confidential information falling within the scope of RSA 378:43, II(d); and is not general public knowledge or published elsewhere, FairPoint having taking measures to prevent dissemination of the information in the ordinary course of business. The confidential information has been redacted from the public versions of the testimony. Seven copies of the testimony, including the confidential information, are also enclosed pursuant to RSA 378:43.

A compact disk containing the public version of the testimony is also enclosed.

Very truly yours,

  
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