

April 18, 2016

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Annual 254(g) Certification – Geographic Rate Averaging and Rate Integration, *In the matter of Policy and Rules Concerning the Interstate, Interexchange Marketplace; Implementation of Section 254(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended*, CC Docket No. 96-61

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed please find FairPoint Communications, Inc.'s certification of compliance with section 254(g) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, regarding the Commission's geographic rate averaging and rate integration requirements. In accordance with section 64.1900 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 64.1900, the certification is signed by an officer of FairPoint Communications, Inc.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/  
Karen Brinkmann  
*Counsel for FairPoint Communications, Inc.*

Enclosure