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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: WC Docket No. 04-149

Dear Ms. Dortch:

FairPoint Communications, Inc. ("FairPoint"), by its attorney, hereby confirms that the "Application for Streamlined Transfer of Control of Domestic Blanket Section 214 Applications" that it filed with the Commission on April 5, 2004, meets the presumptive streamlined categories of Section 63.03(b)(2)(iii) of the Commission's Rules.

Specifically:

1. Both before and after the proposed transaction, FairPoint and its subsidiaries will have a market share in the interstate, interexchange market of less than 10 percent.
2. Both before and after the proposed transaction, all of FairPoint's twenty-six rural local exchange carrier subsidiaries are, and will continue to be, incumbent independent local exchange carriers as defined in Section 64.1902 of the Commission's Rules.
3. Both before and after the proposed transaction, FairPoint's twenty-six rural local exchange carrier subsidiaries have, and will continue to have, in combination, fewer than two (2) percent of the nation's subscriber lines installed in the aggregate nationwide.
4. No new overlapping or adjacent service areas will be created among or between any of FairPoint's twenty-six rural local exchange carrier subsidiaries as a result of, or otherwise in connection with, the proposed transaction.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact undersigned
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Respectfully submitted,

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