

*Before the*  
**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**  
**Washington, DC 20554**

In the Matter of	)	
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Application for Transfer of Certain Verizon	)	WC Docket No. 07-22
Spectrum Licenses in Maine, New	)	
Hampshire and Vermont to FairPoint	)	

**MOTION OF THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA AND  
INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS FOR AN  
EXTENSION OF TIME**

The Communications Workers of America (CWA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) respectfully submit this motion for an extension of time in the above captioned proceeding. On March 14,2006 the Commission released a Public Notice in which it established a Pleading Cycle with Comments/Petitions to Deny due on April 13,2007; Responses/Oppositions due on April 23,2007; and Replies due on April 30,2007.

The CWA and IBEW request that each of these deadlines be extended by two weeks so that the Comments/Petitions to Deny would be due on April 27; the Responses/Oppositions due on May 7; and Replies due on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

This request is necessitated by the fact that the allotted time is not sufficient to properly prepare meaningful initial comments. Informed comments will require much more information than presented by the petitioners in their initial application to the Commission. Other relevant information must be obtained from many other sources especially since the proposed transaction involves 3 states and 1.53 million access lines and is complicated by the fact that a very small, highly leveraged company will be acquiring a much larger operation. For example, on April 3, 2007 the petitioners filed a 421-page draft registration and proxy statement containing previously

undisclosed details of the transaction.

Furthermore, the period for preparing comments contains not only the Passover and Easter holidays but also the closure of many schools for Spring break, creating additional hardship for any parties with school age children.

Given the considerations identified above, CWA and IBEW submit that a brief two-week extension of time would serve the public interest. The extension would allow members of the public to participate more fully in this docket and encourage more detailed and developed submissions that would serve the Commission's interest in informed decision-making.

Respectfully submitted for CWA and IBEW,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth R. Peres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

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