

July 2, 2007

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

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

On June 28, 2007 Robert Erickson, IBEW Telecommunications New England Coordinator; Peter McLaughlin, Business Manager IBEW Local 2327; Diane Winton, Assistant Business Manager IBEW Local 2327; and Cheryl Ahern, President, CWA Local 1400 met with Commissioner Michael J. Copps and Scott Deutchman, Legal Advisor, in Augusta, Maine to discuss the proposed Verizon Communications, Inc. ("Verizon") sale of its New England access lines to FairPoint Communications Inc. ("FairPoint"). The IBEW and CWA represent 2,800 workers employed by Verizon in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

The IBEW and CWA leaders discussed their concerns that FairPoint does not have the financial and operational strength to provide quality telephone service and invest in high-speed broadband in New England. They noted that the three state Commissions in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont are conducting intensive reviews of the transaction. Because the state Commission proceedings will provide important evidence to inform the FCC's own review of the transaction and state Commission decisions could have considerable impact on the structure of the proposed transaction, the IBEW and CWA leaders urged the Commission to ensure that the state Commissions have completed their reviews of the transaction prior to any FCC action on the transfer application.

Sincerely,

Robert Erickson
IBEW Telecommunications New England Coordinator

cc: Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Scott Deutchman