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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Applications for the Transfer of Certain Spectrum Licenses and Section 214 Authorizations in the States of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont from Verizon Communications Inc. and Its Subsidiaries to FairPoint Communications, Inc., WC Docket No. 07-22, DA 07-1314; File Nos. ITC-214-20020705-00324, ITC-214-22200402-00167, ITC-214-20020213-00084, ITC-214-20020705-00325, ITC-214-20020402-00169, ITC-214-20020213-00083, ITC-214-20020213-00082, ITC-214-20020402-00170, ITC-214-20020705-00327, ITC-214-20020705-00326, ITC-214-20020402-00168, ITC-214-20020213-00081, ITC-20020516-00243, 0002921065, 0002921107, and 50005CFTC07; Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed please find a press release relating to a recent announcement by FairPoint Communications, Inc. ("FairPoint") concerning its plans for broadband deployment in Maine following the completion of the planned merger of FairPoint with Verizon's local exchange and related businesses in Vermont, Maine, and New Hampshire. This information supplements the letter from Karen Brinkmann dated June 20, 2007, which summarized, at a higher level, FairPoint's broadband deployment plans in the region. This letter also supplements letters from Karen Brinkmann dated July 10, 2007 and July 30, 2007, which summarized similar announcements concerning plans for broadband deployment in Vermont and New Hampshire, respectively.

As stated in the first enclosed press release, FairPoint has planned a \$16.1 million expansion of broadband service in Maine. FairPoint expects that this effort will substantially expand high-speed DSL service in 135 Maine communities, and will bring high-speed DSL service for the first time to thirty of these communities. FairPoint expects to provide broadband capability to 85% of its Maine customers within 24 months of the completed acquisition. The press release provides additional details regarding the technologies FairPoint intends to use in deploying its broadband network and the communities in which FairPoint will expand the availability of broadband service.

FairPoint's \$16.1 million investment will be in addition to a \$12 million investment by Verizon. As discussed in the second enclosed press release, Verizon will provide for the expansion of broadband in Maine prior to February 2008, pursuant to an agreement with the Maine Public Advocate.

Please direct any question concerning this matter to the below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

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