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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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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:

On Friday, September 7, 2007, Karen Zacharia and Dee May of Verizon, Robin Tuttle, Assistant General Counsel, Regulatory Affairs of FairPoint Communications, Inc. ("FairPoint"), and Brian Murray and I of Latham & Watkins, LLP, met with Don Stockdale and Nick Alexander of the Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau. At this meeting, FairPoint described the transaction for which approval is sought in the above-captioned dockets. FairPoint also discussed the many benefits that the transaction will bring to consumers in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. In particular, FairPoint described its plans to create 675 jobs in the region and to expand broadband to reach 85 percent of consumers in Vermont and Maine and 80 percent of consumers in New Hampshire by 2010. In addition, FairPoint noted that the state proceedings addressing the transaction continue on pace to conclude by the end of Fall 2007.

Finally, FairPoint discussed its continuing efforts to resolve issues raised by wholesale customers in connection with the transaction. After the meeting, FairPoint learned that PAETEC Communications, Inc. ("PAETEC") and USLEC Communications Inc. ("USLEC"), following successful negotiations with FairPoint, moved to withdraw as intervenors in the New Hampshire proceeding (the only state in which they had intervened). As they state in their motion, PAETEC and USLEC "are satisfied that FairPoint will continue to provide them

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with wholesale services in New Hampshire after the merger transaction on terms at least as favorable as the terms on which Verizon has been providing wholesale services before the merger transaction” and, as a result, they “support approval of this merger transaction by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission.” PAETEC and USLEC’s joint motion to withdraw is attached.

The enclosed materials were also distributed at this meeting. Please direct any questions concerning this matter to me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Karen Brinkmann

Karen Brinkmann
Counsel to FairPoint Communications, Inc.

Enclosures

cc: Donald K. Stockdale Jr.
Nicholas Alexander