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October 10, 2007

Karen Geraghty, Administrative Director
Maine Public Utilities Commission
State House Station 18
Augusta, ME 04333

Re: VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. D/B/A VERIZON-MAINE Request for Approval of Affiliated Interest Transaction and Transfer of Assets of Verizon's Property and Customer Relations to be Merged With and Into FairPoint Communications, Inc., Docket No. 2007-67

Dear Karen,

This letter is to inform the Commission that China Telephone Company, Cobbosseecontee Telephone & Telegraph Company, Community Service Telephone Company, Hampden Telephone Company, Hartland & St. Albans Telephone Company, Island Telephone Company, Lincolnville Telephone Company, Maine Telephone Company, Mid-Maine Telcom, Northland Telephone Company, Oxford Telephone Company, Oxford West Telephone Company, Pine Tree Telephone & Telegraph Company, Saco River Telegraph & Telephone Company, Sidney Telephone Company, Somerset Telephone Company, Standish Telephone Company, Tidewater Telecom Inc., Union River Telephone Company, UniTel, Inc., Warren Telephone Company, and West Penobscot Telephone Company (collectively the Independent Telephone Company (ITC) members of the Telephone Association of Maine (TAM)) have each entered into a Settlement Agreement with FairPoint Communications, Inc. (FairPoint), regarding the continuation of existing arrangements between Verizon New England, Inc. d/b/a Verizon-Maine (Verizon) and TAM's members for the joint management of the public switched telephone network in the State of Maine. TAM's member companies are satisfied that the terms of the Agreement are sufficient to ensure that FairPoint will continue to provide the ITCs the same services as the ITCs currently receive from Verizon in a manner that will allow TAM's members to continue to provide the same high quality of service to their customers that the ITC customers in the State currently enjoy.

TAM's members have not actively participated in all facets of this proceeding and have developed no formal position regarding any issues in this proceeding other than the issues which have been addressed through their respective Settlement Agreements with FairPoint. Accordingly, TAM's members would support approval within the merger proceeding of the single issue of FairPoint's commitment to assume Verizon's current obligations regarding services provided to the ITCs. To this end, TAM's members propose that the Commission include in its Order one or more findings of fact stating that FairPoint and the ITCs have entered into agreements which ensure that the Merger will not result in any material change to any rate, term or condition of the services currently in place between Verizon and TAM's members.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Sanborn", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Benjamin M. Sanborn, on behalf of
Telephone Association of Maine

cc: Service List (electronically)