

Karen Brinkmann
Direct Dial (202) 637-2262
e-mail: karen.brinkmann@lw.com

555 Eleventh Street, N.W., Suite 1000
Washington, D.C. 20004-1304
Tel: (202) 637-2200 Fax: (202) 637-2201
www.lw.com

LATHAM & WATKINS^{LLP}

FIRM / AFFILIATE OFFICES

Barcelona	New Jersey
Brussels	New York
Chicago	Northern Virginia
Frankfurt	Orange County
Hamburg	Paris
Hong Kong	San Diego
London	San Francisco
Los Angeles	Shanghai
Madrid	Silicon Valley
Milan	Singapore
Moscow	Tokyo
Munich	Washington, D.C.

October 19, 2007

BY ELECTRONIC FILING

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:

On Thursday, October 18, 2007, Gene Johnson, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of FairPoint Communications, Inc. ("FairPoint"); Michael Glover and Susanne Guyer of Verizon; and Brian Murray and I of Latham & Watkins, LLP met with Chairman Kevin J. Martin and Ian Dillner, Legal Advisor to Chairman Martin. At this meeting, FairPoint described some of the steps it is taking to ensure that it will be able to operate the exchanges it will acquire from Verizon in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. FairPoint also explained that it will have the financial capability and experience needed to maintain these exchanges, although FairPoint and Verizon observed that the Commission typically does not conduct an extensive examination of a proposed transferee's financial qualifications where the transferee is facially qualified, as FairPoint is here.

FairPoint and Verizon urged the Chairman to proceed with the Commission's review and approval of the transaction as quickly as possible and emphasized that this could be done in advance of state approval.

LATHAM & WATKINS^{LLP}

The enclosed materials were 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: Chairman Kevin J. Martin
Daniel Gonzalez
Ian Dillner
Scott Bergmann
Scott Deutchman
John Hunter
Chris Moore
Dana Shaffer
Marcus Maher
William Dever
Adam Kirschenbaum