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### **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 50005CFBTC07; Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On November 13, 2007, Karen Zacharia and Susanne Guyer of Verizon, and Brian Murray and I of Latham & Watkins LLP, on behalf of FairPoint Communications, Inc. ("FairPoint"), met separately with Ian Dillner, legal advisor to Chairman Martin, and with Scott Deutchman, legal advisor to Commissioner Copps. Peter Nixon, President of FairPoint, attended the meeting with Mr. Deutchman.

At both of these meetings, the participants discussed the above-referenced transaction. FairPoint and Verizon reiterated points already made in the record. In particular, FairPoint described its plans to create new jobs in the region and to expand broadband availability in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. In addition, FairPoint noted that the state proceedings addressing the transaction continue on schedule. FairPoint and Verizon urged the Commission to proceed with its review and approval of the transaction as quickly as possible.

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Please direct any questions concerning this matter to me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Karen Brinkmann

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