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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:

On November 15, 2007, Susanne Guyer, Leslie Owsley, and Karen Zacharia of Verizon, and I, on behalf of FairPoint Communications, Inc. ("FairPoint"), met with Dana Shaffer and Don Stockdale of the Wireline Competition Bureau, and Matthew Berry, Jim Bird, and Michele Ellison of the Office of General Counsel, concerning the above-referenced transaction, in which FairPoint and Verizon are joint applicants.

The joint applicants described a minor amendment to their merger agreement, pursuant to which Verizon will have the right to nominate only four of the nine members of the FairPoint board of directors prior to closing, rather than six as originally agreed. One of the board members, Bonnie Newman, was previously nominated by Verizon and was appointed by the FairPoint board in August to fill a vacancy on the board. The remaining three directors nominated by Verizon will be appointed by FairPoint's board effective as of the closing of the transaction. FairPoint has the right to nominate the remaining five members of the FairPoint board, and one of FairPoint's nominees shall continue to serve as Chairman of the Board. The

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Verizon nominees must be independent of Verizon and cannot be employees of Verizon or its affiliates. FairPoint and Verizon hereby confirm that this amendment has been executed effective as of today. An 8-K reflecting this Amendment was filed at the SEC today and can be found at <http://www.sec.gov/cgi-bin/browse-edgar?action=getcompany&CIK=0001062613&type=&dateb=&owner=exclude&start=40&count=40>.

Please direct any questions concerning this matter to me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Karen Brinkmann

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Counsel to FairPoint Communications, Inc.

cc: Matthew Berry
Jim Bird
Michele Ellison
Dana Shaffer
Don Stockdale