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November 14, 2007

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

RE: Ex Parte Notice. WC Docket No. 07-22. In the Matter of Application Filed 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.

On November 14, 2007, Kenneth Peres, economist with the Communications Workers of America, sent the attached letter to Chairman Martin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth R. Peres". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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The Honorable Kevin Martin
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
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Dear Commissioner Martin:

This letter is a brief follow up to our meeting last week concerning the timing of an FCC decision on the proposed Verizon-FairPoint transaction (WC Docket No. 07-22) and its potential impact on state commissions.

The state commissions are closing watching the FCC. Indeed, commissioners from all three states asked about the status of the FCC's deliberations during their recent technical hearings.

As previously indicated, the FCC issued orders after the states reached their decisions in the ATT-BellSouth, Bell Atlantic-GTE, SBC-Ameritech and Bell Atlantic-Nynex mergers.

We strongly urge the FCC to wait to issue its decision in this proceeding until after the state commissions issue their orders. In this way, the FCC would not unduly influence the decisions of the state commissions.

Sincerely,

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cc: Commissioner Adelstein
Commissioner Copps
Commissioner McDowell
Commissioner Tate