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Karen M. 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**

**THIS IS A VIRTUAL DUPLICATE OF THE ORIGINAL HARDCOPY  
SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS  
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Dear Ms. Geraghty:

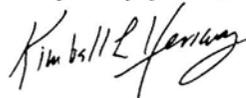
This will acknowledge receipt by United States Cellular Corporation ("US Cellular") of the Stipulation filed by a number of the parties in this Docket yesterday.

US Cellular, while not an active participant, has followed this case closely as it has a strong interest in ensuring that Maine's wire line network will be in capable hands following the completion of the transaction under review. US Cellular believes that FairPoint Communications has demonstrated that it can and will carry out this function competently.

US Cellular also believes that the Stipulation constitutes a fair and reasonable resolution of the issues addressed therein and therefore supports, and urges Commission adoption of, the Stipulation.

Thank you for considering US Cellular's position in this matter.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Service List, Docket 2007-67 (via electronic mail only)