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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:

FairPoint Communications, Inc. (“FairPoint”) and Verizon submit this letter to clarify FairPoint’s broadband investment commitments in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, based on the most recent submissions of the applicants.

In Vermont, FairPoint has announced that it plans to spend \$18,550,000 to expand broadband service. This figure is reflected in the December 12 ex parte filed by FairPoint and Verizon¹

In New Hampshire, FairPoint has announced that it plans to spend \$16,450,000 to expand broadband service. This figure is reflected in the December 12 Ex Parte.²

In Maine, FairPoint has announced that it plans to spend \$17,550,000 to expand broadband service. This figure is reflected in the December 12 Ex Parte.³ In addition, FairPoint

¹ See Letter from Karen Brinkmann, Counsel for FairPoint Communications, Inc., and Karen Zacharia, Verizon, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 07-22 (filed December 12, 2007) at 3 (“December 12 Ex Parte”).

² *Id.* at 4

³ *Id.* at 3

and Verizon have entered into a Stipulation with a number of parties to the Maine Public Utilities Commission proceeding and have submitted that stipulation to the PUC for approval. Pursuant to that Stipulation, FairPoint has agreed that, if the PUC approves the transaction subject to the terms of that Stipulation, FairPoint will spend not less than \$40 million (in addition to the \$17,550,000 stated above) following closing for the purchase and installation of equipment and related infrastructure necessary to further expand the availability of broadband services to locations in Maine, with the goal of attaining 90% DSL addressability by the end of a five-year period beginning upon closing of the transaction. This figure is reflected in the Stipulation that is attached to the December 14 ex parte filed by FairPoint and Verizon (also attaching Verizon's press release regarding the Stipulation).⁴

Please direct any question concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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⁴ See Letter from Shirley J. Linn and Robin E. Tuttle, FairPoint Communications, Inc., and Karen Zacharia, Verizon, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 07-22 (filed December 14, 2007), Attachment (“*Stipulation and Signatures*”) at 11.