

May 25, 2012

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Petition for Conversion to Price Cap Regulation;  
WC Docket No. 12-71: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Wednesday, May 23, 2012, Michael Skrivan of FairPoint Communications, Inc. and I met with Deena Shetler, Pam Arluk, and Doug Slotten of the Commission's Wireline Competition Bureau Pricing Policy Division, to urge prompt action on the above-captioned petition by the FairPoint Petitioning LECs for limited relief to convert their special access services to price cap regulation. FairPoint summarized the contents and context of the petition, noted that no oppositions were filed, and requested grant of the petition by the end of September to facilitate the necessary filings by FairPoint in December. The substance of FairPoint's remarks are set forth in the Petition and FairPoint's Reply Comments (filed May 17, 2012 in this above-captioned docket). The attached also was distributed at the meeting.

Please direct any questions concerning this matter to me.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Karen Brinkmann  
*Counsel to FairPoint*

Attachment

cc: Deena Shetler  
Pamela Arluk  
Douglas Slotten