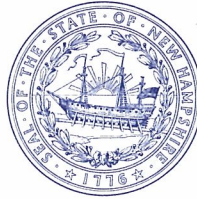


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Re: DT 10-025, FairPoint Communications, Inc. et al.  
Reorganization  
Motion of FairPoint Communications—NNE for Interim Suspension of March 31, 2010  
Broadband Deployment Deadline Pending Decision on Regulatory Settlement  
Procedural Decision Regarding Motion

Dear Mr. Coolbroth:

On March 25, 2010, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications—NNE (FairPoint) filed a Motion for Interim Suspension of March 31, 2010 Broadband Deployment Deadline Pending Decision on Regulatory Settlement (Motion) pursuant to RSA 365:28. The Motion requested a suspension of the broadband commitment in section 3.2 of the Settlement Agreement among the Joint Petitioners and the Commission Staff approved by Order No. 24,823 (February 25, 2008). Under section 3.2, FairPoint committed to provide broadband availability to 85% of its access lines within New Hampshire within 24 months following the merger closing date, i.e., by March 31, 2010. According to the Motion, Staff Advocates do not object to the relief requested in the Motion and the Office of Consumer Advocate takes no position on the requested relief. No other party objected to the Motion or otherwise made its position on the Motion known.

RSA 365:28 provides in part that the Commission may, after notice and hearing, suspend any order made by it. In accordance with RSA 365:28, the parties are hereby notified that the Commission will hear the Motion in conjunction with the hearing on the merits that commences May 24, 2010.

Sincerely,

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