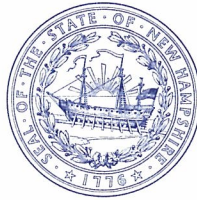


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February 1, 2010

Re: DT 07-011 Verizon New England, et al
Transfer of Assets to FairPoint Communications, Inc.
RSA 91-A Request from the Union Leader
Hearing Cancellation

To the Parties:

Pursuant to a settlement agreement reached today by the Union Leader Corporation and FairPoint Communications, Inc., the Union Leader has withdrawn its right-to-know request. Accordingly, the hearing scheduled for tomorrow, February 2, 2010, has been cancelled.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra A. Howland" followed by a flourish.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director