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Ms. Debra Howland  
Executive Director and Secretary  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street  
Concord, NH 03301



**Re: NHPUC DT 07-011 (Joint Petition of Verizon NH and FairPoint Communications) – Union Telephone Withdraws Brief, Supports Petition**

Dear Ms. Howland:

This letter, of which an additional seven copies are enclosed, is to inform the Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") that Union Telephone Company d/b/a Union Communications ("Union"), a party to the above referenced proceeding, has entered into a Settlement with FairPoint Communications, Inc. ("FairPoint") regarding the continuation of existing arrangements between Verizon and Union. Union is satisfied that the terms of the Settlement Agreements are sufficient to ensure that FairPoint will continue to provide Union the same services as Union currently receives from Verizon, in a manner that will allow Union to continue to provide the same high quality of service to their customers that Union customers in New Hampshire currently receive.

Accordingly, Union withdraws the position stated in its brief filed on or about November 21, 2007 in this matter and supports approval of the Petition in this proceeding. In addition, Union proposes that the Commission include in its Order one or more findings of fact stating that FairPoint and Union has entered into an agreement to assure that the transactions which the Petition requests approval of will not result in any material change to any rate, term or condition of the services currently in place between Verizon and Union.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin C. Rothfelder".

Martin C. Rothfelder

cc: E-mail Service List, PUC Docket No. DT-07-011  
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