

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. DT 13-____

NOW COMES Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications-NNE (“FairPoint”) and hereby petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) for a license to place and maintain aerial plant crossing state-owned public waters in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, across the Sagamore Creek. In support thereof, FairPoint states as follows:

1. Pursuant to RSA 371:17, FairPoint seeks a license to erect and maintain telephone plant over state owned waters in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. These facilities consist of one (1) 48 strand aerial fiber optic cable as described and shown on engineering plans attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof. The New Hampshire Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the City of Portsmouth will rebuild the bridge over Sagamore Creek, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The reconstruction of the bridge requires FairPoint to relocate its existing facilities and petition the Commission for said license. During the bridge reconstruction period, FairPoint is relocating its facilities which are currently in a conduit system parallel with the bridge to an existing pole line to cross the creek and continue service delivery to its customers. To provide the Commission with a more detailed understanding of the efforts involved, attached hereto as Exhibit B and made a part hereof are meeting minutes from a pre-coordination utility and stakeholder meeting on September 5, 2012.

2. The proposed crossing extends from telephone pole number 59/45 to telephone pole number 59/56 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. The facility is designed to provide telecommunications service to customers in New Hampshire.
3. The water crossing will be constructed and maintained with due regard for established safety standards as set forth in the National Electric Safety Code in order to meet the reasonable requirements for service to the public. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a supporting table which provides the basis of the engineering calculations used in the design and proposed construction of the water crossing.
4. The granting of such license will not adversely affect the public rights on said water and, therefore, is in the public interest. The use and enjoyment by the public of the waterway will not be diminished in any material respect as a result of the overhead line crossing.

Wherefore, FairPoint requests this Commission to grant such license as may be necessary to insure that the crossing described and shown on attached plans hereto attached, may be properly authorized in accordance with the statutes.

Respectfully submitted,

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LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications-NNE

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