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Ms. Debra A. Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**Re: CRS 15-243: Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC – License by
Notification of Existing Crossings on Existing Poles**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On June 17, 2015 Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications ("FairPoint") submitted a request for a permanent license by notification to cross state lands or public waters at 496 locations in accordance with N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 371:17-b. FairPoint's filing provided all pertinent information for each crossing to the extent such data resided in its records. On August 4, 2015 Commission Staff notified FairPoint that the Commission issued license CR 08-001-15 to cross state lands or waters at 80 of these locations.

As noted in FairPoint's filing 102 crossings had been previously licensed so no action is required for these locations. The remaining 314 locations identified in FairPoint's filing did not appear to qualify for a license under RSA 371:17-b, however, either because they did not include specific geographic locations, e.g., GPS coordinates on each side of a crossing, or did not include a pair of pole numbers on each side of a crossing. In subsequent discussions, Staff further clarified that RSA 371:17-b expressly authorizes the Commission to license existing crossings only attaching to existing poles, but not those crossings that may attach at a manhole or pedestal on one or both sides of a crossing.

Consistent with the advice of Staff, FairPoint is hereby supplementing its June 17, 2015 filing with additional GPS and/or pole numbers or comparable designations for 212 crossings. This information is responsive to Staff's concerns that each existing crossing shall include specific GPS coordinates and "pole" numbers, and should be sufficient for the Commission to issue a final license by notification for these locations pursuant to RSA 371:17-b.

Enclosed please find an original and six copies of a revised list of previously identified crossings where FairPoint seeks a license by notification to cross state land or public waters pursuant to RSA 371:17-b (Attachment 1). Crossings previously licensed and crossings that no longer exist, no longer cross state land or waterways, or were duplicate entries (e.g., multiple cable facilities appearing at a single location), have been removed from the list. The attachment provides additional information for each crossing including specific GPS coordinates and pole, manhole or pedestal numbers on each side of a crossing. An electronic copy of this filing also is enclosed.

Under separate cover, and consistent with the advice of Staff, FairPoint today is submitting a petition for a permanent license to cross state lands or public waters at 62 locations in accordance

with RSA 371:17. The attachment to that petition includes a subset of the attached list, which subset consists of 56 crossings that attach on one or both sides in a pedestal or manhole and arguably may not qualify for licensure under RSA 371:17-b.

Please return the copy of this filing marked "Receipt" with your stamp of receipt.

Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 603-656-8116 or via email at robert.meehan@fairpoint.com.

Thank you.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert D. Meehan".

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