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Via Hand Delivery and Electronic Mail

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

Re: DT 16-872 – Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. et al. Joint Petition for Findings in Furtherance of the Acquisition of FairPoint Communications, Inc. and its New Hampshire Operating Subsidiaries by Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission in the above-captioned docket please find an original and six (6) copies of a Joint Response to Labor Unions' Petition to Intervene.

Please contact me if there are any questions about this filing. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

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