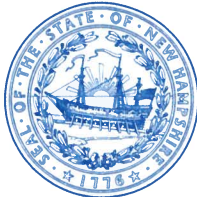


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**Re: DT 16-872, Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.
Joint Petition for Findings in Furtherance of the Acquisition of FairPoint
Communications, Inc. and its New Hampshire Operating Subsidiaries**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Please find enclosed for filing with the Commission on behalf of Commission Staff the original and six copies of the confidential/highly confidential versions of the Joint Direct Testimony of John Antonuk and Charles King and the Direct Testimony of Randall Vickroy, as well as one public redacted version of each of those direct testimonies.

I hereby certify that a copy of this letter and the public redacted versions of Staff's direct testimonies will be served electronically on the parties on the official service list at the same time it is filed with the Commission.

A copy of the confidential/highly confidential versions of Staff's direct testimonies will be provided to any party that has executed an appropriate non-disclosure agreement with the Joint Petitioners in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Wiesner".

David K. Wiesner
Staff Attorney

Enclosures
cc: Service List

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Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.11 (a) (1): Serve an electronic copy on each person identified on the service list.

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- a) Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.02 (a), with the exception of Discovery, file 7 copies, as well as an electronic copy, of all documents including cover letter with:
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- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.
- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.