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State of New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission

Docket No. DT 10-025 FairPoint Communications, Inc., et al.

Respondent: Michael Skrivan Title: Vice President, Regulatory Affairs Objection: By Counsel

REQUEST: Joint CLECS

DATED:

Set 1 March 17, 2010

ITEM: CLECS-26 Will FairPoint agree to a continuation of the prohibition on wholesale rate increases beyond the period required by the Commission's Approval Order? If so, please specify the duration of that commitment.

REPLY:

OBJECTION. FairPoint objects to CLECS-26 as irrelevant, speculative, and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. Subject to and without waiving this objection, FairPoint will provide information responsive to CLECS-26.

FairPoint is proposing no changes in this Docket related to the conditions applicable to wholesale rates. At this time, FairPoint is not willing to extend the prohibition on wholesale rate increases the beyond that point in time required by the Commission's Approval Order.