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Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director & Secretary  
NH Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301



**Re: Special Contract with the Town of Gilford**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On behalf of Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications (“FairPoint”), enclosed for the Commission’s information are seven copies of the proprietary and confidential version of the special contract with the Town of Gilford.

This filing contains confidential, commercial and financial information exempt from public disclosure and is being furnished pursuant to RSA 91-A:5, IV and PUC 203.08. FairPoint submits, pursuant to PUC 203.08 (d), that it has a good faith basis for seeking confidential treatment of the information submitted herewith designated “Confidential”. FairPoint intends to submit a motion for confidential treatment at or before the commencement of any hearing concerning this submission.

FairPoint represents in good faith that the materials marked “Confidential” set forth trade secrets which include non-public financial information, revenue and cost information and projections, market analyses, product and marketing strategies, and other confidential and proprietary information. This information is not general public knowledge or published elsewhere, FairPoint having taken measures to prevent dissemination of the information in the ordinary course of business.

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Because this material is confidential, proprietary and competitively sensitive, its disclosure would subject FairPoint to competitive harm. Furthermore, this confidential information may constitute material non-public information within the meaning of state and federal securities laws and regulations, and the disclosure of such information could be in violation of such laws and regulations and could affect the trading of FairPoint's securities.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions on 656-8102.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. P. Taylor". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Ryan P. Taylor

cc: Office of Consumer Advocate