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## VIA HAND DELIVERY

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

Re: DT 11-061; FairPoint Communications, Inc. Petition for Approval of Simplified Metrics Plan and Wholesale Performance Plan

Dear Ms. Howland:

Referencing the October 23, 2012 Joint Motion for Expedited Approval of Settlement Stipulation in the subject proceeding, enclosed for the Commission's information is a copy of a Procedural Order dealing with a companion filing with the Maine Public Utilities Commission in its Docket Nos. 2009-00166, 2009-00291 and 2009-00334. In this Procedural Order, the Hearing Examiner has requested comments on the Settlement Stipulation by December 4, 2012.

On November 15, 2012, FairPoint submitted a copy of a procedural order in the related proceeding in Vermont, and respectfully requested that the Commission adopt a similar procedure. We look forward to Commission action on this request, as the approval of all three commissions is a predicate to further progress in this matter.

A compact disk containing this filing is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

cc: Electronic Service List