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Debra A. Howland
Executive Director & Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10
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Re: DT 07-011 FairPoint Communications June 1, 2009 Status Conference

Dear Ms. Howland:

You indicated in your May 26, 2009 letter that the Commission will conduct the June 1 status conference "in the nature of a legislative hearing," and that FairPoint executives will "be subject to questions from the Commission." The OCA understands this to mean that parties may not ask questions of FairPoint witnesses at this hearing. To assist the Commission with its continued evaluation of FairPoint's efforts to stabilize itself, we enclose questions which we respectfully request that the Commissioners consider asking of the company and any of its consultants at the status conference. If provided the opportunity, the OCA would be prepared to develop more detailed discovery questions on both operational and financial issues in order to more fully understand the company's current status and its progress toward its plan to return to "business as usual" by June 30, 2009.

We also wish to reiterate our objection that we made at the last status conference regarding the Commission's decision to restrict the OCA's participation, which we believe should include an opportunity to ask questions of the company representatives and any other individual from whom the Commission will receive unsworn testimony, such as Cap Gemini and Liberty Consulting. We also continue to believe that any status conferences with FairPoint should include financial issues, as they are inextricably linked to the company's ability to return to "business as usual" by June 30, 2009.

We have provided these questions to all parties on the Commission's service list in this docket by electronic mail, except that those containing confidential information have been provided only to the Commission, Staff and FairPoint. Please contact me with any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Meredith A. Hatfield
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cc: service list (electronically only)

