NOTICE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARING

Transfer of Verizon Assets to Fairpoint Communications, Inc.

October 19, 2007 9:00 a.m.

Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire

On January 31, 2007, Verizon and FairPoint filed a petition with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) for approval of the transfer of Verizon's wireline local and long distance businesses in New Hampshire to FairPoint.

FairPoint is headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina. Through certain subsidiaries, it currently provides local service in East Conway and Chatham, New Hampshire, as well as in portions of Maine and Vermont.

According to the petition, the proposed transfer of assets would result in FairPoint acquiring the Verizon franchise to provide wireline telecommunication services in New Hampshire, and owning the network Verizon currently uses to provide those services.

The Commission will hold a public statement hearing to receive comment on the proposed transaction at its offices in Concord on October 19, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Commission at 1-800-852-3793 (NH only) or 603-271-2431.



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