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Ms. Debra Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH 03301



Re: NHPUC DT 07-011 (Joint Petition of Verizon NH and FairPoint Communications)

Dear Ms. Howland:

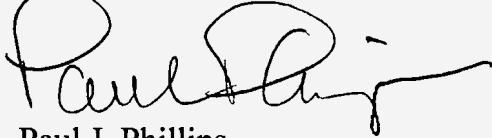
This letter is to inform the Public Utilities Commission (the "Commission") that Bretton Woods Telephone Company, Inc., Dixville Telephone Company, Dunbarton Telephone Company, Inc., Granite State Telephone, Inc., TDS Telecom/Hollis Telephone Company, Inc., TDS Telecom/Kearsarge Telephone Company, TDS Telecom/Merrimack County Telephone Company, and TDS Telecom/Wilton Telephone Company, Inc., who are members of the New Hampshire Telephone Association ("NHTA") (collectively the "Eight Independent Members of NHTA" or "NHTA Members"), who are parties to the above-referenced proceeding, have each entered into a Settlement Agreement with FairPoint Communications, Inc. ("FairPoint"), regarding the continuation of existing arrangements between Verizon and each of the Eight Independent Members of NHTA for the joint management of the public switched telephone network in the State of New Hampshire. The NHTA Members are satisfied that the terms of the Settlement Agreements are sufficient to ensure that FairPoint will continue to provide the NHTA Members the same services as the NHTA Members currently receive from Verizon, in a manner that will allow the NHTA Members to continue to provide the same high quality of service to their customers that the NHTA Members' customers in New Hampshire currently enjoy.

The Eight Independent Members of NHTA have not actively participated in all facets of this proceeding and have developed no formal position regarding any issues in this proceeding other than the issues which have been addressed through their respective Settlement Agreements with FairPoint. Accordingly, the NHTA Members would support

approval within the merger proceeding of the single issue of FairPoint's commitment to assume Verizon's current obligations regarding services provided to the NHTA Members. To this end, the Eight Independent Members of NHTA propose that the Commission include in its Order one or more findings of fact stating that FairPoint and the NHTA Members have entered into agreements which ensure that the Merger will not result in any material change to any rate, term or condition of the services currently in place between Verizon and the Eight Independent Members of NHTA.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul J. Phillips". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Paul J. Phillips

Counsel for Eight Independent ILEC Members of NHTA

cc: E -Mail Service List, PUC Docket No. DT 07-011
Eight Independent ILEC Members of NHTA