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COMMISSION

Via Hand Delivery

Debra A. Howland Executive Director and Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: DT 07-011 - Verizon New England Inc., Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc., NYNEX Long Distance Company, Verizon Select Services Inc. and FairPoint Communications, Inc.

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are an original and six copies of Verizon's Motion to Exclude Testimony and Dismiss Intervenors' Requests That Reimbursement For Maintenance Expenses Be Imposed As a Condition Upon Approval of Petition. The enclosed motion relates to testimony submitted by Unitil and Public Service Company of New Hampshire, whose witnesses are currently scheduled to testify on October 25, 2007 as well as related rebuttal testimony from Verizon witness John Nestor, who is scheduled to testify on October 30, 2007.

Because the granting of Verizon's motion would obviate the need for most if not all of Verizon's cross examination of the Unitil and PSNH witnesses as well as Unitil's and PSNH's cross examination of Mr. Nestor, Verizon requests that the Commission consider the motion on an expedited basis. Verizon recognizes that the timing of this motion, as with certain requests filed by other parties in this proceeding, requires Unitil and PSNH to respond in less than the normal ten day period. However, Verizon believes that expedited treatment of the issue raised by the motion is appropriate in this case because (1) the issues raised by the motion are not complex and lend themselves to prompt resolution, (2) the need and appropriateness of the motion became apparent only after Unitil and PSNH reached a resolution of all issues they have raised in this case other than their request for monetary damages against Verizon, and the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the resolution of those issues was filed only last week, and (3) an expedited ruling on the issues raised by the enclosed motion is likely to assist the Commission in the efficient and orderly conduct of this proceeding by eliminating the need for

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nearly a half day of cross examination on an issue that Verizon believes is not relevant to the petition before the Commission in this proceeding.

Verizon very much appreciates the Commission's prompt attention to the enclosed motion.

Sincerely,

Steven V. Camerino

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