

CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, INC.

Docket DT 16-872

RESPONSES TO STAFF'S DATA REQUESTS – FIRST SET

Date Request Received: February 17, 2017

Date of Response: March 6, 2017

Request No. Staff 1-86

Witness: Gabe Waggoner

1-86. Please:

- a. Describe any review Consolidated conducted of the routine preventative network maintenance activities FairPoint currently performs in New Hampshire
- b. Provide any assessment made regarding the adequacy of FairPoint's preventative maintenance processes and expenditures.

RESPONSE:

- a. Consolidated reviewed the preventative network maintenance process with the FairPoint leadership team including network element and physical plant facilities.
- b. Consolidated concluded that the FairPoint approach to maintaining network and physical plant facilities is consistent with what is typically seen within the industry. Office and remote power reviews of batteries and routine generator runs are scheduled and completed, older equipment is removed from shelves and racking to maintain facility integrity, cables are lashed correctly and poles appear to be replaced as needed. Overall, all looked well in line with industry standard approach.