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Via Hand Delivery

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



**Re: DT 06-067 – Complaint of Freedom Ring Communications, LLC d/b/a
BayRing Communications Against Verizon New Hampshire Regarding
Access Charges**

Dear Ms. Howland:

This is in response to the Joint Motion to Strike Verizon's Reply to FairPoint's Motion for Rehearing and/or Reconsideration filed at the Commission today by the Competitive Carriers.

In the Joint Motion, the Competitive Carriers assert that time is of the essence and that the Commission should act promptly to proceed with the reparations phase of the proceeding. In fact, time is not of the essence as the Competitive Carriers waited seventeen days to file their Joint Motion to Strike Verizon's April 28, 2008 Reply.

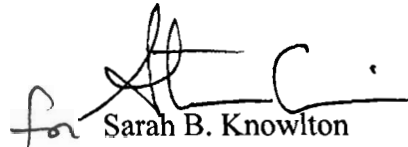
Given the significance of the issues raised in the Joint Motion and associated Motions for Rehearing and/or Reconsideration, and the strong possibility that this matter may be appealed to the New Hampshire Supreme Court, Verizon will be responding to the Joint Motion pursuant to Puc 203.07. Verizon requests that the Commission withhold taking any action in this docket until Verizon has exercised its rights under the Commission rules.

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Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please call me should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,


for Sarah B. Knowlton

cc: Victor Del Vecchio, Esq.
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