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Via Hand Delivery

December 21, 2012

Ms. Debra Howland
Executive Director and Secretary
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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Re: DT 11-061; Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications – NNE (“FairPoint”) Response to New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Staff Recommendation Memo

Dear Ms. Howland:

This submission is made in response to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) Staff (“Staff”) Recommendation Memo (“Recommendation”) of December 21, 2012 pertaining to Docket No. DT 11-061. In general, this Recommendation relates to the public release of The Liberty Consulting Group’s final audit report (“report”) of FairPoint New Hampshire’s Wholesale Performance Assurance Plan and Metrics. More specifically, in its Recommendation, Staff recommends that the Commission require FairPoint to identify whether portions of the report are confidential, and if so, to submit a public version of the report as well as accompany the submission with a motion of confidential treatment pursuant to Puc 203.08. Staff recommends that these submissions be filed no later than December 28, 2012.

Given that we are entering the holiday season, FairPoint believes it is reasonable to extend the deadline for these filings from December 28, 2012 to January 4, 2013. Only five (5) weekdays remain before the Staff’s recommended deadline, and one of these days is Christmas. Furthermore, this holiday period is typically one whereby employees take vacation time.

Recognizing that the Commission has yet to respond to Staff’s Recommendation, FairPoint believes it reasonable to establish the submission deadline as January 4, 2013 and respectfully requests that the Commission do so.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. I can be reached at 603.656.8102.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RPT' followed by a stylized flourish.

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