

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. DT 13-_____

NOW COMES Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications-NNE (“FairPoint”) and hereby petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) for a license to temporarily place and maintain aerial plant crossing state-owned public waters in Somersworth, New Hampshire, to Berwick, Maine, across the Salmon Falls River. In support thereof, FairPoint states as follows:

1. Pursuant to RSA 371:17, FairPoint seeks a license to erect and maintain telephone plant on a temporary basis over state owned waters in Somersworth, New Hampshire. These facilities consist of two (2) temporary 1800 pair aerial copper cables as described and shown on engineering plans attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof. The Maine Department of Transportation in conjunction with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation will rebuild the bridge over the Salmon Falls River, between Somersworth, New Hampshire, and Berwick, Maine. The reconstruction of the bridge requires FairPoint to temporarily relocate its existing facilities and petition the Commission for said license. During the bridge reconstruction period, FairPoint is temporarily re-locating its facilities to an existing pole line to cross the river and continue service delivery to its customers. To provide the Commission with a more detailed understanding of the efforts involved, attached hereto as Exhibit B and made a part hereof are meeting minutes from a pre-coordination utility and stakeholder meeting on November 29, 2011.

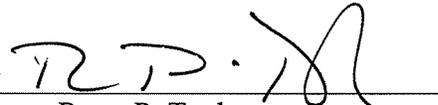
2. The proposed crossing extends from man hole number 100 to telephone pole number 42/1 in Somersworth, New Hampshire, to pole number 42/2 through man hole number 101 in Berwick, Maine. The facility is designed to provide telecommunications service to customers in New Hampshire and parts of Maine.
3. The water crossing will be constructed and maintained with due regard for established safety standards as set forth in the National Electric Safety Code in order to meet the reasonable requirements for service to the public.
4. The granting of such license will not adversely affect the public rights on said water and, therefore, is in the public interest. The use and enjoyment by the public of the waterway will not be diminished in any material respect as a result of the overhead line crossing.
5. Upon completion of the bridge reconstruction project, FairPoint will remove its temporary cables attached to the aforementioned poles and cross the Salmon Falls River in a conduit system attached to the bridge.

Wherefore, FairPoint requests this Commission to grant such license as may be necessary to insure that the crossing described and shown on attached plans hereto attached, may be properly authorized in accordance with the statutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Northern New England Telephone Operations
LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications-NNE

Dated February 15, 2013

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