

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 a state-owned railway in Somersworth, New Hampshire. 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 a state owned railroad 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 a bridge over the Salmon Falls River, between Somersworth, New Hampshire, and Berwick, Maine. This project was described in FairPoint’s petition for a public water crossing in Docket No. DT 13-052. As part of this effort, FairPoint is also required to temporarily relocate its telecommunications facilities over a state-owned railroad 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 railroad tracks 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 telephone pole number 42/1 in Somersworth, New Hampshire, to telephone pole number 42/2 in Berwick, Maine. The facility is designed to provide telecommunications service to customers in New Hampshire and parts of Maine.
3. The railroad 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 rights of the public in the public right of way and, therefore, is in the public interest.
5. Upon completion of the bridge reconstruction project, FairPoint will remove its temporary cables attached to the aforementioned poles and permanently locate its cables underneath the railroad tracks.

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,

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