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Re: DT 16-872 Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.
Joint Petition for Findings in Furtherance of the Acquisition of FairPoint
Communications, Inc. and its New Hampshire Operating Subsidiaries by
Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.

Dear Ms. Geiger:

This letter serves as an acknowledgement of Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.'s filing, received December 29, 2016. Please reference the docket number cited above on any additional material to be filed in this matter. All filings should consist of one (1) original and six (6) copies of both the cover letter and any associated material.

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Very truly yours,

Debra A. Howland-Pike
for

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