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February 23, 2017

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
Extending Deadlines for Discovery Objections and Responses

To the Parties:

On February 22, 2017, Commission Staff filed a letter requesting that the Commission extend the deadlines for objections and responses to Staff's first set of data requests on the joint petitioners in this proceeding, which were issued on February 17, 2017. According to Staff's letter, the objections and responses would be due this week pursuant to the approved procedural schedule for the docket; however, Staff and the joint petitioners believe it would be useful to discuss the nature and scope of certain of the data requests with Staff's consultant and it has not yet been possible to schedule that discussion.

Staff therefore requested that the Commission approve an extension of the applicable discovery deadlines such that objections to Staff's first set of data requests would be due on February 27, 2017, and data request responses would be due on March 1, 2017.

The Commission has reviewed Staff's letter and approved the requested deadline extensions. Accordingly, the joint petitioners shall submit any objections to Staff's first set of data requests by the close of business on Monday, February 27, 2017, and shall provide responses to those data requests by the close of business on Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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