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March 31, 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
Suspending Initial Discovery and Testimony Filing Deadlines and Scheduling
Conference Call With Hearings Examiner

To the Parties:

On March 31, 2017, Commission Staff filed a letter requesting that the Commission extend the end date for rolling discovery and the deadline for filing of direct testimony. The Commission has also received an electronic version of a letter from counsel for FairPoint objecting to those extensions.

The Commission has reviewed these filings and has suspended the initial rolling discovery deadline and filing deadline for the direct testimony of Staff and Labor Intervenors.

A conference call involving the parties and Hearings Examiner F. Anne Ross will be held on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss and attempt to resolve outstanding issues regarding the discovery and procedural schedule for this proceeding.

Sincerely,

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

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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