



THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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.

Docket No. DT 16-872

STIPULATION CONCERNING HEARING PROCEDURES

This Stipulation Concerning Hearing Procedures is entered into this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017, by and among counsel for Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. (CCHI); FairPoint Communications, Inc. (FairPoint); Communications Workers of America (CWA) Local 1400 and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Locals 2320, 2326, and 2327, that form the IBEW System Council T-9 (collectively, Labor Intervenors); and the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission (Staff) (hereinafter referred to collectively as the Parties). The Parties hereby stipulate as follows:

1. On May 24, 2017, a Stipulation and Settlement Agreement was entered into by CCHI, FairPoint, and Staff. The Stipulation and Settlement Agreement resolves all issues regarding the subject matter of this proceeding that were raised by CCHI, FairPoint, and Staff.
2. Labor Intervenors fully participated in the settlement negotiations and neither support nor oppose the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement. Labor Intervenors have agreed, however, that they will not ask the Public Utilities Commission to hold further hearings or consider briefs or other arguments concerning issues raised by Labor Intervenors but not addressed by the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement. If the Commission adopts and approves the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement in its entirety without material modification or condition, Labor

Intervenors hereby waive their right to seek reconsideration or appeal of the Commission's final order but expressly reserve their right to respond in the event any other party or person seeks such reconsideration or appeal.

3. In light of these events, the Parties asked the Public Utilities Commission to cancel the hearing scheduled for May 24, 2017, which request was granted by Secretarial Letter dated May 23, 2017.

4. At the hearing on May 25, 2017, the Parties agree that all direct and rebuttal testimony and supporting documentation that were pre-filed in this proceeding should be admitted as full exhibits for purposes of reviewing the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement.

5. The Parties hereby stipulate to the authenticity of all such documents and stipulate that the documents may be admitted into evidence by affidavit or by adoption by an associated witness at hearing.

6. The Parties' agreement to admit all testimony without challenge does not constitute agreement by the Parties that the content of the written testimony is accurate or what weight, if any, should be given to the views of any witness.

Respectfully submitted,

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