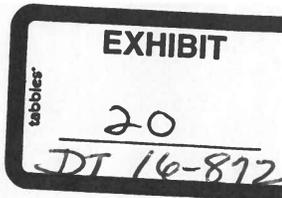


CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, INC.



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RESPONSES TO STAFF'S DATA REQUESTS – FIRST SET

Date Request Received: February 17, 2017

Date of Response: March 6, 2017

Request No. Staff 1-81

Witness: Gabe Waggoner

1-81. Refer to the Prefiled Direct Testimony of Gabe Waggoner, page 5, lines 9 and 10, discussing the time Consolidated spent reviewing the New Hampshire network with FairPoint's engineering and operations leadership. Please provide an estimate (in person hours) of the amount of time Consolidated spent with the FairPoint staff as part of its network due diligence efforts.

RESPONSE: In addition to holding conference calls, Consolidated spent in-person time with the FairPoint teams in November of 2015 and November of 2016 at the FairPoint headquarters in Charlotte, NC and in Manchester, NH. In total, it is estimated that Consolidated spent 60 hours in discussions with the FairPoint team.