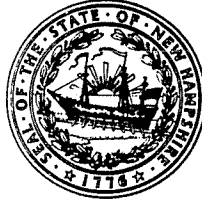


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Re: DT 10-025 FairPoint Communications, Inc. Reorganization

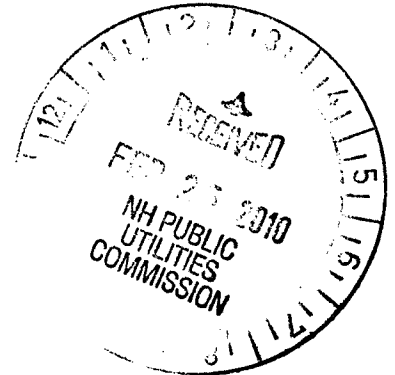
Dear Ms. Howland:

This filing is made on behalf of the designated staff advocates, Ms. Bailey and Ms. Ross. Pursuant to paragraph 1.3 of the Regulatory Settlement Agreement filed with the Commission on February 8, 2010, the staff advocates agreed to recommend a procedural schedule for the Commission's proceeding to consider FairPoint's application, which provided for a hearing within 90 days of FairPoint's application with testimony and exhibits. The staff advocates intend to file testimony in support of the settlement and the application on March 5, 2010.

The staff advocates and FairPoint recommend the following procedural schedule and request that the Commission include the proposed schedule in its order of notice. In addition, the staff advocates and FairPoint respectfully request that the Commission issue its decision in this docket no later than June 24, 2010, in light of the time considerations set forth in the Regulatory Settlement.

Prehearing conference/technical session	March 9, 2010 @ 1:30 p.m.
Data requests on filed testimony	March 12, 2010
Data responses	March 26, 2010
Intervenor testimony	April 9, 2010
Technical session	April 14, 2010
Data requests on intervenor testimony	April 16, 2010
Data responses	April 30, 2010
Rebuttal testimony	May 6, 2010
Technical session in lieu of discovery on rebuttal testimony	May 10, 2010
Evidentiary hearing with closing arguments	May 11-12, 2010

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We urge the Commission to review the settlement and application pursuant to RSA
374:30, 369:8 and 369:1-4.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter C.L. Roth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Peter" and last name "Roth" being the most prominent parts.

Peter C.L. Roth
Senior Assistant Attorney General

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