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Re: DT 07-011 Verizon New England et al.
Transfer of Assets to FairPoint Communications, Inc.
Decision Regarding Designation of Staff Advocates

DT 10-025 FairPoint Communications, Inc. et al.
Reorganization
Decision Regarding Designation of Staff Advocates

To the Parties:

In a secretarial letter issued on November 10, 2009 in Docket No. DT 07-011, the Commission stated that Commission Staff members Kate Bailey and Anne Ross, Esq. had been assigned to work with the New Hampshire Department of Justice on the proceeding involving FairPoint Communications, Inc. (FairPoint) in bankruptcy court and would be treated in the manner of Staff advocates in relation to Commission matters directly affecting or directly affected by the reorganization plan of FairPoint. Such action was taken consistent with RSA 363:32,II as then in effect, which authorized the Commission on its own initiative to designate members of its Staff as Staff advocates.

The Commission has determined that with the issuance of Order No. 25,129 (July 7, 2010) in Docket No. DT 10-025, the confirmation by the bankruptcy court of the Third Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization (the Plan) on January 13, 2011, and the occurrence of the effective date of the Plan on January 24, 2011, there is no good reason to continue the above-referenced treatment of Kate Bailey and Anne Ross as Staff advocates. Accordingly, effective immediately, they will no longer be treated as Staff advocates in relation to Commission matters directly affecting or directly affected by the reorganization plan of FairPoint, provided that, should circumstances in the future require, such treatment may be considered upon the request of a party.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

cc: DT 07-011 Service List
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