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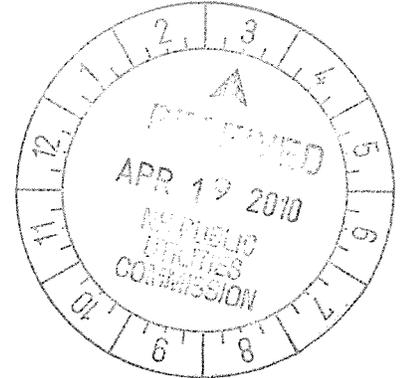
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HAND DELIVERED AND VIA EMAIL

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director & Secretary  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit St., Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301-2429



**Re: DT 10-025, Request for Approvals in Connection with the Reorganization Plan of FairPoint Communications, Inc. et al**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On behalf of Level 3 Communications, LLC, in accordance with the revised procedural schedule in the above-captioned docket, I am filing an original and seven copies of the enclosed Prefiled Direct Testimony of Richard E. Thayer.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Patch".

Douglas L. Patch

cc. Service List in DT 10-025

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