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**State of New Hampshire
Public Utilities Commission**

**Docket No. DT 10-025
FairPoint Communications, Inc., et al.**

Respondent: Michael Skrivan
Title: Vice President, Regulatory
Affairs
Objection: By Counsel

REQUEST: Joint CLECS
Set 1
DATED: March 17, 2010

ITEM: CLECS-4 If FairPoint intends to reject any ICAs or other intercarrier agreements currently in place between FairPoint and any of the Joint CLECs, please provide any new agreements that FairPoint intends to offer to any of the Joint CLECs in place of the existing agreements.

REPLY: OBJECTION. FairPoint objects to CLECS-4 on the grounds that it seeks a legal conclusion, and that Order No. 24,823 in DT 07-011, the Staff Settlement Agreement in DT 07-011, and the Joint Stipulation in DT 07-011 speak for themselves regarding FairPoint's commitments to wholesale providers. Subject to and without waiving this objection, FairPoint will provide information responsive to CLECS-4.

Please see the response to CLECS-1.

In addition, a process is underway in the bankruptcy court pursuant to which FairPoint is reviewing all of its executory contracts, which include interconnection and other intercarrier agreements. That process permits parties to such executory contracts to submit claims against FairPoint under those contracts and provides FairPoint with the opportunity to determine, in its business judgment, whether to assume those contracts and cure all defaults under such contracts or to reject those contracts, subject to the procedures set forth in Section XI of the Plan. The Joint CLECs are aware that this process exists, as they (or some of them) have filed claims against FairPoint.