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-42

Post-reorganization, will FairPoint seek to be relieved of its obligation

to offer unbundled network elements and interconnection services via

wholesale tariff?

REPLY:

OBJECTION. FairPoint objects to CLECS-42 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-42.

Please see the response to CLECS-1. In addition, at this time, FairPoint has no plans to seek to be relieved of its obligations to offer unbundled network elements and interconnection services offered through FairPoint's wholesale tariff. FairPoint can not, nor should it be expected to, predict what it may or may not do in the future.