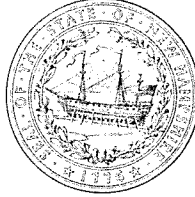


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December 21, 2012

Ryan P. Taylor
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Re: DT 11-061 FairPoint Communications, Inc. Petition for Approval of Simplified
Metrics Plan and Wholesale Performance Plan

Dear Mr. Taylor:

On December 21, 2012, Staff recommended FairPoint be provided the opportunity to identify confidential information contained in the Final Audit Report of FairPoint's Performance Assurance Plan, which FairPoint and Staff received on December 19. Please review the document and ensure it does not contain information the company considers confidential. In the event confidential information is identified, provide a marked up copy of the report, redacting the confidential information as described in Puc 201.04 (b) and (c), along with a motion for confidential treatment pursuant to Puc 203.08. The report will not be released to the public prior to close of business on January 4, 2013. Accordingly, FairPoint should file any necessary motion for confidential treatment by that date.

Sincerely,

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

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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