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**Via Hand Delivery**

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director and Secretary  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301-2429

**Re: DT 07-011 - Verizon New England Inc., Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc.,  
NYNEX Long Distance Company, Verizon Select Services Inc. and FairPoint  
Communications, Inc.**

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am writing in follow up to the Office of Consumer Advocate's Motion for Prehearing Conference with Hearing Examiner and Expedited Decision, and FairPoint Communications, Inc.'s Response to OCA's Motion. Verizon New England Inc., Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc., NYNEX Long Distance Company and Verizon Select Services Inc. join in FairPoint's response regarding the need for a multi-tiered confidentiality designation in this case.

As indicated in FairPoint's response, this case involves a significant number of parties with varying relationships, including direct competitors of Verizon. The release of highly confidential and competitively sensitive information, without appropriate limitations, would cause immediate and irreparable harm to Verizon. Maintaining a multi-tiered confidentiality designation allows for the disclosure of information to the greatest extent possible, to as many parties as possible and as quickly as possible -- while maintaining the proprietary rights of the discloser. Further, it is common practice in complex cases, particularly those of this magnitude, to have more than one level of confidential designation; this case does not deviate from that practice.

Finally, as indicated in OCA's Motion for a Determination of Confidentiality and Confidential Treatment, Verizon provided OCA with a memorandum identifying the particular

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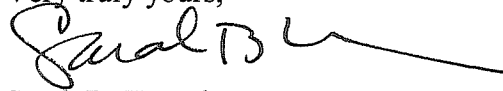
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data responses that contain confidential/proprietary information. Verizon does not assert any claim of confidentiality regarding the memorandum itself.

We look forward to the opportunity to discuss these issues at the September 6 conference.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah B. Knowlton", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sarah B. Knowlton

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