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Dear Director Howland,



We are writing to express our concern about the proposed sale of Verizon to Fairpoint Communications. We have a number of concerns relating to the sale that include the impact to 911 service in the state, whether Fairpoint Communications will be required to pay pole and conduit taxes, increases in consumer rates, and Lifeline Services for low income and elderly citizens. We are also concerned whether this transaction will put NH at a competitive disadvantage due to lack of investment in advanced technology. We feel that the size and scope of the transaction warrant a discussion with the communities that will be affected.

- We request placement on the service list for Docket DT 07-011, to be informed about the proceedings concerning the proposed sale. Please address the communications to: <u>jclark@nhaflcio.org</u> or Jessica Clark, Assistant to the President, NH AFL-CIO 161 Londonderry Turnpike Hooksett, NH 03106
- 2. We request that the Commission conduct public hearings around the state, in Keene, Berlin, Portsmouth, Manchester, Nashua and Concord, Salem in the evenings to facilitate public participation.

Thank you for your consideration of our requests.

ark S. MacKenzie President

cc. Meredith Hatfield, Consumer Advocate