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VIA ELECTRONIC AND U.S. MAIL

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

Re: Docket No. DT 07-011: Order of Notice in the Joint Application of Verizon New England Inc., et al. for Authority to Merge with FairPoint Communications, Inc.

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed please find the Joint Petition of PAETEC Communications, Inc. (“PAETEC”) and US LEC Communications Inc. (“US LEC”) (together “Joint Petitioners”) requesting permission to intervene in the above-referenced proceeding. This petition is being filed by hard copy and electronically with the Commission.

PAETEC and US LEC believe the Joint Petition will demonstrate their respective interests in these proceeding as its outcome will affect their operations in New Hampshire.

Very truly yours,

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**BEFORE THE NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Verizon New England Inc., Bell Atlantic)
Communications, Inc., NYNEX Long)
Distance Company, Verizon Select)
Services Inc. and Fairpoint) Docket No. 07-011,
Communications, Inc. Joint Application)
for Approvals Related to Verizon's)
Transfer of Property and Customer)
Relations to Company to be Merged with)
and into Fairpoint Communications, Inc.,)

**PETITION TO INTERVENE OF PAETEC COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND US LEC
COMMUNICATIONS INC.**

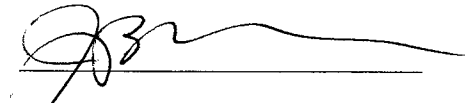
PAETEC Communications, Inc. ("PAETEC") and US LEC Communications Inc. ("US LEC") (together "Joint Petitioners") pursuant to the Order of Notice issued in this proceeding on February 7, 2007, N.H. Admin. Rules PUC 203.17 and N.H. Rev. Stat. § 541-A:32, hereby submit their petition to intervene in the above-referenced proceeding. The Joint Petitioners should be permitted to intervene on the grounds stated below.

PAETEC is a full-service, facilities-based competitive local exchange carrier that provides a broad range of integrated telecommunications services to business and residential customers in New Hampshire pursuant to authority granted by the Commission in Order No. 23,050 on October 28, 1998. PAETEC also provides competitive switched and dedicated long distance services pursuant to authority granted by the Commission in Certificate No. 31698 issued on September 3, 1998. US LEC provides switched long distance services pursuant to authority granted by the Commission in Certificate No. 03-008-03 issued on March 11, 2003. In the provision of their respective retail services, the Joint Petitioners rely to a great extent on the purchase of wholesale services from Verizon New England ("Verizon") pursuant to tariff and

contract. The ability of the Joint Petitioners to serve their respective customers depends on the uninterrupted and continued provision of these services by Verizon's prospective successor, Fairpoint Communications, Inc., under identical terms and conditions. Consequently, the issues before the Commission in this proceeding are of significant interest to both PAETEC and US LEC, and any decisions resulting from this proceeding may affect the Joint Petitioner's rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests, including its expected operations in New Hampshire.

For the foregoing reasons, PAETEC's and US LEC's Petition to Intervene should be granted.

Respectfully submitted,



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/s/ Terry J. Romine

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Dated: February 16, 2007