

**FairPoint Communications, Inc.**  
**State of New Hampshire**  
**Docket No. DT 07-011**

**Respondent:** Peter G. Nixon  
**Title:** President

**REQUEST:** Office of Consumer Advocate - Rebuttal

**DATED:** September 19, 2007

**ITEM:** OCA R-140 Re page 37, lines 18-19, of the Rebuttal Testimony of Peter G. Nixon. Is FairPoint waiting until after the transaction occurs to conduct root cause analysis? If so, why? If not, please provide preliminary root cause analyses before October 19, 2007.

**REPLY:** FairPoint will conduct the detailed root cause analysis after close. The complete in depth analysis will require not only full access to all Verizon data and records regarding the network and trouble reports, but also and perhaps more importantly, the current staff of Verizon in New Hampshire and the support forces in Maine and Vermont, plus the additional new FairPoint employees FairPoint will be hiring. This work cannot be done without unreasonably interfering with Verizon's current operations.