



**Public Service
of New Hampshire**

PSNH Energy Park
780 North Commercial Street, Manchester, NH 03101

Public Service Company of New Hampshire
P.O. Box 330
Manchester, NH 03105-0330
(603) 669-4000
www.psnh.com

The Northeast Utilities System

August 28, 2007

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

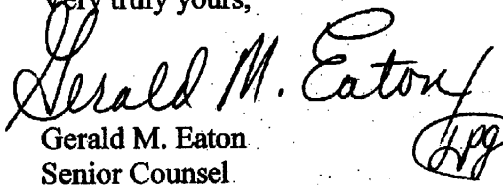
**Re: Joint Petition of Verizon New England, Inc. *et al.* and
FairPoint Communications, Inc. - Docket No. DT 07-011**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing are an original and six copies of an errata sheet (Page 6) to the Direct Testimony of Robert T. Hybsch filed on August 1, 2007. Mr. Hybsch's original testimony mistakenly stated that the \$506,000 was related to calendar year 2005. The \$506,000 was related to maintenance trimming in 2006 when there were exchanges of notice regarding maintenance trimming between Public Service Company and Verizon. Please substitute this Page 6 for the one previously provided. A blacklined copy of the errata page 6 is enclosed so that the changes can be noted. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Copies of this errata sheet were provided to the persons on the attached Service List. All others were supplied with a copy electronically pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rule §Puc 203.02.

Very truly yours,


Gerald M. Eaton
Senior Counsel

Enclosures
cc: Service List
E-Mail Service List

Joint Application by Verizon New England, Inc.,
Bell Atlantic Communications, Inc. NYNEX Long Distance Company,
Verizon Select Services and
FairPoint Communications, Inc.

Docket No. DT 07-011

MEREDITH A HATFIELD
OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE
21 SOUTH FRUIT ST STE 18
CONCORD NH 03301

KENNETH TRAUM
OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE
21 SOUTH FRUIT ST STE 18
CONCORD NH 03301

F ANNE ROSS
NHPUC
21 S. FRUIT ST, SUITE 10
CONCORD NH 03301-2429

AMANDA NOONAN
CONSUMER AFFAIRS DIRECTOR
NHPUC
21 S. FRUIT ST, SUITE 10
CONCORD NH 03301-2429

LIBRARIAN
NHPUC
21 S. FRUIT ST, SUITE 10
CONCORD NH 03301-2429

KATE BAILEY
NHPUC
21 S. FRUIT ST, SUITE 10
CONCORD NH 03301-2429

PRADIP CHATTOPADHYAY
NHPUC
21 S. FRUIT ST, SUITE 10
CONCORD NH 03301-2429

LYNN FABRIZIO
NHPUC
21 S. FRUIT ST, SUITE 10
CONCORD NH 03301-2429

DAVID GOYETTE
NHPUC
21 S. FRUIT ST, SUITE 10
CONCORD NH 03301-2429

JODY O'MARRA
NHPUC
21 S. FRUIT ST, SUITE 10
CONCORD NH 03301-2429

1 trim because PSNH's best practice trimming specifications result in the trimming and/or
2 removal of trees around Verizon's facilities, providing benefits to Verizon.

3 Q. Does PSNH make any recommendations for conditions pertaining to maintenance
4 trimming?

5 A. Yes. PSNH recommends that a condition be placed on the FairPoint/Verizon transfer of
6 assets which requires FairPoint to contribute 25% to the total costs associated with the
7 maintenance trimming of its facilities as well as a 50% contribution for the removal of
8 trees and limbs that threaten both parties' plant. In addition, PSNH is requesting as a
9 condition of approval of the transactions proposed in this proceeding that PSNH be
10 reimbursed by Verizon for the sum of \$506,000 for a portion of the maintenance tree
11 trimming expense incurred by PSNH during 2006, an expense which PSNH agreed it
12 would not recover from its customers in the recently-approved rate case settlement
13 (DE 06-028). This expense represents a portion of the costs for PSNH maintenance
14 trimming which benefited Verizon's facilities, but which Verizon contributed only a
15 minimal amount. The reimbursement should be directed to be made by Verizon from the
16 proceeds it receives in the asset transfer. Maintenance trimming costs should be the
17 responsibility of the electric customers and the telephone customers in order that they
18 receive safe and reliable service, not the shareholders of the electric utility.

19 Q. Are utility poles currently inspected and maintained in accordance with the Joint
20 Ownership Agreement as defined in Inter Company Operating Procedure #6: Inspection
21 and Treatment of Standing Poles? (Reference IOP #6, dated 10/1/1994)

22 A. Yes. PSNH recently implemented a ground line inspection program whereby we
23 inspected approximately 10,000 jointly owned poles within our maintenance area in 2006
24 and plan to inspect approximately 25,000 jointly owned poles within our maintenance
25 area in 2007. These inspections will be done in accordance with IOP #6 (refer to
26 Attachment RTH-9). As stated in Verizon's data response to DM 05-172, Staff 1-12

1 trim because PSNH's best practice trimming specifications result in the trimming and/or
2 removal of trees around Verizon's facilities, providing benefits to Verizon.

3 Q. Does PSNH make any recommendations for conditions pertaining to maintenance
4 trimming?

5 A. Yes. PSNH recommends that a condition be placed on the FairPoint/Verizon transfer of
6 assets which requires FairPoint to contribute 25% to the total costs associated with the
7 maintenance trimming of its facilities as well as a 50% contribution for the removal of
8 trees and limbs that threaten both parties' plant. In addition, PSNH is requesting as a
9 condition of approval of the transactions proposed in this proceeding that PSNH be
10 reimbursed by Verizon for the sum of \$506,000 for a portion of the maintenance tree
11 trimming expense incurred by PSNH during ~~2005~~2006, an expense which PSNH agreed
12 it would not recover from its customers in the recently-approved rate case settlement
13 (DE 06-028). This expense represents a portion of the costs for PSNH maintenance
14 trimming which benefited Verizon's facilities, but which Verizon ~~did not contribute to or~~
15 ~~share in~~ contributed only a minimal amount. The reimbursement should be directed to be
16 made by Verizon from the proceeds it receives in the asset transfer. Maintenance
17 trimming costs should be the responsibility of the electric customers and the telephone
18 customers in order that they receive safe and reliable service, not the shareholders of the
19 electric utility.

20 Q. Are utility poles currently inspected and maintained in accordance with the Joint
21 Ownership Agreement as defined in Inter Company Operating Procedure #6: Inspection
22 and Treatment of Standing Poles? (Reference IOP #6, dated 10/1/1994)

23 A. Yes. PSNH recently implemented a ground line inspection program whereby we
24 inspected approximately 10,000 jointly owned poles within our maintenance area in 2006
25 and plan to inspect approximately 25,000 jointly owned poles within our maintenance
26 area in 2007. These inspections will be done in accordance with IOP #6 (refer to
27 Attachment RTH-9). As stated in Verizon's data response to DM 05-172, Staff 1-12