

Report of the Hearing Clerk
DT 07-011
Verizon New England *et al.*
Transfer of Assets to FairPoint Communications, Inc.

DATE: February 27, 2007

TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:20 AM

PRESIDING OFFICER: Thomas B. Getz, Chairman

COURT REPORTERS NAME: Steven Patnaude

CLERKS NAME FOR THE HEARING: Kath Mullholand

APPEARANCES:

1. Fred Coolbroth, Esq., and Kevin M. Baum, Esq., for Fairpoint, Inc.
2. Victor del Vecchio, Esq., and Steven Camarino, Esq., for Verizon New Hampshire
3. Robert Munally, Esq., for DSCI Corporation (CLEC)
4. Scott Sawyer, Esq., for BayRing Communications and segTEL, Inc.
5. Michael Clancy of COVAD Communications Company
6. Gent Cav of Otel Communications
7. Carol Miller for New Hampshire Internet Service Providers Association (NHISPA)
8. Paul J. Phillips, Esq., New Hampshire Telecom Association (NHTA)
9. Arpiar G. Saunders, Jr., Esq., and Karyn P. Forbes, Esq., for Communications Workers of America (CWA) and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Locals 2320, 2326, and 2327, and IBEW System Council T-6 (collectively Labor Intervenors)
10. Gerald M. Eaton, Esq., for Public Service of New Hampshire
11. Alexandra E. Blackmore, Esq., for Granite State Electric/National Grid
12. Gary Epler, Esq., for Unutil Energy Systems, Inc.
13. Robert D. Ciandella, Esq., for the municipalities of Hanover, Keene, Newmarket, Raymond, Salem and Seabrook
14. Alan Linder, Esq., of New Hampshire Legal Assistance, for Irene Schmitt
15. Alan D. Mandl, Esq., for New England Cable and Telecommunications Association (NECTA) and Comcast Phone of New Hampshire, LLC.
16. Meredith Hatfield, Esq., for the Office of Consumer Advocate
17. Lynn Fabrizio, Esq., for Commission Staff

Mr. Coolbroth: FairPoint has no objections to interventions however has concerns re prompt and orderly conduct. FairPoint encourages combined participation: labor unions, consumer interests, CLECS and ISPs, ILECs, municipalities, and pole maintenance parties (Electric). Also concerned that labor union's stated issues are far more broad than their interests, should be limited to interest and expertise.

Chairman Getz: Petitions to intervene are granted. Parties should address consolidation issues in tech session. Issue of scope is premature but will take under consideration if and when it arises.

TRANSCRIPT DUE DATE: ten business days

READY FOR DELIBERATIONS: YES___ NO__X__

Verizon requests completion one year from filing.

READY FOR PROCEDURAL ORDER: YES___ NO__X__

BRIEFS DUE: to be determined

NOTES:

Walter Leach, Vice President for Development of FairPoint was introduced.

Interventions filed and granted but no appearance made at hearing:

Gregory Kennan, Esq., for One Communications

John Messenger for PaeTec Communications, Inc. and USLEC

Karen M. Poktul, Esq., for XO Communications Services

Rogelio E. Pena, Esq., for Level 3

Brian Susnock for DesTek

Darren Winslet of Union Telephone

Christopher J. Pollart, for New Hampshire Electrical Cooperative

Susan Woodland, for the City of Portsmouth