

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC )	
and Enhanced Communications of Northern New )	DM 12-276
England; Objection to Public Utility Assessments )	
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**PETITION OF VERIZON BUSINESS TO INTERVENE**

MCI Communications Services, Inc., d/b/a Verizon Business Services (“Verizon Business”) requests that the Commission allow it to intervene as a party in the above-captioned matter, in accordance with N.H. Code of Admin. Rules, Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32. The Commission should grant this request because Verizon Business’ rights, privileges and other interests may be substantially and directly affected by the Commission’s actions in this proceeding. As further grounds for this petition, Verizon Business states as follows:

1. The Commission opened this proceeding in order to address an objection by FairPoint seeking substantial reductions in the amounts of two assessment invoices issued pursuant to RSA Chapter 363-A.

2. Verizon Business is an interexchange carrier in New Hampshire and pays annual assessments under RSA Chapter 363-A. The Commission’s resolution of FairPoint’s Objection may entitle Verizon Business to a reduction in its assessments as well, or it may result in an increase in those assessments, as the Commission noted in the Order of Notice it issued in this docket on October 5, 2012, at 2. Consequently, Verizon Business’ rights, privileges and interests may be directly affected by this proceeding.

3. Verizon Business respectfully submits that the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding would not be impaired by allowing its intervention.

4. Please include the following people on the service list for this proceeding, on

behalf of Verizon Business:

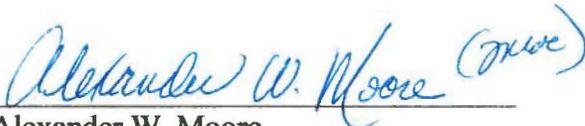
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WHEREFORE, Verizon Business respectfully requests leave to intervene in this proceeding with full rights of participation as a party.

Respectfully submitted,  
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