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April 4, 2017

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**Re: DT 16-872, Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.
Joint Petition for Findings in Furtherance of the Acquisition of FairPoint
Communications, Inc. and its New Hampshire Operating Subsidiaries
Request for Modification of Procedural Schedule**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Commission Staff, in collaboration with representatives of the Joint Petitioners and the Labor Intervenors, have agreed to a proposed modification of the remaining procedural schedule for this proceeding, which is set forth below:

Action or Event	Date or Deadline (all 2017)
Data Requests to Joint Petitioners -Rolling Discovery	Thurs, Feb. 2 through Wed., April 5
Joint Petitioners' Responses to Data Requests (7 days for all responses)	Wed., April 12 (final date)
Technical Session	Mon., April 10, 9:30 a.m.
Labor Witness Barber Direct Testimony	Mon., April 10
Data Requests to Labor Witness Barber	Fri., April 14
Responses from Labor Witness Barber	Wed., April 19
Staff and Labor Witness Soule Direct Testimony	Wed., April 19
Technical Session/Prehearing Planning Session	Tues., April 25, 10:00 a.m.
Hearing Day 1 (JPs Direct & Labor Witness Barber)	Thurs., April 27, 10:00 a.m.
Data Requests to Staff and Labor Witness Soule	Wed., May 3
Staff and Labor Witness Soule Responses to DRs	Wed., May 10
Technical Session	Fri., May 12, 10:00 a.m.
Joint Petitioners' Rebuttal Testimony (workpapers provided to parties but not filed)	Thurs., May 18
Technical Session/Prehearing/Settlement Conference	Mon., May 22, 10:00 a.m.
Hearing Day 2	Wed., May 24, 9:30:00 a.m.
Hearing Day 3	Thurs., May 25, 9:30 a.m.

Staff therefore respectfully requests that the Commission approve the proposed modification of the remaining procedural schedule for this proceeding, as specified above.

I certify that a copy of this letter will be served electronically on the parties on the service list at the same time it is filed with the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Wiesner". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

David K. Wiesner
Staff Attorney

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- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.**