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***This tariff is filed on 15 days' notice under Section 204(a)(3) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.***

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**Transmittal No. 1**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The accompanying tariff, issued by the FairPoint Telephone Companies ("FairPoint"), on behalf of *Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC* and *Telephone Operating Company of Vermont LLC*, and bearing the designation *Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 – Access Service* (the "FairPoint Tariff"), is being sent to you for filing in compliance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Communications Act").

This original tariff is being filed on 15 days' notice, in accordance with Section 204(a)(3) of the Communications Act, and under the authority of Special Permission No. 08-008.

The FairPoint Tariff is scheduled to become effective on April 1, 2008, concurrently with the consummation of the sale to FairPoint of the local exchange and related business assets of Verizon Communications, Inc. ("Verizon") in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

On April 1, 2008, FairPoint Communications, Inc. ("FairPoint") anticipates closing its acquisition of the local exchange and related business assets of Verizon Communications, Inc. ("Verizon") in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. At that time, FairPoint will commence service to former Verizon customers with approximately 1.5 million access lines through its carrier subsidiaries, *Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC* (providing service in Maine and New Hampshire) and *Telephone Operating Company of Vermont LLC* (providing service in Vermont).

FairPoint proposes to issue a new tariff under the name *The FairPoint Telephone Companies, Tariff FCC No. 1* (the "FairPoint Tariff"), in accordance with the Commission's rules, to replace the Verizon tariffs that currently govern telecommunications services provided to these customers, *Verizon Tariffs FCC Nos. 11, 20, and 21* (the "Verizon Tariffs").

The FairPoint Tariff will eliminate material included in the Verizon Tariffs that clearly will not apply to the FairPoint operations in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont, including outdated offerings and offerings outside the Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont service areas. The FairPoint Tariff will not make any substantive changes to the content of the Verizon Tariffs, with the following two exceptions: *First*, the FairPoint Tariff will include a technical change to the way discounts are calculated for interstate customers that will continue to take service under contract tariffs from both FairPoint and Verizon after the sale closes. For the duration of the contract, each of these customers will receive the same discount on covered services from FairPoint that it receives today. Each of the affected customers has been notified of this change and each will have 60 days after the effective date of the tariff in which to elect to terminate use of these contract tariffs. *Second*, the FairPoint Tariff will include reductions in the End User Common



Line (EUCL) Charges and Federal Universal Service Charges (FUSC) charged to customers in these three states. EUCL charges for the FairPoint Tariff will be reduced in accordance with Price Cap filing mechanisms associated with removing Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont from the Verizon Tariff FCC No. 11. FUSC rates will be modified in accordance with the change in EUCL charges and the proposed change in the quarterly USF assessment rate, which will be effective on the same date as the FairPoint Tariff.

In all other respects, this filing incorporates only those changes necessary to reflect FairPoint as the service provider, and narrow the scope of the Verizon Tariffs to the FairPoint Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont operating territory. Enclosed is a side by side index cross referencing the new section numbering in the FairPoint Tariff to the corresponding section numbers in the Verizon Tariffs.

This filing establishes initial price cap indices for FairPoint starting with the same price cap indices established by Verizon for each price cap basket. A Tariff Review Plan (TRP) and associated accompanying working papers are including with this filing, as described in the Description and Justification.

Some of this information is filed with a request that it be treated as confidential under the Freedom of Information Act. A letter requesting that it be placed under the Protective Order designated in the Tariff Streamlining Order is attached.

Payment in the amount of \$775.00 has been paid by credit card in accordance with the fee program procedures. Pursuant to Section 61.14(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 61.14(b)(2), the Form 159 is being transmitted electronically via ETFS.

In accordance with Section 61.15(a)(4) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. 61.15(a)(4), the FCC Registration Numbers (FRN) for FairPoint is 0007-7099-91. FairPoint is filing this application on behalf of issuing carriers with the following FRNs:

<u>Issuing Carrier</u>	<u>FRN</u>
Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC:	0016-0226-18
Telephone Operating Company of Vermont LLC:	0017-5513-59

In accordance with Section 61.15(c) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 61.15(c), petitions pertaining to this filing may be served on; Michael T. Skrivan, Vice President, Regulatory, FairPoint Communications, Inc., 155 Gannett Drive, South Portland, Maine 04106, Telephone: (207) 648-3081, Facsimile: 207-642-7411.

Very truly yours,

Michael T. Skrivan

- Attachments:*  
Tariff Pages  
Description and Justification  
Working Papers  
Side by Side Index  
Tariff Review Plan  
Form 159

