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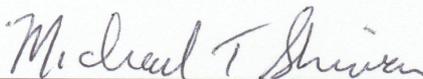
CERTIFICATION

FairPoint Telephone Companies:

Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC
Telephone Operating Company of Vermont LLC

I am an officer of The FairPoint Telephone Companies; Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC and Telephone Operating Company of Vermont LLC. I hereby certify that I have overall responsibility for the preparation of all data for The FairPoint Telephone Companies; Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC and Telephone Operating Company of Vermont LLC which supports the initial tariff filing and that I am authorized to sign this certification. Based on information known to me or provided to me by employees responsible for the preparation of, or supervision of, the data submitted in support of the rates contained in the proposed tariffs, I hereby certify that the data have been examined and reviewed and is complete, accurate and consistent with the rules of Federal Communications Commission.

March 17th, 2008


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