

Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of )  
The FairPoint Telephone Companies )  
Tariff F.C.C. No. 1 )  
 )  
Transmittal No. 2 )

**REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT OF COST SUPPORT**

The FairPoint Telephone Companies ("FairPoint") respectfully requests confidential treatment of cost data ("Cost Support") that it is providing in connection with Transmittal No. 2, filed April 29, 2008. With this filing FairPoint is introducing Special Construction arrangement associated with Case ME2008-439492.

Pursuant to Section Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R § 0.459(b)(4), FairPoint states the following:

1. The Cost Support that accompanies FairPoint's Transmittal No. 2 consists of data both in the aggregate and for specific categories of cost. Such data is of the type that businesses normally keep confidential and that FairPoint keeps confidential. The confidential information provided is sensitive commercial data. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552b(4).

2. The confidential information provides data that is competitively sensitive within the meaning of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R § 0.459(b)(4), specifically, cost calculations.

3. FairPoint has determined that public disclosure of this information would materially damage FairPoint's competitive position by providing competitors with information about its financial position. Moreover, the public interest would be impaired by public disclosure of the information contained in the Cost Study, in that any compromise of FairPoint's competitive or financial position, vis-a-vis its competitors, would ultimately work to the detriment of the consuming public.

4. FairPoint does not object to limited disclosure of the confidential information so long as a party that wishes to view it executes a standard Commission approved confidentiality

agreement. The Agreement will ensure that the confidential material is only used to assist the party in participating in review of the tariff filing.

WHEREFORE, The FairPoint Telephone Companies respectfully request that the Cost Support submitted with this Transmittal No. 2 be deemed confidential and be indefinitely protected from public inspection.

Respectfully Submitted By:



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