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January 16, 2009
*This material is filed on 15 days'
notice under Section 204(a)(3) of the
Communications Act*

TRANSMITTAL No. 7

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

Attention: Wireline Competition Bureau

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The accompanying tariff material, issued by The FairPoint Telephone Companies ("FairPoint"), is sent to you for filing in compliance with the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

The FCC Registration Number for FairPoint is 0007-7099-91. FairPoint is issuing this filing on behalf of issuing carriers with the following FRN's:

- Northern New England Telephone Operations, LLC FRN: 0016-0226-18
- Telephone Operating Company of Vermont, LLC FRN: 0017-5513-59

This material is being filed on fifteen days' notice and scheduled to become effective on January 31, 2009, consisting of tariff pages as indicated on the following check sheets:

Tariff FCC No. 1, Access Service 7th Revised Page 1

This tariff revision incorporates a text change to the Federal Universal Service Fund Surcharge description to reflect that the FUSF Surcharge exemption certification must now be completed and submitted to the Company's customer service center instead of through the Company's website. This filing also introduces a new Special Construction Arrangement - Case NO. 2008-448712 and renumbers various sections.

This filing is in compliance with and includes the necessary supporting material required by Sections 61.41 through 61.49 of the Commission's rules.

This transmittal letter and associated attachments are being filed electronically today via the Federal Communications Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS).

Payment in the amount of \$775.00 has been electronically transmitted to the U.S. Bank, 1005 Convention Plaza, SL-MO-C2-GL, St. Louis, MO 63101, in accordance with the fee program procedures. The Form 159 is being transmitted electronically via EFTS.

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Petitions pertaining to this filing may be served by facsimile to:

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All correspondence and inquiries concerning this transmittal should be addressed to Sharon Thomas at 407-740-3031 or sthomas@tminc.com, P.O. Box 200, Winter Park, Florida 32790-0200.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon Thomas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sharon" and last name "Thomas" clearly distinguishable.

Sharon Thomas
Consultant to
The FairPoint Telephone Companies

Attachments:
Revised Tariff Pages
Form 159

Copy: US Bank, 1005 Convention Plaza, SL-MO-C2-GL, St. Louis, MO 63101
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