

THE FAIRPOINT TELEPHONE COMPANIES

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Transmittal No. 18

Description and Justification

FairPoint Telephone Companies (FairPoint) hereby submits revisions to F.C.C. Tariff No. 1 with the required supporting documentation to consolidate FairPoint's SS7 network and rehome the SS7 Signaling traffic. Through the consolidation, FairPoint will offer an optional connection point for customers served in the consolidated LATA. Customers affected by the consolidation have the choice of connecting to STPs directly through dedicated links or connect to a pair of link termination facilities called Facility Signaling Points of Interconnection (FSPOIs). Customers will not see an increase to the link and port charges they have today when connect to the FSPOIs as the FSPOIs are located in the same central office buildings where these customers currently terminate their dedicated links. Customers in the consolidated area that choose to connect directly to the STP pair must obtain the necessary interLATA facilities to reach the re-homed STP pair. Customers who are not connected to the STP pairs in the consolidating LATA are not impacted by this consolidation.

Price Cap Compliance

There is no impact on current base period demand or revenue. The API remains at or below the PCI and all SBIs are below the SBI Upper limits, as indicated on the IND-1 form off the Tariff Review Plan submitted in transmittal 16 on June 16, 2010.