



December 17, 2013

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

TRANSMITTAL No. 43

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
- China Telephone Co. - FRN #: 0003-7082-45
- Maine Telephone Co. - FRN # 0003-7082-29
- Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc. - FRN # 0003-7231-86
- FairPoint Vermont, Inc. - FRN # 0003-7232-02
- Sidney Telephone Company – FRN # 0003-7232-10
- Standish Telephone Co. – FRN # 0003-7082-86

This filing is made pursuant to Public Notice, DA 13-2388, CC Docket 96-45, released December 13, 2013 which updates the first quarter 2014 universal service fund (USF) contribution factor to 16.4 percent. This material is scheduled to become effective on fifteen (15) days' notice on January 1, 2014 and consists of the following Check Sheets:

Tariff FCC No. 1, Access Service	45 th Revised Page 1
Tariff FCC No. 2, Access Service	18 th Revised Page 1

This filing is in compliance with and includes the necessary supporting material required by Sections 61.38 through 61.49 of the Commission's rules.

The FairPoint Telephone Companies
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Charlotte, NC 28202
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The transmittal letter and associated attachments are being filed electronically today via the Federal Communications Commission's Electronic Tariff Filing System (ETFS) and payment in the amount of \$845.00 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.

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

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Other 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,

/s/Sharon Thomas

Sharon Thomas

Consultant to The FairPoint Telephone Companies

Enclosures:

Revised Tariff Pages
Description and Justification
Exhibits 1 - 3
Form 159
Copy: US Bank, 1005 Convention Plaza, SL-MO-C2-GL, St. Louis, MO 63101
Barbara Galardo, FairPoint
File: FairPoint Tariff No. 1 - Transmittal No. 43
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