



December 19, 2013

The FairPoint Telephone Companies
521 East Morehead Street, Suite 250
Charlotte, NC 28202

TRANSMITTAL No. 44

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 scheduled to become effective on December 20, 2013, consists of tariff pages as indicated on the following check sheet:

Tariff FCC No. 1, Access Service 46th Revised Page 1

This transmittal revises the shortfall penalty for Contract Tariff No. 51.

Supporting material as specified under Section 61.49 of the Commission's rules is not required with this filing.

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 via EFTS.

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

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Sincerely,

/s/Sharon Thomas

Sharon Thomas

Consultant to The FairPoint Telephone Companies

Attachments:

Revised Tariff Pages

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

Ms. Barbara Galardo, FairPoint

File: FairPoint Tariff No. 1 - Transmittal No. 44

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