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

TRANSMITTAL No. 54

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 15-1016 released September 14, 2015; CC Docket 96-45, which updates the fourth quarter 2015 universal service fund (USF) contribution factor to 16.7 percent. This material is scheduled to become effective on seven (7) days' notice on October 1, 2015 and consists of the following Check Sheets:

Tariff FCC No. 1, Access Service	56 th Revised Page 1
Tariff FCC No. 2, Access Service	25 th Revised Page 1

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 \$910.00 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.

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, FCC Secretary
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Petitions pertaining to this filing may be served to:

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Sincerely,

/s/Sharon Thomas

Sharon Thomas

Consultant to

The FairPoint Telephone Companies

Attachments: Revised Tariff Pages with Exhibits

Ms. Barbara Galardo, FairPoint

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