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1 Davis Farm Road
Portland, ME 04103

FRN: 0007709991

TRANSMITTAL No. 55

Secretary, Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554
ATTN: 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 15-1412, CC Docket 96-45, released December 11, 2015 which updates the first quarter 2016 universal service fund (USF) contribution factor to 18.2 percent. This material is being filed on fifteen (15) days' notice and scheduled to become effective on January 1, 2016, consisting of tariff pages as indicated on the following check sheets:

Tariff FCC No. 1, Access Service	57 th Revised Page 1
Tariff FCC No. 2, Access Service	26 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.

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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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