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Fairpoint Telecom Group  
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FRN: 0007709991  
TRANSMITTAL No. 61

Secretary, Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554  
ATTN: Wireline Competition Bureau

Dear Sir or Madam:

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 being made pursuant to Public Notice, DA 16-1367, CC Docket 96-45, released December 9, 2016 which updates the first quarter 2017 universal service fund (USF) contribution factor to 16.7 percent. This material is being filed on fifteen (15) days' notice and scheduled to become effective on December 31, 2016, consisting of tariff pages as indicated on the following check sheets:

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Tariff FCC No. 1, Access Service	63 <sup>rd</sup> Revised Page 1
Tariff FCC No. 2, Access Service	30 <sup>th</sup> Revised Page 1

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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 \$925.00 has been electronically transmitted to the U.S. Bank in St. Louis, Missouri in accordance with the fee program procedures.

This filing includes the necessary supporting materials as described in Section 61.38 of Commission Rules. Petitions pertaining to this filing may be served in person or by facsimile to:

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Any questions you may have regarding this filing should be directed to my attention at 407-740-3031 or via email to sthomas@tminc.com. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/Sharon Thomas

Sharon Thomas  
Consultant to Fairpoint Telecom Group

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