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**TRANSMITTAL No. 65**

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 submitted in accordance with the requirements of DA17-1009, released on October 13, 2017, and consists of FairPoint's Tariff Review Plan revisions and required supporting documentation. A summary of the revisions to FCC No. 1 is attached to this transmittal.

This material is being filed on fifteen (15) days' notice and scheduled to become effective on December 1, 2017, consisting of tariff pages as indicated on the following check sheets:

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Tariff FCC No. 1, Access Service	67 <sup>th</sup> Revised Page 1
Tariff FCC No. 2, Access Service	34 <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

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Enclosures: Description and Justification  
Exhibits 1 - 3  
Revised Tariff Pages FCC 1  
Revised Tariff Pages FCC 2

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FairPoint Telephone Companies  
Revisions to FCC #1

Summary

Section 2 – General Regulations

Added definitions

Section 6 – Switched Access Service

Replaced references to price band rates with “MSA pricing” since there are no price band distinctions for switched access services and unnecessary price bands were eliminated in Section 30.

Section 7 – Special Access Service

Removed references to rates in Section 31 where rates no longer exist in that section.

Removed references to pricing based on MSA designation for Special Access Services.

Added Section 7.4.12 to describe the application of competitive and non-competitive rates to Special Access Services based on FCC BDS order and added illustrative diagrams.

Section 14 – Communications Services

Replaced reference to Section 15 with Section 14 for Company operating territory.

Section 15 – Operating Territory and Metropolitan Statistical Areas of the FairPoint Telephone Companies

Changed title of Section 15 to Metropolitan Statistical Areas and Competitive Areas of the FairPoint Telephone Companies

Deleted Section 15.1, listing operating territories; these are already listed in Section 14.

Revised Section 15.2 to pricing in MSAs as it applies to Switched Access Services. Also replaced references to price band rates and charges to “MSA pricing,” since price band distinctions have been eliminated in the tariff for switched access services.

Replaced the MSA list in Section 15.2 with a new table that identifies, by rate center (CLLI), the state, county, MSA or non-MSA designation, applicable tariff section for rates, and MSA level of pricing flexibility for switched access services.

Added Section 15.3, which defines the designated competitive areas for special access services and applicable pricing. Added a table that identifies, by rate center (CLLI), the state, county, MSA or non-MSA designation for transport and non-end user channel terminations, the competitive or non-competitive county designation for end user channel terminations, and the tariff sections and rate bands applicable to end user channel terms and non-end user channel terms.

### Section 30 – Price Band Rates and Charges for Services eligible for pricing flexibility (i.e., contract pricing)

Deleted price band pricing for switched access services in Section 30.6 by deleting price band 4 and 5 rates (all price band rates were the same) and removing references to price bands.

In Section 30.7 (special access services), rates for price band 4 were eliminated as FairPoint does not have any special access service that is utilizing price band 4. Currently, only Rate Band 6 is utilized for rating from Section 30 for special access services. Therefore, Price band 5 rates were revised, where required, to reflect pricing for that service that existed in Section 31. This price band is designed to now reflect pricing for non-end user channel terminations and transport in wire centers that were not granted Phase II pricing flexibility by June 1, 2017 and pricing for end user channel terminations that are in designated “competitive counties.” Price band 6 rates were not changed; this band reflects prices for non-end user channel terminations and transport in wire centers that were granted Phase II pricing flexibility by June 1, 2017.

### Section 31 – Rates and Charges

Deleted rates and charges for special access services that are no longer subject to price cap pricing. All rates and charges removed from this section are now reflected in Section 30.