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Ms. Judith C. Whitney, Clerk
VERMONT PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD
People's United Bank Building, 4th Floor
112 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-2701

Re: Docket No. 8881
Joint Petition of Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc., Consolidated Communications, Inc., Falcon Merger Sub, Inc., FairPoint Communications, Inc., Telephone Operating Company of Vermont LLC, FairPoint Vermont, Inc., UI Long Distance, Inc., and Enhanced Communications of Northern New England, Inc., for Approval of a Transfer of Control by Merger, Pursuant to 30 V.S.A. §§ 107, 108, 109, 231(a), and 311

Dear Ms. Whitney:

On behalf of Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc., Consolidated Communications, Inc., and Falcon Merger Sub, Inc, I am writing to address several questions from the Clerk of the Public Service Board ("Board") in connection with the above-referenced matter.

Assuming the merger Transaction proposed here is approved, at the appropriate time, there will be a brand name change, such that the Vermont FairPoint operating entities, *i.e.*, Telephone Operating Company of Vermont LLC, Enhanced Communications of Northern New England, Inc., FairPoint Vermont, Inc., and UI Long Distance, Inc., will be rebranded to do business as "Consolidated Communications." At present, Consolidated Communications, Inc. is not planning to make that brand change for at least six month following the closing.

The brand change will include changing the name of FairPoint Communications, Inc., as well. At closing, FairPoint Communications, Inc. will become a subsidiary of Consolidated

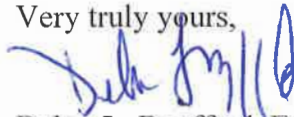
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Communications, Inc. Once the brand change occurs, Consolidated Communications, Inc. expects that the FairPoint Communications, Inc. name will change to either be called "FairPoint Communications, Inc., a Consolidated Communications company," or changed to be "FairPoint Communications, Inc. d/b/a Consolidated Communications."

The proposed merger Transaction involves the acquisition of 100% of the common stock of FairPoint Communications, Inc. in exchange for shares of common stock of Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. After closing, all of the FairPoint Communications, Inc. stock will be owned by Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc. Consolidated Communications, Inc. is a subsidiary of Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



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