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Mrs. Judith C. Whitney, Clerk
Vermont Public Service Board
112 State Street, 4th Floor
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**Re: Docket No. _____
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 Judy:

On behalf of the Petitioners, enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter are an original and six (6) copies of the “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” (the “Joint Petition”), together with a “Notice of Appearance” submitted by counsel to the respective Petitioners.

We respectfully request expedited action by the Public Service Board (“Board”) on the Joint Petition and ask that this matter be scheduled for prehearing conference as soon as is reasonably convenient for the Board. Petitioners intend to submit testimony in support of this Joint Petition on or before January 9, 2017.

We also ask that the Board place the following names on the service list in this matter:

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Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please let us know if you have any questions regarding this Joint Petition.

Sincerely,



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