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Form Type	54.313 and 54.422

**(300) Unfulfilled Service Request
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<300> Unfulfilled service request (voice)

<310> Detail on attempts (voice)
Name of Attached Document

<320> Unfulfilled service request (broadband)

<330> Detail on attempts (broadband) _____
Name of Attached Document

(400) Number of Complaints per 1,000 customers Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<400> Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report voice complaints (zero or greater) for voice telephony service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. Offered only fixed voice

<410> Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed voice

<420> Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile voice

<430> Select from the drop-down list to indicate how you would like to report end-user customer complaints (zero or greater) for broadband service in the prior calendar year for each service area in which you are designated an ETC for any facilities you own, operate, lease, or otherwise utilize. Offered only fixed broadband

<440> Complaints per 1000 customers for fixed broadband

<450> Complaints per 1000 customers for mobile broadband

**(500) Compliance With Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules
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<500>	Certify compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules	Yes
522453WA510 .pdf		
<510>	Descriptive document for Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance	
<515>	Certify compliance with applicable minimum service standards	

**(600) Functionality in Emergency Situations
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<600> Certify compliance regarding ability to function in emergency situations	Yes
<610> Descriptive document for Functionality in Emergency Situations	522453WA610.pdf

(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<701> Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">1/1/2017</td> </tr> </table>	1/1/2017
1/1/2017		
<702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	<table border="1" style="margin: auto;"> <tr> <td style="height: 20px;"> </td> </tr> </table>	

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State	Exchange (ILEC)	SAC (CETC)	Rate Type	Residential Local Service Rate	State Subscriber Line Charge	State Universal Service Fee	Mandatory Extended Area Service Charge	Total per line Rates and Fees	

-- See attached worksheet

(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
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<900> Does the filing entity offer tribal land services? (Y/N) No

<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

<921>

- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.



**(1000) Voice and Broadband Service Rate Comparability
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<1000> Voice services rate comparability certification Yes

<1010> Attach detailed description for voice services rate comparability compliance
Voice_Broadband Service Rate Comparability.pdf

Name of Attached Document

<1020> Broadband comparability certification Yes - Pricing is no more than the most recent applicable benchmark announced by the Wireline Competition Bureau

<1030> Attach detailed description for broadband comparability compliance

Name of Attached Document

**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
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<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Y/N)

<1130>

**(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
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<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP www.tariffs.net/fairpoint/tier.asp?cid+1644

<1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,

<1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,

<1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.

(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation	FCC Form 481
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Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

<2011>	3rd Year Certification 47 CFR §54.313(b)(1)(ii) - Note that for the July 2017 certification, this applies to Round 2 recipients of Incremental Support.	<input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>	
<2022>	Recipient certifies, representing year three after filing a notice of acceptance of funding pursuant to 54.312(c), that the locations in question are not receiving support under the Broadband Initiatives Program or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program for projects that will provide broadband with speeds of at least 4 Mbps/1Mbps - 54.313(b)(2)(i). Round 2 recipients only.	<input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>	
<2023>	The attachment on line 2024 includes a statement of the total amount of capital funding expended in the previous year in meeting Connect America Phase I deployment obligations, accompanied by a list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent. This covers year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.	<input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>	
<2024A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	<input type="text" value="No"/>	<input style="width: 100%; height: 50px;" type="text"/>
<2024B>	Attach list of census blocks indicating where funding was spent in year three - 54.313(b)(2)(ii). Round 2 recipients only.		Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
<2025A>	Round 2 Recipient of Incremental Support?	<input type="text" value="No"/>	
<2025B>	Attach geocoded Information for Phase I milestone reports (Round 2 for year three) - Connect America Fund , WC Docket 10-90, Report and Order, FCC 13-73, paragraph 35 (May 22, 2013).		Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
<2015>	2016 and future Frozen Support Certification 47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)		<input type="text" value="Not Applicable"/>

(2005) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

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Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

<2016> Certification support used to build broadband

Not Applicable

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

<2017A> Connect America Fund Phase II recipient?

No

<2017C> Total amount of Phase II support, if any, the price cap carrier used for capital expenditures in 2016.

<2018> Attach the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the carrier newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(A)

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

<2019> Recipient certifies that it bid on category one telecommunications and Internet access services in response to all FCC Form 470 postings seeking broadband service that meets the connectivity targets for the schools and libraries universal service support program for eligible schools and libraries located within any area in a census block where the carrier is receiving Phase II model-based support, and that such bids were at rates reasonably comparable to rates charged to eligible schools and libraries in urban areas for comparable offerings - 54.313(e)(1)(ii)(C)

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Select from the drop down menu or check the boxes below to note compliance with 54.313(f)(1). Privately held carriers must ensure compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Progress Report on 5 Year Plan

(3009) Carrier certifies to 54.313(f)(1)(iii)

(3010A) Certification of Public Interest Obligations {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i)}

(3010B) Please Provide Attachment Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3012A) Community Anchor Institutions {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii)}

(3012B) Please Provide Attachment Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2)} (Yes/No)

(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report (Yes/No)

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached PDF, on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

(3016) Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited? (Yes/No)

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3021) Management letter and/or audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit. If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers

(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification.

(3025) Document(s) with Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3005) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends

(4005) Rural Broadband Experiment Additional Documentation
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4005 Rural Broadband Experiment

Authorized Rural Broadband Experiment (RBE) recipients must address the certification for public interest obligations, provide a list of newly served community anchor institutions, and provide a list of locations where broadband has been deployed.

Public Interest Obligations – FCC 14-98 (paragraphs 26-29, 78)

Please address Line 4001 regarding compliance with the Commission’s public interest obligations. All RBE participants must provide a response to Line 4001.

4001. Recipient certifies that it is offering broadband to the identified locations meeting the requisite public interest obligations consistent with the category for which they were selected, including broadband speed, latency, usage capacity, and rates that are reasonably comparable to rates for comparable offerings in urban areas?

Community Anchor Institutions – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 79)

4003a. RBE participants must provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which they newly deployed broadband service in the preceding calendar year. On this line, please respond (yes – attach new community anchors, no – no new anchors) to indicate whether this list will be provided.

If yes to 4003A, please provide a response for 4003B.

4003b. Provide the number, names and addresses of community anchor institutions to which the recipient newly began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Broadband Deployment Locations – FCC 14-98 (paragraph 80)

4004a. Attach a list of geocoded locations to which broadband has been deployed as of the June 1st immediately preceding the July 1st filing deadline for the FCC Form 481. Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

4004b. Attach evidence demonstrating that the recipient is meeting the relevant public service obligations for the identified locations. Materials must at least detail the pricing, offered broadband speed and data usage allowances available in the relevant geographic area. Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: YCOM NETWORKS, INC.	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 06/27/2017
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Mike Skrivan	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: V.P. Regulatory	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 2075354150 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 522453	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/03/2017
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

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Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent Firm: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Name of Authorized Agent Employee: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
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Attachments

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<811>	Holding Company	FairPoint Communications, Inc.
<812>	Operating Company	YCOM Networks, Inc.

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	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
	Bentleyville Communications Corporation	170145	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Berkshire Cable Corp.		dba FairPoint Long Distance
	Berkshire Cellular, Inc.		
	Berkshire New York Access, Inc.		
	Berkshire Telephone Corporation	150073	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Big Sandy Telecom, Inc.	462192	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Bluestem Telephone Company	411835	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Chautauqua & Erie Communications, Ltd		
	Chautauqua & Erie Communications, Inc.		dba FairPoint Long Distance
	Chautauqua and Erie Telephone Corporation	150078	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	China Telephone Company	100004	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Chouteau Telephone Company	431981	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Columbine Telecom Company	462204	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Columbus Grove Telephone Co.	300604	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	COM Networks, Inc.		
	Comerco, Inc.		dba FairPoint Long Distance
	Community Service Telephone Co	100015	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	C-R Communications, Inc.		
	C-R Long Distance, Inc.		dba FairPoint Long Distance
	C-R Telephone Company	341009	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	El Paso Long Distance Company		dba FairPoint Long Distance
	El Paso Telephone Company	341004	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Ellensburg Telephone Company	522412	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.

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	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
	Elltel Long Distance Corp.		dba FairPoint Long Distance
	Enhanced Communications of Northern New England Inc.		
	ExOp of Missouri Inc.		
	FairPoint Broadband, Inc.		
	FairPoint Business Services LLC		
	FairPoint Carrier Services, Inc.		
	FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc.	421472	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	FairPoint Logistics, Inc. (f/k/a MJD Capital Corp.)		
	FairPoint Vermont, Inc. (TG)	143331	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Germantown Independent Telephone Company	300618	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Germantown Long Distance Company		dba FairPoint Long Distance
	GTC, Inc.	210291	(Floral) dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	GTC, Inc.	210329	(Perry) dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Maine Telephone Company, INC	100025	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Marianna Scenery Hill Telephone Company	170185	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Marianna Tel., Inc.		
	MJD Services Corp.		
	MJD Ventures, Inc.		
	Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC (NNE)	125113	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC (NNE)	105111	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc.	103313	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Odin Telephone Exchange, Inc	341065	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Orwell Communications, Inc.		dba FairPoint Long Distance

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	Orwell Telephone Company	300649	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Peoples Mutual Long Distance		
	Peoples Mutual Telephone Co	190244	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Quality One Technologies, Inc.		dba FairPoint Long Distance
	Ravenswood Communications, Inc.		
	Sidney Telephone Company	103313	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	ST Enterprises, Ltd.		
	ST Long Distance, Inc.		dba FairPoint Long Distance (Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma)
	St. Joe Communications, Inc.	210339	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Standish Telephone Company, INC	100025	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Sunflower Telephone Co	461835	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Taconic Technology Corp.		
	Taconic TelCom Corp.		dba FairPoint Long Distance
	Taconic Telephone Corp.	150084	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Telephone Operating Company of Vermont LLC (NNE)	145115	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	UI Long Distance, Inc.		dba FairPoint Long Distance
	Utilities, Inc.		dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	YCOM Networks, Inc.	522453	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.

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Line 510: Service Quality Reporting/Consumer Protection Rules Compliance:

YCOM Networks, Inc. hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. The Company complies with service quality and consumer protection provisions under state law. These provisions include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) filing a Local Exchange Tariff pursuant to the requirements of The Washington Public Service Commission which discloses rates, terms and conditions of service to customers; (2) compliance with state consumer protection provisions relating to Customer Services as identified in the Code of State Regulations, compliance with provisions for Quality of Service as identified in the Code of State Regulations, compliance with Service Objectives as identified in the Code of State Regulations, compliance with customer Inquiry procedure as identified in the Code of State Regulations, compliance with Dispute standards as identified in the Code of State Regulations; (3) compliance with truth-in-billing requirements; and (4) compliance with Federal CPNI rules, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

In establishing this certification in its *2005 ETC Order*,¹ the FCC found that an ETC must make "a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers."² The Commission found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA's Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis. In this context, the FCC stated, "to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement."³

YCOM Networks Inc. is not subject to Service Quality reporting requirements in Washington.

If a customer has a concern about their FairPoint Communications' service or billing, he/she can contact repair service, technical support or customer service with information found on their statement. Customers may also contact agencies, through information posted in the phone directory, website, and tariff pages. All consumer complaints whether from Attorney Generals' offices, Public Utility Commissions, Better Business Bureaus, Federal Communications Commission and all other agencies are sent to the FairPoint Communications' Maine office via U.S. Mail or by electronic mail at consumer@fairpoint.com. The complaints are directed to the appropriate responsible Company Team member within FairPoint Communications for resolution and response to the customer.

¹ *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) ("2005 ETC Order").

² *Id.* at para. 28.



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Business Continuity Plan Overview

Introduction

FairPoint Communications, Inc. ("FairPoint") is committed to maintaining a vigilant state of disaster preparedness for the interests of our customers, stockholders, employees and other critical stakeholders.

The purpose of our Business Continuity Plan ("BCP") is to define the disaster preparedness and recovery protocols and procedures required to restore FairPoint's critical business support functions, inside and outside plant systems and operations within FairPoint's operating footprint.

BCP components detail FairPoint's procedures for preparing for and responding to an emergency situation affecting our ability to deliver core services to our customers and our ability to meet legal dictates, and regulatory requirements.

This document discusses the following:

- BCP Scope
- BCP Components
- Plan Maintenance

BCP Scope

FairPoint's business continuity response planning is concentrated on two critical operational areas:

- Customer Interfacing – It is recognized that a "business impact" only occurs when an *external-interfacing* element is disrupted. In essence, this means that if FairPoint experiences a disruptive event, but one that does not breach the outer-shell of the FairPoint operation and interrupt critical customer services, customer product or other external end-user, then it does not have a business impact, as defined by the BCP
- Infrastructure Integrity – Without critical infrastructure systems, the ability for all other FairPoint business operations (back / front office) can come to a halt. It is these infrastructure systems that provide the critical human-factor of our customer-interfacing services. Critical infrastructure would address such services / systems as, building space for staff and equipment, service utilities, telecommunications and data network, IT network, and related infrastructure based items.

The BCP has been developed to assure the continuity of critical customer interfacing services and systems should a physical incident or workforce disruption event occur, which affects:

- Information Technology ("IT")
- Administrative and Support Operations
- Inside and Outside Plant Operations
- Network Operations Center ("NOC")
- Enhanced 9-1-1 ("E-911")
- Dispatch
- Repair Center

FairPoint has developed response / recovery strategies addressing physically disruptive incidents and workforce related disruptive incidents. All response strategies are based on recovery time objectives of those department functions and critical infrastructure systems essential to sustain customer interfacing services.



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BCP Components

The BCP consists of several components:

- Operational Preparedness for Expected Events (i.e. weather related events)
- Event / Crisis Communication Plan
- Redundancy Mapping
- Department Recovery Plans
- Information Technology Continuity Plan

The following is a brief summary of the plan components.

Operational Preparedness for Expected Events

Weather events such as snow, ice and wind can negatively impact power and communications infrastructure. While this threat cannot be eliminated, FairPoint takes steps to mitigate a storm's impact through preparedness and response. Steps include:

- Pre-event planning based on information provided by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA")
- Coordinate planning and recovery efforts through state emergency management groups
- Engage supply chain vendors to deliver additional stock prior to the expected event
- Inspect, test and fuel emergency generators in anticipation of a power outage
- Reallocate / relocate staff in order to respond to the pending event

Event / Crisis Communication Plan

Communications is a key element to respond and recover business operations. Event / Crisis Communications are facilitated by FairPoint's Risk Management Team who assume the role of incident command from the onset of the event until normal operations are resumed.

FairPoint uses a dual level communication strategy as part of the Event Communication Plan. The primary level is the workgroup comprised of both employees and vendors that are directly involved in the recovery work. The secondary level consists of internal interested parties made up of our Strategic Leadership Team. The role of the secondary level is to facilitate communications both internally and externally regarding the event and our path to response and recovery. For 2014, FairPoint has partnered with SunGard and will be deploying a hosted event communication platform in order to increase our speed and reach of communications during an event.

Redundancy Mapping

The process of redundancy mapping reviews operations within the FairPoint organization to identify alternate facilities and work locations that can be used in the event a primary location is not accessible. Given the geographic spread of FairPoint's Northern New England footprint, capabilities exist to relocate operations from event impacted areas. Through the mapping process, FairPoint is able to identify single points of failure and develop alternative work processes.

Department Recovery Plans

Each department has developed a recovery plan based on its critical operations as they pertain to the deliverables they contribute to our customers. FairPoint has triaged the recovery efforts based on the concept of customer servicing impact. Federal and State regulatory requirements, along with E-911 needs, have a high level of consideration in addition to the business impact concerns. The BCP goal is to minimize the disruption duration as much as is practical and provide a level of risk mitigation that will maintain critical operations. The recovery plans are built around a 24-hour to 72-hour response plan. This methodology



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focuses on the immediate steps that need to be taken to recover functional operations within short duration events (less than 24 hours) and well as long term plans to maintain functionality during an extended event (up to, or greater than 72 hours).

IT Recovery Plan

Like most operations, FairPoint is dependent on an IT infrastructure to conduct business and serve customers. Because of its importance, FairPoint has a continuity plan established specifically for IT operations. The IT continuity plan addresses security and access control of data sites, onsite / offsite data backup methods, processes for sequencing of system(s) recoveries and ultimately the use and execution of our established Disaster Recovery Site located outside the FairPoint footprint.

Plan Maintenance and Exercising

The BCP is a so called "living" document. Updates to the plan are ongoing with changes incorporated annually at a minimum. Individual plan components are reviewed with oversight from FairPoint's Risk Management Team. In 2013, FairPoint began the process of migrating the BCP onto a cloud based solution which will allow access to the plan components from any computer, smartphone and tablet.

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Line 1010 – Voice Service Rate Comparability

Line 1030 – Broadband Service Rate Comparability

The pricing of the company's voice service and Broadband service rate are no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate for voice and broadband services, as specified in the most recent public notice, FCC 17-167 released on February 14, 2017.

For Rates See Attachment: (700) Company Price Offerings (voice)
(710) Company Price Offerings (broadband)