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7 **BEFORE THE WASHINGTON
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

8 IN RE

9 DOCKET NO.

10 PETITION OF YCOM NETWORKS, INC.
11 D/B/A FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS
12 TO RECEIVE SUPPORT FROM THE
13 UNIVERSAL SERVICE
COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

PETITION FOR SUPPORT

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15 COMES NOW YCOM Networks, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications (the "Company")
16 and, pursuant to Chapter 480-123 of the Washington Administrative Code ("WAC"), including, but
17 not limited to, WAC 480-123-110, hereby petitions the Washington Utilities and Transportation
18 Commission (the "Commission") to receive support from the Universal Service Communications
19 Program (the "Program") for the Program year 2015.

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21 **I. Demonstration of Eligibility under WAC 480-123-100**

- 22 1. WAC 480-123-100(1)(a): The Company is a local exchange company as defined in WAC
23 480-120-021 that serves less than forty thousand access lines within the state.

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- 1 2. WAC 480-123-100(1)(b): The Company is an incumbent local exchange carrier as defined
2 in 47 U.S.C. Sec. 251(h) or has been designated as an incumbent local exchange carrier by
3 the Federal Communications Commission.
- 4 3. WAC 480-123-100(1)(c): The Company offers basic residential and business exchange
5 telecommunications services as set forth in WAC 480-120-021 and RCW 80.36.630.
- 6 4. WAC 480-123-100(1)(d): The Company's rates for residential local exchange service, plus
7 mandatory extended area service charges, are no lower than the local urban rate floor
8 established by the Commission as the benchmark rate based on the Federal Communications
9 Commission's national local urban rate floor pursuant to 47 C.F. R. Sec. 54.318 in effect on
10 the date of this Petition.
- 11 5. WAC 480-123-100(1)(e): The Company has been designated by the Commission as an
12 eligible telecommunications carrier for purposes of receiving federal universal services
13 support pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Part 54 Subpart D - Universal Service Support for High Cost
14 Areas with respect to the service areas for which the Company is seeking Program support.

15 **II. Demonstration of Eligibility under WAC 480-123-110**

- 16 1. WAC 480-123-110(1)(a): The name of the legal entity that provides communications
17 services and is seeking Program support is as follows: YCOM Networks, Inc. d/b/a
18 FairPoint Communications.
- 19 2. WAC 480-123-110(1)(b): A corporate organization chart showing the relationship between
20 the Company and all affiliates as defined in RCW 80.16.010 is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.
21 A detailed description of any transactions between the Company and the affiliates named in
22 Exhibit 1 recorded in the Company's operating accounts is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.
- 23 3. WAC 480-123-110(1)(c): A service area map for the Company can be found at Section IV,
24 Sheet Nos. 6 and 6.1 of the Company's Tariff WN U-5.
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- 1 4. WAC 480-123-110(1)(d): A demonstration that the Company's customers are at risk of rate
2 instability or service interruption or cessation in the absence of support from the Program is
3 attached as Exhibit 3.
- 4 5. WAC 480-123-110(1)(e)(i): On the Commission's prescribed form, attached as Exhibit 4,
5 are copies of the Company's balance sheet as of December 31, 2013, and December 31,
6 2012, and copies of the Company's statements of income and retained earnings or margin for
7 the years ended December 31, 2013, and December 31, 2012.
- 8 6. WAC 480-123-110(1)(e)(ii): A copy of the Company's consolidated annual financial
9 statements for the years ended December 31, 2012, and December 31, 2013, are
10 attached as Exhibit 5.
- 11 7. WAC 480-123-110(1)(e)(iii): Information demonstrating the Company's earned rate of
12 return on a total Washington unseparated regulated operations basis for each of the two prior
13 years, calculated in the manner prescribed by the Commission, is provided in Exhibit 4.
- 14 8. WAC 480-123-110(1)(e)(iv): Information demonstrating the Company's earned return on
15 equity on a total company (regulated and non-regulated) Washington basis for each of the
16 two prior years, calculated in the manner prescribed by the Commission, is provided in
17 Exhibit 4.
- 18 9. WAC 480-123-110(1)(e)(v): Information detailing all of the Company's revenues from the
19 statements of income and retained earnings or margin in the same format and detail as is
20 required to complete RUS Form 479 for the prior two years is presented on Exhibit 4.
- 21 10. WAC 480-123-110(1)(e)(vi): A statement under penalty of perjury from a Company officer
22 with personal knowledge and responsibility certifying that no corporate operations
23 adjustment to existing high-cost loop and interstate common line support mechanisms
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1 required by the Federal Communications Commission applied to the Company for the two
2 prior years is attached hereto as Exhibit 7.

3 11. WAC 480-123-110(1)(e)(vii): Exhibit 4 contains additional supporting information
4 requested by the Commission.

5 12. WAC 480-123-110(1)(e)(viii): A statement under penalty of perjury from a Company
6 officer with personal knowledge and responsibility certifying that the Company complies
7 with state and federal accounting, cost allocation, and cost adjustment rules pertaining to
8 incumbent local exchange companies is attached as Exhibit 8.

9 13. WAC 480-123-110(1)(f): A complete copy of the FCC Form 481 filed by the Company or
10 on its behalf with the Federal Communications Commission for the calendar year preceding
11 the current year has already been filed with the Commission. See the Company's filing in
12 Docket No. UT-143013 filed on or about July 1, 2014.

13 14. WAC 480-123-110(1)(g): The number of residential local exchange access lines served by
14 the Company as of December 31, 2013, was 6,126. The number of residential local
15 exchange access lines served by the Company as of December 31, 2012, was 6,682. The
16 number of business local exchange access lines served by the Company as of December 31,
17 2013, was 1,424. The number of business local exchange access lines served by the
18 Company as of December 31, 2012, was 1,497. The monthly recurring rate charged by the
19 Company for residential local exchange access service on December 31, 2013, was \$16.00.
20 The monthly recurring rate charged by the Company for residential local exchange access
21 service on December 31, 2012, was \$16.00. The rate charged by the Company for single
22 line business local exchange access service on December 31, 2013, was \$24.00. The rate
23 charged by the Company for single line business local exchange access service on December
24 31, 2012, was \$24.00. (The Company has other business local exchange service rates, but
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1 the Company understands that WAC 480-123-110(1)(g) is requesting the single line
2 business local exchange access service rate.)

3 15. WAC 480-123-110(1)(h): The requested statement is attached as Exhibit 9.

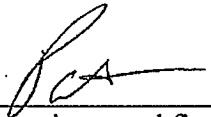
4 16. All exhibits attached hereto are incorporated into this Petition as though fully set forth.

5 Respectfully submitted this 31st day of July, 2014.

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7 YCOM NETWORKS, INC. D/B/A
8 FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS

9 By Patrick L Morse, Sr VP Govt'l Affairs

10 CERTIFICATION

11 I  _____, an officer of the Company that is responsible for the
12 Company's business and financial operations, hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the
13 information and representations set forth in the Petition, above, are accurate and the Company has
14 not knowingly withheld any information required to be provided to the Commission pursuant to the
15 rules governing the Program.

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