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## VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Mr. Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW

Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: Ellensburg Telephone Company – Second Revision of Sheet No. 205 Cancelling First Revision of Sheet No. 205

Dear Mr. King:

Attached you will find the above-reference tariff sheet. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued a clarification order in 2014 that allows carriers to bill a composite rate for all end office per minute rates. Paragraph 17 of FCC DA14-434A1 states that the FCC clarifies “that both price cap and rate-of-return carriers may tariff the single composite rate as a terminating local switching access rate, consistent with the ICC transition, as long as all other rate elements associated with terminating end office access service are reduced to zero.” NECA is moving to a composite rate and this filing reflects that change.

In addition to billing a single composite rate as terminating local end office switching, FairPoint has combined the per minute End Office – Local Switching rate and the End Office – Information Surcharge for originating traffic into a composite rate. There is no revenue impact with this change. By combining these two rate elements, the originating access rate structure will mirror the terminating access rate structure. FairPoint will continue to bill for all other originating access charges as separate rate elements.

This filing should be treated as a compliance filing under the FCC’s Transformation Order.[[1]](#footnote-1)

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

RICHARD A. FINNIGAN

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Enclosure

cc: Client (via e-mail)

1. *In the Matter of Connect America Fund, A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, High-Cost Universal Service Support, Developing an Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Lifeline and Link-Up, Universal Service Reform - Mobility Fun,*  WC Docket No. 10-90, GN Docket No. 09-51, WC Docket No. 07-135, WC Docket No. 05-337, CC Docket No. 01-92, CC Docket No. 96-45, WC Docket No. 03-109, WT Docket No. 10-208, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161 (rel. Nov. 18, 2011)(*USF/ICC Transformation Order*). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)