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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: 2013 Connect America Fund Incremental Support Election

Dear Ms. Dortch:

FairPoint Communications hereby accepts \$3,311,150 of its eligible funding for Connect America Fund Phase I incremental support for 2013. To satisfy its deployment obligation in connection with this funding, FairPoint will deploy broadband to 1,284 unserved locations and 4,211 locations with low speed Internet.

Please see the attached files, which identify by 2010 Census Block FIPS code, NECA Company Code (OCN), Study Area Code, wire center CLLI code, latitude, and longitude, the locations where FairPoint intends to use the funding to provide broadband service to eligible locations.

Please distribute the funds as follows:

Company	Address	SAC	SPIN	Amount
Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC (Maine)	521 East Morehead Street, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28202	105111	143032501	\$1,034,850
Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC (New Hampshire)	521 East Morehead Street, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28202	125113	143032501	\$848,100
Chautauqua & Erie Telephone Corporation	521 East Morehead Street, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28202	150078	143001321	\$193,250
Bluestem Telephone Company	521 East Morehead Street, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28202	411835	143002721	\$104,950
Taconic Telephone Company	521 East Morehead Street, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28202	150084	143001324	\$162,750
Peoples Mutual Telephone Company	521 East Morehead Street, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28202	190244	143001413	\$626,550
Ellensburg Telephone Company	521 East Morehead Street, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28202	522412	143002592	\$15,400
Marianna and Scenery Hill Telephone Company	521 East Morehead Street, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28202	170185	143015658	\$35,200
GTC, Inc. (Perry)	521 East Morehead Street, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28202	210329	143001436	\$17,050
GTC, Inc. (Port St. Joe)	521 East Morehead Street, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28202	210339	143001442	\$243,350
GTC, Inc. (Floral)	521 East Morehead Street, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28202	210291	143001433	\$29,700

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.312(C)(5), the undersigned certifies that

(1) the locations that will be served in satisfaction of the deployment requirement associated with these funds, identified by wire center and 2010 Census block ID in the attached file, are shown as unserved or served with low speed Internet by fixed broadband offered by any provider other than FairPoint Communications or an affiliate on the current version of the National Broadband Map (last confirmed on June 25, 2012);

(2) that, to the best of the knowledge of FairPoint Communications, these locations are, in fact, unserved by fixed broadband or served with low speed internet;

(3) that FairPoint Communications' current capital improvement plan did not already include plans to complete broadband deployment within the next three years to the locations to be counted to satisfy the deployment requirement;

(4) that this incremental support will not be used to satisfy any merger commitment or similar regulatory obligation to deploy lower speed Internet access service that does not meet the 4 Mbps/1Mbps broadband speed threshold;

(5) that FairPoint has accepted support for this round of Phase I support under the rules covering the first round, to the extent FairPoint is able to do so, before it availed itself of the expanded eligibility of areas adopted in this Order. Specifically, FairPoint is not accepting funding for locations already served by Internet access with speeds of 768 kbps/200 kbps unless the carrier has already accepted funding for all projects or routes including locations unserved by 768 kbps/200 kbps that can economically be built with \$775 in Connect America funding for each location unserved by 768 kbps/200 kbps plus an equal amount of non-Connect America carrier capital expenditure funding. FairPoint, to the extent it has multiple projects or routes for which it would be economic to extend service with a one-for-one match of Connect America funding, prioritized funded projects or routes so as to maximize the number of newly served locations that are currently unserved by Internet access with speeds of 768 kbps/200 kbps that will receive service as a result of Phase I funding;

(6) that FairPoint, to the best of its knowledge after due diligence investigation, is not accepting support for any census block containing a project that received funding under the Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), so long as the project meets the speed requirement that would disqualify the location from Phase I; and

(7) that FairPoint did not seek to count locations in its own service territory that are shown on the current version of the National Broadband Map (data as of June 2012) as served 3 Mbps/768 kbps.

Respectfully submitted,



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