Important Notice

Ellensburg Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications has filed with the Washington Utilities Commission to increase its residential flat rate effective June 1, 2012 from \$8.47 to \$10,00 per month. Also, the Company has requested authority to increase its rates to \$14.00 effective January 1, 2013.

The reason for this filing is the Federal Communications Commission has issued FCC Order No. 11-161 that requires the Company to increase rates to the levels set forth in this Notice or face a corresponding reduction in Universal Service Support. The Commission has the authority to set rates that may vary from the company's request depending upon the outcome of it's investigation. Commission staff will make a recommendation to the commissioners at an open meeting in Olympia, which is opportunity to comment in person at this meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, the commission has a bridge line to enable you to participate by phone. Call 360-664-1234 the day before the meeting for instructions and to sign in. You can also comment by using the "Public Comment" feature at the Commissions's website, utc.wa.gov or by using the contact information below:

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commisson 1300 S Evergreen Park Dr SW PO Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250 Email: comments@utc.wa.gov Phone: 888-333-WUTC(9882)

Please contact FairPoint Customer Service at 800-400-5568 with any questions.