

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of )  
The Columbus Grove Telephone Company, )  
The Orwell Telephone Company, and )  
The Germantown Independent Telephone ) Case No. 07-140-TP-ACN  
Company Relative to the Use of the Trade )  
Name FairPoint Communications. )

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) On February 9, 2007, The Columbus Grove Telephone Company (Columbus Grove), The Orwell Telephone Company (Orwell), and The Germantown Telephone Company (Germantown) (collectively, "Applicants") filed a joint application relative to the use of the trade name FairPoint Communications (FairPoint) for marketing their services and serving their Ohio customers. Applicants explain that they are affiliates of one another and subsidiaries of FairPoint, which is a telecommunications holding company. Applicants state that FairPoint has decided to brand each of its local exchange carriers with the trade name FairPoint Communications. By doing so, state Applicants, FairPoint will expand its national presence, and Applicants will be able to share advertising, logos, billing stock, equipment, and technician services. Applicants add that the FairPoint trade name has been registered with Ohio's Secretary of State.

The joint application indicates that the effective date for Orwell to use the new trade name is April 24, 2007. Columbus Grove will use the new trade name by April 26, 2007 and Germantown will do so by May 10, 2007. Applicants emphasize that terms and conditions of service will not change, nor will the Applicants' legal names. Applicants assert that customer notice will be provided via direct mail on March 23, 2007, thereby providing customers thirty days advance notice. Applicants request Commission approval of the joint application within thirty days of the February 9, 2007 filing.

- (2) The Commission observes that Applicants have included the following exhibits: (a) evidence that the FairPoint trade name

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has been registered with Ohio's Secretary of State for use by Columbus Grove, Orwell, and Germantown, (b) certification from Ohio's Secretary of State regarding Applicants' proper standing, (c) copies of customer notification letters, (d) affidavits concerning the mailing of customer notification letters, and (e) new tariff title sheets. All exhibits are in proper order and provide the appropriate information concerning Applicants' use of the FairPoint trade name. Accordingly, this joint application is approved by the Commission.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Applicants' use of the FairPoint trade name is approved. It is, further,

ORDERED, That Applicants mail the customer notification letters no later than March 23, 2007. It is, further,

ORDERED, That Applicants should not begin utilizing the FairPoint trade name until April 24, 2007. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this finding and order be served upon all parties and interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



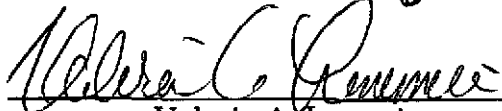
Alan R. Schriber, Chairman



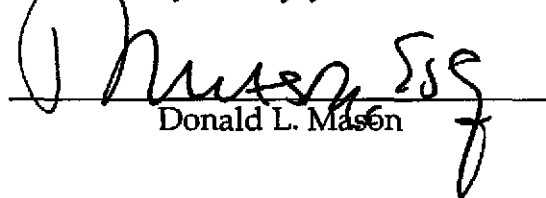
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