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Via Hand Delivery

Reneé J. Jenkins, Director
Office of Administration & Commission Secretary
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: In the Matter of the Application of The Germantown Independent Telephone Company to Add a Late Payment Charge to its Tariff; PUCO Case No. 07-1212-TP-ALI

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

Enclosed are an original and ten (10) copies of the executed Affidavit of John W. Sutphen, to be filed in connection with the above-referenced matter on behalf of The Germantown Independent Telephone Company. The Application was originally filed on November 27, 2007.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Very truly yours,

Carolyn S. Flahive

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Enclosures

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

Add a Late Payment Charge to its Tariff AFFIDAVI	j
In the Matter of the Application of The Germantown Independent Telephone Company to) Case No. 07-1212-TP-ALI

STATE OF NEW YORK) COUNTY OF COLUMBIA)

NOW COMES JOHN W. SUTPHEN, being first duly cautioned and sworn, deposes and says as follows:

- I am Regulatory and Legislative Manager for FairPoint Communications, Inc.
 ("Fairpoint"), 1 Taconic Place, Chatham, NY 12037. I am authorized to make
 this statement on behalf of FairPoint and do so in the ordinary discharge of my
 responsibilities.
- 2. The Germantown Independent Telephone Company ("Germantown") is a subsidiary of FairPoint. Germantown filed an application to add a late payment charge to its tariff on November 27, 2007.
- Customers were notified of the tariff revisions via a bill insert that mailed on December 1, 2007. A copy of the bill insert is attached to the tariff application as Exhibit D.
- 4. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 4 day of December 2007.

Notary Public

Notary Public

Comm. Capites Judy 31, 1900

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing executed Affidavit of John W. Sutphen were served upon the following by first-class mail, postage prepaid, this 7th day of December, 2007.

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