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June 30, 2015

Barcy F. McNeal, Secretary  
Docketing Division  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Re: *In the Matter of the Annual Filing Requirements For 2015 Pertaining to the  
Provisioning of High Cost Universal Service*  
Case No. 15-1115-TP-COI

*In the Matter of the Annual Filing Requirements For 2015 Pertaining to the  
Provisioning of Lifeline Universal Service*  
Case No. 15-1116-TP-COI

## FCC Form 481 Filing of The Germantown Independent Telephone Company

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Enclosed are four (4) copies of the **redacted** FCC Form 481-Carrier Annual Reporting that was filed with the Federal Communications Commission for filing on the public record in the above matters on behalf of The Germantown Independent Telephone Company. Please time stamp the extra copies and return them to our courier.

Also enclosed are four (4) **unredacted** copies of the confidential information to be filed under seal pursuant to the Motion for Protective Order filed in these matters on June 30, 2015. Please time stamp the extra copies of the confidential information being filed under seal, and return them to our courier.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

BAILEY CAVALIERI LLC

William A. Adams

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ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS		54.313 Completion Required	54.422 Completion Required
		(check box when complete)	
<100>	Service Quality Improvement Reporting (complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<200>	Outage Reporting (voice) (complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<330>	Detail on Attempts (broadband) (attach descriptive document)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<410>	Fixed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<440>	Fixed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<450>	Mobile	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<500>	Service Quality Standards & Consumer Protection Rules Compliance (check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<700>	Company Price Offerings (voice) (complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<710>	Company Price Offerings (broadband) (complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<800>	Operating Companies and Affiliates (complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900>	Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1000>	Voice Services Rate Comparability Certification (if yes, complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1010>	1010 Voice Service Rate Comparability.pdf (attach descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1100>	Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Yes or No) (if not, check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1110>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1200>	Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers (complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet**

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

<2000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet**

<3000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<3005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting  
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481  
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
July 2013

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<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC? If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing \$54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no ) <input checked="" type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>
<111>		(yes / no ) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing \$ 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

112 Service Quality Improvement Reporting 2015.pdf

Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets	Not Applicable
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received	Not Applicable
<115>	How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality	Not Applicable
<116>	How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage	Not Applicable
<117>	How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity	Not Applicable
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	Not Applicable

**(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)  
Data Collection Form**

<010>	Study Area Code
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<015>	Study Area Name
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<020>	Program Year
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<030>	Contact Name - Pe
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<035> Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data.

039	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line 030	bqalard09fairpoint
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	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge
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(710) Broadband Price Offerings  
Data Collection Form

FCC Form 481  
OMB Control No. 3050-0985/OMB Control No. 3050-0819  
July 2013

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(800) Operating Companies  
Data Collection Form

OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
July 2013

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>		bgalardofairpoint.com
<810>	Reporting Carrier		Germantown Independent Telephone Company
<811>	Holding Company		FairPoint Communications, Inc.
<812>	Operating Company		Germantown Independent Telephone Company

<a1> Affiliates	<a2> SAC	<a3> Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
<813>		

<010>	Study Area Code	300618
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	2075354126 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	bgalarido@fairpoint.com

<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

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**(1100) No Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting  
Data Collection Form**

FCC Form 481  
OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819  
July 2013

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	bgalardo@fairpoint.com

<1120> Please confirm whether terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g) (Yes, No).

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

**(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers**

**Lifeline**

**Data Collection Form**

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July 2013

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	bgalardo@fairpoint.com



Name of Attached Document

**<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans**

<1220>	Link to Public Website	HTTP	<a href="http://www.tariffs.net/fairpoint/tier.asp?cid=1644">www.tariffs.net/fairpoint/tier.asp?cid=1644</a>
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"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:



<1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,



<1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,



<1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.

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(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

Data Collection Form

Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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July 2013

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<030>	Contact Name - Person USAC should contact regarding this data	BARBARA BALARDO
<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	2075551212 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	BBALARDO@attipoint.com

Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

- <2010> 2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(i))
- <2011a> 3rd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii))
- <2011b> Attachment (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)(ii))

Not Applicable

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification (47 CFR § 54.312(a))

- <2012> 2013 Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(1))
- <2013> 2014 Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(2))
- <2014> 2015 Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(3))
- <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Calculation (47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4))

Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support (47 CFR § 54.313(d))

- <2016> Certification Support Used to Build Broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting (47 CFR § 54.313(e))

- <2017> 3rd year Broadband Service Certification
- <2018> 5th year Broadband Service Certification
- <2019> Interim Progress Certification

<2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

- <2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

FCC Form 481  
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**(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation**  
**Data Collection Form**

<01> Study Area Code 300618  
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<02> Program Year 2016  
<03> Contact Name Person USAC should contact regarding this data Barbara Galardo  
<03> Contact Telephone Number Number of person identified in data line <030> 2075354126 ext.  
<03> Contact Email Address Email address of person identified in data line <030> bgalardo@fca.fcc.gov

4.7. The USAC shall certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.  
**CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.**

(3010) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan  
Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year

(3012) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))

(3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))  
(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires.

(3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)

(3016) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

(3018) If the response is no on line 3014, Is your company audited?

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains

(3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement, or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications

(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3021) Management letter and audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit

If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

(3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers,

(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant

(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification

(3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows

(3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

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(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation (Continued)

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## Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

(3028) Operating Expenses

(3029) Net Income

(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

(3031) Total Assets

(3032) Total Debt

(3033) Total Equity

(3034) Dividends

<b>Certification - Reporting Carrier Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

<b>Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients</b>	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: GERMANTOWN INDEPEND	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 06/22/2015
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Mike Skrivan	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: Vice President Regulatory	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 2075354150 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 300618	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2015
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

<b>Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form</b>	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:**

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

**TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:**

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
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## Attachments



(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data  
Data Collection Form

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	Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge
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**(710) Broadband Price Offerings  
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(800) Operating Companies

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<811>	Holding Company	FairPoint Communications, Inc.
<812>	Operating Company	Germantown Independent Telephone Company

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	Affiliates	SAC	Doing Business As Company or Brand Designation
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	Berkshire Cable Corp.		dba FairPoint Long Distance
	Berkshire Cellular, Inc.		
	Berkshire New York Access, Inc.		
	Berkshire Telephone Corporation	150073	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Big Sandy Telecom, Inc.	462192	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Bluestem Telephone Company	411835	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Chautauqua & Erie Communications, Ltd		
	Chautauqua & Erie Communications, Inc.		
	Chautauqua and Erie Telephone Corporation	150078	dba FairPoint Long Distance
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	Chouteau Telephone Company	431981	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
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	Comerco, Inc.		dba FairPoint Long Distance
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	C-R Communications, Inc.		
	C-R Long Distance, Inc.		dba FairPoint Long Distance
	C-R Telephone Company	341009	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	El Paso Long Distance Company		dba FairPoint Long Distance
	El Paso Telephone Company	341004	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Ellensburg Telephone Company	522412	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.

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	ExOp of Missouri Inc.		
	FairPoint Broadband, Inc.		
	FairPoint Business Services LLC		
	FairPoint Carrier Services, Inc.		
	FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc.	421472	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	FairPoint Logistics, Inc. (f/k/a MJD Capital Corp.)		
	FairPoint Vermont, Inc. (TG)	143331	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Germantown Independent Telephone Company	300618	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Germantown Long Distance Company		dba FairPoint Long Distance
	GTC, Inc.	210291	(Floral) dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	GTC, Inc.	210229	(Perry) dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Maine Telephone Company, INC	100025	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Marianna Scenery Hill Telephone Company	170185	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Marianna Tel., Inc.		
	MJD Services Corp.		
	MJD Ventures, Inc.		
	Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC (NNE)	125113	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
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	Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc.	103113	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Odin Telephone Exchange, Inc	341065	dba FairPoint Communications Inc.
	Orwell Communications, Inc.		dba FairPoint Long Distance

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Line 112- Service Quality Improvement Reporting  
{47 CFR 54.313(a)(1)}

1. In the FCC's Public Notice DA 14-951, released May 1, 2014, the FCC waived the requirement for price cap ETCs to file a five-year plan. The bureau stated that "until the [Connect America Phase II forward-looking] cost model is adopted and incumbents have the opportunity to accept a state-level commitment, it does not serve the public interest" to require price cap ETCs to file five-year plans.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Connect America Fund et al.* WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Order, 28 FCC Rcd 2051, 2054, para. 8 (Wireline Comp. Bur. 2013) (*ETC Reporting Requirements Order*).

**Germantown Independent Telephone  
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**Line 510: Service Quality Reporting/Consumer Protection Rules Compliance**

Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications hereby certifies that it is complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. The Company complies with service quality and consumer protection provisions under state law and rule. These provisions include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) filing a Local Exchange Tariff pursuant to the requirements of The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio which discloses rates, terms and conditions of service to customers; (2) compliance with state consumer protection provisions relating to Customer Services as identified in Chapter 4901 of the Telephone Company Procedures and Standards, compliance with provisions for Quality of Service as identified in Chapter 4901 of the Telephone Company Procedures and Standards, , compliance with customer Inquiry procedure as identified in Chapter 4901 of the Telephone Company Procedures and Standards, compliance with Dispute standards as identified in Chapter 4901 of the Telephone Company Procedures and Standards; (3) compliance with truth-in-billing requirements; and (4) compliance with Federal CPNI rules, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

In establishing this certification in its *2005 ETC Order*,<sup>1</sup> the FCC found that an ETC must make "a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers." <sup>2</sup> The Commission found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA's Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis. In this context, the FCC stated, "to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement."<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) ("*2005 ETC Order*").

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at para. 28.

Germantown Independent Telephone Company, is not currently subject to service quality reporting. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Rules Chapter 4901:1-6 "Telephone Company Procedures and Standards" section 4901:1-6-12 "Service Requirements for BLES" states "A local exchange carrier (LEC) providing basic local exchange service (BLES) shall conduct its operations so as to ensure that the service is available, adequate, and reliable consistent with applicable industry standards." FairPoint Communications currently is not required to report any service quality results unless requested by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. For the service quality standards FairPoint Communications does track (a) Installation within 5 business days and (b) Out of Service Repair within 24 hours, its results are available, adequate, and reliable consistent with applicable industry standards.

If a customer has a concern about their FairPoint Communications' service or billing, he/she can contact repair service, technical support or customer service with information found on their billing statement. Customers may also contact agencies, through information posted in the phone directory, website, and tariff pages. All consumer complaints whether from Attorney Generals' offices, Public Utility Commissions, Better Business Bureaus, Federal Communications Commission and all other agencies are sent to the FairPoint Communications' Maine office via U.S. Mail or by electronic mail at [consumer@fairpoint.com](mailto:consumer@fairpoint.com). The complaints are directed to the appropriate responsible Company Team member within FairPoint Communications for resolution and response to the customer.

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## Business Continuity Plan Overview

### Introduction

FairPoint Communications, Inc. ("FairPoint") is committed to maintaining a vigilant state of disaster preparedness for the interests of our customers, stockholders, employees and other critical stakeholders.

The purpose of our Business Continuity Plan ("BCP") is to define the disaster preparedness and recovery protocols and procedures required to restore FairPoint's critical business support functions, inside and outside plant systems and operations within FairPoint's operating footprint.

BCP components detail FairPoint's procedures for preparing for and responding to an emergency situation affecting our ability to deliver core services to our customers and our ability to meet legal dictates, and regulatory requirements.

This document discusses the following:

- BCP Scope
- BCP Components
- Plan Maintenance

### BCP Scope

FairPoint's business continuity response planning is concentrated on two critical operational areas:

- Customer Interfacing – It is recognized that a "business impact" only occurs when an external-interfacing element is disrupted. In essence, this means that if FairPoint experiences a disruptive event, but one that does not breach the outer-shell of the FairPoint operation and interrupt critical customer services, customer product or other external end-user, then it does not have a business impact, as defined by the BCP
- Infrastructure Integrity – Without critical infrastructure systems, the ability for all other FairPoint business operations (back / front office) can come to a halt. It is these infrastructure systems that provide the critical human-factor of our customer-interfacing services. Critical infrastructure would address such services / systems as, building space for staff and equipment, service utilities, telecommunications and data network, IT network, and related infrastructure based items.

The BCP has been developed to assure the continuity of critical customer interfacing services and systems should a physical incident or workforce disruption event occur, which affects:

- Information Technology ("IT")
- Administrative and Support Operations
- Inside and Outside Plant Operations
- Network Operations Center ("NOC")
- Enhanced 9-1-1 ("E-911")
- Dispatch
- Repair Center

FairPoint has developed response / recovery strategies addressing physically disruptive incidents and workforce related disruptive incidents. All response strategies are based on recovery time objectives of those department functions and critical infrastructure systems essential to sustain customer interfacing services.





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### **BCP Components**

The BCP consists of several components:

- Operational Preparedness for Expected Events (i.e. weather related events)
- Event / Crisis Communication Plan
- Redundancy Mapping
- Department Recovery Plans
- Information Technology Continuity Plan

The following is a brief summary of the plan components.

#### **Operational Preparedness for Expected Events**

Weather events such as snow, ice, and wind can negatively impact power and communications infrastructure. While this threat cannot be eliminated, FairPoint takes steps to mitigate a storm's impact through preparedness and response. Steps include:

- Pre-event planning based on information provided by National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA")
- Coordinate planning and recovery efforts through state emergency management groups
- Engage supply chain vendors to deliver additional stock prior to the expected event
- Inspect, test, and fuel emergency generators in anticipation of a power outage
- Reallocate / relocate staff in order to respond to the pending event

#### **Event / Crisis Communication Plan**

Communications is a key element to respond and recover business operations. Event / Crisis Communications are facilitated by FairPoint's Risk Management Team who assume the role of incident command from the onset of the event until normal operations are resumed.

FairPoint uses a dual level communication strategy as part of the Event Communication Plan. The primary level is the workgroup comprised of both employees and vendors that are directly involved in the recovery work. The secondary level consists of internal interested parties made up of our Strategic Leadership Team. The role of the secondary level is to facilitate communications both internally and externally regarding the event and our path to response and recovery. For 2014, FairPoint has partnered with SunGard and will be deploying a hosted event communication platform in order to increase our speed and reach of communications during an event.

#### **Redundancy Mapping**

The process of redundancy mapping reviews operations within the FairPoint organization to identify alternate facilities and work locations that can be used in the event a primary location is not accessible. Given the geographic spread of FairPoint's Northern New England footprint, capabilities exist to relocate operations from event impacted areas. Through the mapping process, FairPoint is able to identify single points of failure and develop alternative work processes.

#### **Department Recovery Plans**

Each department has developed a recovery plan based on its critical operations as they pertain to the deliverables they contribute to our customers. FairPoint has triaged the recovery efforts based on the concept of customer servicing impact. Federal and State regulatory requirements, along with E-911 needs, have a high level of consideration in addition to the business impact concerns. The BCP goal is to minimize the disruption duration as much as is practical and provide a level of risk mitigation that will maintain critical operations. The recovery plans are built around a 24-hour to 72-hour response plan. This methodology



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focuses on the immediate steps that need to be taken to recover functional operations within short duration events (less than 24 hours) and well as long term plans to maintain functionality during an extended event (up to, or greater than 72 hours).

#### **IT Recovery Plan**

Like most operations, FairPoint is dependent on an IT infrastructure to conduct business and serve customers. Because of its importance, FairPoint has a continuity plan established specifically for IT operations. The IT continuity plan addresses security and access control of data sites, onsite / offsite data backup methods, processes for sequencing of system(s) recoveries and ultimately the use and execution of our established Disaster Recovery Site located outside the FairPoint footprint.

#### **Plan Maintenance and Exercising**

The BCP is a so called "living" document. Updates to the plan are ongoing with changes incorporated annually at a minimum. Individual plan components are reviewed with oversight from FairPoint's Risk Management Team. In 2013, FairPoint began the process of migrating the BCP onto a cloud based solution which will allow access to the plan components from any computer, smartphone and tablet.

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Line 1010 – Voice Service Rate Comparability

The pricing of the company's voice service rate is no more than two standard deviations above the applicable national average urban rate for voice service, as specified in the most recent public notice, FCC DA15-470 released on April 16, 2015.

For Rates See Attachment: (700) Company Price Offerings (voice)

Form 481 Line 1210- Terms & Conditions for Lifeline Customers

Germantown Independent Telephone Company provides a Lifeline Program discount for residence service for eligible low income customers. The Lifeline Program discount is applied to any month to month residence local service, package or bundle offering. The discount is intended to offset the Subscriber Line Charge and local line charge, although eligible packages and bundles may have toll calling included in the pricing for the offering.

The tariff page outlining the terms of the Lifeline Program in Germantown Independent Telephone Company is attached. The terms and conditions of residential basic local exchange service, package and bundle offerings can be found at <http://www.tariffs.net/fairpoint/tier.asp?cid=1644>.

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LIFELINE REQUIREMENTS

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The Company shall provide Lifeline service as defined in 47 C.F.R. § 54.401(a) on a non-discriminatory basis to all qualifying low-income customers. The Company's Lifeline service offering shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, including, but not limited to, 47 C.F.R. Part 54, Subpart E; the FCC's Lifeline reform order (Report and Order released February 6, 2012, WC Docket No. 11-42, et.al) and any subsequent clarifying orders; Section 4927.13, Revised Code; Rule 4901:1-6-19, Ohio Administrative Code; and the Commission's nontraditional Lifeline service order (Finding and Order adopted May 23, 2012, Case No. 10-2377-TP-COI) and any subsequent entries and/or orders.

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Issued: June 11, 2012

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Issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
Patrick L. Morse, Senior Vice President  
Germantown, Ohio

## 254(e) Affidavit for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers

### Affidavit:

As an authorized corporate officer of Germantown Independent Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications (Company Name), I, under penalty of perjury, hereby affirm familiarity with and understanding of the requirement of the Communications Act of 1934 as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 with respect to the receipt of Universal Service funds and affirm that any such funds that were received in the preceding calendar year (2014) were used and will be used in the coming calendar (2016) only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 254(e) and C. F. R. 54.314

Signature	Type or Print Name	Date
<i>Michael T. Skrivan</i>	Michael T. Skrivan	6/26/15

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June A.D. 2015

NOTARY PUBLIC *Nicoline F. Cordice*  
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Notary Public, Maine  
Commission Expires: My Commission Expires September 17, 2017