

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
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CASE NO: TA-2000-514

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of FairPoint)	
Communications Corp. for a Certificate of)	
Service Authority to Provide Basic Local)	
Telecommunications Service in Portions of the)	<u>Case No. TA-2000-514</u>
State of Missouri and to Classify Said)	
Services and the Company as Competitive)	

ORDER GRANTING ADDITIONAL TIME TO FILE DIRECT TESTIMONY

By an order issued on July 25, 2000, the Commission established a procedural schedule for this case. By that schedule, FairPoint Communications Corp. (FairPoint) was ordered to file its direct testimony on November 16. On November 15, FairPoint filed a Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule.

FairPoint's motion indicates that FairPoint and the other parties have agreed to enter into a unanimous stipulation and agreement to resolve this case pending the submission and review of certain financial information that was to be submitted to the Staff of the Commission (Staff) on November 15. In order to give Staff time to review that information, FairPoint requested that the procedural schedule be suspended for one week. FairPoint anticipates completing and filing the unanimous stipulation and agreement within that week. FairPoint represents that all parties to this case have been contacted and have no objection to the request to delay filing of testimony for one week.

The Commission has considered the Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule and finds that FairPoint should be allowed one additional week in which to file its direct testimony. One week from November 16 is

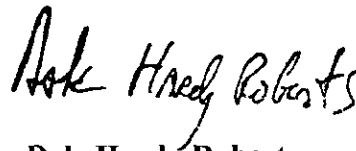
Thanksgiving Day so FairPoint's direct testimony will be due on the following Monday, November 27.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the procedural schedule is amended to provide that the Direct Testimony of FairPoint Communications Corp. shall be filed on November 27, 2000.

2. That this order shall become effective on November 27, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Morris L. Woodruff, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

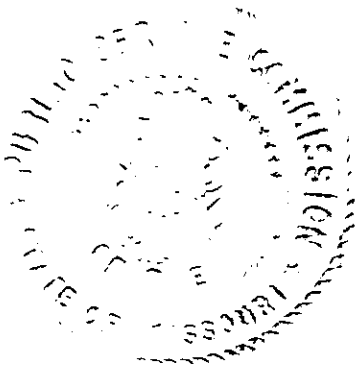
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 17th day of November, 2000.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 17th day of Nov. 2000.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge