# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Notice Filed	)	
Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-4.020	)	File No

## NOTICE OF INTENDED CASE FILINGS

FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications ("Company") hereby notifies the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020 as follows:

- 1. The Company is a small telecommunications carrier that provides telephone service in rural Missouri pursuant to certificate of service authority from the Commission.
  - 2. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020 provides, in part, as follows:
  - (2) Any regulated entity that intends to file a case likely to be a contested case shall file a notice with the secretary of the commission a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to filing such case. Such notice shall detail the type of case and issues likely to be before the commission.
- 3. On November 18, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued a *Report and Order* that made significant changes and modifications to the federal Universal Service Fund (USF) mechanisms and Intercarrier Compensation (ICC) rate structures. As a result, the Company anticipates making a variety of tariff filings during 2012 to implement the FCC's *Report and Order*. These filings are likely to include, but not be limited to, changes to intrastate access rates (both rate levels and structures), increases in end user rates, and other items required by the FCC's *Report and Order*.
- 4. It is not clear whether any of these filings will result in a contested case. In an abundance of caution, however, the Company is filing this notice in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS).

WHEREFORE, the Company hereby submits to the Commission this Notice of Intended Case Filing.

# Respectfully submitted,

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#### ATTORNEYS FOR THE COMPANY

## **Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that two, true and correct copies of the above and foregoing document was sent by electronic mail on this  $25^{th}$  day of January, 2012, to:

Missouri Public Service Commission Governor Office Building P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102 Office of the Public Counsel Governor Office Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor P.O. Box 7800 Jefferson City, MO 65102-7800

/s/ Larry W. Dority