

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of FairPoint)
Communications Missouri, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint)
Communications and Comcast Phone of)
Missouri, LLC d/b/a Comcast Digital Phone for)
Approval of an Interconnection Agreement)

File No. IK-2017-0177

NOTICE OF DEFICIENCY

Issue Date: December 16, 2016

On December 14, 2016, the Missouri Public Service Commission received a letter asking the Commission to approve the Interconnection Agreement by and between FairPoint Communications Missouri, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint Communications and Comcast Phone of Missouri, LLC, d/b/a Comcast Digital Phone. The letter is signed by Patrick L. Morse, who is not identified as an attorney licensed to practice law in Missouri or any other state, but only as FairPoint's Senior VP of Governmental Affairs.

Although the letter states the reason for the filing, the letter filed by Mr. Morse is not a pleading as required by 4 CSR 240-28.080(1).

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.040(5), pleadings filed with the Commission must be signed by at least one attorney of record authorized to practice law in Missouri unless the entity signing the pleading is a natural person acting solely on his or her own behalf and representing only him or herself. FairPoint's letter is signed by Mr. Morse, who does not identify himself as an attorney licensed to practice in Missouri and is obviously acting on behalf of the corporation rather than as a natural person or as the individual owner of FairPoint.

FairPoint's filing is deficient and the Commission will take no further action on FairPoint's request for approval of an Interconnection Agreement until the deficiencies are corrected. The Commission will leave the file open until January 6, 2017, to allow FairPoint to correct the deficiencies. If no response is filed by that time, the Commission will reject the application and close the file.

BY THE COMMISSION



Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary



Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 16th day of December, 2016.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge