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Subject: TL719 - FairPoint CAF I Acceptance
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Attached please find attached for filing the Letter of Acceptance filed on behalf of GTC, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications with the FCC on August 20, 2013.

Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding this filing.

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September 5, 2013

Commission Clerk
Florida Public Service Commission
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399-08

RE: 2013 Connect America Fund Incremental Support Election

Pursuant to FCC 54.313(i) in Docket No. WC-10-90, please find a copy of the Letter of Acceptance filed with the FCC on behalf of GTC, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint Communications regarding its eligible funding for Connect America Fund Phase I incremental support for 2013 in the state of Florida.

Please contact Beth Westman at 207.535.4249 or bwestman@fairpoint.com with any questions or concerns regarding this filing.

Sincerely,



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August 20, 2013

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: 2013 Connect America Fund Incremental Support Election

Dear Ms. Dortch:

FairPoint Communications hereby accepts \$3,311,150 of its eligible funding for Connect America Fund Phase I incremental support for 2013. To satisfy its deployment obligation in connection with this funding, FairPoint will deploy broadband to 1,284 unserved locations and 4,211 locations with low speed Internet.

Please see the attached files, which identify by 2010 Census Block FIPS code, NECA Company Code (OCN), Study Area Code, wire center CLLI code, latitude, and longitude, the locations where FairPoint intends to use the funding to provide broadband service to eligible locations.

Please distribute the funds as follows:

| Company | Address | SAC | SPIN | Amount |
|---|--|--------|-----------|-------------|
| Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC (Maine) | 521 East Morehead Street, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28202 | 105111 | 143032501 | \$1,034,850 |
| Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC (New Hampshire) | 521 East Morehead Street, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28202 | 125113 | 143032501 | \$848,100 |
| Chautauqua & Erie Telephone Corporation | 521 East Morehead Street, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28202 | 150078 | 143001321 | \$193,250 |
| Bluestem Telephone Company | 521 East Morehead Street, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28202 | 411835 | 143002721 | \$104,950 |
| Taconic Telephone Company | 521 East Morehead Street, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28202 | 150084 | 143001324 | \$162,750 |
| Peoples Mutual Telephone Company | 521 East Morehead Street, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28202 | 190244 | 143001413 | \$626,550 |
| Ellensburg Telephone Company | 521 East Morehead Street, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28202 | 522412 | 143002592 | \$15,400 |
| Marianna and Scenery Hill Telephone Company | 521 East Morehead Street, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28202 | 170185 | 143015658 | \$35,200 |
| GTC, Inc. (Perry) | 521 East Morehead Street, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28202 | 210329 | 143001436 | \$17,050 |
| GTC, Inc. (Port St. Joe) | 521 East Morehead Street, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28202 | 210339 | 143001442 | \$243,350 |
| GTC, Inc. (Floral) (sic) | 521 East Morehead Street, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28202 | 210291 | 143001433 | \$29,700 |

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.312(C)(5), the undersigned certifies that

(1) the locations that will be served in satisfaction of the deployment requirement associated with these funds, identified by wire center and 2010 Census block ID in the attached file, are shown as unserved or served with low speed Internet by fixed broadband offered by any provider other than FairPoint Communications or an affiliate on the current version of the National Broadband Map (last confirmed on June 25, 2012);

(2) that, to the best of the knowledge of FairPoint Communications, these locations are, in fact, unserved by fixed broadband or served with low speed internet;

(3) that FairPoint Communications' current capital improvement plan did not already include plans to complete broadband deployment within the next three years to the locations to be counted to satisfy the deployment requirement;

(4) that this incremental support will not be used to satisfy any merger commitment or similar regulatory obligation to deploy lower speed Internet access service that does not meet the 4 Mbps/1Mbps broadband speed threshold;

(5) that FairPoint has accepted support for this round of Phase I support under the rules covering the first round, to the extent FairPoint is able to do so, before it availed itself of the expanded eligibility of areas adopted in this Order. Specifically, FairPoint is not accepting funding for locations already served by Internet access with speeds of 768 kbps/200 kbps unless the carrier has already accepted funding for all projects or routes including locations unserved by 768 kbps/200 kbps that can economically be built with \$775 in Connect America funding for each location unserved by 768 kbps/200 kbps plus an equal amount of non-Connect America carrier capital expenditure funding. FairPoint, to the extent it has multiple projects or routes for which it would be economic to extend service with a one-for-one match of Connect America funding, prioritized funded projects or routes so as to maximize the number of newly served locations that are currently unserved by Internet access with speeds of 768 kbps/200 kbps that will receive service as a result of Phase I funding;

(6) that FairPoint, to the best of its knowledge after due diligence investigation, is not accepting support for any census block containing a project that received funding under the Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), so long as the project meets the speed requirement that would disqualify the location from Phase I; and

(7) that FairPoint did not seek to count locations in its own service territory that are shown on the current version of the National Broadband Map (data as of June 2012) as served 3 Mbps/768 kbps.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments

GTC Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications Underserved Locations 9.5.13

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FairPoint Applies for \$3.3 Million in CAF Phase I Funding

More than 15,000 locations across eight states to see high-speed connections as part of FCC broadband funding program

Charlotte, N.C. (August 27, 2013) – FairPoint Communications, Inc. (NasdaqCM: FRP), a leading provider of advanced communications across 17 states, has applied for \$3.3 million from the Federal Communications Commission’s Connect America Fund to bring high-speed Internet to more than 5,490 locations. The CAF funding, along with FairPoint’s own additional investment, will bring high-speed internet access to more than 15,000 locations.

The funding will enable FairPoint to provide high-speed broadband service to those high-cost unserved and underserved locations in its largely rural markets that qualify under the Connect America Fund guidelines. FairPoint will make its own additional investment to supplement the federal funding.

FairPoint now has more than 15,000 miles of fiber throughout its northern New England footprint and reaches more than 95 percent of business locations. The company has earned a “best-in-class” reputation in providing Ethernet backhaul service to wireless providers in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

In Maine, FairPoint plans to expand and upgrade broadband Internet to approximately 6,000 locations in 45 towns of which 1,659 locations qualify for CAF funding. In New Hampshire, approximately 7,000 locations in 18 towns will see enhancements of which 1,470 locations qualify for CAF funding. FairPoint also plans

to expand and upgrade broadband Internet to approximately 2,360 CAF-qualified locations across its markets in New York, Washington, Virginia, Kansas, Pennsylvania and Florida. The Connect America Fund project buildout will span three years.

About FairPoint Communications, Inc.

FairPoint Communications, Inc. (NasdaqCM: FRP) is a leading communications provider of broadband Internet access, local and long-distance phone, television and other high-capacity data services to customers in communities across 17 states. Through its fast, reliable fiber network, FairPoint delivers high-quality data and voice networking communications solutions to residential, business and wholesale customers. FairPoint delivers Internet services through its resilient IP-based network in northern New England. This state-of-the-art fiber network provides carrier Ethernet connections to support the surging bandwidth and performance requirements for cloud-based applications like network storage, disaster recovery, distance learning, medical imaging, video conferencing and CAD/CAM along with traditional voice, VoIP, video and Internet access solutions. Additional information about FairPoint products and services is available at www.FairPoint.com. You can also connect with FairPoint on Twitter (<http://www.twitter.com/fairpoint>), Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/myfairpoint>) and LinkedIn (<http://www.linkedin.com/company/fairpoint-communications>).

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