

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
Cass County Telephone Company, Limited)
Partnership, LEC Long Distance, FairPoint)
Communications, Inc., FairPoint)
Communications Missouri, Inc. d/b/a)
FairPoint Communications and ST Long)
Distance, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint)
Communications Long Distance for)
authority to transfer and acquire Cass)
County Telephone Company, Limited)
Partnership's and LEC Long Distance,)
Inc.'s facilities or systems located in the)
State of Missouri; 2) for issuance of)
certification, etc.)

Case No. TM-2006-0306

AFFIDAVIT OF Natelle Dietrich

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss:
COUNTY OF COLE)

Natelle Dietrich, employee of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, being of lawful age and after being duly sworn, states that she prepared the attached e-mails requesting information from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) related to FairPoint Communication's receipt and use of universal service funding. In addition to the attached e-mails, on May 24, 2006, Ms. Dietrich contacted Jeremy Marcus, Acting Director of the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau, Access Policy Division, via telephone and left a voice mail message requesting the same information. On May 25, 2006, Gina Spade, Associate Director, Wireline Competition Bureau, Access Policy Division, called Ms. Dietrich to say the request(s) had been received but that the Access Policy Division staff was extremely busy at this time and had not had an opportunity to respond. She said someone would respond as soon as possible, but once any information was ascertained by the Access Policy Division Staff, the FCC staff would have to determine whether that information was publicly available and could be released. (It should be noted that previous MoPSC Staff requests to the Universal Service Administrative Company and the FCC related to USF audits and inquiries have yet to be answered because, since the change in Administration, the FCC has been reviewing the MoPSC's confidentiality procedures to determine their appropriateness and effectiveness.) Ms. Dietrich also performed a search of the FCC's website at www.fcc.gov and found no actions related to FairPoint Communications and universal service funding.

The facts herein and in the attachments are true and correct to the best of Ms. Dietrich's knowledge and belief.

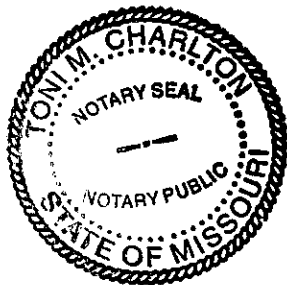
Natelle Dietrich
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Subscribed and affirmed before me this

25th day of May 2006

I am commissioned as a notary public within the County of Cole, State of Missouri
and my commission expires on

Toni M. Charlton
NOTARY PUBLIC



TONI M. CHARLTON
Notary Public - State of Missouri
My Commission Expires December 28, 2008
Cole County
Commission #04474301

Dietrich, Natelle*

From: Dietrich, Natelle*
Sent: Wednesday, May 24, 2006 2:00 PM
To: 'Jeremy.Marcus@fcc.gov'
Cc: Dietrich, Natelle*
Subject: Cass County Telephone Company/FairPoint Communications

Importance: High

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1. Have any of the FairPoint entities obtained or used universal service funds inappropriately, fraudulently or inconsistent with 47 USC 254(e) 1996?
2. Has the FCC engaged in any enforcement activities against FairPoint Communications entities related to universal service funding?

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

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From: Dietrich, Natelle*
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2006 8:49 AM
To: 'gina.spade@fcc.gov'
Cc: Dietrich, Natelle*
Subject: FW: Cass County Telephone Company/FairPoint Communications

Importance: High

Gina,
I sent this to Jeremy yesterday and have not heard back. I also left him a voice message. Can you check on the status? The Commissioners were expecting us to file something yesterday afternoon. Thanks, Natelle

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