

April 2, 2012

Phillip Lindley, Executive Director
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RE: 7th round ConnectME grant pre-application process – Sweden, Maine

Dear Phil:

FairPoint is considering applying for a ConnectME grant to deploy broadband in Sweden, Maine. We would deploy broadband to unserved areas where FairPoint does not already provide broadband service. The proposed project would cover 270 working lines and any dwellings that might be within those working lines. The total cost of this build-out is approximately \$336,000. Should we move forward with the grant application, we would be requesting an 80 percent grant.

As far as we can determine, this area does not have landline, cable, or fixed wireless broadband service. We have been contacted by residents of the area who have also indicated that they do not have access to broadband service including satellite service.

FairPoint proposes to provide digital subscriber line (DSL) broadband service at speeds ranging from 3MG to 7MG, depending upon loop length and the specific service ordered by customers. FairPoint would complete installation of this service within 12 months after receiving grant approval.

If I may provide additional information or assist you in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me at (207) 233-9375 or rtulk@fairpoint.com.

Sincerely,

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Director of Legislative Relations