

May 5, 2014

Phillip Lindley, Executive Director
ConnectME Authority
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RE: 9th round ConnectME grant pre-application process – Otisfield, Maine

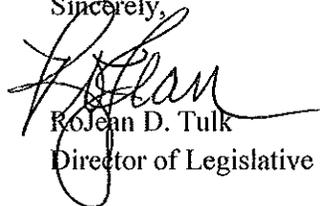
Dear Phil:

FairPoint is considering applying for a ConnectME grant to deploy broadband in Otisfield, Maine. We would upgrade broadband to underserved areas where FairPoint currently provides broadband service at a maximum speed of 3Mbps. The proposed project would cover approximately 261 working lines and any dwellings that might be within those working lines. The total cost of this build-out is approximately \$251,000. Should we move forward with the grant application, we would be requesting an 82 percent grant. As far as we can determine, this area does not have another landline, cable, or fixed wireless broadband service provider.

FairPoint would propose to provide upgraded digital subscriber line (DSL) broadband service at speeds ranging from 1.5Mbps to 15Mbps, 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