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**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

RE: FairPoint Carrier Services, Inc. –Withdraw Certificate of Authority

Please find this letter submitted on behalf of FairPoint Carrier Services, Inc. to request immediate cancellation of its certificate of authority.

FairPoint Carrier Services, Inc. has no intrastate operations and no customers in the state of South Dakota.

Please inform me of any additional steps that may need to be taken. If none, please confirm the withdrawal at your earliest convenience.

If additional information is needed, please call 620-227-4400 or email kking@fairpoint.com.

Sincerely,

Kay King
Accounting Manager