STATE OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

El Paso Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications/The El Paso Telephone Company and Mediacom Telephony of Illinois, LLC	:	**Docket No. _____**
Joint Petition for Approval of Interconnection Agreement Between El Paso Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications/The El Paso Telephone Company and Mediacom Telephony of Illinois, LLC pursuant to 47 USC § 252	:	

JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT BETWEEN EL PASO TELEPHONE COMPANY D/B/A FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS/THE EL PASO TELEPHONE COMPANY AND MEDIACOM TELEPHONY OF ILLINOIS, LLC

El Paso Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications/The El Paso Telephone Company ("El Paso") and Mediacom Telephony of Illinois, LLC ("Mediacom") through their respective counsel and pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 47 USC. § 252(e), (the "Act"), hereby request that the Commission review and approve on an expedited basis the Interconnection Agreement dated February 2, 2010 ("Agreement"), which has been adopted by Mediacom pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act. Expedited approval is requested so that Mediacom and El Paso may proceed to operate promptly under the terms of the Agreement. In support of their request, the parties state as follows:

1. The Agreement is a result of Mediacom's adoption of the terms of the Interconnection Agreement between El Paso and Sprint Communications Company, L.P., dated September 8, 2005, and its associated Amendments, pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act. The Commission has already reviewed and approved that agreement.

2. As set forth in the attached Verification of Susan L. Sowell, El Paso will make the Agreement available to any other telecommunications carrier operating within its territory. Other carriers are also free to negotiate their own terms and conditions pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act. For this reason, the Agreement is not discriminatory.

3. In addition, Daniel P. Templin's Verification demonstrates that implementation of the Agreement is consistent with the public interest because it will promote facilities-based local exchange competition and enhance Mediacom's ability to provide Illinois telecommunications users with a facilities-based, competitive alternative for local telephone services.

4. Copies of the Agreement are available for public inspection in El Paso and Mediacom's public offices.

WHEREFORE, El Paso and Mediacom respectfully request that the Commission approve the attached interconnection agreement under Section 252(e) of the Act as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of ~~February~~ March 2010.

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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF JOINT PETITION FOR APPROVAL

I, Susan L. Sowell, am the Vice President of El Paso Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications/The El Paso Telephone Company, and submit this Statement in Support of the Joint Petition for Approval of a Interconnection Agreement between El Paso Telephone Company and Mediacom Telephony of Illinois, LLC.

The attached interconnection agreement (the "Agreement") between El Paso Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications/The El Paso Telephone Company ("El Paso") and Mediacom Telephony of Illinois, Inc. ("Mediacom") represents El Paso's compliance with Mediacom's statutory rights under Section 252(i) of the Act. Accordingly, El Paso and Mediacom request approval pursuant to Sections 252(a)(i) and 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (sometimes referred to as the "Act").

In accordance with Section 252(i) of the Act, Mediacom adopted the terms of the Interconnection Agreement between El Paso and Sprint Communications Company, L.P., dated September 8, 2005. The Agreement establishes the financial and operational terms for: the transport and termination of local traffic between El Paso and Mediacom networks based on

mutual and reciprocal compensation. Absent the receipt by one party of written notice from the other party not earlier than 60 calendar days prior to the expiration of the term to the effect that such party does not intend to extend the term, the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect on and after the expiration of the term until terminated by either party.

The Agreement has been executed by both parties and is being submitted to the Commission for approval pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Act. Under the Act, the Commission may reject the Agreement only if the Agreement or a portion thereof "...discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement" or "...implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity".

The Agreement is not discriminatory. El Paso will make the Agreement available to any other telecommunications carrier operating within El Paso's service territory. Other telecommunications carriers can negotiate their own arrangements pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act.

The Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. It is a comprehensive agreement that tailors the interconnection and service arrangements previously approved by the Commission to meet the individual needs of the parties and thereby will promote local exchange competition -- one of the primary purposes of the Act and a long-standing goal of this Commission. The Agreement will enhance Mediacom's ability to quickly begin providing customers in El Paso's service territory with a competitive alternative for their local exchange service. Under the Agreement, customers will be able to choose between local service providers, they will be able to change companies without changing telephone numbers, and customers of either company will be able to call customers of the other within the same local calling area without dialing special codes.

The Agreement meets all the requirements of the Act and the parties respectfully request that it be approved.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF MECKLENBURG)

VERIFICATION OF SUSAN L. SOWELL

I, Susan L. Sowell, being first duly sworn and on oath state that I am the Vice President of The El Paso Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications/The El Paso Telephone Company, and am competent to testify that I have read the Joint Petition for Approval of Interconnection Agreement Between The El Paso Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications/The El Paso Telephone Company and Mediacom Telephony of Illinois, LLC pursuant to 47 USC § 252 and Mediacom Telephony of Illinois, LLC submitted to the Illinois Commerce Commission (the "Joint Petition"), that I am familiar with facts sets forth in the Joint Petition, and those facts are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Susan L. Sowell

Subscribed and sworn before me
This 23rd day of February 2010

NOTARY PUBLIC

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
MARCH 5, 2012

John M. Harris
Notary
Public
Mecklenburg County NC

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS.
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

VERIFICATION OF DANIEL P. TEMPLIN

I, Daniel P. Templin, being first duly sworn and on oath state that I am the Group Vice President Strategic Marketing and Product Development of Mediacom Telephony of Illinois, LLC, and am competent to testify that I have read the Joint Petition for Approval of Interconnection Agreement Between El Paso Telephone Company d/b/a FairPoint Communications/The El Paso Telephone Company and Mediacom Telephony of Illinois, LLC pursuant to 47 USC § 252 and Mediacom Telephony of Illinois, LLC submitted to the Illinois Commerce Commission (the "Joint Petition"), that I am familiar with facts sets forth in the Joint Petition, and those facts are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Daniel P. Templin

Subscribed and sworn before me
This 23rd day of February 2010

NOTARY PUBLIC

James McKnight
Notary Public, State of New York
Qualified in Orange County
Commission Expires 9/28/2013