

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER  
COMMISSIONER SMITH  
COMMISSIONER HANSEN  
COMMISSION SECRETARY  
COMMISSION STAFF  
LEGAL  
WORKING FILE

**FROM:** BIRDELLE BROWN

**DATE:** JULY 1, 2003

**RE:** FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS CORP DBA FAIRPOINT  
COMMUNICATIONS SOLUTIONS CORP REQUEST TO WITHDRAW  
ITS CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY NO.  
374, CASE NO. GNR-T-00-01

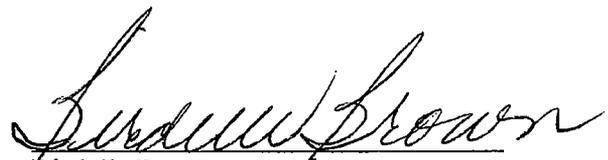
FairPoint Communications Corp dba FairPoint Communications Solutions Corp was issued Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 374 to provide local telecommunications services in the U S WEST and GTE serving areas that existed in 2000.

In November 2001, FairPoint advised the Commission that it intended to discontinue all retail telephone services provided to FairPoint's local and long distance end user retail customers in the State of Idaho as of February 1, 2002. The Company requested that it maintain its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pending further review of market conditions nationwide and advised that it would notify the Commission when it decided to relinquish or cancel its certificate.

On June 24, 2003, Staff received an e-mail from John J. La Penta, Assistant General Counsel for FairPoint requesting to withdraw its Certificate No. 374.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the FairPoint Communications Solutions Corp be permitted to withdraw its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 374. Does the Commission agree?

  
Birdelle Brown