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**FMCS Statement on Labor Negotiations  
Between the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW),  
The Communications Workers of America (CWA),  
And FairPoint Communications Inc.**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Allison Beck, Acting Director of the U.S. Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS), issued the following statement today on the labor negotiations between the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), the Communications Workers of America (CWA) and FairPoint Communications Inc.:

“The mediation is continuing under the auspices of the FMCS.”

As is Agency practice, the FMCS is not releasing additional information regarding meeting dates and locations. In addition, the FMCS will have no further comment at this time regarding the status or substance of the negotiations.

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*The Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, created in 1947, is an independent U.S. government agency whose mission is to preserve and promote labor-management peace and cooperation. Headquartered in Washington, DC, with 10 district offices and 67 field offices, the agency provides mediation and conflict resolution services to industry, government agencies and communities.*