

FAIRPOINT RENEGES ON JOBS PROMISE



The Communications Workers of America is telling Vermont lawmakers that FairPoint Communications is outsourcing 34 jobs it had promised to bring to Vermont. A FairPoint representative said that although the company intended to move the jobs to South Burlington, it changed its mind. "The challenge is as we're looking at the economy and evaluating our processes we decided that rather than bringing more employees in for that function we would leave it as an outsourced function," Pam Porell, FairPoint's VP of government operations, oozed. Don Trementozzi of the CWA said FairPoint promised during April contract negotiations to move the credit collections jobs to Vermont. "They're going back on their commitments and the cutover hasn't even started yet," he told the Senate Economic Development and House Commerce committees, referring to the transition from the Verizon network. Trementozzi, who represents 110 FairPoint workers in Vermont, said Verizon never outsourced collections.

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