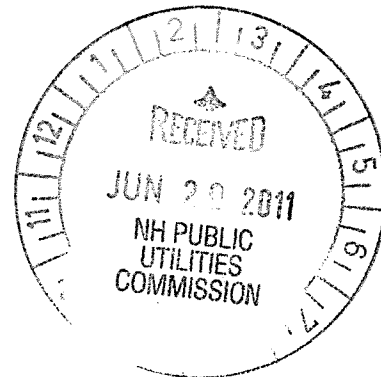KB

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Tariff Filing to Add ISDN PRI Service Bundles

TO: Commissioners
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On June 3, 2011, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications – NNE (FairPoint) submitted a tariff filing to add Integrated Services Digital Network Primary Rate Interface (ISDN PRI) service bundles in its NHPUC Tariff No. 83. On June 20, 2011, FairPoint filed additional corrected cost support and a requested change to the language in the service and equipment charges in section 3.10.3 of the proposed tariff.

Under the proposed tariff, FairPoint customers may choose from three different bundle options. Package A includes ISDN PRI service as well as unlimited local calling; Package B includes ISDN PRI service and 25,000 local usage minutes of use; and Package C includes ISDN PRI service but does not include local usage. All bundles include an ISDN primary port, local distribution channel (LDC), Caller ID with name and 1 direct inward dialing (DID) block. These bundles are provided under 1, 2, or 3 year term commitments. Package C also includes a month-to-month service option. Termination charges apply to packages which are cancelled prior to their respective end date.

FairPoint submitted confidential cost analysis with its filing. Staff has reviewed the analysis provided as well as the terms of the packages and the termination liability. The prices of these packages exceed their cost, and thus pass the price floor analysis.

In Staff's assessment, the bundles in this tariff revision are designed to provide pricing and features that will attract and retain business customers, and greatly minimize the need for ISDN PRI special contracts. Staff recommends that this tariff filing be allowed to go into effect by operation of law as submitted.