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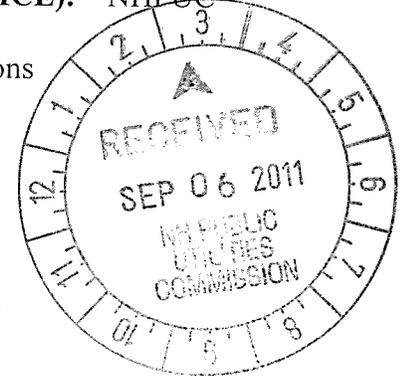
## Inter-Department Communication

**DATE:** August 29, 2011**AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

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**SUBJECT:** DT 11-177 FairPoint Communications - NNE  
Special Contract with VIP, Inc.

**TO:** Debra Howland, Executive Director  
Kate Bailey, Director - Telecommunications



On August 15, 2011, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications - NNE (FairPoint) filed a special contract with VIP, Inc. Under the contract, FairPoint will provide VIP, Inc. with basic business service for a period of 36 months with reduced termination liability.

In its cover letter FairPoint stated the filing contains confidential, commercial, and financial information exempt from public disclosure under RSA 91-A:5, IV.

Staff has reviewed the cost study data submitted by FairPoint and confirmed that the contract rates exceed the price floor requirements as defined in Order Nos. 23,357 and 23,493 (Docket No. DT 99-018). Based on its analysis, Staff recommends that the special contract be allowed to go into effect pursuant to RSA 378:18-b, II(a).