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- SUBJECT: DT 12-008 FairPoint Communications NNE Special Contract Amendment Adding Direct Inward Dialing Service
  - **TO:** Debra Howland, Executive Director Kate Bailey, Director - Telecommunications

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On January 6, 2012, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications - NNE (FairPoint) filed Amendment Nos. 1 and 2 to a special contract that was assigned Docket No. DT 11-009 and, after Commission review, became effective February 13, 2011. Amendment No. 1 added an additional ISDN Port and LDC at the customer's NH location at rates defined in the February 13, 2011 contract. Amendment 1 does not require Commission approval because the original contract, already reviewed by the Commission, included a provision that allowed the customer to acquire additional ISDN PRI services. Amendment 2 extends the contract by 12 months, with ISDN PRI service at tariff rates (rather than special rates) and allows the customer to acquire DID service at special rates. In summary, the only portion of Amendments No. 1 and 2 that require Commission approval are those related to the special pricing for DID service under Amendment No. 2.

In its cover letter FairPoint requested certain information be kept confidential.

Staff has reviewed the cost study data submitted by FairPoint and confirmed that the contract rates for DID service in Amendment 2 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 amendment be allowed to go into effect pursuant to RSA 378:18-b, II(a).