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SUBJECT: DT 12-185 Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC
d/b/a/FairPoint Communications – NNE VoIP / PSTN Tariff Revisions

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On June 15, 2012, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a/FairPoint Communications – NNE (FairPoint) filed a revision to its NHPUC Tariff No. 3, to take effect on July 15, 2012. This tariff revises the methodology for rating certain VoIP / PSTN access traffic as qualified for interstate rates. This change is pursuant to a May 2012 rule change promulgated by the Federal Communications Commission.

On July 13, 2012, the Commission extended the effective date of the tariff filing until August 14, 2012 in order to provide FairPoint time to revise the filing in response to concerns raised by Staff.

On August 6, 2012, FairPoint submitted a revision to this tariff filing. In Staff's assessment, the revised submission clarifies certain ambiguities in the original filing and provides reasonable terms for identifying and rating VoIP traffic until and following the wholesale carrier's submission of traffic estimates to FairPoint.

Staff recommends that the tariff be allowed to take effect on August 14, 2012.