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Re: DT 10-077, Fairpoint Communications - NNE
Special Contract with New Hampshire Electric Cooperative for Frame Relay Service

Dear Mr. Shea:

On March 29, 2010, Fairpoint Communications - NNE (Fairpoint) filed a special contract to provide New Hampshire Electric Cooperative with Frame Relay service for a period of 12 months. On April 8, 2010, Fairpoint re-filed the contract and all supporting documentation with revisions. In support of the filing, Fairpoint submitted records and information, including contract terms and conditions, for which it requested confidential treatment pursuant to RSA 378:43.

Staff has reviewed the documentation filed in support of the special contract and recommended that it be allowed to go into effect. According to Staff, the contract rate meets the price floor requirements of RSA 378:18-b, II.

For administrative efficiency, the Commission will not issue an order suspending, rejecting, or approving the proposed special contract. Accordingly, the proposed contract between Fairpoint and New Hampshire Electric Cooperative is effective on or after the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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