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SUBJECT: DT 08-136 Fairpoint Communications - NNE

Special Contract with Answering Services of New Hampshire for

ISDN-PRI Service

TO: Debra Howland, Executive Director

Kate Bailey, Director - Telecommunications

On November 3, 2008, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a Fairpoint Communications - NNE (Fairpoint) filed a special contract with Answering Services of New Hampshire. Under the contract, Fairpoint will provide Answering Services of New Hampshire with ISDN PRI service, including Primary Port, Local Distribution Channel, and Caller ID with name, for a period of 36 months. In support of the filing, Fairpoint submitted records and information, including contract terms and conditions, which are subject to confidential treatment pursuant to RSA 378:43.

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).