

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Inter-Department Communication

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**SUBJECT:** DT 08-154 Fairpoint Communications - NNE  
Special Contract with Nassau Broadcasting for T1 Intrastate Private  
Line Service

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

On November 26, 2008, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a Fairpoint Communications - NNE (Fairpoint) filed a special contract with Nassau Broadcasting. Under the contract, Fairpoint will provide Nassau Broadcasting with T1 Intrastate Private Line service, including Local Distribution Channel, for a period of 36 months. During the first 12 months of the contract, Nassau Broadcasting is allowed, at any time, to order additional circuits. 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).