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SUBJECT: DT 09-037 Fairpoint Communications - NNE
Special Contract with Salem, NH School District SAU 57 for Digital
Centrex Service

TO: Debra Howland, Executive Director
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On February 27, 2009, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a Fairpoint Communications - NNE (Fairpoint) filed a special contract between Fairpoint and Salem, NH School District SAU 57. Under the contract, Fairpoint will provide Salem, NH School District SAU 57 with Digital Centrex service with standard features for a period of 24 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.

On March 27, 2009, the Commission extended the effective date of the special contract pursuant to RSA 378:18-b, II (b), by 30 days, to April 28, 2009, to provide Fairpoint additional time to file supporting data requested by Staff.

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).