

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

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FROM:  David Goyette, Utility Analyst III - Telecommunications

SUBJECT: DT 09-222 Fairpoint Communications - NNE
Special Contract with Concord General Mutual Insurance for OC12
Enhanced Dedicated SONET Service

TO: Debra Howland, Executive Director
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On November 10, 2009, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a Fairpoint Communications - NNE (Fairpoint) filed a special contract between Fairpoint and Concord General Mutual Insurance. Under the contract, Fairpoint will provide Concord General Mutual Insurance with OC12 Enhanced Dedicated SONET Service with Ethernet Ports for a period of 60 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).

