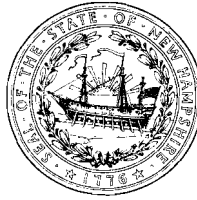


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October 13, 2010

Teresa R. Rosenberger
State President - NH
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900 Elm Street, Suite 1905
Manchester, NH 03101-2008

Re: DT 10-253, FairPoint Communications - NNE
Amendment #3, Amendment #4, and Amendment #5 to Special Contract with the
State of New Hampshire Department of Administrative Services

Dear Ms. Rosenberger:

On September 20, 2010, FairPoint Communications - NNE (FairPoint) filed Amendment #3, Amendment #4, and Amendment #5 to a special contract with the State of New Hampshire Department of Administrative Services (the State) for Centrex, ISDN PRI, T1, T3, Frame Relay, and IntraLATA Toll services. The contract was originally entered into by Verizon New Hampshire (Verizon) and assigned to FairPoint as of April 1, 2008.

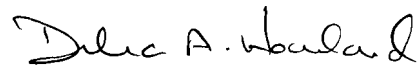
Amendment #3, approved by the State on October 3, 2007, increased minimum quantity requirements for Centrex lines, reduced Centrex rates, eliminated minimum quantity requirements for T1 Frame Relay circuits, and allowed the State to extend the contract by up to 36 months beyond the October 9, 2007 expiration date. Amendment #4 reduced rates for ISDN-PRI, DID, and IntraLATA Toll. Amendment #5 further reduces rates for ISDN-PRI service and extends the contract term by up to 24 months, through October 8, 2012. 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 Amendment #3, Amendment #4, and Amendment #5 to the special contract and recommended that Amendment #3 and Amendment #4 be considered in effect from the respective dates each was approved by the State of New Hampshire Department of Administrative

Services, and that Amendment #5 be allowed to go into effect. According to Staff, the amended rates meet 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 amendments to the special contract. Accordingly, the proposed amendments to the special contract between FairPoint and the State are effective on or after the date of this letter. The Commission, however, is troubled by the substantial delays in filing Amendments #3 and #4 and will expect FairPoint to be more diligent in complying with the requirements for filing. Failure to do so in the future may result in further Commission action pursuant to its statutory authority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a stylized "A".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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