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SUBJECT: DT 11-078 FairPoint Communications - NNE
Special Contract with C-Squared Systems for ISDN-PRI Service

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On April 12, 2011, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications - NNE (FairPoint) filed a special contract between FairPoint and C-Squared Systems. A clarifying amendment to the contract was filed with the Commission on April 20, 2011. Under the contract, FairPoint will provide C-Squared Systems with ISDN-PRI service, including Port, Local Distribution Channel, Caller ID with Name, and Direct Inward Dialing for a period of 36 months. During the first 12 months of the contract, C-Squared Systems is allowed to order additional services at the rates set forth in the contract.

FairPoint stated that the filing contains confidential, commercial, and financial information exempt from public disclosure under RSA 91-A:5, IV.

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).