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FROM: David Goyette, Utility Analyst III - Telecommunications

SUBJECT: DT 11-179 FairPoint Communications - NNE

Special Contract with NH Local Government Center, Inc.

TO: Debra Howland, Executive Director

Kate Bailey, Director - Telecommunications

On August 15, 2011, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint-Communications - NNE (FairPoint) filed a special contract with NH Local Government Center, Inc. Under the contract, FairPoint will provide NH Local Government Center, Inc. with Direct Inward Dialing service for a period of 36 months.

In its cover letter FairPoint stated 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).