

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

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SUBJECT: DT 11-203 FairPoint Communications - NNE
Special Contract with Northeast Utilities Corporation

TO: Debra Howland, Executive Director
Kate Bailey, Director - Telecommunications

On September 13, 2011, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications - NNE (FairPoint) filed a special contract with Northeast Utilities Corporation. Under the contract, FairPoint will provide Northeast Utilities Corporation with basic business service for a period of 36 months with reduced termination liability.

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).