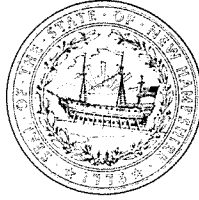


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September 30, 2011

Ryan P. Taylor  
Director - Regulatory NH  
FairPoint Communications – NNE  
900 Elm Street, Suite 1609  
Manchester, NH 03101-2008

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

Dear Mr. Taylor:

On September 13, 2011, FairPoint Communications - NNE (FairPoint) filed a special contract to provide Northeast Utilities Corporation with basic business service for a period of 36 months. Staff has reviewed the documentation filed in support of the special contract and recommended that it be allowed to go into effect. According to Staff, the contract rate meets 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 contract. Accordingly, the proposed contract between FairPoint and Northeast Utilities Corporation is effective October 13, 2011, pursuant to RSA 378:18-b, II. (a).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

cc: Service List  
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