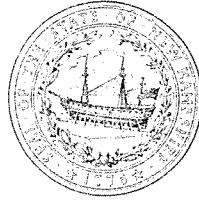


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May 30, 2012

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Re: DT 12-118, Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications
Establishing Intrastate Access Tariff No. 2

Dear Mr. Taylor:

On May 1, 2012, Northland Telephone of Maine, Inc, d/b/a FairPoint Communications (Northland) submitted a tariff filing to establish its intrastate access Tariff No. 2. The proposed tariff institutes a New Hampshire access tariff for Northland. After working with Staff, Northland refiled the tariff on May 18, 2012. The rates filed on May 18, are consistent with the rates in Northland Maine's access tariff which has been historically in effect.

Staff reviewed the proposed tariff and recommended the tariff filed on May 18 be allowed to go into effect to establish a baseline access tariff in New Hampshire from which the rates will transition to Bill and Keep as required by the Federal Communications Commission. The Commission has accepted Staff's recommendation that the tariff be allowed to take effect.

For administrative efficiency, an order will not be issued by the Commission either suspending, rejecting, or approving the proposed tariff. Pursuant to RSA 378:3 and RSA 378:6, IV, the proposed tariff, as filed on May 18, 2012, and pursuant to Staff's recommendation, are effective as of May 31, 2012. Tariff pages should be filed referencing Docket No. DT 12-118 and reflecting the effective date of May 31, 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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