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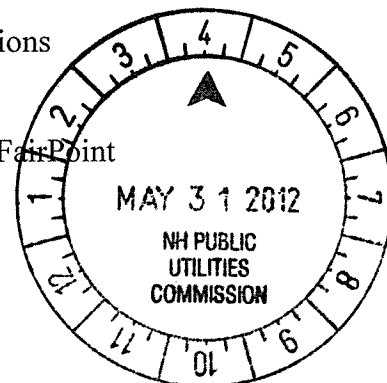
## Inter-Department Communication

**DATE:** May 31, 2012  
**AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

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**SUBJECT:** DT 12-133 FairPoint Communications – NNE and  
Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint  
Communications  
Lifeline Tariff Page Revision

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



On May 18, 2012 Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications - NNE (FairPoint) and Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications (Northland) each submitted a tariff page that adds additional language regarding qualifications for Lifeline eligibility.

Based on Staff's review, the proposed revision is in compliance with revised enrollment requirements for Lifeline in the FCC Lifeline Order (Order FCC 12-11), adopted January 31, 2012.

The tariff pages in FairPoint's and Northland's filings each propose an effective date of June 1, 2012. In order to maintain that date, FairPoint and Northland now request an expedited approval period for the current filing.

RSA 378:6 IV allows the Commission, at its discretion, to permit changes to existing tariffs to become effective in fewer than 30 days from the date of filing. Because the additions to the tariffs may allow more low income customers to qualify for the lifeline discount and the additions are consistent with the FCC Lifeline Order, Staff recommends the tariff filings be allowed to go into effect June 1, 2012.