

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Inter-Department Communication

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**AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

**FROM:** ML Michael Ladam, Assistant Director of Telecommunications

**SUBJECT:** DT 12-323, Northern New England Telephone Operations, LLC  
d/b/a FairPoint Communications – NNE Tariff Filing for Revisions  
Consistent with Triennial Review Order

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

On Oct. 23, 2012, Northern New England Telephone Operations, LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications – NNE (FairPoint) submitted a filing to revise the language in its Miscellaneous Network Services Tariff No. 2. According to FairPoint, this revision includes changes consistent with earlier orders by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). These FCC orders have revised the obligations of carriers such as FairPoint to offer certain Unbundled Network Element (UNE) services to competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs).

Proposed tariff revisions such as this are made available for public inspection, including on the Commission web site. This gives each CLEC an opportunity to review the proposed revision and determine whether it reflects the CLEC's own understanding of the FCC orders, and to file comments with the Commission in the event of any differing interpretations or other disagreements. Since UNE services can be a business-critical component for CLECs, Staff is especially interested in allowing this process to proceed effectively.

Given the variety of UNE services involved in this revision and the breadth of the CLEC community, Staff believes that extending the review is appropriate. Staff therefore recommends extending the time for determination of the proposed revision by 30 days, to Dec. 23, 2012, pursuant to NH RSA 378:6, IV.