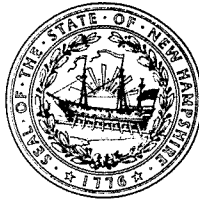


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Re: DT 09-202, FairPoint Communications – NNE
Tariff Revision – Multi-Year Discounts

Dear Mr. Shea:

On October 20, 2009, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications – NNE (FairPoint) submitted a tariff filing to introduce multi-year discounts on term commitments for basic exchange services for business customers in its NHPUC Tariff No. 83.

The purpose of the revision is to add one, two, and three year commitment options for business customers. The term agreements offer a greater discount for longer commitments. Early termination charges apply to a customer that terminates the service before the end of the agreed upon term. Customers may opt to renew their term, arrange for service termination, or convert to month-to-month service when their commitment ends. A cost study was submitted by FairPoint with the tariff revision.

Staff conducted an analysis of the cost study submitted by FairPoint and has concluded that the prices of the services exceed the costs. Staff recommends that the tariff go into effect by operation of law.

For administrative efficiency, an order will not be issued by the Commission either suspending, rejecting, or approving the proposed tariff changes. Pursuant to RSA 378:3 and RSA 378:6, IV, the proposed revisions are effective as filed.

Tariff pages should be filed referencing Docket No. DT 09-202 and reflecting the effective date of November 19, 2009.

Sincerely,

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

Debra Howland
Executive Director