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Inter-Department Communication

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SUBJECT: DT 10-013 Fairpoint Communications - NNE
Special Contract with United States Cellular Corporation for Business
Lines Service

TO: Debra Howland, Executive Director
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On January 21, 2010, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a Fairpoint Communications - NNE (Fairpoint) filed a special contract between Fairpoint and United States Cellular Corporation. Under the contract, Fairpoint will provide United States Cellular Corporation with basic business service for a period of 36 months. During the term of the contract the customer may order up to an additional twenty percent of lines at the locations listed in the agreement. In support of the filing, Fairpoint submitted records and information, including contract terms and conditions, which are subject to confidential treatment pursuant to RSA 378:43.

Staff has reviewed the cost study data submitted by Fairpoint and confirmed that the contract rates exceed the price floor requirements as defined in Order Nos. 23,357 and 23,493 (Docket No. DT 99-018). Based on its analysis, Staff recommends that the special contract be allowed to go into effect pursuant to RSA 378:18-b, II(a).