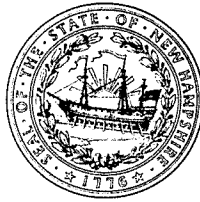


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February 16, 2010

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Re: DT 10-022, Fairpoint Communications - NNE
Special Contract with Northeast Utilities Service Corp. for Frame Relay Service

Dear Mr. Shea:

On February 5, 2010, Fairpoint Communications - NNE (Fairpoint) filed a special contract to provide Northeast Utilities Service Corp. with Frame Relay service for a period of 60 months. In support of the filing, Fairpoint submitted records and information, including contract terms and conditions, for which it requested confidential treatment pursuant to RSA 378:43.

Staff has reviewed the documentation filed in support of the special contract and recommended that it be allowed to go into effect. According to Staff, the contract rate meets the price floor requirements of RSA 378:18-b, II.

For administrative efficiency, the Commission will not issue an order suspending, rejecting, or approving the proposed special contract. Accordingly, the proposed contract between Fairpoint and Northeast Utilities Service Corp. is effective on or after the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

cc: Service List
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