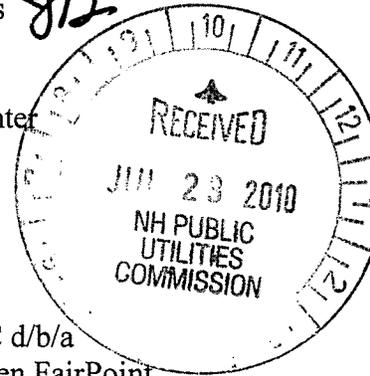


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SUBJECT: DT 10-180 FairPoint Communications - NNE
Special Contract with Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center
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On July 7, 2010, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications - NNE (FairPoint) filed a special contract between FairPoint and Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center (DHMC). Under the contract, FairPoint will provide DHMC with 2 offerings of ISDN-PRI service, including Port, Local Distribution Channel, and Caller ID with name. Under the first offering, local usage is included at tariff rates. The second offering however, includes special rates which are higher than the first offering, but DHMC will not be charged for the first 5,000 local usage minutes aggregated across three PRI's.

The contract will run for a period of 24 months. During the first 12 months of the contract, DHMC is allowed, at any time, to order additional circuits. 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).