

KB

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

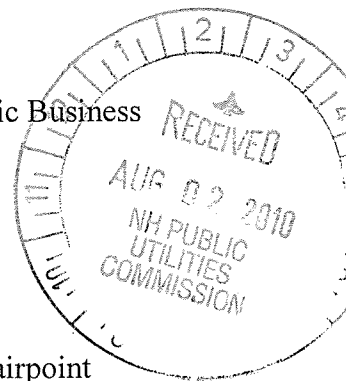
Inter-Department Communication

DATE: July 29, 2010
AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

David
FROM: David Goyette, Utility Analyst III - Telecommunications

SUBJECT: DT 10-186 Fairpoint Communications - NNE
Special Contract with Easter Seals New Hampshire for Basic Business Service

TO: Debra Howland, Executive Director
Kate Bailey, Director - Telecommunications



On July 20, 2010, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a Fairpoint Communications - NNE (Fairpoint) filed a special contract between Fairpoint and Easter Seals New Hampshire. Under the contract, Fairpoint will provide Easter Seals New Hampshire with basic business service for a period of 36 months at tariffed rates. During the term of the contract Easter Seals New Hampshire may terminate up to 15% of its lines without termination liability; otherwise termination liability is per the tariff. 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).