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SUBJECT: DT 10-208 Fairpoint Communications - NNE
Special Contract with Sprint for DID Service

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On August 6, 2010, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a Fairpoint Communications - NNE (Fairpoint) filed a special contract between Fairpoint and Sprint. Under the contract, Fairpoint will provide Sprint with Direct Inward Dialing (DID) service for a period of 12 months. During the term of the contract, Sprint can order additional service at the rates set forth in the contract. 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).