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SUBJECT: DT 10-264 FairPoint Communications - NNE *JD*
Special Contract with Speare Memorial Hospital for ISDN-PRI
Service

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On October 4, 2010, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications - NNE (FairPoint) filed a special contract between FairPoint and Speare Memorial Hospital. Under the contract, FairPoint will provide Speare Memorial Hospital with ISDN-PRI service, including Port, Local Distribution Channel, Caller ID with Number Only, and Direct Inward Dialing for a period of 36 months.

During the first 12 months of the contract, Speare Memorial Hospital is allowed, at any time, to order additional services. 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).

