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FROM: Jennifer Ducharme, Utility Analyst *JD*
SUBJECT: DT 11-009 FairPoint Communications - NNE
Special Contract with WellPoint, Inc. for ISDN-PRI Service
TO: Debra Howland, Executive Director
Kate Bailey, Director, Telecommunications Division



On January 14, 2011, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications - NNE (FairPoint) filed a special contract between FairPoint and WellPoint, Inc (WellPoint). Under the contract, FairPoint will provide WellPoint with ISDN-PRI service, including Port, Local Distribution Channel, Caller ID without Name, and Direct Inward Dialing for a period of 12 months. During the first 6 months of the contract, WellPoint is allowed to order additional services at the rates set forth in the contract.

In the cover letter dated January 31, 2011, FairPoint stated that the filing contains confidential, commercial, and financial information exempt from public disclosure under RSA 91-A:5, IV.

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 on February 13, 2011, pursuant to RSA 378:18-b, II(a).