

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

DATE: March 30, 2011**AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC**FROM:** Jennifer Ducharme, Utility Analyst **SUBJECT:** DT 11-049 FairPoint Communications - NNE
Special Contract with Public Service Company of New Hampshire
for ISDN-PRI Service**TO:** Debra Howland, Executive Director
Kate Bailey, Director, Telecommunications Division

On March 15, 2011, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications - NNE (FairPoint) filed a special contract between FairPoint and Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH). Additional cost support was filed with the Commission on March 23, 2011. Under the contract, FairPoint will provide PSNH with ISDN-PRI service, including Port, Local Distribution Channel, Caller ID with Name, and Direct Inward Dialing for a period of 36 months. During the first 12 months of the contract, PSNH is allowed to order additional services at the rates set forth in the contract.

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 pursuant to RSA 378:18-b, II(a).