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FROM:

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SUBJECT:

DT 11-096 FairPoint Communications - NNE

Special Contract with W.H. Silverstein, Inc. for ISDN-PRI

TO:

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On May 4, 2011, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications - NNE (FairPoint) filed a special contract between FairPoint and W.H. Silverstein, Inc. A revised contract was filed with the Commission on May 9, 2011. Under the contract, FairPoint will provide W.H. Silverstein, Inc. 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, W.H. Silverstein, Inc. 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).