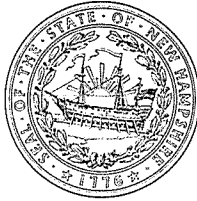


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August 17, 2011

Ryan P. Taylor
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FairPoint Communications – NNE
900 Elm Street, 16th Floor
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Re: DT 11-170, FairPoint Communications - NNE
Special Contract with First Republic Bank

Dear Mr. Taylor:

On August 3, 2011, FairPoint Communications - NNE (FairPoint) filed a special contract to provide First Republic Bank with ISDN-PRI service for a period of 36 months. Staff has reviewed the documentation filed in support of the special contract and recommended that it be allowed to go into effect. According to Staff, the contract rate meets the price floor requirements of RSA 378:18-b, II.

For administrative efficiency, the Commission will not issue an order suspending, rejecting, or approving the proposed special contract. Accordingly, the proposed contract between FairPoint and First Republic Bank is effective on September 2, 2011, pursuant to RSA 378:18-b,II(a).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra A. Howland /all".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

cc: Service List
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