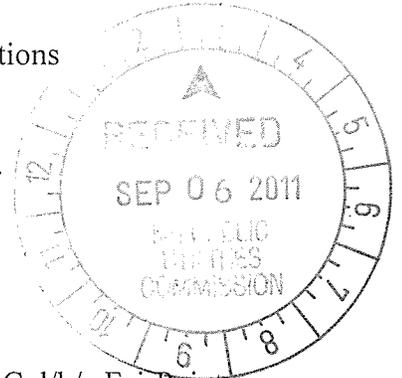


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FROM: David Goyette, Utility Analyst III - Telecommunications
SUBJECT: DT 11-188 FairPoint Communications - NNE
Special Contract with Portsmouth Ford Lincoln, Inc.
TO: Debra Howland, Executive Director
Kate Bailey, Director - Telecommunications



On August 26, 2011, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications - NNE (FairPoint) filed a special contract with Portsmouth Ford Lincoln, Inc. Under the contract, FairPoint will provide Portsmouth Ford Lincoln, Inc. with Direct Inward Dialing service for a period of 36 months.

In its cover letter FairPoint stated 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).