

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

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SUBJECT: DT 11-289, FairPoint Communications - NNE Revisions to Tariff #3
Establishing Charges for VoIP/PSTN Traffic

TO: Commissioners
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On December 27, 2011, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications – NNE (FairPoint) submitted a tariff filing to establish a process for identifying and rating VoIP/PSTN access traffic.

The proposed revision addresses new requirements established by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regarding VoIP traffic charges. The revision includes provisions allowing a FairPoint wholesale customer to furnish ratios of expected IP traffic in its overall minutes of use, and provisions for FairPoint to adopt default ratios when the customer has not furnished such. The revision also calls upon FairPoint to calculate its own ratio of calls that FairPoint terminates using IP. These ratios are used to determine the portion of traffic for which the VoIP/PSTN rate applies.

The tariff revision applies to traffic exchanged on or after December 29, 2011.

In Staff's assessment, this tariff revision is consistent with FCC requirements and provides a reasonable process for identifying and rating the traffic involved. Staff recommends that this tariff filing be allowed to go into effect by operation of law as submitted.

