

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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SUBJECT: DT 12-118 Northland Intrastate Access Tariff
TO: Commission
Executive Director



On May 1, 2012, Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications (Northland) filed a complete copy of its Intrastate Access Tariff No. 2. Historically, Northland used its Maine tariff to assess charges in New Hampshire. As a result of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) order, *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 10-90 *et al.*, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 11-161, (rel. Nov. 18, 2011) (CAF Order) requiring intrastate access rate reform, Northland filed a New Hampshire access tariff to establish a baseline from which its rates would transition as required by the CAF Order.

Staff reviewed the proposed baseline tariff and recommended certain changes to comply with the decision in DT 06-067 that carrier common line only be charged when the carrier's common line is used. Additionally, staff requested that all rates be established at the rates currently in effect in the Northland Maine access tariff. On May 18, 2012, Northland filed a revised tariff incorporating all the changes requested by staff. Tariff pages filed on May 18, 2012, are annotated as Original with an issued date of May 1, 2012. Staff notes this because the pages filed on May 1, 2012, are annotated identically.

Northland requested an effective date of May 31, 2012. Staff recommends the tariff filed on May 18, 2012, be allowed to go into effect by operation of law. Compliance pages will reflect the docket number and Staff will verify the correct "originals" are filed when received.