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Re: DT 12-186, Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc.
d/b/a/FairPoint Communications – Northland Telephone Company of Maine Tariff Filing
Revising Provisions for VoIP-PSTN Traffic

Dear Ms. Thomas:

On June 15, 2012, Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc. d/b/a/FairPoint Communications – Northland Telephone Company of Maine (Northland) submitted a filing to revise its NHPUC Tariff 2 to revise its process for identifying and rating VoIP / PSTN traffic. The proposed revision addresses new guidance provided by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regarding VoIP traffic charges. Staff submitted a request for clarification or revision of the tariff to Northland and the company is currently preparing a response.

Staff has requested that the effective date of the tariff be extended by 30 days, to provide Northland additional time to address the concerns Staff has raised.

Pursuant to RSA 378:6, IV, “The Commission may, in its discretion and with reasonable explanation, including an explanation of the likely areas of disagreement with the tariff, extend the time for its determination by up to 30 days.” In order to evaluate the forthcoming response to Staff’s request, the Commission concludes that it is reasonable to extend the effective date of the tariff by 30 days, to August 14, 2012.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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