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SUBJECT: DT 12-187 FairPoint Communications - NNE

Special Contract for Centrex Plus Service

TO: Debra Howland, Executive Director

Kate Bailey, Director - Telecommunications

On July 5, 2012, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications - NNE (FairPoint) filed a special contract to provide Centrex Plus service at special rates.

In its cover letter FairPoint requested certain information be kept confidential.

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).