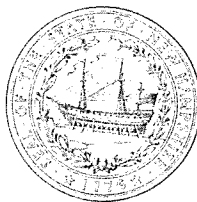


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July 30, 2012

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Re: DT 12-193 Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC
d/b/a FairPoint Communications – NNE Tariff Filing revising
Lifeline Service discount

Dear Ms. Wennerstrand:

On July 3, 2012, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a/FairPoint Communications – NNE (FairPoint) filed a revision to its NHPUC Tariff No. 1, to take effect on August 1, 2012. This tariff revises the discount which FairPoint will apply to customers enrolled in the federally-authorized Lifeline program. This change is pursuant to a May 2012 change promulgated by the Federal Communications Commission. Staff identified an inconsistency between the proposed discount rate and the current FairPoint End User Common Line Charge. Staff reports that you confirmed the discount should be slightly different and are preparing a revision to reflect this.

Staff has requested that the effective date of the tariff be extended by 30 days, to provide FairPoint additional time to complete its revision.

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 revision, the Commission concludes that it is reasonable to extend the effective date of the tariff by 30 days, to September 1, 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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