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SUBJECT: DT 13-312 Northland Telephone of Maine, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint
Communications
Tariff Filing to Grandfather Voice Advantage Bundles

TO: Commission
Debra Howland, Executive Director

On November 1, 2013, Northland Telephone of Maine, Inc. d/b/a FairPoint Communications (Northland) submitted a tariff filing to grandfather its Voice Advantage Bundles (Voice Advantage) in Tariff NH PUC No. 1. According to the filing, Voice Advantage would continue to be available to existing customers but would no longer be available to new customers. Voice Advantage¹ provides residential customers, presubscribed to Northland's long distance affiliate, with the option of subscribing to service packages that provide a dial tone access line, local usage, IntraLATA toll usage, InterLATA toll usage, and custom calling features for a single bundled rate. Northland states that it introduced a new residential service bundle option called Voice Advantage II, which became effective August 16,² and that the grandfathering of Voice Advantage will have no impact on customers. Existing Voice Advantage customers will have the option of maintaining the service and new customers may subscribe to Voice Advantage II which provides similar bundled calling options.

Staff has reviewed the filing and recommends that the change to the tariff be allowed to go into effect as submitted.

¹ Voice Advantage became effective December 9, 2012 in Docket No. DT 12-305.

² Voice Advantage II became effective August 16, 2013 in Docket No. DT 13-200.