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**SUBJECT:** DT 13-351 FairPoint Communications - NNE

Amendment No. 3 to Interconnection Agreement with Verizon

Wireless

**TO:** Commission

Debra Howland, Executive Director

On December 16, 2013, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications - NNE (FairPoint) filed for approval Amendment No. 3 to its Interconnection Agreement with Cellco Partnership, Portland Cellular Partnership, New Hampshire RSA 2 Partnership, and Vermont RSA 2 Limited Partnership, collectively Verizon Wireless, to conform with the requirements of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) in its orders, Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 26 FCC Rcd 17663 (2011) and Order on Reconsideration, 26 FCC Rcd 17633 (2011) (FCC orders).

Pursuant to the FCC orders, intercarrier compensation for non-access traffic exchanged between LECs and CMRS providers, with an interconnection agreement in effect as of December 29, 2011, is subject to a default bill-and-keep methodology on July 1, 2012. The amendment to the subject interconnection agreement reflects this change in law.

Staff recommends the Commission allow Amendment No. 3 to go into effect.