

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

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FROM: David Goyette, Utility Analyst III - Telecommunications

SUBJECT: DT 09-037 Fairpoint Communications - NNE
Special Contract with Salem, NH School District SAU 57 for Centrex
Service

TO: Debra Howland, Executive Director
Kate Bailey, Director - Telecommunications

On February 27, 2009, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a Fairpoint Communications - NNE (Fairpoint) filed a special contract between Fairpoint and Salem, NH School District SAU 57. Under the contract, Fairpoint will provide Salem, NH School District SAU 57 with Centrex service for a period of 24 months. In support of the filing, Fairpoint submitted records and information, including contract terms and conditions, which are subject to confidential treatment pursuant to RSA 378:43.

Staff submitted a request to Fairpoint for additional information to confirm that the price floor requirement of the contract has been met. Fairpoint responded that it would need more time to prepare its response, and suggested that Staff recommend extending the contract's effective date. Pursuant to RSA 378:18-b, II (b), the Commission may "in its discretion and with reasonable explanation, extend the effective date of the special contract by 30 days." Staff therefore, recommends that the effective date of the contract be extended by 30 days, to April 28, 2009. The contract is otherwise effective by operation of law, unless denied, on March 29, 2009.