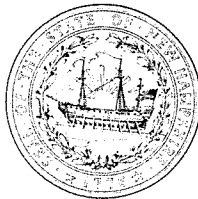


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July 28, 2011

Ryan P. Taylor
Director - Regulatory NH
FairPoint Communications – NNE
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Manchester, NH 03101-2008

Re: DT 11-165, FairPoint Communications - NNE
Special Contract with Salem Public Schools

Dear Mr. Taylor:

On July 25, 2011, FairPoint Communications - NNE (FairPoint) filed a special contract to provide Salem Public Schools with Centrex service for a period of 24 months. Staff has reviewed the documentation filed in support of the special contract and recommended that it be allowed to go into effect. According to Staff, the contract rate meets the price floor requirements of RSA 378:18-b, II.

For administrative efficiency, the Commission will not issue an order suspending, rejecting, or approving the proposed contract. Accordingly, the proposed contract between FairPoint and Salem Public Schools is effective August 24, 2011, pursuant to RSA 378:18-b, II. (a).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

cc: Service List
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