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September 6, 2011

Ryan P. Taylor Director - Regulatory NH FairPoint Communications – NNE 900 Elm Street, Suite 1609 Manchester, NH 03101-2008

Re: DT 11-177, FairPoint Communications - NNE

Special Contract with VIP, Inc.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

On August 15, 2011, FairPoint Communications - NNE (FairPoint) filed a special contract to provide VIP, Inc. with basic business service for a period of 36 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 VIP, Inc. is effective September 14, 2011, pursuant to RSA 378:18-b, II. (a).

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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