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SUBJECT: DT 11-228 FairPoint Communications - NNE
Special Contract for Direct Inward Dialing

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

On October 13, 2011, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications - NNE (FairPoint) filed a special contract to provide Direct Inward Dialing service for a period of 36 months.

In its cover letter FairPoint requested certain information be kept confidential. Staff contacted the company and advised it should file a motion requesting confidential treatment.

Staff has reviewed the cost study data submitted by FairPoint and confirmed that the contract rates exceed the price floor requirements as defined in Order Nos. 23,357 and 23,493 (Docket No. DT 99-018). Based on its analysis, Staff recommends that the special contract be allowed to go into effect pursuant to RSA 378:18-b, II(a).