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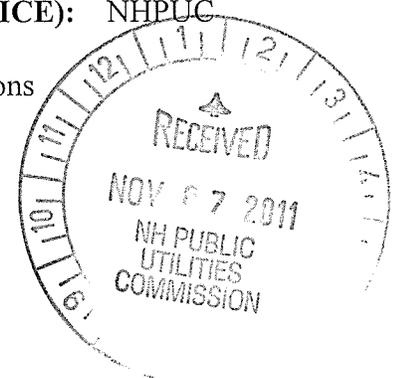
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Inter-Department Communication

DATE: November 4, 2011

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SUBJECT: DT 11-236 FairPoint Communications - NNE
Special Contract for Frame Relay Service
TO: Debra Howland, Executive Director
Kate Bailey, Director - Telecommunications



On October 20, 2011, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications - NNE (FairPoint) filed a special contract to provide Frame Relay service for a period of 60 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).