


STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

DATE: March 28, 2016

AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

FROM:  Michael Ladam, Directory of Regulatory Innovation and Strategy

SUBJECT: DT 16-306, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC:
Revision to Tariff NH PUC No. 2

TO: Commissioners
Debra Howland, Executive Director

CC: David K. Wiesner, Staff Attorney

On March 11, 2016, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC (FairPoint) submitted a filing to revise its wholesale tariff NHPUC No. 2: Miscellaneous Network Services, so as to remove a specialized service that allows competitive carriers to interconnect with E-911 services heretofore provided by FairPoint. FairPoint proposes that this change take effect on April 11, 2016.

This service is described in Part C, Section 2, 2.2.1 of the tariff as allowing carriers to “interconnect to the company’s E-911 hub/tandems and access the appropriate subtending Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs).” The New Hampshire E-911 Commission recently contracted with a different vendor to provide E-911 service in the state. As a consequence, the PSAPs no longer directly subtend FairPoint hubs and tandems, and the service cannot be offered, nor is there any statutory obligation for FairPoint to offer any such service.

FairPoint announced this change in its tariff and service offerings to its wholesale customers in an Accessible Letter of March 8, 2016. FairPoint has also informed Staff that it will offer interconnection circuits enabling other carriers to reach the new vendor’s PSAP services.

Staff recommends allowing this tariff revision to take effect by operation of law on April 11, 2016.

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