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SUBJECT: DT 08-094 Fairpoint Communications - NNE
Amendment to Special Contract with Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical
Center for Direct Inward Dialing Number Services

TO: Debra Howland, Executive Director
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On July 22, 2008, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a Fairpoint Communications - NNE (Fairpoint) filed an amendment to an existing special contract with Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. Under the amendment, Fairpoint will provide Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center with Direct Inward Dialing number services for a period of 36 months. In support of the filing, Fairpoint submitted records and information, including contract terms and conditions, which are subject to confidential treatment pursuant to RSA 378:43.

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).