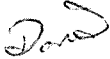


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FROM: David Goyette, Utility Analyst III - Telecommunications

SUBJECT: DT 09-068 Fairpoint Communications - NNE
Special Contract with RBS Citizens, N.A. for Digital Centrex Service

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

On April 13, 2009, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a Fairpoint Communications - NNE (Fairpoint) filed a special contract between Fairpoint and RBS Citizens, N.A. Under the contract, Fairpoint will provide RBS Citizens, N.A. with Digital Centrex service with standard features for a period of 24 months. RBS Citizens, N.A. has the option to extend the contract up to one year by providing written notice to Fairpoint at least 30 days prior to the end of the service period. 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).