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SUBJECT: DT 09-160 Fairpoint Communications - NNE
Tariff Revision of NHPUC Tariff 83 – Exchange and Network
Services – Message Telecommunications Service Toll Calling Plans

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On August 28, 2009, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a Fairpoint Communications - NNE (Fairpoint) filed a tariff revision to its NHPUC Tariff No. 83, Exchange and Network Services – Message Telecommunications Service Toll Calling Plans. The revision adds the condition that all new Business Link Rewards Plan customers will receive 2,500 bonus credits. It also adds the condition that customers who provide a new email address will receive 500 bonus credits. The revision changes the company name on the tariff page from Verizon to FairPoint.

FairPoint did not submit a cost study with the filing. As a result, Staff is unable to verify whether the price with the effective \$25 discount for voice customers, exceeds the cost of these services. Staff submitted a request to Fairpoint for the cost study and FairPoint is preparing it at this time. Pursuant to RSA 378:6, IV, "The Commission may, in its discretion and with reasonable explanation, including an explanation of the likely areas of disagreement with the tariff, extend the time for its determination by up to 30 days." Staff therefore, recommends that the effective date of the tariff be extended by 30 days, to October 27, 2009. The tariff is otherwise effective by operation of law, unless denied, on September 27, 2009.

