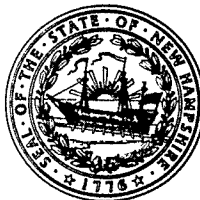


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September 3, 2010

Teresa R. Rosenberger  
State President - NH  
FairPoint Communications - NNE  
900 Elm Street, Suite 1905  
Manchester, NH 03101-2008

Re: DT 10-222, FairPoint Communications - NNE  
Special Contract with PayChex for Basic Business Service

Dear Ms. Rosenberger:

On August 20, 2010, FairPoint Communications - NNE (FairPoint) filed a special contract to provide PayChex with basic business service with reduced termination liability for a period of 24 months. In support of the filing, FairPoint submitted records and information, including contract terms and conditions, for which it requested confidential treatment pursuant to RSA 378:43.

Staff has reviewed the documentation filed in support of the special contract and recommended that it be allowed to go into effect. According to Staff, the contract rate meets the price floor requirements of RSA 378:18-b, II.

For administrative efficiency, the Commission will not issue an order suspending, rejecting, or approving the proposed special contract. Accordingly, the proposed contract between FairPoint and PayChex is effective on or after the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

cc: Service List  
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