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Tariff Revisions to its Premise Work Service

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Introduction

On November 18, 2011, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a/FairPoint Communications-NNE (FairPoint) filed a tariff revision for effect December 19th, 2011, to its Premise Work Services.

In response to Staff's request for a 30 day extension to complete its review of the proposed changes, the Commission extended the time for its determination on this filing by 30 days, by Secretarial Letter dated December 16th, 2012.

FairPoint Tariff Proposal

FairPoint stated that the primary rationale for this filing is as follows:

- (a) Since the FCC has de-tariffed inside wire, etc, FairPoint wishes to remove all reference to services that have remained on the tariff as an oversight.
- (b) FairPoint wishes to rationalize the number of USOC's that it uses.
- (c) FairPoint does not anticipate carrying out Premise Work outside of standard work week hours.
- (d) FairPoint indicates that these changes do not relate to non-customer NID activities.

Staff analysis

- FairPoint's objective in this filing is to simplify and update their Premise Service tariff for end users, to fully reflect de-tariffed inside wire. This tariff does not apply to non FairPoint customers.
- FairPoint differentiates between Customer Premise Work which comprises inside wire work and has been de-tariffed, and Premise Work which relates to non-urgent discretionary work done on the company's network,

- at the end user's request and which is not performed on Sundays. Holidays and evenings. This filing relates to Premise Work alone.
- In this filing revision, FairPoint simplified two former categories of Premises Work Charges, into a single Standard category, removing all reference to Complex Premises Work Charges and their corresponding rates.
- This filing does not relate to non-customer NID activities, only billable premise work for an end user. Thus the tariffed rates apply only to telephone service furnished to end users. The rates remain unchanged at \$32.00 for the first 15 minutes and \$12.00 for each additional minute.

Staff recommendation

The proposed tariff changes relate to FairPoint end users only.

Staff believes that it is reasonable for FairPoint to revise and simplify its Tariff for Premise Work Service especially in order to remove references for services that have been de-tariffed by the FCC.

In addition Staff notes that the tariffed rates remain unchanged.

Staff therefore recommends acceptance of the revised tariff as filed.