

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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SUBJECT: DT 12-186 Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc.
d/b/a/FairPoint Communications – Northland Telephone Company of
Maine VoIP / PSTN Tariff Revisions

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On June 15, 2012, Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc. d/b/a/FairPoint Communications – Northland Telephone Company of Maine (Northland) filed a revision to its NHPUC Tariff No. 2, to take effect on July 15, 2012. This tariff revises the methodology for rating certain VoIP / PSTN access traffic as qualified for interstate rates. This change is pursuant to a May 2012 rule change promulgated by the Federal Communications Commission.

In reviewing the tariff revision, Staff identified certain areas that may be ambiguous or may impose unreasonable time constraints on wholesale customers. Staff submitted a request to Northland to provide clarifications or modifications addressing these concerns, and the company is currently preparing a response.

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." In order to provide Northland with an opportunity to address the concerns summarized above, Staff recommends that the effective date of the tariff be extended by 30 days, to August 14, 2012.