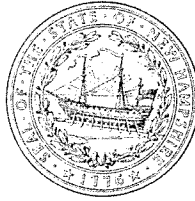


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August 2, 2013

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Re: DT 13-191, Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint Communications
Tariff Revision to Discount Term and Volume for
Business Access Lines

Dear Mr. Taylor:

On July 10, 2013, Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc., d/b/a FairPoint Communications (Northland), submitted a tariff filing introducing volume and term discount plans applicable to business access line charges and feature packages that can be added to access lines in a discount plan. Northland stated that the filing contains confidential, commercial, and financial information exempt from public disclosure under RSA 91-A:5, IV. On July 17, 2013, Northland filed a revised version of the tariff, with an explanation that the initial filing had inaccurately labeled redacted public workpapers.

The tariff filing provides discounts to business access line charges based on the number of access lines and the term. Northland confidentially submitted a price-floor analysis with the tariff filing. Staff reviewed the price-floor analysis and confirmed that the analysis indicates the rate for each of the proposed services exceeds the cost.

Staff reviewed the proposed tariff changes submitted by Northland and, following its investigation, recommended these proposed changes be allowed to go into effect. The Commission has accepted Staff's recommendation that the proposed tariff changes be allowed to take effect.

For administrative efficiency, an order will not be issued by the Commission either suspending, rejecting, or approving the proposed tariff changes. Pursuant to RSA 378:3 and RSA 378:6, IV, the proposed tariff changes, filed on July 10, 2013, and pursuant to Staff's recommendation, are effective, as proposed, on August 10, 2013. Tariff pages should be filed referencing Docket No. DT 13-191 and reflecting the effective date of August 10, 2013.

Sincerely,

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

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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