

# STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

## Inter-Department Communication

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**SUBJECT:** DT 08-138 Fairpoint Communications - NNE  
Special Contract with Capital Region Health Care for Direct Inward  
Dialing Number Blocks

**TO:** Debra Howland, Executive Director  
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On November 3, 2008, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a Fairpoint Communications - NNE (Fairpoint) filed a special contract with Capital Region Health Care. Under the contract, Capital Region Health Care can order Direct Inward Dialing (DID) number blocks anytime during the first 18 months of the 36 month contract. Capital Region Health Care must maintain a minimum of eleven blocks of 100 DID numbers to avoid paying a shortfall amount. In support of the filing, Fairpoint submitted records and information, including contract terms and conditions, which are subject to confidential treatment pursuant to RSA 378:43.

Staff has reviewed the cost study data submitted by Fairpoint and confirmed that the contract rates exceed the price floor requirements as defined in Order Nos. 23,357 and 23,493 (Docket No. DT 99-018). Based on its analysis, Staff recommends that the special contract be allowed to go into effect pursuant to RSA 378:18-b, II(a).