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Inter-Department Communication

DATE: July 16, 2012 AT (OFFICE): NHPUC David g FROM: David Goyette, Utility Analyst III - Telecommunications **SUBJECT:** DT 12-188 FairPoint Communications - NNE Special Contract for Digital Centrex Plus Service TO: Debra Howland, Executive Director Kate Bailey, Director - Telecommunications On July 3, 2012, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint

On July 3, 2012, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications - NNE (FairPoint) filed a special contract to provide Digital Centrex Plus service at special rates.

In its cover letter FairPoint requested certain information be kept confidential.

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 cofntract be allowed to go into effect pursuant to RSA 378:18-b, II(a).