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SUBJECT: DT 12-193 Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC
d/b/a/FairPoint Communications – Lifeline Tariff Revisions

TO: Commissioners
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On July 3, 2012, Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC d/b/a/FairPoint Communications – NNE (FairPoint) filed a revision to its NHPUC Tariff No. 1, to take effect on August 1, 2012. This tariff revises the discount which FairPoint will apply to customers enrolled in the federally-authorized Lifeline program. This change is pursuant to a May 2012 change promulgated by the Federal Communications Commission.

In reviewing the tariff revision, Staff identified an inconsistency between the rate filed therein and FairPoint's recently-revised end-user common line charge. Staff submitted a question to FairPoint about the accuracy of the filing. The company confirmed that the proposed rate is incorrect, and is currently revising its filing.

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 FairPoint with an opportunity to complete its revision, Staff recommends that the effective date of the tariff be extended by 30 days, to September 1, 2012.