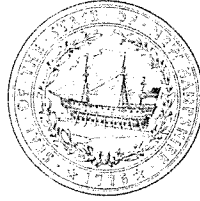


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July 30, 2012

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Re: DT 12-194 Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc.  
d/b/a/FairPoint Communications – Northland Telephone Company of Maine  
Tariff Filing revising Lifeline discount

Dear Ms. Wennerstrand:

On July 3, 2012, Northland Telephone Company of Maine, Inc. d/b/a/FairPoint Communications – Northland Telephone Company of Maine (Northland) submitted a filing to revise its NHPUC Tariff 1 to take effect on August 1, 2012. This tariff revises the discount which Northland 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 (FCC). Staff reviewed this revision and concluded that it is consistent with both the current Northland End User Common Line Charge and the FCC Lifeline Order.

The Commission has accepted Staff's assessment. 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 addition to Northland's Tariff NHPUC No. 1 will take effect as filed.

Tariff pages should be filed referencing Docket No. DT 12-194 and reflecting the effective date of August 1, 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Debra A. Howland' followed by a flourish.

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

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