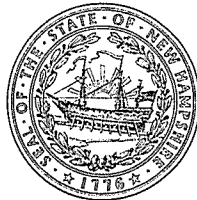


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January 29, 2013

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Re: DT 07-011, Northern New England Telephone Operations, LLC
d/b/a FairPoint Communications – Broadband Expansion Plan

Dear Mr. Taylor:

On November 1, 2012, DT 07-011, Northern New England Telephone Operations, LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications (FairPoint) filed a plan to invest approximately \$3.3 million in broadband expansion projects pursuant to Order 25, 379 (June 26, 2012). On January 18, 2013, FairPoint filed a revision to this plan. On January 22, 2013, Staff reported to the Commission that Staff and DRED have jointly concluded that the revised plan meets the requirements of Order No. 25,379.

On December 28, 2012, Staff reported to the Commission that FairPoint has provided credible information supporting its assertion that FairPoint has met its commitment to make broadband service available on at least 92% of FairPoint access lines by December 31, 2012.

In its January 22 report, Staff recommended that the Commission approve the broadband plan as revised on January 18, 2013 and extend the deadline for FairPoint to achieve 95% broadband availability statewide and 75% availability in rural areas from March 31, 2013, to December 31, 2013. The Commission has accepted Staff's recommendation. Accordingly, the broadband expansion plan of November 1, 2012, as revised on January 18, 2013, is approved. The March 31, 2013 deadline for expanded broadband availability is extended to December 31, 2013, as anticipated in Order 25, 379.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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