

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

## Inter-Department Communication

**DATE:** Dec. 9, 2013  
**AT (OFFICE):** NHPUC

**FROM:** Michael Ladam, Assistant Director, Telecommunications;  
Carol Miller, Broadband Director, Department of Resources and  
Economic Development (DRED)

**SUBJECT:** DT 07-011 Modification of Detailed Broadband Expansion Plan

**TO:** Commissioners  
Debra Howland, Executive Director

This memo confirms the agreement of Commission Staff and DRED to a modification to the Broadband Expansion Plan. No further action is required.

In Order 25,379 of June 26, 2012, the Commission approved a plan submitted by Northern New England Telephone Operations LLC (FairPoint) to use penalty funds to expand broadband to unserved areas of the state.

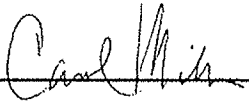

The Commission recognized that the plan, which includes dozens of individual projects, might require modification as it progressed. Section A3 of the Broadband Expansion Agreement adopted in Order 25,379 and subsequently adopted by the Governor and Executive Council established the following mechanism for considering and approving such changes:

“NNETO shall present information to DRED and the Commission's Staff reasonably necessary to identify the need for the modification and the actual modification to be proposed. In the event the Commission's Staff and DRED agree in writing with NNETO's modification, then the Parties agree that the detailed Broadband Expansion plan shall be modified accordingly absent further requirements.”

FairPoint has presented information to DRED and Staff regarding a minor modification to the plan, correcting a typographical error in the location and number of customers served by one of the projects, and a slight increase in the count for another. The attached confidential spreadsheet details the corrections, which reduces the total number of unserved customers reached by the project from 2517 to 2462. This compares to the Commission's minimum threshold of 1000 unserved locations.

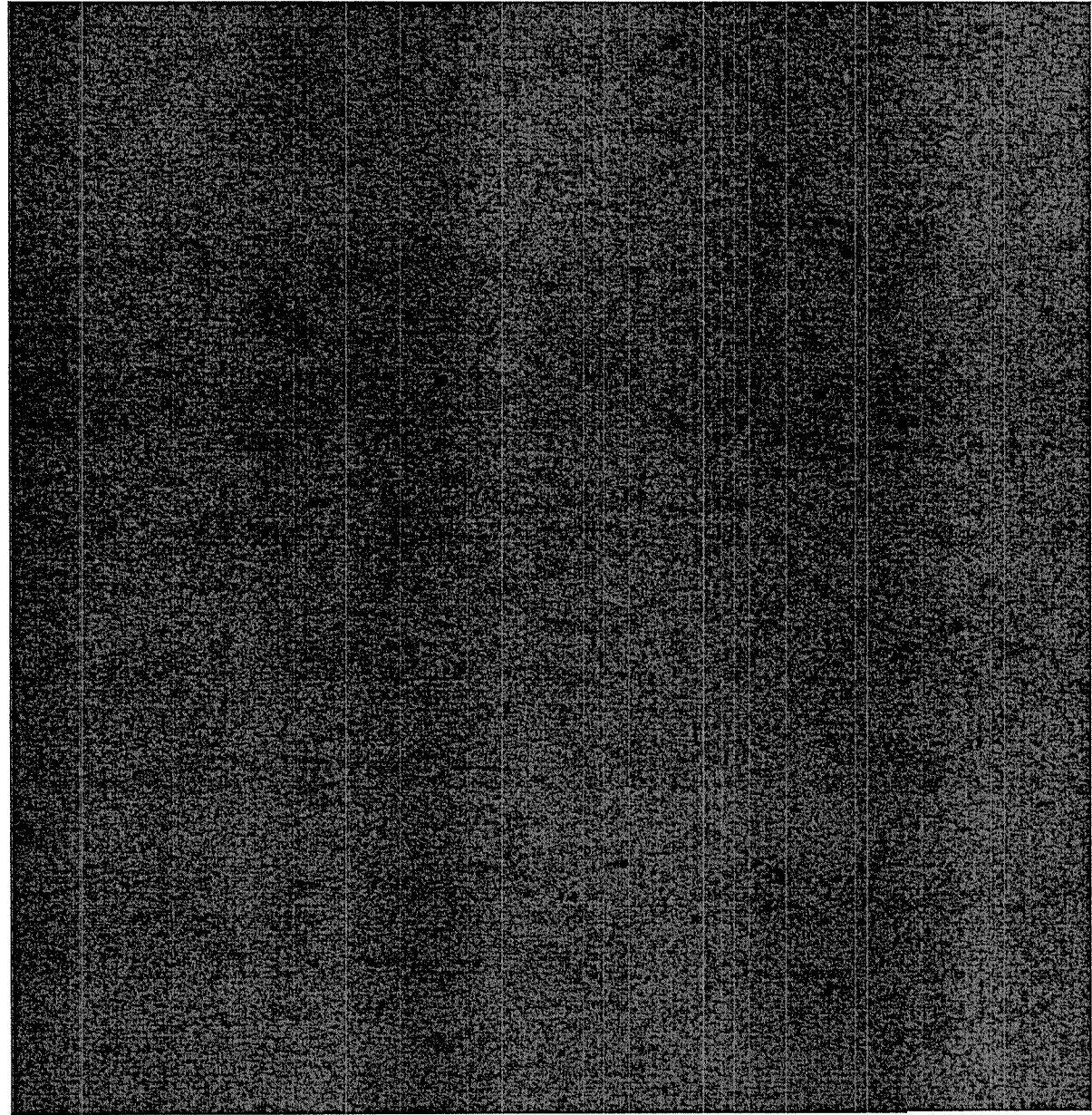
Staff and DRED have reviewed this change and examined broadband data for the area involved. We have concluded that the modification is needed and is consistent with the program goals. The signatures on this memo indicate our agreement to the change.

The parties named below, by signature of their representatives, agree to the modification of the Detailed Broadband Expansion Plan:

New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development	Date	New Hampshire Public Utility Commission Staff	Date
	12/10/13		12/10/13
Carol Miller, Director of Broadband Technologies		Michael Ladam, Assistant Director of Telecommunications	

FairPoint Communications Revised Broadband Plan: Modification of November 2013: REDACTED

Wire Center	Remote Terminal Address	Net LQ (95% of total lines)	Estimated Cost
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2462 \$ 3,302,000.00