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FAIRPOINT EXPANDS HIGH-SPEED INTERNET SERVICE IN SOUTHERN VERMONT

SOUTH BURLINGTON, Vt. (October 9, 2009) – More Vermonters can quickly e-mail photos, download music and surf the Internet now that FairPoint Communications has expanded access to high-speed Internet service in southern Vermont. The service was recently expanded to reach 2,000 more customers in the towns of Dummerston, Hartford, Stratton Mountain, West Dover (Timber Creek) and West Windsor.

In 2008, FairPoint increased access to high-speed Internet service from 65 to 76 percent of its Vermont lines exceeding its commitment to the state for 75 percent broadband availability.

“We understand the importance of access to broadband to the residents and businesses in the state and this demonstrates our commitment to expanding broadband availability in Vermont,” said Jeff Allen, executive vice president of northern New England operations for FairPoint. “With our extensive high-speed Internet expansion efforts in the past year, now is a good time for customers to check to see if high-speed Internet service is available in their neighborhood.”

Qualified customers who sign up for an annual plan can choose FairPoint High-Speed Internet for \$33.99 for download speeds up to 3 Mbps. All plans include a dedicated connection with always-on access, a 30-day money back guarantee, free router, free FairPoint Security Suite, 9 email accounts, and 10MB (Megabytes) of personal web space. FairPoint High-Speed Internet features live support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Other speeds are available at other promotional rates.

For additional information about FairPoint High-Speed Internet prices and bundled plans, residential consumers can call **1-866-984-2001** or visit www.FairPoint.com.

About FairPoint

FairPoint Communications, Inc. is an industry leading provider of communications services to communities across the country. Today, FairPoint owns and operates local exchange companies in 18 states offering advanced communications with a personal touch, including local and long distance voice, data, Internet, television and

broadband services. FairPoint is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol FRP.BC. Learn more at www.fairpoint.com.

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