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FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS TO BRING BROADBAND TO WINDHAM

Windham, VT. (July 30, 2007) – FairPoint Communications, Inc. today announced that Windham, Vermont would be included in the Company's intended \$13.8 million expansion of broadband service, upon completion of the merger with Verizon's landline business in Vermont. This expansion is expected to bring broadband service to approximately 15 Vermont communities for the first time, including Windham, and extend high-speed DSL Internet to currently unserved neighborhoods in approximately 60 other Vermont communities.

The broadband expansion to new communities and the extension of broadband in additional neighborhoods are contingent on the Vermont Public Service Board's approval of the merger, regulatory approvals from Maine, New Hampshire and the FCC and the subsequent completion of the merger.

"Communities like Windham have demanded access to broadband products and services, and we are extremely pleased to include approximately 90 potential new customers in Windham as part of our plan," said Walter E. Leach, Jr., FairPoint's executive vice president.

"We have approximately 92 percent broadband accessibility in our current markets which we expect to continue to increase. We intend to continue expanding broadband in the current Verizon markets in Vermont so that we reach that same high level of service," Leach said.

By the end of 2007, Verizon has committed to provide broadband to 65 percent of its Vermont customers. FairPoint is extending that and plans to provide broadband to 85 percent of customers by the first quarter of 2010. Access in Windham is expected to be available during late 2008.

"The technology FairPoint will be installing is an advanced, next generation network, capable of supporting existing subscriber needs and also providing a platform for the future," Leach said. "This new access to high-speed Internet will allow residents and businesses in these communities to efficiently download larger files and generally communicate much more quickly, and will provide local students with new opportunities to further their education."

About FairPoint

FairPoint is a leading provider of communications services to rural and small urban communities across the country. Incorporated in 1991, FairPoint's mission is to acquire and operate telecommunications companies that set the standard of excellence for the delivery of service to rural and small urban communities. Today, FairPoint owns and operates 31 local exchange companies located in 18 states offering an array of services, including local and long distance voice, data, Internet and broadband offerings. The company is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "FRP".

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involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, there are important factors that could cause actual results, events or developments to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. Such factors include those risks described from time to time in FairPoint's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including, without limitation, the risks described in FairPoint's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These factors should be considered carefully and readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. All information is current as of the date this press release is issued, and FairPoint undertakes no duty to update this information. Source: FairPoint Communications, Inc., www.fairpoint.com.

FairPoint has filed a registration statement, including a proxy statement, and other materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") in connection with the proposed merger. We urge investors to read these documents because they contain important information. Investors can obtain copies of the registration statement and proxy statement, as well as other filed documents containing information about FairPoint and the merger, at www.sec.gov, the SEC's website, or at www.fairpoint.com/investor. Investors may also obtain free copies of these documents and the Company's SEC filings at www.fairpoint.com under the Investor Relations section, or by written request to FairPoint Communications, Inc., 521 E. Morehead Street, Suite 250, Charlotte, NC 28202, Attention: Investor Relations.

FairPoint, Verizon, and FairPoint's directors, executive officers, and other employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from FairPoint stockholders with respect to the merger and transactions. Information about FairPoint's directors and executive officers is available in FairPoint's proxy statement for its 2006 annual meeting of shareholders, dated April 24, 2006. Additional information about the interests of potential participants will be included in the registration statement and proxy statement and other materials filed or to be filed by FairPoint with the SEC.

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