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FAIRPOINT NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS

PORTLAND, MAINE (May 7, 2008) -- FairPoint Communications Chief Executive Officer Gene Johnson today announced the appointment of a new company executive who will focus on external relations. Jeff Allen has been named executive vice president for external relations. Allen is responsible for economic development, governmental affairs and community relations for all FairPoint operations throughout the United States.

Allen has worked for FairPoint Communications as assistant vice president of customer operations where he was responsible for customer service for business and wholesale customers. He is based in Portland, Maine and has offices in Manchester, New Hampshire and Burlington, Vermont.

He previously served as general manager for wireless operations for Datapath, Inc. in Duluth, Ga. He had also been president, chief executive officer and chairman of Intellispace, Inc., a data communication firm that delivered high-speed information services to business customers in the greater New York City, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia and London metropolitan areas. Also, Allen was the former president of Frontier of New England and Long Distance North covering the states of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

"This is an important role at FairPoint and is critical for the future of this company. Jeff's business acumen, personality and work ethic are perfect for this role on our company's leadership team," said Johnson.

About FairPoint

FairPoint Communications, Inc. is an industry leading provider of communications services to communities across the country. Today, FairPoint owns and operates 32 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. Learn more at www.fairpoint.com.