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**31,000 ADDITIONAL FAIRPOINT CUSTOMERS IN MAINE NOW HAVE
ACCESS TO HIGH-SPEED INTERNET**

PORTLAND, Maine (July 10, 2008) - More than 31,000 additional FairPoint Communications customers across Maine now have access to FairPoint's high-speed Internet. The overall expansion project included equipping 20 central switching centers and 68 remote terminal locations in Maine with high-speed broadband technology. FairPoint's high-speed Internet service is powered by broadband technology that carries high bandwidth information to the home.

To the customer it means a much faster and smoother connection than dial-up service, so customers can surf the Internet at the same time they are talking on their phone. They don't have busy signals or have to wait to get on the Internet. FairPoint's service provides the customer with a dedicated, always-on connection that is not shared with neighbors like cable Internet service. FairPoint customers recently received information in the mail letting them know that high-speed Internet service is available in their communities.

"FairPoint is committed to expanding Internet access throughout northern New England," said Peter Nixon, president of FairPoint Communications. "We recently expanded into these areas and we are pleased to notify more than 31,000 of our customers that they now have access to FairPoint's high-speed Internet. This service is faster, is delivered over a dedicated line and can make a difference in our customers' Internet online experience."

The following communities received expanded high-speed Internet availability as part of this deployment phase: Acton, Arundel, Auburn, Bangor, Bar Harbor, Belgrade, Biddeford, Boothbay Harbor, Bowdoinham, Brewer, Brooklin, Brooksville, Brownville, Brunswick, Columbia, Cumberland, Danforth, Dark Harbor, Dedham, Detroit, Durham, Eddington, Fairfield, Falmouth, Farmington, Franklin, Freeport, Frenchville, Georgetown, Glenburn, Great Cranberry Island, Greene, Gouldsboro, Hiram, Houlton, Jefferson, Jonesport, Kennebunk, Lebanon, Lewiston, Lubec, Mexico, Monhegan Island, Monroe, Monson, North Haven, North Sanford, North Whitefield, North Yarmouth, Norway, Ogunquit, Orono, Paris, Pembroke, Phippsburg, Porter, Portland, Pownal, Saco, Saint Agatha, Scarborough, Sedgwick, Shapleigh, South Portland, Sullivan, The Forks, Topsfield, Topsham, Tremont, Vanceboro, Wayne, Wells, West Bath, Westbrook, Westport Island, Whitefield, Windsor, Wiscasset, Woolwich and York.

Qualified customers can sign up for FairPoint High-Speed Internet with a connection speed of up to 3 Mbps (megabits per second), or can choose FairPoint's Starter Plan for only \$17.99 per month for the first year with a one-year commitment. All plans include a

dedicated connection with always-on access, nine email accounts, 10MB (Megabytes) of personal web space and technical support. FairPoint High-Speed Internet features live support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and a 30-day money-back guarantee.

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 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.

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