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FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS ADDS MORE NEW JOBS IN BANGOR AND PORTLAND

BANGOR, Maine (July 18, 2008) – FairPoint Communications announced today in a joint news conference with Maine’s Governor John Baldacci that it has added approximately 38 jobs to its local consumer customer call center and finance department in Bangor. It includes 30 newly hired customer service representatives who are currently in a training program and will begin their new positions at the end of July. They are located at FairPoint’s customer call center at 59 Park Street in Bangor.

Last year, a Verizon directory assistance call center in Bangor was targeted to close and FairPoint agreed to offer positions to the employees as part of its acquisition of Verizon’s landline business in northern New England. With the recent new hires FairPoint has added approximately 63 positions in Bangor since it took over.

FairPoint also reported it has added approximately 57 new jobs in Portland at its local consumer and small business customer call center, located at 5 Davis Farm Road.

“We’re pleased to be able to create these jobs and provide employment opportunities to the people in these job markets,” said Gene Johnson, chief executive officer of FairPoint. “This is an exciting time for FairPoint and we welcome the new employees to the company. These new associates will play a key role in developing positive customer relationships in the region.” These positions will be union-represented jobs.

Last year FairPoint announced its intent to create approximately 280 new positions in Maine. The company indicated that 125 of these jobs would be in Portland and another 125 new jobs would be based in Bangor, with the remainder in other communities.

During today’s news conference FairPoint reported it has already met its original hiring goal in Maine and now has plans to hire more people. The company said the total number will actually climb to approximately 400 new positions when it completes its hiring plan to fill all its open positions in Maine. While many positions have already been filled, the hiring process will continue throughout the second half of this year.

“Today’s announcement of 120 new jobs in Bangor and Portland is good news for Maine,” said Governor Baldacci. “These new customer service positions offer competitive wages,

good benefits and training opportunities. This is just one of the investments FairPoint has committed to in the state, and we are pleased to have them as a partner.”

Johnson stated, “The significant number of new jobs we are creating in Maine will have a substantial impact on our ability to serve the customer base in northern New England. It will also have a positive impact on the overall economic vitality of the markets where these jobs are located.”

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