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### **FAIRPOINT NAMES RICK PRETI TO LEAD STRATEGIC PLANNING EFFORTS**

**PORTLAND, Maine (June 27, 2008)** – FairPoint Communications Chief Executive Officer Gene Johnson today announced the appointment of Rick Preti as senior vice president of strategy and development. Preti and his team will work with company leaders to develop FairPoint’s corporate long-range strategic plans to ensure the best use of the company’s financial resources and operating asset base. He will also be responsible for reviewing acquisition opportunities, completing related due diligence and making recommendations to the FairPoint Board of Directors.

Preti joined FairPoint Communications in 2007 and he has 25 years of business experience that encompasses voice, data, online and wireless communications and computer network technology ranging from LAN/WAN systems to optical networking. He was formerly a cable company executive who originated the industry’s first video/data/voice “triple play.” Preti is based in Portland, Maine and will have responsibility for operations in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

“As FairPoint evolves, it is more important than ever that we focus on new product and service opportunities to optimize revenues from our current and future customers,” said Johnson. “Rick is well versed in multiple areas of communication technology and with his strength of leadership can help FairPoint exceed its objectives for growth, profitability and market competitiveness.”

#### **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](http://www.fairpoint.com).

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