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**FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS HONORS VETERANS WITH
BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT IN TAMWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

MANCHESTER, N.H. (July 2, 2008) – FairPoint Communications today announced it will move its utility poles located on the grounds of the veterans’ memorial in Tamworth, New Hampshire. FairPoint is coordinating the move with other area utilities that have services collocated on the pole. The project involves moving several poles in the area, and FairPoint will bear the cost of the pole removal as a gesture of support to area veterans who have given selflessly to our county.

“As one of the largest employers in New Hampshire and a company where many veterans are employed including our CEO Gene Johnson, it is our pleasure to work closely with the area veterans to enhance the beauty of the Tamworth Veterans’ Memorial,” said Peter Nixon, president of FairPoint Communications. “It’s especially pertinent to honor these veterans this week as our country celebrates its independence.”

“FairPoint has gone beyond their call of duty in honoring the Tamworth Veterans Memorial as Hallowed Ground, by scheduling the removal and relocation of their utility pole,” said David Haskell, chairman of the Tamworth Veterans Memorial Committee.

“This is one more example of FairPoint’s willingness to reach out to the community, citizens and, most importantly, customers by honoring this veteran’s memorial in Tamworth,” said New Hampshire Executive Councilor Ray Burton.

“I appreciate FairPoint stepping forward, helping the veteran community in Tamworth and being a good corporate citizen. As a veteran myself, I know having companies work with the veterans is very important. This shows that FairPoint is truly committed to the community and honoring the 130,000 veterans who live in New Hampshire,” said Joseph Kenney, New Hampshire State Senator, District 3. Kenney is also a Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps Reserves.

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