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FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS TO ADD SALES POSITIONS IN NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND

PORTLAND, Maine (February 19, 2009) – FairPoint Communications today announced plans to hire approximately 100 new employees for business to business Sales and Sales support positions. The company is looking to find the right candidates and recently held job fairs in Bangor, Maine and Littleton, NH to solicit applications. FairPoint is looking for experienced sales representatives who will service the small and medium-sized business market in northern New England. Open positions include account executive, account manager, sales manager and sales support consultant.

"Our success in the business marketplace during the past year has driven the need for these additional positions," said Brian Lippold, vice president of business and wholesale sales at FairPoint. "Our objective is to understand our business customers' needs, and then identify the telecommunication products and services that will help them prosper." Lippold explained that the new positions will be placed throughout FairPoint's service area in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Since acquiring Verizon's landline operations in northern New England, the company has added approximately 1,000 new jobs and is actively supporting economic development in the region. Also, FairPoint is ahead of schedule with its plan to increase broadband availability and improve the network infrastructure in northern New England. Providing widely available broadband services is the core of FairPoint's business strategy and the company's goal is to be the broadband provider of choice in northern New England.

Specific job postings can be found on FairPoint's Web site www.FairPoint.com under the career link on the homepage. Potential candidates should post their resume to the FairPoint career Web site. The best candidates will demonstrate a track record of achieving results while embracing FairPoint's customer-centric culture.

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.

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