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**ACCESS TO FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS
CUSTOMER CENTERS IN NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND RESTORED**

Portland, Maine (May 8, 2009) – At approximately 2:30 p.m. today FairPoint Communications restored access to its customer service call centers. Customers are now able to call the Consumer, Small Business or Repair Service Centers. The company appreciates its customers' patience while they worked through this problem. FairPoint will increase the number of technicians working over the weekend to respond to any backlog of customer service reports resulting from the call center outage.

Though at this time FairPoint's focus has been on restoring access to the customer service centers, a full review of the root cause of the outage will be conducted.

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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