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FAIRPOINT TO PARTICIPATE IN GOLDMAN SACHS COMMUNACOPIA XVII CONFERENCE

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (September 11, 2008) – FairPoint Communications, Inc. (NYSE: FRP) today announced that its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Gene Johnson will participate in the Goldman Sachs Communacopia XVII Conference in New York City on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 1:55 p.m.

A live webcast of the event will be available under the Investor Relations section of the Company's Web site at www.fairpoint.com. An online replay will be available shortly after the conclusion of the presentation and will be available for 30 days.

About FairPoint

FairPoint Communications, Inc. is an industry leading provider of communications services to communities across the country. Today, FairPoint owns and operates 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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