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**Jane Valik Receives FairPoint
Communication's Highest Honor**

PORTLAND, Maine (February 26, 2009) – FairPoint Communications is pleased to announce that Jane Valik, vice president of support operations, was recently presented with the 2008 Chairman's Award. This recognition, FairPoint's highest honor, is presented annually to the employee who best exemplifies the company's values in everything they do. Nominations are made by the executive leadership team and the winner is personally selected by FairPoint's CEO Gene Johnson. She was honored at a ceremony in Portland, where she is based.

"There were many qualified candidates this year, and it was a tough choice," said Johnson. "I selected Jane because of her exemplary leadership skills, dedication to putting customers first, and her contributions to FairPoint's success."

Ms. Valik's nearly 40-year telecommunications career began with Frontier Communications in Johnstown, New York. She joined FairPoint in 2001 and has held executive positions in marketing, consumer sales and service, and served as president of FairPoint's mid-Atlantic region prior to her current position as vice president of support operations. Valik served as a member of the company's CEO Council for three years and the New York State Telephone Association Board for five years.

"It's an honor to receive this recognition from my peers," said Ms. Valik. "My team strives to embody FairPoint's values every day, with a focus on delivering an exceptional customer experience. I am pleased to accept this award on their behalf."

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