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**FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS NAMES HEAD OF ENGINEERING  
AND NETWORK PLANNING**

**PORTLAND, Maine (September 30, 2009)** – FairPoint Communications, Inc. (NYSE: FRP) announced Brian Lippold has been named senior vice president of engineering and network planning.

Lippold has a strong background in network engineering and operations and will be responsible for engineering, network planning, provisioning, and FairPoint's next generation network. Lippold has more than 25 years of experience in telecommunications sales, general management, engineering and operations. Prior to joining FairPoint he served in senior leadership roles at Level 3 Communications, Inc., Telcove, Inc., and Long Distance North. He has also served in roles of increasing responsibility at American Communications, Inc., Dial-Net, Inc., Billing Systems International, and Dannenbaum Engineering. He most recently worked as vice president of business and wholesale sales at FairPoint since April 2007.

Lippold is an active member of the community and a member of the executive board of the Pine Tree Council of the Boy Scouts of America, as well as a member of the board of Maine & Company in Portland, Maine. He is a resident of Yarmouth, Maine.

**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 and FRP.BC. Learn more at [www.FairPoint.com](http://www.FairPoint.com).

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