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**FAIRPOINT TO PROVIDE 100 PERCENT BROADBAND COVERAGE
IN 51 VERMONT LOCALITIES**

FERRISBURGH, Vt. (September 30, 2008) – More Vermonters will be able to quickly e-mail photos, download music and surf the Internet because FairPoint Communications today announced it will provide 100 percent broadband coverage to its customers in half of its Vermont telephone exchanges by December 31, 2010.

FairPoint acquired 99 telephone exchanges in its March 31, 2008 acquisition of Verizon's wireline business in Vermont. The locations of the 51 exchanges with full coverage are divided among all 14 Vermont counties.

(EDITORS NOTE: A list of the 51 telephone exchanges where FairPoint will have full broadband coverage is attached.)

"FairPoint is in a unique position to bring broadband coverage to nearly every corner of the state," said Gene Johnson, CEO of FairPoint. "We are pleased to work with agencies like the Vermont Telecommunications Authority in this initiative. We are committed to providing Vermonters with excellent customer service and a reliable network."

Governor Jim Douglas said FairPoint's expansion is an important contribution to his e-State Initiative—a plan to make Vermont the first state with universal access to quality cellular coverage and high-speed broadband technology.

"Increasing access to high-speed broadband is strengthening our economy, creating jobs and encouraging innovation. This new infrastructure is the platform for growth and job creation across every sector of our economy," said the Governor. "As a result of FairPoint's commitment, we are moving much closer to becoming the

nation's first e-state where affordable broadband and wireless technology is available to everyone and where no one is left behind," he added.

In order to provide complete coverage in these exchanges, FairPoint will continue to expand the existing wired network as it has been since April and will also integrate wireless technology (WiMax) to extend the reach of its network to less densely populated areas.

To enable this integrated approach, FairPoint is also building a new IP-based next generation network. This 100 percent fiber-based core network is extremely flexible and capable of integrating multiple access technologies including DSL (digital subscriber line), WiMax and fiber to the premise. This means that FairPoint will be able to meet the broadband needs of its customers well into the future and be able to offer multiple services across the same secure network platform.

WiMax delivers high-speed Internet service to customers over high-speed wireless connections by placing a small WiMax terminal at the customer location that enables access to the FairPoint next generation network.

"FairPoint will be the first company in the United States to deliver a combined wireless and wireline solution over an IP-based network on such a large scale," said Michael Brown, vice president of broadband and access engineering for FairPoint. "With the advanced capabilities of our new next generation network, WiMax was the obvious technology choice to complement our wired technology and quickly expand high-speed Internet service to customers in less densely populated areas."

Today in Vermont, FairPoint currently offers high-speed Internet service using DSL technology – a wired technology solution that provides high-speed Internet service over the phone wires that already exist at a customer's location.

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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Vermont 100 Percent Broadband Exchanges in 2010

County	Exchange Name	Telephone Number Prefixes
Addison	Middlebury	382, 388, 443
	Salisbury	352
	Vergennes	877
Bennington	Dorset	867
	Manchester	362, 366
Caledonia	Concord	695
	Lunenburg	892
Chittenden	Burlington	338, 651, 652, 654, 655, 657, 658, 660, 859, 860, 862, 863, 864, 865, 951, 985
	Essex Junction	288, 878, 879
	Milton	893
	Underhill	899
Essex	Island Pond	723
	Norton	822
Franklin	East Fairfield	827
	Enosburg Falls	933
	Fairfax	849
	Richford	848
	St Albans	524, 527
	Swanton	868
Grand Isle	Grand Isle	372
Lamoille	Stowe	253
	Morrisville	888
	Waterbury	241, 244
Orange	Newbury	866
	Washington	883
	Williamstown	433
Orange/Caledonia	Wells River	757



Vermont 100 Percent Broadband Exchanges in 2010 (continued)

County	Exchange Name	Telephone Number Prefixes
Orleans	Barton	525
	Craftsbury	586
	Derby	766
	Derby Line	873
	Greensboro	533
	Morgan	895
	Newport	334
	North Troy	988
Rutland	Brandon	247
	Castleton	468
	Fair Haven	265
	Poultney	287
	Proctor	459
	Rutland	747, 770, 772, 773, 775, 786
	Wells	645
Washington	Barre	461, 476, 479
	East Calais	456
	Montpelier	223, 224, 229, 371, 828
	Plainfield	454
Windham	Jamaica	874
Windsor	Weathersfield	546
	White River Jct.	280, 281, 295, 296, 452
	Windsor	674
	Woodstock	457