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FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS NAMES TERESA RHODES ROSENBERGER AS NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE PRESIDENT

MANCHESTER, N.H. (January 18, 2010) – A 30-year veteran of public policy, communications and advocacy with a long history of civic involvement, Teresa Rhodes Rosenberger has been named New Hampshire State President for FairPoint Communications. In her new role, Rosenberger will be responsible for regulatory matters, governmental relations, and economic development for FairPoint Communications in the Granite State.

Rosenberger has spent the last 20 years in New Hampshire, most recently serving as the director of government affairs and client communications for Devine Millimet & Branch. She has represented the firm on such matters as establishing community reinvestment opportunity zones to attract to and retain businesses in New Hampshire, as well as net operating loss reform legislation that saved significant dollars for businesses. Rosenberger began her career at *U.S. News and World Report*. She has also been a speechwriter and research staffer for three presidential administrations, and helped develop state and federal advocacy positions for The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

Rosenberger's civic involvement includes membership on New Hampshire Telecommunications Advisory Board, as a Governor Lynch appointment. She served as chair of the New Hampshire Historical Society, the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, the Concord Regional Visiting Nurse Association, and the Concord YMCA. She has also served on the board of the Josiah Bartlett Center for Public Policy, the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance and Capitol Region Healthcare.

"We are delighted to have Teresa join FairPoint in this very important role. Her knowledge of state government, as well as business and community organizations in New Hampshire, will help FairPoint continue to build lasting relationships within the state as we continue to improve and expand communication services," says Peter Nixon, president of FairPoint Communications.

Rosenberger is a graduate of the University of North Carolina where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism. She lives in Concord with her husband Eric and has three grown children.

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