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INDUSTRY VETERAN TO LEAD FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS BUSINESS STRATEGY TEAM

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (January 28, 2010) – Telecom industry veteran and business strategist Ray Allieri joins FairPoint Communications as executive vice president and chief strategy officer. Allieri brings with him more than 25 years of experience in refining business strategy to maximize return on investment for numerous companies.

Most recently Allieri was the principle for rca Consulting Services in Wellesley, Massachusetts, where he worked with domestic and international telecom companies, software businesses and clean energy companies to refine strategy, commercialize products and create distribution channels. Before that he was the president for business services at One Communications, in Burlington, Massachusetts. There he co-led post-merger integration and restructuring following the merger of CTC, Choice One and Conversent into One Communications. Allieri had been CEO of CT Communications since its emergence from Chapter 11 until the creation of One Communications. Allieri also has experience as a senior vice president for sales and marketing at DSL.net in New Haven, Connecticut, and as senior vice president of local services and vice president of investor relations at MCI Communications/WorldCom in Washington. He began his career at AT&T.

"As we prepare FairPoint for the future, we are refining our business strategy in this ever-changing marketplace. Ray's proven record of translating strategy into tactics to help companies grow is imperative to FairPoint," says David L. Hauser, chairman and CEO of FairPoint Communications.

Allieri holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the University of Pennsylvania. He currently sits on the board of directors for Magnitude Systems, Inc., in Boston, and the board of advisors of Rigidized Metals Corporation in Buffalo, New York. He is based at FairPoint's corporate office in Charlotte, N.C. and will report directly to Hauser, effective February 1, 2010.

About FairPoint

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