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**FAIRPOINT EXPANDS HIGH-SPEED INTERNET SERVICE IN
MARLBORO, VERMONT**

SOUTH BURLINGTON, Vt. (February 22, 2010) – FairPoint Communications has expanded broadband to an additional 135 homes and businesses in the Marlboro, Vermont area.

The high-speed Internet service was recently expanded to reach customers in the area of U.S. Route 9 near Indian Pipe Road and North Pond Road in Marlboro. Customers can now e-mail photos, download music and surf the Internet faster than previously on dial-up service.

Since 2008, FairPoint increased access to high-speed Internet service from 65 to almost 78 percent of its Vermont lines, exceeding its commitment to the state for 77 percent broadband availability.

“FairPoint has spent the last year and a half building a secure network infrastructure that will allow customers to transport data, voice and video content over a flexible and scalable network,” said Michael K. Smith, Vermont state president for FairPoint. “This advanced technology enables broadband to be delivered to additional neighborhoods more quickly and allows FairPoint to provide its customers with new products at faster speeds.”

Qualified customers who sign up for an annual plan can choose FairPoint High-Speed Internet Service alone for \$33.99 with download speeds up to 3 Mbps or FairPoint TriplePlay Bundle for \$81.99. Customers who sign up now for FairPoint TriplePlay get high-speed Internet with a dedicated connection, unlimited local and long distance service and DIRECTV® CHOICE XTRA™. All plans include a dedicated connection with always-on access, a 30-day money back guarantee, free router, free FairPoint Security Suite, nine email accounts, and 10MB (Megabytes) of personal web space. FairPoint High-Speed Internet features live support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Other speeds are available at other promotional rates.

For additional information about FairPoint High-Speed Internet prices and bundled plans, residential consumers can call **1.866.984.2001** or visit www.FairPoint.com.

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. Learn more at www.FairPoint.com.

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