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FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS TO RELEASE 2008 FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL YEAR EARNINGS RESULTS

Conference Call and Web Broadcast Details Released

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (February 27, 2009) – FairPoint Communications, Inc. (NYSE: FRP) today announced that it will release its 2008 fourth quarter and full year financial results after the market close on Thursday, March 5, 2009. The Company will hold its earnings conference call at 8:30 a.m. (EST), Friday, March 6, 2009.

Participants should call (888) 253-4456 (US/Canada) or (973) 935-8178 (international) at 8:20 a.m. (EST) and request the FairPoint Communications Fourth Quarter 2008 Earnings Call or Conference ID# 881-496-35.

A telephonic replay will be available for anyone unable to participate in the live call. To access the replay, call (800) 642-1687 (US/Canada) or (706) 645-9291 (international) and enter confirmation code 881-496-35. The recording will be available from Friday, March 6, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. (EST) through Friday, March 13, 2009 at 11:59 p.m. (EST).

A live broadcast of the earnings conference call will be available via the Internet at www.fairpoint.com under the Investor Relations section. An online replay will be available beginning later that morning on March 6, 2009 and will remain available for one year.

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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