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FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS BRINGS SUPER FAST INTERNET SERVICE TO MAINE MALL AREA

PORTLAND, Maine (March 11, 2010) – Many residents and businesses in and around the Maine Mall and the Sable Oaks area now have access to super fast Internet service. This super fast Internet is available through FairPoint Communication's VantagePoint network, a fiber-based core network capable of providing broadband service to both residents and businesses.

The Maine Mall service area in South Portland is roughly bounded by the Maine Turnpike on the northwest, the Scarborough municipal boundary on the southwest, Interstate 295 on the southeast, and the Portland International Jetport on the north. The Sable Oaks service area is roughly bounded by the Maine Turnpike to the south and east, Congress Street and County Road to the north, and the municipal boundary of Scarborough to the southwest.

The VantagePoint network is the result of a more than \$90 million investment in communications infrastructure and technology and the addition of more than 400 miles of new fiber across northern New England. With speed options as fast as 15Mbps, customers can now download entire movies in a matter of seconds. Broadband service on the VantagePoint network provides customers the ability to smoothly stream live video, play online games at lightning speeds and upload photos and large files with ease. Always-on broadband access provides almost instant connections to information, news and entertainment.

"FairPoint has spent the last year and a half building the network infrastructure in northern New England that allows customers to transport data, voice and video content over a flexible high-speed, high-capacity network," said Mike Reed, Maine state president for FairPoint. "Whether you are a large or small business, this reliable and fast network will help you work more efficiently."

Qualified customers who sign up for an annual plan can choose FairPoint High-Speed Internet Service for \$33.99 with download speeds up to 3 Mbps or FairPoint TriplePlay Bundle which saves customers \$120.00 for the first six months. Customers who sign up now for FairPoint TriplePlay get high-speed Internet with a dedicated connection from your home to our central office, unlimited local and long

distance service and DIRECTV® CHOICE XTRA™. All plans include a dedicated connection from your home to our central office with always-on access, a 30-day money back guarantee, 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. Offer reflects a 12-month commitment, and early termination fees may apply.

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

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