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FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS GETS OK TO COMBINE TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES AGAIN

SOUTH BURLINGTON, Vt. (April 5, 2010) – Here's a two-for-one deal that's sure to make Vermonters happy.

Beginning in May, FairPoint Communications will combine its White Pages and Yellow Pages into one convenient directory – and all with larger, easier-to-read type.

The Public Service Board recently gave FairPoint the green light to once again publish a combined directory – something Vermonters have been asking for over the last five years.

"Customers have never really liked having to deal with two directories," said Mike Smith, Vermont state president for FairPoint. "I thank the Public Service Board for allowing us to give Vermonters what they want. I also think people will appreciate that the phone book will be easier to read."

In Vermont, FairPoint directories that will be combined and will have an increased font size include the St. Johnsbury, Newport, Burlington, White River Junction, Rutland, Bennington, Brattleboro, St. Albans, and Barre directories.

"The combined directory is also good for the environment, said Smith. With a single directory, there's less waste and less production. And, of course, outdated telephone directories can be recycled."

Having one directory will cut down on truck deliveries and the greenhouse gases that come from driving – a main component of Vermont's carbon footprint, Smith said.

Recycled directories can be used to make many products including environmentally friendly cellulose insulation, new paper, packing material, animal bedding, compost, tissue-grade products, wallboard, envelopes, hydro-mulch and roll cores.

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