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**FairPoint Named Official Broadband, Telephone and Television Provider
to New Hampshire Fisher Cats**

First-of-its-kind partnership to benefit local charities and customers

Manchester, N.H. (July 20, 2010) FairPoint Communications today announced a five-year partnership with the New Hampshire Fisher Cats, becoming the "official provider of broadband, telephone and television" to the Double-A affiliate of the Toronto Blue Jays. This is the first time the Fisher Cats have named an official provider for these services. This arrangement is also one of FairPoint's largest community partnership agreements.

"Our affiliation with the New Hampshire Fisher Cats represents a significant milestone for FairPoint," said Teresa Rosenberger, state president of New Hampshire. "We are committed to forging strong community and business partnerships in New Hampshire and continuing to be a part of the fabric of this community. The New Hampshire Fisher Cats are a great local business and one of professional baseball's most well-respected and successful organizations; having been named the host of the 2011 Eastern League All-Star Game just three years after hosting the event in 2008. This multi-year partnership with the Fisher Cats demonstrates FairPoint's long-term commitment to the Granite State."

"The Fisher Cats are proud to be partnering with FairPoint," said Rick Brenner, president & general manager of the New Hampshire Fisher Cats. "We are excited to use their services at Merchantsauto.com Stadium, and be associated with a company doing so much for New Hampshire."

As a component of the partnership FairPoint is contributing funds to local nonprofits each time the Fisher Cats turn a double play. The New Hampshire Food Bank, Currier Museum of Art and YMCA of Greater Manchester are all recipients of **FairPoint Double Play Donation** for the 2010 season.

"The New Hampshire Food Bank is very thankful to FairPoint Communications for reaching out in support of our mission to feed the hungry in our state," said Food Bank Executive Director Melanie Gosselin. "FairPoint has proven to be a great community partner, collaborating with us on various fundraising efforts. We are grateful to have been chosen as a benefactor for this wonderful community outreach promotion, as it not only provides us with a much needed monetary donation, but with a tremendous amount of exposure that will help increase awareness of the issue of hunger."

To celebrate the partnership, all FairPoint customers will receive a special Buy One Ticket – Get One Ticket Free offer to the following games, courtesy of FairPoint and the Fisher Cats:

- August 3-4
- August 19-20
- August 30-31

Customers can redeem the tickets by logging onto www.NHFisherCats.com and entering the special offer code **included in their FairPoint monthly statement**. Customers can also bring their statement to the Fisher Cats' box office located at Merchantsauto.com Stadium to take advantage of this great offer.

Photo Caption

FairPoint New Hampshire President Teresa Rosenberger and NH Fisher Cats President Rick Brenner stand on the warning track in front of the new FairPoint Communications sign on the right field wall. FairPoint and the Fisher Cats announced a 5-year partnership today in which FairPoint becomes the Official Broadband, Telephone and Television Provider for the Fisher Cats.

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.