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FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS EXPANDS HIGH-SPEED INTERNET SERVICE IN THE TOWN OF BAR HARBOR

PORTLAND, Maine (October 6, 2009) – More Mainers can quickly e-mail photos, download music and surf the Internet now that FairPoint Communications has expanded access to high-speed Internet service to the residents of sections of Bar Harbor. FairPoint's High-Speed Internet is available for the first time to approximately 150 eligible customers in the community near Otter Cliff Road.

"Communities across the state are eager for broadband products and service, and we are extremely pleased to announce the availability of high-speed Internet for these residents in Bar Harbor," said Jeff Allen, FairPoint's executive vice president of northern New England operations.

"We understand the importance of access to broadband to the residents and businesses in the state and this demonstrates our commitment to expanding broadband availability in Maine." Allen added that FairPoint also made broadband available for the first time recently to residents of Brooklin, Otisfield, Fayette and Saddleback Mountain near Rangeley.

Qualified customers who sign up for an annual plan with a one-year commitment can choose FairPoint High-Speed Internet and Unlimited In-state phone service for a special promotional rate of \$49.99 a month for a year and save up to \$137 in the first year. All FairPoint High-Speed Internet plans include a dedicated connection with always-on access, a 30-day money back guarantee, free router, free FairPoint Security Suite, 9 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. FairPoint Unlimited In-state phone service offers crystal clear sound quality and works even during power outages, unlike digital phone or cellular service.

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. FairPoint is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol FRP and FRP.BC. Learn more at www.FairPoint.com.

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