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**FAIRPOINT EXPANDS HIGH-SPEED INTERNET SERVICE IN
BRATTLEBORO VERMONT**

SOUTH BURLINGTON, Vt. (December 29, 2009) – More than 550 homes and businesses in Brattleboro and Dummerston, Vermont now have access to high-speed Internet service, since FairPoint Communications expanded broadband access in the Brattleboro exchange. Customers can now e-mail photos, download music and surf the Internet faster than previously on dial-up service. The high-speed Internet service was recently expanded to reach customers along the Route 5 area north of I-91, Exit 3 and in West Brattleboro near Ames Hill Road.

In 2008, FairPoint increased access to high-speed Internet service from 65 to 76 percent of its Vermont lines; exceeding its commitment to the state for 75 percent broadband availability.

“Vermont businesses and residents need broadband access to compete and thrive in today’s global economy. FairPoint is committed to delivering this service, and making it available to cities, towns and neighborhoods that previously had no access,” said Jeff Allen, executive vice president of northern New England operations for FairPoint. “With our extensive high-speed Internet expansion efforts in the past year, now is a good time for customers to check to see if high-speed Internet service is available in their neighborhood.”

Qualified customers who sign up for an annual plan can choose FairPoint High-Speed Internet Service alone for \$33.99 with download speeds up to 3 Mbps or FairPoint TriplePlay Bundle for \$81.99. Customers who sign up now for FairPoint TriplePlay get high-speed Internet with a dedicated connection, unlimited local and long distance service and DIRECTV® CHOICE XTRA™. All plans include a dedicated connection with always-on access, a 30-day money back guarantee, free router, 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.

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. Learn more at www.FairPoint.com.

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