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FAIRPOINT EXPANDS HIGH-SPEED INTERNET SERVICE IN BENNINGTON COUNTY

SOUTH BURLINGTON, Vt. (December 4, 2008) – More Vermonters can quickly e-mail photos, download music and surf the Internet now that FairPoint Communications has expanded access to high-speed Internet service in Bennington County. The service is available for the first time to eligible customers in Pownal, Searsburg and Woodford, and expanded to reach more customers in the towns of Bennington, Manchester and Shaftsbury.

This expansion is part of FairPoint's plan to increase access to high-speed Internet service to 75 percent of its lines in Vermont by the end of the year.

"FairPoint is focused on making broadband service available to as many Vermont customers as quickly as possible," said Pamela Porell, vice president of government affairs for Vermont. "It is a good time for customers to check to see if high-speed Internet service is available in their neighborhood because we're expanding to more locations each week."

In September FairPoint announced it will provide 100 percent broadband coverage to its customers in half of its Vermont telephone exchanges by December 31, 2010. FairPoint acquired 99 telephone exchanges in its March 31, 2008 acquisition of Verizon's wireline business in Vermont. The locations of the 51 exchanges with full coverage are divided among all 14 Vermont counties.

Qualified customers who sign up for an annual plan with a one-year commitment can choose FairPoint High-Speed Internet with connection speeds of up to 7.1 Mbps (megabits per second) for \$39.99, up to 3 Mbps for \$34.99 per month or up to 768 kbps (kilobits per second) for only \$17.99 per month. All plans include a dedicated connection with always-on access, nine email accounts, 10MB (Megabytes) of personal web space and technical support. FairPoint High-Speed Internet features live support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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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