

**FairPoint Communications, Inc.**  
**State of New Hampshire**  
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**FAIRPOINT EXHIBIT 73**

**Respondent:** Peter Nixon  
**Title:** President

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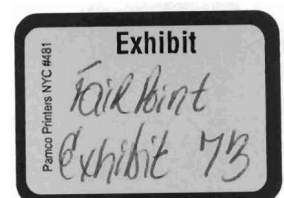
Please provide copies of all press releases FairPoint issued associated with its WiFi deployment in Westfield. (Preliminary Transcript, October 30, 2007, Session 1, p. 73.)

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**REPLY:**

Please refer to the attached documents marked as Attachment FairPoint Exh. 73.



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### WESTFIELD'S MAIN STREET GOES WIRELESS June 25

Westfield, NY (June 18, 2007) – **FairPoint Communications** in Westfield, NY announces that it has brought broadband connectivity to Main Street in the Village of Westfield. The new wireless Internet (also called WiFi) service is now available to FairPoint subscribers and the general public.

WiFi is a wireless computer network that utilizes radio waves much as cell phones do. A computer must have wireless networking capabilities to use a WiFi network. Most laptops purchased within the last few years have an internal wireless adapter. An external wireless adapter can also be used to receive the network signal.

Wireless equipment has been strategically located on Main Street. The signal extends for approximately a mile, from Moore Park to Westfield Memorial Hospital, including the park and about two blocks on either side of the street. Coverage may vary, however, due to obstructions, trees and buildings.

The wireless network name is "Westfield\_Wifi". The first time people attempt to use it their computers will have to scan for the Westfield WiFi network and they will have to manually select the network. After that, the computer will automatically find the network and the user will be directed to a login page.

The service is free to FairPoint Internet customers, who will simply log in using their email addresses and passwords, available from FairPoint Customer Service at 888-270-0663. Visitors to the community or non-customers can use the wireless network and will be charged on an hourly, daily or monthly basis, payable via credit card at the service's log-in page.

FairPoint developed the advanced wireless broadband infrastructure in order to provide free and subscription-based wireless public Internet access and to support the Village of Westfield's economic development. FairPoint and village officials expect the new service to help attract and retain local businesses, as well as draw travelers and visitors to the area.

Funding for this project is provided by FairPoint Communications in Westfield, NY and through New York State's Empire State Development Wireless Communities grant program.

### **About FairPoint Communications**

FairPoint Communications is a 107-year old communications company in Westfield, New York, providing a full range of communication services to the communities of Westfield, Brocton, Sherman, Mayville, Findley Lake, Ripley, and South Ripley. FairPoint Communications provides and services long distance, business telephone equipment, voice mail, Centrex, a host of Internet services, including high speed Internet and data services such as computer networking. FairPoint Communications is a wholly owned subsidiary of FairPoint Communications, Inc. (NYSE:FRP).

Nationwide, FairPoint Communications, Inc. (FairPoint) is a leading provider of communications services to rural communities across the country. Incorporated in 1991, FairPoint's mission is to acquire and operate telecommunications companies that set the standard of excellence for the delivery of service to rural communities. Today, FairPoint owns and operates 31 local exchange companies located in 18 states offering an array of services, including local and long distance voice, data, Internet and broadband offerings.

This press release may contain forward-looking statements that are not based on historical fact, including, without limitation, statements containing the words "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "estimates" and similar expressions. Because these forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, there are important factors that could cause actual results, events or developments to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. Such factors include those risks described from time to time in FairPoint's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including, without limitation, the risks described in FairPoint's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These factors should be considered carefully and readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. All

information is current as of the date this press release is issued, and FairPoint undertakes no duty to update this information.

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Submitted Photo

Local residents enjoy wireless Internet access in Moore Park.

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