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**FIRSTSERVICE APPOINTS PETER F. COHEN CHAIRMAN,
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

TORONTO, Ontario, Canada, May 18, 2005 - Jay S. Hennick, President and Chief Executive Officer of FirstService Corporation (NASDAQ: FSRV; TSX: FSV) today announced the appointment of Peter F. Cohen to the position of Chairman of the company's Board of Directors. Mr. Cohen was a founding member of the board of FirstService and formerly Lead Director.

"We are delighted with the appointment of Peter Cohen as our new Chairman," said Hennick. "As FirstService evolves we will continue to augment our senior management and board to ensure the highest level of accountability to our shareholders. We always strive to be leaders in the important area of corporate governance and in accordance with industry best practices we have separated the roles of Chairman and CEO."

Mr. Cohen, who replaces Mr. Hennick as Chairman, is the President and CEO of the Dawsco Group, a private real estate and investment company owned by Mr. Cohen and his family. Mr. Cohen is also the Chairman and a significant owner of Hazelton Hotels International Corporation which is currently developing The Hazelton Hotel and Private Residences, a five star hotel project in Toronto, and the Building Value Limited Partnership, a private equity investment fund. Mr. Cohen was a co-founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Centrefund Realty Corporation, a publicly traded shopping centre investment company until August 2000 when

control of the company was sold. Mr. Cohen is a Chartered Accountant by profession and serves as a member of a number of private and non-profit charitable boards.

“I would like to thank the board for this tremendous vote of confidence and I look forward to carrying out my new role in this impressive success story that is FirstService,” said Cohen. “We have just completed another record year of growth and we remain committed to our disciplined strategic approach towards creating long-term shareholder value.”

FirstService and Corporate Governance

The appointment of Mr. Cohen is one of several recent moves by the company to assert its leadership in the important area of corporate governance. FirstService has been recognized with “high marks” in recent years by several independent reviews of corporate governance. The FirstService Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is lead by David R. Beatty who is also Managing Director of the Canadian Coalition for Good Governance. Mr. Beatty is a professor at the Rotman School of Business at the University of Toronto and a respected leader in the area of good governance in North American academic and business circles.

In late 2004, FirstService added strength to its board of directors with the appointment of Bernard Ghert as a new director. Mr. Ghert brought 30 years of senior leadership experience and expert counsel within the investment and property management industries and substantial experience in financial and real estate services to the FirstService board. Mr. Ghert was previously President, Chief Executive Officer of The Cadillac Fairview Corporation Limited from 1981 to 1987 and President of Stelworth Investments Inc. from 1987 to 1992.

Earlier this year, FirstService also appointed Michael Natale to the position of Vice-President, Performance and Risk Management. Mr. Natale is a seasoned professional with experience in the critical functions of internal audit, corporate governance, financial risk management and regulatory compliance. Prior to his appointment, he advised FirstService and other leading companies during his tenure at Jefferson Wells, where he was instrumental in assisting companies meet the requirements of Sarbanes-Oxley.

About FirstService

FirstService is a leader in the rapidly growing service sector, providing services to commercial and residential customers in the areas of: residential property management; commercial real

estate; integrated security services; property improvement services; and business services. Market-leading brands include Continental, Wentworth and Prime Management in residential property management services; Colliers International in commercial real estate; Intercon and SST in integrated security services; California Closets, Paul Davis Restoration, Pillar to Post Home Inspections, Certa Pro Painters and College Pro Painters in property improvement services; and Resolve Corporation in business services.

FirstService is a diversified service company with annual revenues of more than US\$1 billion in annualized revenue and approximately 16,000 employees. More information about FirstService is available at www.firstservice.com.

Forward-looking Statements

Certain statements included in this release and in the presentation to be made by the Company constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "Reform Act"). Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company, or industry results, to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others, the following: general economic and business conditions, which will, among other things, impact demand for the Company's services, service industry conditions and capacity; the ability of the Company to implement its business strategy, including the Company's ability to acquire suitable acquisition candidates on acceptable terms and successfully integrate newly acquired businesses with its existing businesses; changes in or the failure to comply with government regulations (especially safety and environmental laws and regulations); and other factors which are described in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.