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FairPoint Completes Network Improvements in Monson, Maine

New Equipment Upgrades Internet Service in the Community

PORTLAND, Maine (October 22, 2015) - FairPoint Communications has installed new technology in the town of Monson, Maine bringing greater broadband speed to customers served by these facilities. The new equipment means that FairPoint has upgraded Internet service to more than 400 additional homes and businesses in the town.

Since April 2008, FairPoint has invested more than \$700 million in its communications infrastructure and technology to reach new customers, upgrade its network and expand broadband in northern New England, including building thousands of miles of new fiber across the region, offering customers a better, faster way to communicate.

"Broadband access opens doors to the world for the residents and businesses in Maine and is fundamental to the state's future economic growth," said Mike Reed, FairPoint's Maine State President. "We are pleased to announce we have upgraded the availability of high-speed Internet to more homes and businesses in Monson."

This project will provide broadband service with speeds up to 15Mbps available in the community. Customers may qualify for different speeds based upon their distance from the central office that serves their specific location. Building the most robust and versatile network across the region is crucial to handle the increasing demands for bandwidth, Reed said.

"FairPoint's network – with nearly 17,000 miles of fiber in northern New England – is the largest in the region," said Jeff Nevins, FairPoint's Director of Community Broadband Development. "This project will help meet the growing demand for bandwidth and provide faster speeds for many people in Monson."

High-speed connection areas include portions of the following streets/roads in Monson: Beech Tree Lane, Blanchard, Camp, Comfort, Carlson, Center, Chapin Avenue, Deer, Degerstrom, Doe Pond Access, Elliotsville, Forest Avenue, Garage, Greenville, Guilford, Hebron, Homer Hill, Indian Point Loop, Island, Kelley Orchard, Loon Club, Maine, Old Mill, Pleasant, Sebec Lake, Shore, Spring, Stanton Avenue,

Stevens, Tenney Hill, Town Cove Lane, Wallace, Water, Wildwood Loop, Wilkins, Willimantic, Wilson and Wyman.

Customers who qualify can find out more about pricing and speed options available by calling **1-866.984.2001** for residential consumers and **1-866.984.3001** for businesses.

About FairPoint Communications, Inc. FairPoint Communications, Inc. (Nasdaq: FRP) provides advanced data, voice and video technologies to single and multi-site businesses, public and private institutions, consumers, wireless companies and wholesale re-sellers in 17 states. Leveraging an owned, fiber-core Ethernet network — with more than 20,000 route miles of fiber, including approximately 17,000 route miles of fiber in northern New England — FairPoint has the network coverage, scalable bandwidth and transport capacity to support enhanced applications, including the next generation of mobile and cloud-based communications, such as small cell wireless backhaul technology, voice over IP, data center colocation services, managed services and disaster recovery. For more information, visit www.FairPoint.com.

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