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**FairPoint Completes Network Improvements in Madison and Anson, Maine**

*New Equipment Upgrades Internet Service in the Communities*

**PORTLAND, Maine (October 28, 2015)** - FairPoint Communications has installed new technology in the towns of Madison and Anson, Maine bringing greater broadband speed to customers served by these facilities. The new equipment means that FairPoint has upgraded Internet service to more than 1,850 additional homes and businesses in the three towns.

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 Madison and Anson."

This project will provide broadband service with speeds up to 15Mbps available in the communities. 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 the two communities."

High-speed connection areas include portions of the following streets/roads in Madison and Anson:

**Madison:** Ash, Bartley, Bean, Brown, Butler, Carter, Cedar, Clifton, Colby Bryant, Edenway, Fall, Fern, Fir, Garfield, Glendale, Gray, Great Moose, Hardy, Hazel, Heald, Hidden Acres, Houghton, Ingalls, John, Jones, Joseph, Kennebec, Learners Lane, Locust, Lowe, Madison Avenue, Main, Maple, Maxim, Merriman, Middle, Myrtle, Nathan, Nichols, North, Oak, Old County, Old Point Avenue, Park, Pearl, Perkins, Phyllis Court, Pine, Pinewood Drive, Pleasant, Preble Avenue, Rowell, Roy, Shusta, Spruce, Stickney, Summer, Towne, Vaughn, Wedge, Weston, Withee and Young.

**Anson:** Arnold Lane, Beane, Bow, Brook, Buswell, Campground, Church, Daigle Drive, Finch, Frederick, Front, Highland Avenue, Hill Top, Horseback, Ingalls, Ken Taylor, Kennebec, Lloyd, Main, Murray Lane, Oak, Old Point, Parkwoods Drive, Pine, Preble Avenue, Randall, River, School, Second, Spear Hill, Third, Ward, Water and Wilson.

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](http://www.FairPoint.com).

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