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**FairPoint Completes Network Improvements in 11
Communities in Vermont**

Upgrade increases high-speed Internet

SOUTH BURLINGTON, Vermont (November 17, 2015) - FairPoint Communications¹ has upgraded equipment in 11 towns in Vermont bringing faster high-speed Internet to residential and business customers served by these facilities. The upgrade means customers can more quickly email photos, download music, stream videos, surf the Internet, and conduct their businesses.

"This upgrade will help make businesses more competitive and allow residents to connect to what is important to them," said Beth Fastiggi, Vermont state president for FairPoint. "This investment also shows our commitment to keeping the Green Mountain State connected and will help meet the growing demand for bandwidth by providing faster speeds for many people in these communities."

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 high-speed Internet in northern New England. Fastiggi added that FairPoint's network - with nearly 17,000 miles of fiber in northern New England - is the largest in the region.

FairPoint upgraded portions of the following Vermont towns: Alburgh, Cabot, Groton, Isle La Motte, Marshfield, Montgomery, North Ryegate, Peacham, Ryegate, Walden, West Danville and West Newbury. The upgrade project brings a range of high-speed Internet options to these communities, and depending on the customer's distance from the upgraded equipment, some customers can qualify for up to a 25 Mbps download speed and up to a 2 Mbps upload speed.²

To find out if your location is eligible for faster Internet speeds, information about prices and bundled plans, or to schedule a professional installation of services, customers can call 1.800.400.5568 or visit www.FairPoint.com.

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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² Maximum Internet speeds referenced are only available in select areas. Internet speed claims represent maximum network service capability. Actual customer speeds may vary and are not guaranteed. Actual speeds vary based on a number of factors including site traffic and congestion, components within your computer such as processor speeds, memory and hardware and software configuration, content provider server capacity, internal network management factors and customer device capabilities.