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FairPoint Completes Network Improvements in More Than 75 Communities Across Northern New England

Some Maine Locations Now Offer Internet Speeds up to 50Mbps download and 20 Mbps upload

PORTLAND, Maine (November 20, 2015) - FairPoint Communications¹ has installed new equipment in more than 75 towns across Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont bringing greater Internet speeds to customers served by these upgraded facilities. The upgrade means that FairPoint customers can more quickly email photos, download music, stream videos, and surf the Internet.

"High-Speed Internet access opens doors to the world for residents and businesses alike and is fundamental to the region's future economic growth," said Mike Reed, FairPoint's Maine state president. "This is another example of FairPoint's continued investment in our network which has expanded the availability of high-speed Internet to an additional 10,300 locations in more than 60 communities in Maine."

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 50 Mbps download speed and up to a 20 Mbps upload speed.² Building a robust and versatile network across the region is crucial to handling the increasing demands for bandwidth, Reed said.

In Waldo and Knox Counties customers are now eligible for higher speed Internet in the towns of Belmont, Brooks, Freedom, Liberty, Morrill, Palermo, Prospect, Searsmont, Stockton Springs, Waldo and Washington.

In Kennebec County, more than 3,500 customers are now eligible for higher speed Internet in the towns of China, Litchfield, Monmouth, Mount Vernon, Readfield, Rome, Sidney, South China, Vassalboro, Vienna, Wayne, Windsor and Winthrop.

In Aroostook and Penobscot Counties more than 2,350 customers are now eligible for higher speed Internet in the towns of Allagash, Benedicta Township, Cross Lake Township, Crystal, Eagle Lake, Fort Kent, Island Falls, Lakeville, Lee,

Mattawamkeag, Mount Chase, New Canada, Oakfield, Patten, Sherman, Smyrna, St. Francis, St. John Plantation, Stacyville, Wallagrass, Winn and Winterville Plantation.

In Cumberland and York Counties more than 2,650 customers are now eligible for higher speed Internet in the towns of Baldwin, Casco, Frye Island, Limington, Naples, Raymond, Sebago and Standish.

In Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford Counties customers are now eligible for higher speed Internet in the towns of Brownfield, Chesterville, Denmark, Greene, Leeds, Otisfield, Poland, Stoneham and Wales.

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 Internet access in northern New England. FairPoint's network – with nearly 17,000 miles of fiber in northern New England – is the largest in the region.

FairPoint increased speeds in portions of the following northern New England towns:
[*Denotes the town with the new equipment that has enabled portions of it to have speeds up to 50Mbps/20Mbps.]

Maine

Allagash
Baldwin
Belmont
Benedicta Twp.
Brooks*
Brownfield
Casco *
China
Cross Lake Twp.
Crystal
Denmark*
Eagle Lake
Fort Kent
Freedom
Frye Island
Fryeburg
Greene
Island Falls
Lakeville
Lee*
Leeds*
Liberty
Limington*
Litchfield
Mattawamkeag
Monmouth*

Morrill
Mount Chase
Mount Vernon*
Naples*
New Canada
Oakfield
Otisfield
Palermo*
Patten
Poland
Prospect
Raymond*
Readfield
Rome
Stacyville
St. Francis
St. John Plantation
Searsmont
Sebago*
Sherman Mills
Sidney*
Smyrna Mills*
South China
Springfield
Standish*
Stockton Springs
Stoneham

Stow

Vassalboro
Vienna
Wales
Wallagrass
Waldo*
Washington
Wayne
Windsor
Winn
Winterville Plt.
Winthrop*

New Hampshire

East Conway
Chatham
South Chatham

Vermont

Alburgh
Cabot
Groton
Isle La Motte
Marshfield
Montgomery
North Ryegate
Peacham

Ryegate
Walden

West Danville
West Newbury

To find out more locations details, Internet service speed eligibility, information about prices and bundled plans, or to schedule a professional installation of services, residential and business consumers 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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¹ Services are provided through operating subsidiaries of FairPoint Communications, Inc.

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.