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**FairPoint Communications Completes Network Improvements  
in Wardsboro and Jamaica, Vermont**

*New Equipment Upgrades Broadband Service in the Communities*

**SOUTH BURLINGTON, Vermont (December 22, 2015)** - FairPoint Communications<sup>1</sup> has installed new technology in the towns of Wardsboro and Jamaica, Vermont bringing faster broadband connections and enabling higher speed Internet access for customers served by these facilities. The new equipment means that FairPoint has upgraded broadband service to more than 370 additional homes and businesses in these towns.

"Internet access opens doors to the world for the residents and businesses in Vermont and is fundamental to the state's future economic growth," said Beth Fastiggi, FairPoint's Vermont State President. "This upgrade makes higher speed Internet access of up to 15 Mbps<sup>2</sup> available to more homes and businesses in Wardsboro and Jamaica."

Customers may qualify for higher speeds based on their distance from the central office that serves their specific location.

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.

"Building the most robust and versatile network across the region is crucial to handle the increasing demands for bandwidth," said Jeff Nevins, FairPoint's Director of Community Broadband Development. "FairPoint's network - with nearly 17,000 miles of fiber in northern New England - is the largest in the region."

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

**Wardsboro** - Alzac Lane, Ayers, Bills, Black Piece, Brown Hill, Dump, Fairview, Fitz, Fornuto, Gault, Gilfeather, Hescocock Hill, Hi Hopes, Hill, Howard, Jencks, Joslin Hill, Kent, Lower Podunk, Main, Melbourne, Melis, Pot Rock Lane, Potter, School,

Silver Mine, Smead, Terwilliger Hill, Upper Podunk, Vermont Route 100, and South Wardsboro.

**Jamaica** – Black Bear, Fawn Ledge Lane, Knight, Melis, Mowrey, Rabinowitch, Schoolhouse and Vermont Route 100.

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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<sup>1</sup> Services are provided through operating subsidiaries of FairPoint Communications, Inc.

<sup>2</sup> Maximum broadband speeds referenced are only available in select areas. Broadband 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.