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**FairPoint Announces Launch of Data Center Services
to Wholesale Providers**

*Enables Wholesale Re-sellers and Cloud Providers to Scale Solutions and
Improve Performance with Data Center Access
from Northern New England, Boston and NYC*

PORTLAND, Me (April 1, 2015) – FairPoint Communications, Inc. (NASDAQ: FRP), a leading northern New England retail and wholesale communications provider, today announced the launch of data center services applications for wholesale re-sellers and cloud providers seeking a New England presence.

Growth in Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) and Software as a Service (SaaS) solutions will drive cloud providers to use third-party data centers to grow their business, since they often need to scale their solution into regions further away from their primary data center. Satellite data centers reduce latency and improve performance of application servers by moving compute and storage resources closer to customers and off-loading the primary and secondary data centers. In addition, data centers can also be employed as part of a comprehensive disaster recovery strategy.

“Cloud providers know that response times for their end users are very important in certain applications, so having data centers close to those users becomes critical,” said Chris Alberding, FairPoint Vice President of Product Management. “Cloud providers offering services to customers in the Northeast are turning to FairPoint because we offer a highly reliable and physically secure infrastructure, low-cost power and access to skilled labor. As the local service provider, FairPoint offers fiber Ethernet and Wavelength Service to key IXC NNIs.”

“In addition to the demand we are seeing for cloud satellite data centers, we also have wholesale customers coming to us to use data center colocation for disaster recovery,” said Alberding. “FairPoint has been serving the wholesale community for many years and we are excited to now offer these additional data center services.”

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With more than 16,000 fiber route miles and counting, FairPoint's data centers connect not only to the largest owned and managed Ethernet network in northern New England, but also through extended connectivity into Boston and New York City. As a network infrastructure service provider, FairPoint data center services can include high-speed Ethernet services up to 1 Gbps and Wave services up to 10 Gbps.

"Every company's success, including yours and your end users, depends on smooth safeguarded operations and reliable performance," said Alberding, referring to wholesale and cloud providers. "FairPoint owns and operates its data centers, which have state-of-the art environmental controls, multiple layers of physical security and 24/7 monitoring for business continuity."

FairPoint's wholesale business team will be on hand at the COMPTTEL PLUS Spring 2015 Convention & EXPO from April 12-15, 2015, at the Gaylord Palms in Orlando, Florida to discuss data center services for wholesale customers. To schedule a time to meet with a wholesale account manager at the event, visit www.fairpoint.com/wholesale.

Contact Angelynne Beaudry at aamores@fairpoint.com for photos of FairPoint's data center operations center in Manchester, N.H. (shown below)



Photo Caption: FairPoint's state-of-the-art data center operations center tightly monitors the environment and physical security of its data centers 24/7.

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 — including more than 16,000 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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