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FairPoint Communications Releases Risk Assessment Questionnaire to Help Municipalities Assess Data Center Operations

Manchester, N.H. (Oct. 7, 2015) – FairPoint Communications, Inc. (Nasdaq: FRP), a leading provider of advanced communications technology in northern New England, has developed a new customer resource questionnaire that assists with assessing the risk of municipal data center operations. The risk assessment questionnaire is designed for local governments and covers nine critical areas of data center operations. These areas include:

1. Location of Compute and Storage Resources
2. Disaster Recovery Plans
3. Physical Security
4. Compliance
5. Power Infrastructure Reliability
6. Environmental Controls
7. IT Talent
8. Scalability
9. Access to Network Services

“In today’s complex world, municipalities face a variety of threats associated with their data center operations, especially when they are located on premises,” said Chris Alberding, FairPoint Communications Vice President of Product Management. “The level of the risk depends on how effectively the data center and its staff address a number of issues.”

“Looking at the most critical issues, FairPoint’s Risk Assessment Questionnaire for Municipalities helps municipalities assess their data center’s potential vulnerabilities,” continued Alberding. “By answering nine questions, municipalities will gain valuable insight into their data center operations.”

To access FairPoint’s Municipal Data Center Risk Assessment Questionnaire, interested parties can visit the company’s website by clicking [here](#) or <http://www.fairpoint.com/enterprise/dcs/resources/mdc-tool.jsp>.

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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