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FairPoint Communications Upgrades Broadband Service in Augusta, Maine

Broadband upgrade increases high speed Internet across town

AUGUSTA, Maine (June 22, 2016) - FairPoint Communications¹ is pleased to announce the completion of a broadband project in Augusta, Maine. As a result of this upgrade, faster broadband speeds are available in over 425 locations in the community – some to addresses for the first time.

"Broadband access opens doors to the world for the residents and businesses in Maine and is fundamental to the state's future economic growth," said Mike Reed, FairPoint's Maine state president. "Our employees work every day to build more broadband across the state. We are pleased to announce that with the investment made in the city of Augusta, we have expanded the availability of high-speed Internet to more homes and businesses."

More residents and businesses can quickly e-mail photos, download music, stream video, and surf the Internet now that FairPoint has expanded broadband services. Residents on portions of the following streets now qualify for broadband speeds associated with their proximity to the upgrade:

- Albee Road
- Balsam Drive
- Bolton Hill Road
- Buck And Doe Trail
- Cross Hill Road
- Gerabro Acre Road
- Griffin Point Road
- Hayden Road
- Holmes Road
- Ingraham Mountain Road
- Knight Road
- Lamson Road
- Lees Court
- Lone Indian Trail
- N. Belfast Avenue
- Pequot Lake Road
- Pullen Road
- Thurston Road
- Ward Road
- Weeks Mills Road
- Young Road

Since April 2008, FairPoint has invested more than \$900 million in its communications infrastructure and technology to bring broadband to northern New England, including building thousands of miles of new fiber optic network across the region. FairPoint's new fiber-based, high capacity network offers customers a better, faster way to communicate.

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 consumers can call **1-866.984.2001** and business customers can call **1-866.984.3001**.

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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