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**FairPoint Communications Completes Network Improvements
to Provide Faster Broadband Speeds in More Than 48,000
Locations in Florida**

*Some Locations Now Have Access to Broadband Speeds up to
50Mbps download and 10 Mbps upload*

Charlotte, N.C. (Feb. 17, 2016) - FairPoint Communications¹ has installed new equipment across its service territories in Florida, bringing greater broadband speeds to more than 48,000 residences or businesses served by these upgraded facilities. The upgrade means that FairPoint customers have the opportunity to 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 Lisa Hood, Senior Vice President of FairPoint's Telecom Group Operations. "This is another example of FairPoint's continued investment in our network which has expanded the availability of high-speed Internet to thousands of locations in nearly 60 communities in Florida."

The upgrade projects bring a range of broadband speed 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 10 Mbps upload speed.² Building a robust and versatile network across the region is crucial to handling the increasing demands for bandwidth, Hood said.

Since 2012, FairPoint has invested more than \$16 million in communications infrastructure and technology in its Florida service territories to reach new customers, upgrade its network and expand Internet access.

FairPoint increased speeds in portions of the following towns as well as other surrounding areas:

ALLIGATOR POINT
ALTHA
APALACHICOLA
BEACON HILL

BLOUNTSTOWN
BRISTOL
CAPE SAN BLAS
CARRABELLE

CARRABELLE BEACH
CHATTAHOOCHEE
CLARKSVILLE
DALKEITH

EASTPOINT
FRINK
HIGHLAND VIEW
HOSFORD
HOWARD CREEK
HUGH CREEK
INDIAN PASS
JONES HOMESTEAD
KINARD
LANARK VILLAGE
MACEDONIA

MARIANNA
MEXICO BEACH
MONEY BAYOU
OAK GROVE
OCHEESSEE
OVERSTREET
PERRY
PINE ISLAND
PORT ST. JOE
SALEM
SCOTTS FERRY

SHADY GROVE
SHELTON AREA
SIMMONS BAYOU
ST. GEORGE ISLAND
ST. JAMES
ST. TERESA
STONE MILL CREEK
TYNDALL AFB
WEWAHITCHKA
WHITE CITY

To find out more details, including broadband service speed eligibility and 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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²Maximum 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.