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**FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS TO RELEASE
2016 SECOND QUARTER RESULTS**

Charlotte, N.C. (July 20, 2016) – FairPoint Communications, Inc. (Nasdaq: FRP), a leading communications provider, today announced it will release its 2016 second quarter results early morning on Wednesday, August 3, 2016. The company will hold its earnings conference call later that morning at 8:30 a.m. (EDT).

Participants should call (877) 527-1570 (US/Canada) or (615) 247-0090 (international) at 8:20 a.m. (EDT) and enter the conference ID 53801210 when prompted. The title of the call is the Second Quarter 2016 FairPoint Communications, Inc. Earnings Conference Call.

A telephonic replay will be available for anyone unable to participate in the live call. To access the replay, call (855) 859-2056 (US/Canada) or (404) 537-3406 (international) and enter the conference ID 53801210 when prompted. The recording will be available from Wednesday, August 3, 2016, at 12:30 p.m. (EDT) through Wednesday, August 10, 2016, at 11:59 p.m. (EDT).

A live broadcast of the earnings conference call will be available online at www.fairpoint.com/investors. An online replay will be available shortly thereafter.

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-based Ethernet network — with more than 21,000 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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