

## Attn: Trading and Market Making/Legal and Compliance/Operations/Systems UNIFORM PRACTICE ADVISORY (UPC # 03-11) January 24, 2011 Fairpoint Communications, Inc. (FRCMQ)

Notice has been received that the above Company's Joint Plan of Reorganization (Plan) filed under Chapter XI of the Federal Bankruptcy Code, became effective on January 24, 2011. Pursuant to the Plan, On the Effective Date, the Old FairPoint Equity Interests shall be cancelled and the holders of the Old FairPoint Equity Interests shall not be entitled to, and shall not receive or retain, any property or interest in property on account of such Old FairPoint Equity Interests under the Plan.

Members are reminded of their obligations under NASD Conduct Rule 2310 if they continue to engage in transactions in the above security after the effective date.

Members are further advised that deliveries in settlement of contracts in the OLD securities, which were executed prior to the announcement that the securities had been deemed worthless, shall be evidenced by either a) the OLD security; or b) a Letter of Indemnity which shall grant the purchaser any rights and privileges which might accrue to the holders of the physical securities. Such deliveries shall operate to close-out the contract and shall be settled at the existing contract price pursuant to Uniform Practice Code Rule 11530.

Questions regarding this notice should be directed to: FINRA Operations- 1-866-776-0800.

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