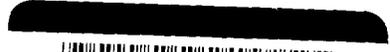


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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Exchange Act of 1933, FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC., Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share. The NYSE requests simultaneous acceleration of registration of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, together with the 1933 Act. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on February 2, 2005. Tentative listing date - February 4, 2005.

Sincerely,

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