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**FAIRPOINT COMMUNICATIONS TO INSTALL FIBER OPTIC
CABLE BETWEEN ALBURGH AND NORTH HERO**
Boat Traffic Delays Expected

Alburgh, Vt. (October 27, 2008) – FairPoint Communications will be installing a new fiber optic cable between Alburgh and North Hero, Vt. on November 5, 2008. The fiber cable will be attached to existing utility poles on either side of the U.S. Route 2 bridge connecting Alburgh and North Hero spanning Lake Champlain. The work is expected to take approximately four hours to complete. In the event of inclement weather, the work will be performed on November 6 instead of November 5. U.S. Route 2 will be open to traffic at all times, however, boats passing under the bridge will experience delays.

This fiber optic cable installation is a component of a major project that, once completed, is expected to improve reliability of the FairPoint network in the Alburgh (796), Grand Isle (372), Isle LaMotte (928) and Swanton (868) exchanges.

About FairPoint

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