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## **Consolidated Communications Expanding Fiber Network and Increasing Broadband Speeds throughout Northern New England**

### **500,000 residents and small businesses to gain access to increased broadband speeds**

PORTLAND, Maine, Feb. 22, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Consolidated Communications](#), Inc. (NASDAQ:CNSL) today announced plans to increase broadband speeds to more than 500,000 residents and small businesses across its Northern New England service area by the end of 2018. Consolidated Communications recently launched its brand following the Company's acquisition of FairPoint Communications last year.

"This is an exciting time for our customers as we significantly increase broadband speeds and make it easier to do business with us," said Bob Udell, president and chief executive of Consolidated Communications. "Today's announcement is a result of our commitment to improve broadband speeds after we closed on the FairPoint acquisition. We are excited about new tools and service enhancements to come."

As residents have more and more devices connecting to the Internet, Consolidated Communications made delivering faster speeds to customers a top priority. More than 500,000 residents and small businesses will be able to get speeds two to three times faster than what is currently available. Nearly 100,000 homes will be able to reach speeds of 1Gbps.

Customers can visit [www.consolidated.com](http://www.consolidated.com) and enter their service address to learn more about speeds available in their area and new and enhanced services. In many cases, speed upgrades will not require a service call. Customers will be notified when increased speeds become available in their area.

In addition to faster broadband speeds and overall investment in the network, residents and businesses can expect several new products and services. Consolidated has recently announced the expansion of enterprise business services across Northern New England including premise hardware virtualization and DDOS mitigation services that solve data security and business continuity challenges. New residential and small business services will be announced in the coming months including IP-based voice services and streaming video offerings.

To find out if Consolidated Communication's service is available at your home or business, visit [consolidated.com](http://consolidated.com) or call 1.844.YOUR.CCI (844.968.7224).

### **About Consolidated Communications**

[Consolidated Communications](#) Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ:CNSL) is a leading broadband and business communications provider serving consumers, businesses of all sizes, and wireless companies and carriers, across a 24-state service area. Leveraging its advanced fiber optic network spanning more than 36,000 fiber route miles, Consolidated Communications offers a wide range of communications solutions, including: data, voice, video, managed services, cloud computing and wireless backhaul. Headquartered in Mattoon, Ill., Consolidated Communications has been providing services in many of its markets for more than a century.

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