

Eugene B. Johnson, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer



Gene Johnson, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of FairPoint Communications co-founded the company and has been a Director since 1991. Prior to his current position, Mr. Johnson served as Executive Vice President, leading the company's corporate development efforts.

Prior to joining FairPoint, Mr. Johnson was President and sole shareholder of JC&A, Inc., an investment banking and brokerage firm providing services to cable television, telephone and related industries. Before that, he was head of the Mergers and Acquisitions group of Cable Investments, Inc. He has also owned a cable television construction and engineering company and served as COO of Enstar Cable Corp.

Mr. Johnson started his career as a Certified Public Accountant with Haskins and Sells, a predecessor of Deloitte & Touche. A graduate with honors from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, he achieved the rank of Captain in the U.S. Army and was discharged in 1971.

Today Mr. Johnson serves on the Board of Directors for the Foundation of UNC-Charlotte and as chair of the OPASTCO USF committee. He is a member of the Advisory Council of the Belk College of Business Administration. He has also served on numerous charitable and civic boards and is an Elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA).