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# **APPLICATION FOR FRANCHISE AUTHORITY** CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OR TRANSFER OF CONTROL OF CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE

| SECTION I. GENERAL INFORMATION   | FOR FRANCHISE AUTHORITY USE ONLY  |  |
|--|---|--|
| DATE 7/X/2017  | 1. Community Unit Identification Number: HI0112   |  |
| 2. Application for: Assignment of Franchise  | X Transfer of Control   |  |
| <ol> <li>3. Franchising Authority: Hawaii Department of Commerce and Co</li> <li>4. Identify community where the system/franchise that is the subject of the Oahu</li> </ol>   | onsumer Affairs, Cable Television Division<br>assignment or transfer of control is located: |  |
| <ol><li>Date system was acquired or (for system's constructed by the transfero<br/>which service was provided to the first subscriber in the franchise area:</li></ol>   | r/assignor) the date on   |  |
| 6. Proposed effective date of closing of the transaction assigning or transferring ownership of the system to transferee/assignee: As soon as closing conditions are satisfied   |   |  |
| 7. Attach as an Exhibit a schedule of any and all additional information or material filed with this       Exhibit         application that is identified in the franchise as required to be provided to the franchising       N/A         authority when requesting its approval of the type of transaction that is the subject of this       N/A |   |  |

# PART I - TRANSFEROR/ASSIGNOR

1. Indicate the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the transferor/assignor.

| Legal r<br>F <b>ranc</b>   | name of Transferor/Assignor (if individ<br><b>chisee: Hawaiian Telcon</b> | ual, list last name first)<br>n Services, Inc.; | Transferor:      | Hawaiian Telcom        | Holdco, Inc. |
|--|---|---|------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Assum  | ed name used for doing business (if a                                     | ny)   |                  |                        |              |
| Mailing  | g street address or P.O. Box  |   |                  |                        |              |
| 1177 E   | Bishop Street   |   |                  |                        |              |
| City   |   | State   | ZIP Code         | Telephone No. (include | area code)   |
| Hono   | Honolulu HI 96813 808-546-4511  |   |                  |                        |              |
| 2.(a)       Attach as an Exhibit a copy of the contract or agreement that provides for the assignment or       Exhibit I         transfer of control (including any exhibits or schedules thereto necessary in order to understand the       1         terms thereof).       If there is only an oral agreement, reduce the terms to writing and attach.       1         (Confidential trade, business, pricing or marketing information, or other information not otherwise       publicly available, may be redacted). |   |   | Exhibit No.<br>1 |                        |              |
| (b)  | between the transferor/assignor and the transferee/assignee?              |   |                  | ليا ليا<br>            |              |
|  | If No, explain in an Exhibit. Exhibit No. 1                               |   |                  |                        | Exhibit No.  |

application.

# PART II - TRANSFEREE/ASSIGNEE

# 1.(a) Indicate the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the transferee/assignee.

| Legal name of Transferee/As                           |                      | t name first) |              |  |  |
|---|----------------------|---------------|--------------|--|--|
| Cincinnati Bell Inc.                                  | Cincinnati Bell Inc. |               |              |  |  |
| Assumed name used for doin                            | g business (if any)  |               |              |  |  |
| Mailing street address or P.O                         | . Box                |               |              |  |  |
| 221 East Fourth Street                                |                      |               |              |  |  |
| City State ZIP Code Telephone No. (include area code) |                      |               |              |  |  |
| Cincinnati  | ОН                   | 45202         | 513-397-9900 |  |  |

(b) Indicate the name, mailing address, and telephone number of person to contact, if other than transferee/assignee.

| Bunich Detricia I                  |       |          |                                   |
|------------------------------------|-------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| Rupich, Patricia L.                |       |          |                                   |
| Firm or company name (if any)      |       |          |                                   |
| Cincinnati Bell Inc.               |       |          | ······                            |
| Mailing street address or P.O. Box |       |          |                                   |
| 221 East Fourth Street             |       |          |                                   |
| City                               | State | ZIP Code | Telephone No. (include area code) |
| Cincinnati                         | он    | 45202    | 513-397-6671                      |

(c) Attach as an Exhibit the name, mailing address, and telephone number of each additional person who should be contacted, if any.

Exhibit No. 2

(d) Indicate the address where the system's records will be maintained.

| Street address     |       |          |
|--------------------|-------|----------|
| 1117 Bishop Street |       |          |
| City               | State | ZIP Code |
| Honolulu           | н     | 96813    |

2. Indicate on an attached exhibit any plans to change the current terms and conditions of service and operations of the system as a consequence of the transaction for which approval is sought.

Exhibit No. 3

# SECTION II. TRANSFEREE'S/ASSIGNEE'S LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS

1. Transferee/Assignee is:

| X | Corporation          | a. Jurisdiction of incorporation:<br>Ohio      | d. Name and address of registered agent in jurisdiction:       |
|---|----------------------|--|--|
|   |                      | b. Date of incorporation:<br>2/4/1983          | Corporation Service Company<br>50 West Broad Street Suite 1330 |
|   |                      | c. For profit or not-for-profit:<br>For profit | Columbus. OH 43215   |
|   | Limited Partnership  | a. Jurisdiction in which formed:               | c. Name and address of registered agent in iurisdiction:       |
|   |                      | b. Date of formation:                          |  |
|   | General Partnership  | a. Jurisdiction whose laws govern formation:   | b. Date of formation:  |
|   | Individual           |  |  |
|   | Other. Describe in a | n Exhibit.                                     | Exhibit No.<br>N/A   |

 List the transferee/assignee, and, if the transferee/assignee is not a natural person, each of its officers, directors, stockholders beneficially holding more than 5% of the outstanding voting shares, general partners, and limited partners holding an equity interest of more than 5%. Use only one column for each individual or entity. Attach additional pages if necessary. (Read carefully - the lettered items below refer to corresponding lines in the following table.)

(a) Name, residence, occupation or principal business, and principal place of business. (If other than an individual, also show name, address and citizenship of natural person authorized to vote the voting securities of the applicant that it holds.) List the applicant first, officers, next, then directors and, thereafter, remaining stockholders and/or partners.

(b) Citizenship.

(c) Relationship to the transferee/assignee (e.g., officer, director, etc.).

(d) Number of shares or nature of partnersihp interest.

(e) Number of votes.

(f) Percentage of votes.

| One Corporate Center | BlackRock, Inc.<br>55 East 52nd Street<br>New York, NY 10055 | The Vanguard Group<br>100 Vanguard Blvd. |
|----------------------|--|--|
| Nye, NY 10000        |  | Malvern, PA 19355                        |
| (b) United States    | United States  | United States                            |
| (c) Investor         | Investor   | Investor                                 |
| (d) 5,185,234        | 5,809,178  | 5,693,502                                |
| (e)                  |  |  |
| (f) 12.37%           | 13.80%   | 13.54%                                   |

| (a) | Pinnacle Associates, Ltd.      |
|-----|--------------------------------|
|     | 335 Madison Avenue, Suite 1100 |
|     | New York, NY 10017             |
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3. If the applicant is a corporation or a limited partnership, is the transferee/assignee formed under the laws of, or duly qualified to transact business in, the State or other jurisdiction in which the system operates?

If the answer is No, explain in an Exhibit.

4. Has the transferee/assignee had any interest in or in connection with an applicant which has been dismissed or denied by any franchise authority?

If the answer is Yes, describe circumstances in an Exhibit.

5. Has an adverse finding been made or an adverse final action been taken by any court or administrative body with respect to the transferee/assignee in a civil, criminal or administrative proceeding, brought under the provisions of any law or regulation related to the following: any felony; revocation, suspension or involuntary transfer of any authorization (including cable franchises) to provide video programming services; mass media related antitrust or unfair competition; fraudulent statements to another government unit; or employment discrimination?

If the answer is Yes, attach as an Exhibit a full description of the persons and matter(s) involved, including an identification of any court or administrative body and any proceeding (by dates and file numbers, if applicable), and the disposition of such proceeding.

6. Are there any documents, instruments, contracts or understandings relating to ownership or future ownership rights with respect to any attributable interest as described in Question 2 (including, but not limited to, non-voting stock interests, beneficial stock ownership interests, options, warrants, debentures)?

If Yes, provide particulars in an Exhibit.

7. Do documents, instruments, agreements or understandings for the pledge of stock of the transferee/assignee, as security for loans or contractual performance, provide that: (a) voting rights will remain with the applicant, even in the event of default on the obligation; (b) in the event of default, there will be either a private or public sale of the stock; and (c) prior to the exercise of any ownership rights by a purchaser at a sale described in (b), any prior consent of the FCC and/or of the franchising authority, if required pursuant to federal, state or local law or pursuant to the terms of the franchise agreement will be obtained?

If No, attach as an Exhibit a full explanation.

# SECTION III. TRANSFEREE'S/ASSIGNEE'S FINANCIAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 1. The transferee/assignee certifies that it has sufficient net liquid assets on hand or available from committed resources to consummate the transaction and operate the facilities for three months.
- 2. Attach as an Exhibit the most recent financial statements, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principals, including a balance sheet and income statement for at least one full year, for the transferee/assignee or parent entity that has been prepared in the ordinary course of business, if any such financial statements are routinely prepared. Such statements, if not otherwise publicly available, may be marked CONFIDENTIAL and will be maintained as confidential by the franchise authority and its agents to the extent permissible under local law.

# SECTION IV. TRANSFEREE'S/ASSIGNEE'S TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS

Set forth in an Exhibit a narrative account of the transferee's/assignee's technical qualifications, experience and expertise regarding cable television systems, including, but not limited to, summary information about appropriate management personnel that will be involved in the system's management and operations. The transferee/assignee may, but need not, list a representative sample of cable systems currently or formerly owned or operated.



No

X

Yes



|   | Exhibit No.<br><b>N/A</b> |           |    |
|---|---------------------------|-----------|----|
|   | Yes [                     | X         | No |
| X | Yes [                     |           | No |
| [ | Exhibi<br>N/              |           | •  |
| X | Yes [                     |           | No |
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## SECTION V - CERTIFICATIONS

### Part I - Transferor/Assignor

All the statements made in the application and attached exhibits are considered material representations, and all the Exhibits are a material part hereof and are incorporated herein as if set out in full in the application.

| I CERTIFY that the statements in this application are true,<br>complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and<br>are made in good faith. | Signature  |
|---|--|
| WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS MADE ON THIS FORM ARE<br>PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT. U.S. CODE,<br>TITLE 18, SECTION 1001.                           | Date <u>August 10, 2017</u><br>Print full name<br>John T. Komeiji, CAO & General Counsel |
| Check appropriate classification:<br>Individual General Partner   | X Corporate Officer (Indicate Title) Other. Explain:                                     |

### Part II - Transferee/Assignee

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The transferee/assignee certifies that he/she:

(a) Has a current copy of the FCC's Rules governing cable television systems.

(b) Has a current copy of the franchise that is the subject of this application, and of any applicable state laws or local ordinances and related regulations.

(c) Will use its best efforts to comply with the terms of the franchise and applicable state laws or local ordinances and related regulations, and to effect changes, as promptly as practicable, in the operation system, if any changes are necessary to cure any violations thereof or defaults thereunder presently in effect or ongoing.

| I CERTIFY that the statements in this application are true,<br>complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and<br>are made in good faith. | Signature   |
|---|---|
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| Check appropriate classification:<br>Individual General Partner   | Corporate Officer<br>(Indicate Title) Other. Explain: |

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|---|--|
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| Check appropriate classification:<br>Individual General Partner   | Corporate Officer Other. Explain:        |
| 1   | lice President & General Counsel         |

# FCC 394 EXHIBIT 1

# **EXHIBIT 1**

# **Merger Agreement**

- 2.(a) Attach as an Exhibit a copy of the contract or agreement that provides for the assignment or transfer of control (including any exhibits or schedules thereto necessary in order to understand the terms thereof). If there is only an oral agreement, reduce the terms to writing and attach. (Confidential trade, business, pricing or marketing information, or other information not otherwise publicly available, may be redacted).
  - (b) Does the contract submitted in response to (a) above embody the full and complete agreement between the transferor/assignor and the transferee/assignee?

## If No, explain in an Exhibit.

Attached hereto is a copy of the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 9, 2017 (the "Agreement"), as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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# AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

Dated as of July 9, 2017,

Among

# HAWAIIAN TELCOM HOLDCO, INC.,

# CINCINNATI BELL INC.

and

TWIN ACQUISITION CORP.

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Exhibit A Governance Matters

AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER (this "<u>Agreement</u>") dated as of July 9, 2017, among Hawaiian Telcom Holdco, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Company</u>"), Cincinnati Bell Inc., an Ohio corporation ("<u>Parent</u>"), and Twin Acquisition Corp., a Delaware corporation and a directly wholly owned subsidiary of Parent ("<u>Merger Sub</u>").

WHEREAS each of the Board of Directors of the Company, the Board of Directors of Parent and the Board of Directors of Merger Sub has approved and declared advisable this Agreement and determined that the Merger on the terms provided for in this Agreement is advisable and in the best interests of the Company, Parent or Merger Sub, as applicable, and its respective stockholders or shareholders, as applicable;

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Company and the Board of Directors of Merger Sub each has recommended that its stockholders adopt this Agreement;

WHEREAS concurrently with the execution and delivery of this Agreement and as a condition to the willingness of Parent and Merger Sub to enter into this Agreement, Parent and certain stockholders of the Company are entering into a voting agreement (the "<u>Voting Agreement</u>"), pursuant to which, among other things, such stockholders have agreed to vote to adopt this Agreement, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein; and

WHEREAS the Company, Parent and Merger Sub desire to make certain representations, warranties, covenants and agreements in connection with the Merger and also to prescribe various conditions to the Merger.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the parties hereto agree as follows:

## ARTICLE I

## The Merger

SECTION 1.01. <u>The Merger</u>. Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, and in accordance with the provisions of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "<u>DGCL</u>"), at the Effective Time, Merger Sub shall be merged with and into the Company (the "<u>Merger</u>"), the separate corporate existence of Merger Sub shall thereupon cease, and the Company shall be the surviving corporation in the Merger. The Company, as the surviving corporation after the Merger, is hereinafter referred to as the "<u>Surviving Corporation</u>".

SECTION 1.02. Closing. The closing (the "Closing") of the Merger shall take place at the offices of Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, Worldwide Plaza, 825 Eighth Avenue, New York, New York 10019 at 10:00 a.m., New York City time, on a date to be specified by the Company and Parent, which shall be no later than the second Business Day following the satisfaction or (to the extent permitted by Law) waiver by the party or parties entitled to the benefits thereof of the conditions set forth in Article VII (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied at the Closing, but subject to the satisfaction or (to the extent permitted by Law) waiver of those conditions), or at such other place, time and date as shall be agreed in writing between the Company and Parent; provided, however, that if all the conditions set forth in Article VII do not remain satisfied or (to the extent permitted by Law) have not been waived on such second Business Day, then the Closing shall take place on the first Business Day thereafter on which all such conditions shall have been satisfied or (to the extent permitted by Law) waived; provided, further that, if the Marketing Period has not ended at the time of the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions set forth in Article VII (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied at the Closing, but subject to the satisfaction or (to the extent permitted by Law) waiver of those conditions at such time), then, subject to the continued satisfaction or waiver of the conditions set forth in Article VII at such time, the Closing shall occur instead on the earliest of (i) any Business Day during the Marketing Period as may be specified by Parent on no less than two Business Days' prior written notice to the Company, (ii) the second Business Day following the final day of the Marketing Period or (iii) such other place, time and date as may be agreed by the Company and Parent. The date on which the Closing occurs is referred to in this Agreement as the "Closing Date".

SECTION 1.03. Effective Time. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, as soon as practicable on the Closing Date, the Company shall cause the Merger to be consummated by filing a certificate of merger executed in accordance with, and in such form as is required by, the relevant provisions of the DGCL (the "<u>Certificate of Merger</u>"), and shall make all other filings, recordings or publications required under the DGCL in connection with the Merger. The Merger shall become effective at the time that the Certificate of Merger is filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware (the "<u>Secretary of State</u>") or, to the extent permitted by applicable Law, at such later time as is agreed to by the parties hereto prior to the filing of such Certificate of Merger and specified in the Certificate of Merger (the time at which the Merger becomes effective is herein referred to as the "<u>Effective Time</u>").

SECTION 1.04. <u>Effects of the Merger</u>. The Merger shall have the effects provided in this Agreement and as set forth in the applicable provisions, including Section 259, of the DGCL.

SECTION 1.05. <u>Charter and Bylaws</u>. At the Effective Time, the certificate of incorporation of the Company, as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time, shall be the certificate of incorporation of the Surviving Corporation until thereafter changed or amended as provided therein or by applicable Law (and subject to Section 6.05 hereof). The bylaws of the Surviving Corporation in effect from and after the Effective Time and until thereafter changed or amended as provided therein or by applicable Law (and subject to Section 6.05 hereof). The bylaws of the Surviving Corporation in effect from and after the Effective Time and until thereafter changed or amended as provided therein or by applicable Law shall be in the form of the bylaws of Merger Sub as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time, except that references to the name of Merger Sub shall be replaced by references to the name of the Surviving Corporation (the "<u>Surviving Corporation Bylaws</u>").

SECTION 1.06. <u>Board of Directors and Officers of Surviving Corporation</u>. The directors of Merger Sub immediately prior to the Effective Time shall become the directors of the Surviving Corporation as of the Effective Time until the earlier of their resignation or removal in accordance with the certificate of incorporation and bylaws of the Surviving Corporation or until their respective successors have been duly elected and qualified, as the case may be. The officers of the Company immediately prior to the Effective Time shall continue as the officers of the Surviving Corporation immediately following the Effective Time until their respective successors are duly appointed and qualified or until their earlier death, resignation or removal in accordance with the certificate of incorporation and bylaws of the Surviving Corporation. The parties acknowledge and agree that following the Effective Time Parent shall cause the board of directors of the Surviving Corporation to include individuals who are "domiciled" (within the meaning of Section 18-235-1.03 of the Hawaii Administrative Rules) in Hawaii.

#### ARTICLE II

## Effect on the Stock of the Constituent Corporations: Exchange of Certificates

SECTION 2.01. Effect on Stock. At the Effective Time, by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of the Company, Parent, Merger Sub or the holder of any shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company (the "<u>Company Common Stock</u>") or any shares of capital stock of Merger Sub:

(a) <u>Capital Stock of Merger Sub</u>. Each issued and outstanding share of capital stock of Merger Sub shall be converted into and become one validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable share of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of the Surviving Corporation.

(b) <u>Cancelation of Certain Shares</u>. All shares of Company Common Stock that are owned by the Company as treasury stock immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be canceled and shall cease to exist and no consideration shall be delivered in exchange therefor. All shares of Company Common Stock held by Parent or Merger Sub immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be canceled and shall cease to exist and no consideration shall be delivered in exchange therefor. Each share of Company Common Stock that is owned by any direct or indirect wholly owned Subsidiary of the Company or of Parent (other than Merger Sub) shall not represent the right to receive the Merger Consideration and shall be, at the election of Parent, either (i) converted into shares of common stock of the Surviving Corporation or (ii) canceled. Each Excluded Share shall be canceled at the Effective Time and, subject to Section 2.03, no consideration shall be delivered in exchange therefor.

(c) <u>Conversion of Company Common Stock</u>. Subject to Sections 2.01(b) and 2.02(f), each share of Company Common Stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time (other than shares of Company Common Stock that are owned by stockholders ("<u>Dissenting Stockholders</u>") who have made and not withdrawn a demand for appraisal rights in accordance with Section 262 of the DGCL (each such share of Company Common Stock, an "<u>Excluded Share</u>" and, collectively, the "<u>Excluded Shares</u>") shall be converted into the right to receive any of the following forms of consideration (the "<u>Merger Consideration</u>"):

(i) for each share of Company Common Stock with respect to which an election to receive only Parent Common Shares (a "<u>Share Election</u>") has been validly made and not revoked (collectively, the "<u>Share Election Shares</u>"), the right to receive 1.6305 fully paid and nonassessable Parent Common Shares (the "<u>Share Consideration</u>");

(ii) for each share of Company Common Stock with respect to which an election to receive both Parent Common Shares and cash (a "<u>Mixed Election</u>") has been validly made and not revoked (collectively, the "<u>Mixed Election Shares</u>"), the right to receive (A) 0.6522 fully paid and nonassessable Parent Common Shares (the "<u>Mixed Share Consideration</u>") *plus* (B) \$18.45 in cash (the "<u>Mixed Cash Consideration</u>" and, together with the Mixed Share Consideration, the "<u>Mixed Consideration</u>");

(iii) for each share of Company Common Stock with respect to which an election to receive only cash (a "<u>Cash Election</u>") has been validly made and not revoked (collectively, the "<u>Cash Election Shares</u>"), the right to receive \$30.75 in cash (the "<u>Cash Consideration</u>"); and

(iv) for each share of Company Common Stock other than shares as to which a Share Election, Mixed Election or Cash Election has been validly made and not revoked (collectively, the "<u>Non-Election Shares</u>", and the failure to make either a Share Election, Mixed Election or Cash Election, a "<u>Non-Election</u>"), the right to receive the Mixed Consideration.

(d) All such shares of Company Common Stock, when so converted pursuant to Section 2.01(c), shall no longer be outstanding and shall automatically be canceled and shall cease to exist, and each holder of a certificate that immediately prior to the Effective Time represented any such shares of Company Common Stock (each, a "<u>Certificate</u>") (other than any Excluded Shares) and each holder of shares of Company Common Stock held in book-entry form (other than any Excluded Shares) shall, in each case, cease to have any rights with respect thereto, except the right to receive the Merger Consideration and any cash in lieu of fractional Parent Common Shares to be issued or paid in consideration therefor and any dividends or other distributions to which holders become entitled in accordance with Section 2.02, without interest. For purposes of this Agreement, "Parent Common Shares" means the common shares, par value \$0.01 per share, of Parent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if between the date of this Agreement and the Effective Time the number of outstanding Parent Common Shares or shares of Company Common Stock shall have been changed into a different number of shares, or any similar event shall have occurred, then any number or amount contained herein which is based upon the number of Parent Common Shares or shares of Company Common Stock, as the case may be, will be appropriately adjusted to provide to Parent and the holders of Company Common Stock the same economic effect as contemplated by this Agreement prior to such event. The right of any holder of Company Common Stock to receive the Merger Consideration shall be subject in all cases to the provisions of Section 2.02.

SECTION 2.02. Exchange of Certificates; Book-Entry Shares. (a) Exchange Agent. Prior to the Mailing Date, Parent shall appoint a bank or trust company reasonably acceptable to the Company to act as exchange agent (the "Exchange Agent") for the payment of the Merger Consideration. At or prior to the Effective Time, Parent shall deposit with the Exchange Agent, for the benefit of the holders of Company Common Stock, for exchange in accordance with this Article II through the Exchange Agent, (i) the aggregate number of Parent Common Shares to be issued pursuant to Section 2.01(c) and (ii) an amount of cash representing the aggregate amount of cash payable pursuant to 2.01(c). In addition, Parent shall deposit from time to time as needed, cash sufficient to make payments in lieu of fractional shares pursuant to Section 2.02(f). All such Parent Common Shares and cash deposited with the Exchange Agent is hereinafter referred to as the "Exchange Fund".

(b) Letter of Transmittal. As promptly as practicable after the Effective Time, and in any event not later than the third Business Day thereafter, Parent shall cause the Exchange Agent to mail to each holder of record of Company Common Stock (other than Excluded Shares) a form of letter of transmittal (the "Letter of Transmittal") (which shall specify that delivery shall be effected, and risk of loss and title to any Certificates shall pass, only upon delivery of such Certificates to the Exchange Agent and shall be in such form and have such other provisions (including customary provisions with respect to delivery of an "agent's message" with respect to shares held in book-entry form) as Parent may specify subject to the Company's reasonable approval), together with instructions thereto.

(c) Merger Consideration Received in Connection with Exchange. Upon (i) in the case of shares of Company Common Stock represented by a Certificate, the surrender of such Certificate for cancellation to the Exchange Agent, or (ii) in the case of shares of Company Common Stock held in book-entry form, the receipt of an "agent's message" by the Exchange Agent, in each case together with the associated Letter of Transmittal, duly, completely and validly executed in accordance with the instructions thereto, and such other documents as may reasonably be required by the Exchange Agent, the holder of such shares shall be entitled to receive in exchange therefor (i) that number of whole Parent Common Shares that such holder is entitled to receive pursuant to Section 2.01(c) and/or (ii) an amount of immediately available funds equal to (x) the cash amount that such holder is entitled to receive pursuant to Section 2.01(c) plus (y) any cash in lieu of fractional shares which the holder has the right to receive pursuant to 2.02(f) plus (z) any dividends or other distributions which the holder has the right to receive pursuant to Section 2.02(d). In the event of a transfer of ownership of Company Common Stock which is not registered in the transfer records of the Company, a certificate representing the proper number of Parent Common Shares pursuant to Section 2.01(c), together with a check in the amount equal to any cash payable pursuant to Section 2.01(c) and any cash in lieu of fractional shares which the holder has the right to receive pursuant to Section 2.02(f) and any dividends or other distributions which the holder has the right to receive pursuant to Section 2.02(d) may be issued and/or paid to a transferee if the Certificate representing such Company Common Stock (or, if such Company Common Stock is held in book-entry form, proper evidence of such transfer) is presented to the Exchange Agent, accompanied by all documents required to evidence and effect such transfer and by evidence that any applicable stock transfer Taxes have been paid. Until surrendered as contemplated by this Section 2.02(c), each share of Company Common Stock, and any Certificate with respect thereto shall be deemed at any time from and after the Effective Time to represent only the right to receive upon such surrender the Merger Consideration which the holders of shares of Company Common Stock were entitled to receive in respect of such shares pursuant to Section 2.01 (and cash in lieu of fractional shares pursuant to Section 2.02(f) and any dividends or other distributions pursuant to Section 2.02(d)). No interest shall be paid or shall accrue on the cash payable upon surrender of any Certificate (or shares of Company Common Stock held in book-entry form).

(d) <u>Treatment of Unexchanged Shares</u>. No dividends or other distributions declared or made with respect to Parent Common Shares with a record date after the Effective Time shall be paid to the holder of any unsurrendered Certificate (or shares of Company Common Stock held in book-entry form) with respect to the number of Parent Common Shares issuable upon surrender thereof, and no cash payment in lieu of fractional shares shall be paid to any such holder pursuant to Section 2.02(f), until the surrender of such Certificate (or such shares of Company Common Stock held in book-entry form) in accordance with this Article II. Subject to escheat, Tax or other applicable Law, following surrender of any such Certificate (or shares of Company Common Stock held in book-entry form), there shall be paid to the holder of the certificate representing whole Parent Common Shares issued in exchange therefor, without interest, (i) at the time of such surrender, the amount of any cash payable in lieu of a fractional Parent Common Share to which such holder is entitled pursuant to Section 2.02(f) and the amount of dividends or other distributions with a record date after the Effective Time theretofore paid with respect to such whole Parent Common Shares and (ii) at the appropriate payment date, the amount of dividends or other distributions with a record date after the Effective Time but prior to such surrender and a payment date subsequent to such surrender payable with respect to such whole Parent Common Shares.

(e) No Further Ownership Rights in Company Common Stock. The Merger Consideration, any dividends or other distributions payable pursuant to Section 2.02(d) and cash in lieu of any fractional shares payable pursuant to Section 2.02(f) paid upon the surrender of Certificates (or shares of Company Common Stock held in book-entry form) in accordance with the terms of this Article II shall be deemed to have been issued and paid in full satisfaction of all rights pertaining to the shares of Company Common Stock formerly represented by such Certificates (or shares of Company Common Stock held in book-entry form). From and after the Effective Time, there shall be no further registration of transfers on the stock transfer books of the Surviving Corporation of shares of Company Common Stock that were outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time. If, after the Effective Time, any Certificates formerly representing shares of Company Common Stock (or shares of Company Common Stock held in book-entry form) are presented to Parent or the Exchange Agent for any reason, they shall be canceled and exchanged as provided in this Article II.

(f) <u>No Fractional Shares</u>. No certificates or scrip representing fractional Parent Common Shares shall be issued upon the conversion of Company Common Stock pursuant to Section 2.01, and such fractional share interests shall not entitle the owner thereof to vote or to any rights of a holder of Parent Common Shares. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, each holder of shares of Company Common Stock converted pursuant to the Merger who, based on the Share Consideration or Mixed Share Consideration, as applicable, would have been entitled to receive a fraction of a Parent Common Share (after taking into account all shares of Company Common Stock exchanged by such holder, including shares that are the subject of valid affidavits of loss thereof) shall receive, in lieu thereof, cash (without interest) in an amount equal to such fractional amount multiplied by the closing sale price for Parent Common Shares on the New York Stock Exchange (the "<u>NYSE</u>") (as reported in *The Wall Street Journal* or, if not reported therein, in another authoritative source mutually selected by Parent and the Company) for the trading day immediately preceding the date of the Effective Time.

(g) <u>Termination of Exchange Fund</u>. Any portion of the Exchange Fund (including any interest received with respect thereto) that remains undistributed to the holders of Company Common Stock for one year after the Effective Time shall be delivered to Parent, upon demand, and any holder of Company Common Stock (other than Excluded Shares) who has not theretofore complied with this Article II shall thereafter look only to Parent for payment of its claim for Merger Consideration, any cash in lieu of fractional shares and any dividends and distributions to which such holder is entitled pursuant to this Article II.

(h) <u>No Liability</u>. None of the Company, Parent, Merger Sub or the Exchange Agent shall be liable to any Person in respect of any portion of the Exchange Fund delivered to a public official in compliance with any applicable abandoned property, escheat or similar Law. Any portion of the Exchange Fund which remains undistributed to the holders of Company Common Stock immediately prior to such date on which the Exchange Fund otherwise would be required to escheat to, or become the property of, any Governmental Entity, shall, to the extent permitted by applicable Law, become the property of Parent, free and clear of all claims or interest of any Person previously entitled thereto.

(i) <u>Investment of Exchange Fund</u>. The Exchange Agent shall invest any cash in the Exchange Fund as directed by Parent. Any interest and other income resulting from such investments shall be paid to Parent. Parent shall or shall cause the Surviving Corporation to promptly replace or restore the cash in the Exchange Fund so as to ensure that the Exchange Fund is at all times maintained at a level sufficient for the Exchange Agent to make all payments of Merger Consideration in accordance herewith. No investment losses resulting from investment of the funds deposited with the Exchange Agent shall diminish the rights of any holder of shares of Company Common Stock to receive the Merger Consideration as provided herein.

(j) <u>Withholding Rights</u>. Each of Parent and the Exchange Agent (without duplication) shall be entitled to deduct and withhold from the consideration otherwise payable to any holder of Company Common Stock pursuant to this Agreement such amounts as may be required to be deducted and withheld with respect to the making of such payment under the Code, or any other applicable state, local or non-U.S. Tax Law. To the extent that amounts are so withheld and remitted to the applicable Governmental Entity by Parent and the Exchange Agent, as the case may be, such withheld amounts shall be treated for all purposes of this Agreement as having been paid to the holder of Company Common Stock in respect of which such deduction and withholding was made.

(k) Lost Certificates. If any Certificate shall have been lost, stolen or destroyed, upon the making of an affidavit of that fact by the Person claiming such Certificate to be lost, stolen or destroyed and, if required by Parent, the posting by such Person of a bond, in such reasonable and customary amount as Parent may direct, as indemnity against any claim that may be made against it with respect to such Certificate, the Exchange Agent shall issue, in exchange for such lost, stolen or destroyed Certificate, the Merger Consideration, any cash in lieu of fractional shares and any dividends and distributions on the Certificate deliverable in respect thereof pursuant to this Article II.

SECTION 2.03. Dissenters' Rights. No Dissenting Stockholder shall be entitled to receive shares of Parent Common Shares or cash or any dividends or other distributions pursuant to the provisions of this Article II unless and until the holder thereof shall have failed to perfect or shall have effectively withdrawn or lost such holder's right to dissent from the Merger under the DGCL, and any Dissenting Stockholder shall be entitled to receive only the payment provided by Section 262 of the DGCL with respect to shares of Company Common Stock owned by such Dissenting Stockholder. If any Person who otherwise would be deemed a Dissenting Stockholder shall have failed to properly perfect or shall have effectively withdrawn or lost the right to dissent under Section 262 of the DGCL or if a court of competent jurisdiction shall finally determine that the Dissenting Stockholder is not entitled to relief provided by Section 262 of the DGCL with respect to any shares of Company Common Stock, such shares of Company Common Stock shall thereupon be treated as though such shares had been converted, as of the Effective Time, into the right to receive the Merger Consideration without interest and less any required Tax withholding. For purposes of Section 2.01(c), such shares of Company Common Stock shall be deemed Non-Election Shares and shall be entitled to receive the Mixed Consideration. The Company shall give Parent (i) prompt written notice of any written demands for appraisal, attempted withdrawals of such demands, and any other instruments served pursuant to applicable Law received by the Company relating to stockholders' rights of appraisal, and (ii) the opportunity to direct all negotiations and proceedings with respect to demands for appraisal. The Company shall not, except with the prior written consent of Parent, voluntarily make any payment with respect to any demands for appraisal, offer to settle or settle any such demands or approve any withdrawal of any such demands.

SECTION 2.04. <u>Election Procedures</u>. (a) Each Person who, at or prior to the Election Deadline, is a record holder of shares of Company Common Stock (which, for purposes of this Section 2.04, shall include the holders of all Cash-Out RSUs) shall have the right, subject to the limitations set forth in this Article II, to submit an election on or prior to the Election Deadline in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 2.04.

(b) At the time of the mailing of the Proxy Statement to holders of record of shares of Company Common Stock entitled to vote at the Company Stockholders Meeting (the "<u>Mailing Date</u>"), the Company shall use reasonable best efforts to mail an election form and other appropriate and customary transmittal materials (which, in the case of shares of Company Common Stock represented by Certificates, shall specify that delivery shall be effected, and risk of loss and title to the shares of Company Common Stock represented by such Certificates shall pass, only upon proper delivery of such Certificates to the Exchange Agent, upon adherence to the procedure set forth in the Letter of Transmittal, and shall be in such form and have such other provisions as Parent and the Company may reasonably agree) (the "<u>Election Form</u>") to each holder of record of shares of Company Common Stock as of the record date for the Company Stockholders Meeting. Holders of record of Company Common Stock who hold such Company Common Stock as nominees, trustee or in other representative capacities may, through proper instructions and documentation, submit a separate Election Form on or before the Election Deadline with respect to each beneficial owner for whom such nominee, trustee or representative holds such Company Common Stock.

(c) Each Election Form shall permit each Person who, at or prior to the Election Deadline, is a record holder (or, in the case of nominee record holders, the beneficial owner, through proper instructions and documentation) of shares of Company Common Stock, other than any Dissenting Stockholder, to specify (i) the number of shares of Company Common Stock with respect to which such holder makes a Share Election, (ii) the number of shares of Company Common Stock with respect to which such holder makes a Cash Election, and (iii) the number of shares of Company Common Stock with respect to which such holder makes a Cash Election.

(d) Any shares of Common Stock with respect to which the Exchange Agent has not received an effective, properly completed Election Form at or before 5:00 p.m., New York time, on the Business Day that is one (1) Business Day immediately preceding the date of the Company Stockholders Meeting (or such other date as may be mutually agreed by Parent and the Company) (the "Election Deadline"), shall be deemed to be Non-Election Shares. If the Company Stockholders Meeting is delayed to a subsequent date, the Election Deadline shall be similarly delayed to a subsequent date, and the Company shall promptly announce any such delay and, when determined, the rescheduled Election Deadline. For the avoidance of doubt, any Non-Election Shares will receive the Mixed Consideration.

(e) Parent shall direct the Exchange Agent to make Election Forms available as may be reasonably requested from time to time by all Persons who become holders of record of Company Common Stock between the record date for the Company Stockholders Meeting and the Election Deadline, and the Company shall provide to the Exchange Agent all information reasonably necessary for the Exchange Agent to perform as specified in this Agreement and as specified in any agreement between Parent and/or the Company and the Exchange Agent.

(f) Any election shall have been properly made only if the Exchange Agent shall have actually received a properly completed Election Form by the Election Deadline. After a Share Election, Mixed Election or Cash Election is validly made with respect to any shares of Company Common Stock, any subsequent transfer of such shares of Company Common Stock shall automatically revoke such election. Any Election Form may be revoked or changed by the Person submitting such Election Form, by written notice of such revocation received by the Exchange Agent prior to the Election Deadline. In the event an Election Form is revoked prior to the Election Deadline, the shares of Company Common Stock represented by such Election Form shall become Non-Election Shares, except to the extent a subsequent election is properly made and not revoked with respect to any or all of such shares of Company Common Stock prior to the Election Deadline. Any termination of this Agreement in accordance with Article VIII shall result in the revocation of all Election Forms delivered to the Exchange Agent on or prior to the date of such termination.

(g) Subject to the terms of this Agreement and of the Election Form, the Exchange Agent shall have reasonable discretion to determine whether any election or revocation has been properly or timely made and to disregard immaterial defects in any submitted Election Form. Any good faith determinations of the Exchange Agent (or, in the event that the Exchange Agent declines to make any such determination, the joint determination of Parent and the Company) regarding such matters shall be binding and conclusive. None of Parent, the Company or the Exchange Agent shall be under any obligation to notify any Person of any defect in an Election Form. The Exchange Agent (or, in the event the Exchange Agent declines to make such computations, Parent and the Company jointly) shall also make all computations contemplated by Sections 2.01(c), 2.02(f) and 2.05 hereof, and absent manifest error such computations shall be conclusive and binding on Parent, the Company and all holders of Company Common Stock.

(h) The Company and Parent shall have the right to make rules, not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement, governing the validity and effectiveness of Election Forms and Letters of Transmittal and the payment of the Merger Consideration.

SECTION 2.05. <u>Proration</u>. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this Agreement, within three Business Days after the Effective Time, Parent shall cause the Exchange Agent to effect the following prorations to the Merger Consideration:

(i) If the Cash Election Amount is greater than the Available Cash Election Amount, then each Cash Election Share and Cash Election RSU Share shall, instead of being converted into the Cash Consideration, be converted into the right to receive (A) an amount of cash (without interest) equal to the product of (x) the Cash Consideration *multiplied* by (y) a fraction, (1) the numerator of which shall be the Available Cash Election Amount and (2) the denominator of which shall be the Cash Election Amount (such fraction, the "<u>Cash Fraction</u>"), *plus* (B) a number of fully paid and nonassessable Parent Common Shares equal to the product of (x) the Share Consideration *multiplied by* a fraction equal to one *minus* the Cash Fraction.

(ii) If the Available Cash Election Amount is greater than the Cash Election Amount, then each Share Election Share and Share Election RSU Share shall, instead of being converted into the right to receive the Share Consideration, be converted into the right to receive (A) an amount of cash (without interest) equal to the amount of (x) such excess *divided by* (y) the number of Share Election Shares and Share Election RSU Shares *plus* (B) a number of fully paid and nonassessable Parent Common Shares equal to the product of (x) the Share Consideration *multiplied by* (y) a fraction, (1) the numerator of which shall be the difference between (I) the Cash Consideration *minus* (II) the amount calculated in clause (A) of this paragraph, and (2) the denominator of which shall be the Cash Consideration.

## ARTICLE III

#### Representations and Warranties of Parent and Merger Sub

Parent and Merger Sub jointly and severally represent and warrant to the Company that the statements contained in this Article III are true and correct except as set forth in the Parent SEC Documents filed and publicly available prior to the date of this Agreement (the "Filed Parent SEC Documents") (excluding any disclosures in the Filed Parent SEC Documents under the heading "Risk Factors" (other than any statements of historical fact) and any other disclosures of risks that are predictive or forward-looking in nature) or in the disclosure letter delivered by Parent to the Company at or before the execution and delivery by Parent and Merger Sub of this Agreement (the "Parent Disclosure Letter"). The Parent Disclosure Letter shall be arranged in numbered and lettered sections corresponding to the numbered and lettered sections contained in this Article III, and the disclosure in any section shall be deemed to qualify other sections in this Article III to the extent that it is reasonably apparent from the face of such disclosure that such disclosure also qualifies or applies to such other sections.

SECTION 3.01. Organization, Standing and Power. Each of Parent and each of Parent's Subsidiaries (the "Parent Subsidiaries") is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction in which it is organized (in the case of good standing, to the extent such jurisdiction recognizes such concept), except, in the case of the Parent Subsidiaries, where the failure to be so organized, existing or in good standing, individually or in the aggregate, has not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect. Each of Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries has all requisite power and authority and possesses all governmental franchises, licenses, permits, authorizations, variances, exemptions, orders and approvals (collectively, "Permits") necessary to enable it to own, lease or otherwise hold its properties and assets and to conduct its businesses as presently conducted (the "Parent Permits"), except where the failure to have such power or authority or to possess Parent Permits, individually or in the aggregate, has not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect. Each of Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries is duly qualified or licensed to do business in each jurisdiction where the nature of its business or the ownership, operation or leasing of its properties and assets makes such qualification necessary, other than in such jurisdictions where the failure to be so qualified or licensed, individually or in the aggregate, has not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect. Parent has made available to the Company, prior to execution of this Agreement, true and complete copies of the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Parent in effect as of the date of this Agreement (the "Parent Articles") and the Amended and Restated Regulations of Parent in effect as of the date of this Agreement (the "Parent Regulations").

SECTION 3.02. <u>Parent Subsidiaries</u>. (a) All the outstanding shares of capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, each Parent Subsidiary have been validly issued and are fully paid and nonassessable and are wholly owned by Parent, by another Parent Subsidiary or by Parent and another Parent Subsidiary, free and clear of all pledges, liens, charges, mortgages, deeds of trust, encumbrances, judgments, options, rights of first refusal or offer, defects in title and security interests of any kind or nature whatsoever (collectively, "Liens"), and free of any other restriction (including any restriction on the right to vote, sell or otherwise dispose of such capital stock, voting securities or other equity interests), except for restrictions imposed by applicable securities Laws. Parent has provided to the Company a true and complete list of all Parent Subsidiaries as of the date of this Agreement.

(b) Except for the capital stock and voting securities of, and other equity interests in, the Parent Subsidiaries, neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary owns, directly or indirectly, any capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, or any interest convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for, any capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, any firm, corporation, partnership, company, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, association or other entity.

SECTION 3.03. Capital Structure. (a) The authorized capital stock of Parent consists of 96,000,000 Parent Common Shares, 1,357,299 shares of voting preferred shares, without par value ("Parent Voting Preferred Shares"), and 1,000,000 shares of non-voting preferred shares, without par value ("Parent Non-Voting Preferred Shares" and, together with the Parent Common Shares and the Parent Voting Preferred Shares, the "Parent Capital Stock"). At the close of business on July 7, 2017 (the "Capitalization Date"), (i) 42,173,872 Parent Common Shares were issued and outstanding (including Parent Common Shares subject to vesting restrictions and/or forfeiture back to Parent) and no Parent Common Shares were held in the treasury of Parent, (ii) 155,250 Parent Voting Preferred Shares designated as 6 3/4% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Shares ("6 3/4% Preferred Shares") were issued and outstanding, (iii) no Parent Non-Voting Preferred Shares were issued and outstanding, (iv) 4,751,055 Parent Common Shares were reserved and available for issuance pursuant to the Parent Stock Plans, of which 1,701,055 Parent Common Shares were reserved for issuance under outstanding Parent Stock Options, Parent SARs and Parent RSUs (assuming settlement of outstanding awards based on maximum achievement of any applicable performance goals) (collectively, the "Parent Stock-Based Awards") and (v) 2,301 Parent Common Shares were payable pursuant to the Parent Deferred Compensation Plan for Outside Directors (the "Parent Deferred Compensation Plan for Outside Directors"). Except as set forth in this Section 3.03(a), at the close of business on the Capitalization Date, no shares of capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, Parent were issued, reserved for issuance or outstanding. From the close of business on the Capitalization Date to the date of this Agreement, there have been no issuances by Parent of shares of capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, Parent other than the issuance of Parent Common Shares (A) upon the exercise of Parent Stock Options outstanding at the close of business on the Capitalization Date, (B) upon the vesting and settlement of Parent RSUs outstanding at the close of business on the Capitalization Date, or (C) pursuant to the Parent Deferred Compensation Plan for Outside Directors, in each case in accordance with their terms in effect on the Capitalization Date.

(b) All outstanding shares of Parent Capital Stock and all such shares that may be issued pursuant to the instruments or plans described in Section 3.03(a) are, or will be when issued, duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and not subject to, or issued in violation of, any purchase option, call option, right of first refusal, preemptive right, subscription right or any similar right under any provision of the Ohio General Corporation Law (the "OGCL"), the Parent Articles, the Parent Regulations or any Contract to which Parent is a party or otherwise bound. The Parent Common Shares constituting the Share Consideration and the Mixed Share Consideration will be, when issued, duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and not subject to, or issued in violation of, any purchase option, call option, right of first refusal, preemptive right, subscription right or any similar right under any provision of the OGCL, the Parent Articles, the Parent Regulations or any Contract to which Parent is a party or otherwise bound. Except as set forth in this Section 3.03, as of the close of business on the Capitalization Date, there are not issued, reserved for issuance or outstanding, and there are not any outstanding obligations of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary to issue, deliver or sell, or cause to be issued, delivered or sold, (i) except as required by the terms of the 6 3/4% Preferred Shares, any capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, Parent or any Parent Subsidiary or any securities of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for shares of capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, Parent or any Parent Subsidiary, (ii) any warrants, calls, options or other rights to acquire from Parent or any Parent Subsidiary, or any other obligation of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary to issue, deliver or sell, or cause to be issued, delivered or sold, any capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, Parent or any Parent Subsidiary, or (iii) any rights issued by or other obligations of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary that are linked in any way to the price of any class of Parent Capital Stock or any shares of capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, any Parent Subsidiary, the value of Parent, any Parent Subsidiary or any part of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary or any dividends or other distributions declared or paid on any shares of capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, Parent or any Parent Subsidiary. Except as set forth above in this Section 3.03 or in connection with Parent Stock-Based Awards, as of the close of business on the Capitalization Date, there are not any outstanding obligations of Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries to repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any shares of capital stock or voting securities or other equity interests of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary or any securities, interests, warrants, calls, options or other rights referred to in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) of the immediately preceding sentence. Except as set forth above in this Section 3.03, there are no bonds, debentures, notes or other Indebtedness of Parent that have or by their terms may have at any time the right to vote (which are convertible into, or exchangeable for, securities having the right to vote) on any matters on which shareholders of Parent may vote ("Parent Voting Debt"). Neither Parent nor any of the Parent Subsidiaries is a party to any voting agreement with respect to the voting of any capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, Parent. Except for this Agreement, neither Parent nor any of the Parent Subsidiaries is a party to any agreement pursuant to which any Person is entitled to elect, designate or nominate any director of Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries.

SECTION 3.04. Authority; Execution and Delivery; Enforceability. (a) Each of Parent and Merger Sub has all requisite corporate power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement, to perform its obligations hereunder and to consummate the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby, subject, in the case of the Merger, to the adoption of this Agreement by Parent as the sole stockholder of Merger Sub. The Parent Board has adopted resolutions, by a vote at a meeting duly called at which a quorum of directors of Parent was present, (i) approving this Agreement, (ii) determining that entering into this Agreement is in the best interests of Parent and its shareholders and (iii) declaring this Agreement and the Merger advisable. Such resolutions have not been amended or withdrawn as of the date of this Agreement. The Board of Directors of Merger Sub has adopted resolutions, by unanimous written consent, (A) approving this Agreement, (B) declaring advisable this Agreement and the Merger on substantially the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and determining that the Merger is in the best interests of Merger Sub and Parent, as its sole stockholder, and (C) recommending that Parent, as sole stockholder of Merger Sub, adopt this Agreement and directing that this Agreement be submitted to Parent, as sole stockholder of Merger Sub, for adoption. Such resolutions have not been amended or withdrawn as of the date of this Agreement. Parent, as sole stockholder of Merger Sub, will, immediately following the execution and delivery of this Agreement by each of the parties hereto, adopt this Agreement. Except for the adoption of this Agreement by Parent as the sole stockholder of Merger Sub, no other corporate proceedings on the part of Parent or Merger Sub are necessary to authorize, adopt or approve, as applicable, this Agreement or to consummate the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby. Each of Parent and Merger Sub has duly executed and delivered this Agreement and, assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery by the Company, this Agreement constitutes its legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, except that such enforceability (i) may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and other similar Laws of general application affecting or relating to the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and (ii) is subject to general principles of equity, whether considered in a proceeding at law or in equity (the "Bankruptcy and Equity Exception").

(b) Assuming the accuracy of the Company's representation in the last sentence of Section 4.04(b), no "interested shareholder", "fair price", "moratorium", "control share acquisition" or other similar antitakeover statute or similar statute or regulation, or similar provision or term of the Parent Articles or Parent Regulations, applies with respect to Parent or Merger Sub with respect to this Agreement, the Merger or any of the other transactions contemplated hereby. Neither Parent nor Merger Sub nor any of their respective "affiliates" or "associates" (as such terms are defined in Section 203 of the DGCL) is, or at any time during the past three years has been, an "interested stockholder" of the Company as defined in Section 203 of the DGCL, nor do any of them currently own any shares of Company Common Stock.

(c) Neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary has in effect a "poison pill", shareholder rights plan or other similar plan or agreement.

SECTION 3.05. No Conflicts: Consents. (a) The execution and delivery by each of Parent and Merger Sub of this Agreement does not, and the performance by it of its obligations hereunder and the consummation of the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby will not, (i) conflict with or result in any violation of any provision of the Parent Articles, the Parent Regulations or the comparable charter, bylaws or other organizational documents of any Parent Subsidiary, (ii) conflict with, or result in any violation of or default (with or without notice or lapse of time, or both) under, give rise to a right of termination, cancellation or acceleration of, give rise to any obligation to make an offer to purchase or redeem any Indebtedness or capital stock, voting securities or equity interests or any loss of a material benefit under, or result in the creation of any Lien upon any of the properties or assets of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary under, any legally binding contract, lease, license, indenture, note, bond, agreement, concession, franchise or other instrument (a "Contract") to which Parent or any Parent Subsidiary is a party or by which any of their respective properties or assets is bound or any Parent Permit or (iii) subject to the filings and other matters referred to in Section 3.05(b), conflict with or result in any violation of any judgment, order or decree ("Judgment") or statute, law (including common law), ordinance, rule or regulation ("Law"), in each case, applicable to Parent or any Parent Subsidiary or their respective properties or assets, other than, in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii) above, any matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect.

(b) No consent, approval, clearance, waiver, authorization, waiting period expiration, Permit or order ("Consent") of or from, or registration, declaration, notice or filing made to or with any Federal, national, state, provincial or local, whether domestic or foreign, government or any court of competent jurisdiction, administrative agency or commission or other governmental authority or instrumentality, whether domestic, foreign or supranational (a "Governmental Entity"), is required to be obtained or made by or with respect to Parent or any Parent Subsidiary in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement or its performance of its obligations hereunder or the consummation of the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby, other than (i) the filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), and declaration of effectiveness under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), of the registration statement on Form S-4 in connection with the issuance by Parent of the Parent Common Shares constituting the Share Consideration and the Mixed Share Consideration, in which the Proxy Statement will be included as a prospectus (the "Form S-4"), and (C) the filing with the SEC of such reports and other filings under, and such other compliance with, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the Securities Act, and the rules and regulations thereunder, as may be required in connection with this Agreement, the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby, (ii) compliance with and filings under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended (the "HSR Act"), (iii) the filing of the Certificate of Merger with the Secretary of State pursuant to the DGCL and appropriate documents with the relevant authorities of the other jurisdictions in which Parent and the Company are qualified to do business, (iv) such Consents, registrations, declarations, notices or filings as are required to be made or obtained under the securities or "blue sky" Laws of various states in connection with the issuance of the Parent Common Shares constituting the Share Consideration and the Mixed Share Consideration, (v) such Consents from, or registrations, declarations, notices or filings made to or with, the U.S. Federal Communications Commission or any successor Governmental Entity (the "FCC") as are required in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby (the "Parent FCC Consents"), (vi) such Consents from, or registrations, declarations, notices or filings made to or with, state public service or state public utility commissions (collectively, "State Regulators") as are required in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby (the "Parent PSC Consents"), (vii) such Consents from, or registrations, declarations, notices or filings made to or with, governments of counties, municipalities and any other subdivisions of a United States state (collectively, "Localities") in connection with the provision of telecommunication and media services as are required in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby (the "Parent Local Consents"), (viii) such filings with and approvals of the NYSE as are required to permit the listing of the Parent Common Shares constituting the Share Consideration and the Mixed Share Consideration and (ix) such other matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.06. <u>SEC Documents; Undisclosed Liabilities</u>. (a) Parent has furnished or filed all reports, schedules, forms, statements and other documents (including exhibits and other information incorporated therein) required to be furnished or filed by Parent with the SEC since January 1, 2015 (such documents, together with any documents filed with or furnished to the SEC during such period by Parent on a voluntary basis on a Current Report on Form 8-K, but excluding the Form S-4, being collectively referred to as the "Parent SEC Documents").

(b) Each Parent SEC Document (i) at the time filed, complied in all material respects with the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 ("SOX") and the Exchange Act or the Securities Act, as the case may be, and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder applicable to such Parent SEC Document and (ii) did not at the time it was filed (or if amended or superseded by a filing or amendment prior to the date of this Agreement, then at the time of such filing or amendment) contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements of Parent included in the Parent SEC Documents complied at the time it was filed as to form in all material respects with applicable accounting requirements and the published rules and regulations of the SEC with respect thereto, was prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") (except, in the case of unaudited statements, as permitted by Form 10-Q of the SEC or other rules and regulations of the SEC) applied on a consistent basis during the periods involved (except as may be indicated in the notes thereto) and fairly presented in all material respects the consolidated financial position of Parent and its consolidated Subsidiaries as of the dates thereof and the consolidated results of their operations and cash flows for the periods shown (subject, in the case of unaudited statements, to normal year-end audit adjustments).

(c) Neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary has any liabilities or obligations of any nature (whether accrued, absolute, contingent or otherwise) that, individually or in the aggregate, have had or would reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect.

(d) Parent maintains a system of "internal control over financial reporting" (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act) sufficient to provide reasonable assurance (i) that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP, consistently applied, (ii) that transactions are executed only in accordance with the authorization of management and (iii) regarding prevention or timely detection of the unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of Parent's properties or assets.

(e) The "disclosure controls and procedures" (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act) utilized by Parent are reasonably designed to ensure that all information (both financial and non-financial) required to be disclosed by Parent in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC and that all such information required to be disclosed is accumulated and communicated to the management of Parent, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and to enable the chief executive officer and chief financial officer of Parent to make the certifications required under the Exchange Act with respect to such reports.

(f) Neither Parent nor any of the Parent Subsidiaries is a party to, or has any commitment to become a party to, any joint venture, off-balance sheet partnership or any similar Contract (including any Contract or arrangement relating to any transaction or relationship between or among Parent and any of the Parent Subsidiaries, on the one hand, and any unconsolidated Affiliate, including any structured finance, special purpose or limited purpose entity or Person, on the other hand, or any "off-balance-sheet arrangements" (as defined in Item 303(a) of Regulation S-K under the Exchange Act)), where the result, purpose or intended effect of such Contract is to avoid disclosure of any material transaction involving, or material liabilities of, Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries in Parent's or such Parent Subsidiary's published financial statements or other Parent SEC Documents.

(g) As of the date hereof, since January 1, 2017, none of Parent, Parent's independent accountants, the Parent Board or the audit committee of the Parent Board has received any oral or written notification of any (i) "significant deficiency" in the internal controls over financial reporting of Parent, (ii) "material weakness" in the internal controls over financial reporting of Parent. (ii) "material weakness" of Parent who have a significant role in the internal controls over financial reporting of Parent. For purposes of this Agreement, the terms "significant deficiency" and "material weakness" shall have the meanings assigned to them in Auditing Standard No. 5 of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, as in effect on the date of this Agreement.

(h) None of the Parent Subsidiaries is, or has at any time since January 1, 2017 been, subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

SECTION 3.07. Information Supplied. None of the information supplied or to be supplied by Parent or Merger Sub for inclusion or incorporation by reference in (i) the Form S-4 will, at the time the Form S-4 is filed with the SEC, at any time it is amended or supplemented or at the time it is declared effective under the Securities Act, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or (ii) the Proxy Statement will, at the date it is first mailed to the Company's stockholders or at the time of the Company Stockholders Meeting, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading. The Form S-4 will comply as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, except that no representation is made by Parent or Merger Sub with respect to statements of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, except that no representation is made by Parent or Merger Sub with the requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, except that no representation is made by Parent will comply as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, except that no representation is made by Parent will comply as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, except that no representation is made by Parent or Merger Sub with respect to statements of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, except that no representation is made by Parent or Merger Sub with respect to statements made or incorporated by reference therein.

SECTION 3.08. <u>Absence of Certain Changes or Events</u>. From January 1, 2017 to the date of this Agreement, (i) there has not occurred any state of facts, change, effect, condition, development, event or occurrence that, individually or in the aggregate, has had or would reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect, (ii) neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries has taken any action which, if taken after the date of this Agreement and prior to the Closing Date without the prior written consent of the Company, would constitute a breach of Section 5.01(a)(ii), Section 5.01(a)(iv) or Section 5.01(a)(v) and (iii) each of Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries has conducted its respective business in the ordinary course in all material respects.

SECTION 3.09. <u>Taxes</u>. (a)(i) Each of Parent and each Parent Subsidiary has timely filed, taking into account any extensions, all material Tax Returns required to have been filed and such Tax Returns are accurate and complete in all material respects; (ii) each of Parent and each Parent Subsidiary has paid all material Taxes required to have been paid by it other than Taxes that are not yet due or that are being contested in good faith in appropriate proceedings; and (iii) no material deficiency for any Tax has been asserted or assessed by a taxing authority against Parent or any Parent Subsidiary which deficiency has not been paid or is not being contested in good faith in appropriate proceedings.

(b) No material Tax Return of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary is under audit or examination by any taxing authority, and no written notice of such an audit or examination has been received by Parent or any Parent Subsidiary that remains outstanding. No deficiencies for any material Taxes have been proposed, asserted or assessed against Parent or any Parent Subsidiary that were not finally resolved in full prior to the date of, with all consequences thereof properly reflected in accordance with GAAP in, the most recent Parent SEC Documents, and no requests for waivers of the time to assess any such Taxes are pending. No other proceedure, proceeding or contest of any refund or deficiency in respect of material Taxes is pending in or on appeal from any Governmental Entity.

(c) Each of Parent and each Parent Subsidiary has complied in all material respects with all applicable Laws relating to the collection, payment and withholding and remittances of Taxes.

(d) Neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary is a party to or is otherwise bound by any material Tax sharing, allocation or indemnification agreement or arrangement (other than such an agreement or arrangement exclusively between or among Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries or customary Tax payment or indemnification provisions in Contracts the primary purpose of which does not relate to Taxes).

(e) Within the past three years, neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary has been a "distributing corporation" or a "controlled corporation" in a distribution intended to qualify for tax-free treatment under Section 355 of the Code.

(f) Neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary has participated in a "listed transaction" or a "transaction of interest" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.6011-4(b).

(g) Since January 1, 2014, no claim has been made by a taxing authority in a jurisdiction where Parent or any Parent Subsidiary does not file Tax Returns that Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries is or may be subject to Taxes assessed by such jurisdiction.

SECTION 3.10. Benefits Matters; ERISA Compliance. (a)Parent has delivered or made available to the Company true and complete copies of (i) all material Parent Benefit Plans or, in the case of any unwritten material Parent Benefit Plan, a description thereof, including any amendment thereto, (ii) the most recent annual report on Form 5500 or such similar report, statement or information return required to be filed with or delivered to any Governmental Entity, if any, in each case, with respect to each material Parent Benefit Plan, (iii) each trust, insurance, annuity or other funding Contract relating to any material Parent Benefit Plan and (iv) the most recent financial statements and actuarial or other valuation reports for each Parent Benefit Plan (if any). For purposes of this Agreement, "Parent Benefit Plans" means, collectively (A) all "employee pension benefit plans" (as defined in Section 3(2) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA")) ("Parent Pension Plans"), "employee welfare benefit plans" (as defined in Section 3(1) of ERISA) and all other material bonus, pension, profit sharing, retirement, deferred compensation, incentive compensation, equity or equity-based compensation, severance, retention, termination, change in control, disability, vacation, death benefit, hospitalization, medical or other material compensation or benefit plans, arrangements, policies, programs or understandings providing compensation or benefits (other than foreign or domestic statutory programs), in each case, sponsored, maintained, contributed to or required to be maintained or contributed to by Parent, any Parent Subsidiary or any other person or entity that, together with Parent is treated as a single employer under Section 414(b), (c), (m) or (o) of the Code (each, a "Parent Commonly Controlled Entity") for the benefit of any current or former directors, officers, employees, independent contractors or consultants of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary (each, a "Parent Participant") and (B) all material employment, consulting, bonus, incentive compensation, deferred compensation, equity or equity-based compensation, indemnification, severance, retention, change of control or termination agreements or arrangements between Parent or any Parent Subsidiary and any Parent Participant.

(b) All Parent Pension Plans have been the subject of, have timely applied for or have not been eligible to apply for, as of the date of this Agreement, determination letters or opinion letters (as applicable) from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (the "<u>IRS</u>") or a non-U.S. Governmental Entity (as applicable) to the effect that such Parent Pension Plans and the trusts created thereunder are qualified and exempt from Taxes under Sections 401(a) and 501(a) of the Code or other applicable Law, and no such determination letter or opinion letter has been revoked nor, to the Knowledge of Parent, has revocation been threatened, nor has any such Parent Pension Plan been amended since the date of its most recent determination letter or opinion letter (or application therefor) in any respect that would reasonably be expected to result in the loss of its qualification.

(c) Except for matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect, other than any Parent Pension Plan that is a "multiemployer plan" within the meaning of Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA (a "Parent Multiemployer Pension Plan"), (i) no Parent Pension Plan had, as of the respective last annual valuation date for each such Parent Pension Plan, an "unfunded benefit liability" (within the meaning of Section 4001(a)(18) of ERISA), based on actuarial assumptions that have been made available to the Company, (ii) none of the Parent Pension Plans has failed to meet any "minimum funding standards" (as such term is defined in Section 302 of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code), whether or not waived, (iii) none of such Parent Benefit Plans or related trusts is the subject of any proceeding or investigation by any Person, including any Governmental Entity, that could be reasonably expected to result in a termination of such Parent Benefit Plan or trust or any other material liability to Parent or any Parent Subsidiary and (iv) there has not been any "reportable event" (as that term is defined in Section 4043 of ERISA and as to which the notice requirement under Section 4043 of ERISA has not been waived) with respect to any Parent Benefit Plan during the last six years. Except for matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not and would not reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect, none of Parent, any Parent Subsidiary or any Parent Commonly Controlled Entity has, or within the past six years had, contributed to, been required to contribute to, or has any liability (including "withdrawal liability" within the meaning of Title IV of ERISA) with respect to, any Parent Multiemployer Pension Plan.

(d) With respect to each material Parent Benefit Plan that is an employee welfare benefit plan, (i) such Parent Benefit Plan (including any Parent Benefit Plan covering retirees or other former employees) may be amended to reduce benefits or limit the liability of Parent or the Parent Subsidiaries or terminated, in each case, without material liability to Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries on or at any time after the Effective Time and (ii) no such Parent Benefit Plan is unfunded or self-insured or funded through a "welfare benefit fund" (as defined in Section 419(e) of the Code) or other funding mechanism.
(e) Except for matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect, no Parent Benefit Plan provides health, medical or other welfare benefits after retirement or other termination of employment (other than for continuation coverage required under Section 4980(B)(f) of the Code or applicable Law).

(f) Except for matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect, (i) each Parent Benefit Plan and its related trust, insurance contract or other funding vehicle has been administered in accordance with its terms and is in compliance with ERISA, the Code and all other Laws applicable to such Parent Benefit Plan and (ii) Parent and each of the Parent Subsidiaries is in compliance with ERISA, the Code and all other Laws applicable to the Parent Benefit Plans.

(g) Except for matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect, all contributions or other amounts payable by Parent or any Parent Subsidiary with respect to each Parent Benefit Plan have been paid or accrued in accordance with the terms of such Parent Benefit Plan, GAAP and Section 412 of the Code (or any comparable provision under applicable non-U.S. Laws). Except as fully accrued or reserved against on Parent's financial statements in accordance with GAAP, there are no material unfunded liabilities, solvency deficiencies or wind-up liabilities, where applicable, with respect to any Parent Benefit Plan.

(h) Except for matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect, there are no pending or, to the Knowledge of Parent, threatened claims or Actions by or on behalf of any participant in any of the Parent Benefit Plans, or otherwise involving any such Parent Benefit Plan or the assets of any Parent Benefit Plan, other than routine claims for benefits payable in the ordinary course.

(i) None of the execution and delivery of this Agreement or the consummation of the Merger or any other transaction contemplated by this Agreement (alone or in conjunction with any other event, including any termination of employment on or following the Effective Time) will (i) entitle any Parent Participant to any compensation or benefit, (ii) accelerate the time of payment or vesting, or trigger any payment or funding, of any compensation or benefits or trigger any other material obligation under any Parent Benefit Plan, (iii) result in any breach or violation of, default under or limit Parent's right to amend, modify or terminate any Parent Benefit Plan or (iv) result in any "excess parachute payment" (within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code) becoming due to any Parent Participant. No Parent Participant is entitled to receive any gross-up or additional payment in respect of any Taxes (including without limitation the Taxes required under Section 409A or Section 4999 of the Code) being imposed on such Person.

SECTION 3.11. Litigation. There is no suit, action, investigation or other proceeding (each, an "Action") pending or, to the Knowledge of Parent, threatened against or affecting Parent or any Parent Subsidiary that, individually or in the aggregate, has had or would reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect, nor is there any Judgment outstanding against or, to the Knowledge of Parent, any investigation by any Governmental Entity involving Parent or any Parent Subsidiary or any of their respective properties or assets that, individually or in the aggregate, has had or would reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 3.12. <u>Compliance with Applicable Laws</u>. Except for matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect, Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries are in compliance with all applicable Laws and Parent Permits. To the Knowledge of Parent, except for matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect, no material action, demand or investigation by or before any Governmental Entity is pending or threatened alleging that Parent or a Parent Subsidiary is not in compliance with any applicable Law or Parent Permit or which challenges or questions the validity of any rights of the holder of any Parent Permit. This section does not relate to Tax matters, employee benefits matters, labor matters, environmental matters or Intellectual Property matters.

SECTION 3.13. <u>Environmental Matters</u>. (a) Except for matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect:

(i) Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries have complied with all Environmental Laws, and neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary has received any written communication that alleges that Parent or any Parent Subsidiary is in violation of, or has liability under, any Environmental Law and, except as reflected in the most recent audited financial statements of Parent included in the Parent SEC Documents, to the Knowledge of Parent, no known capital or other expenditure is required for Parent or the Parent Subsidiaries to achieve or maintain compliance with Environmental Law;

(ii) Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries have obtained and complied with all Permits issued pursuant to Environmental Law necessary for their respective operations as currently conducted, all such Permits are valid and in good standing and neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary has been advised in writing by any Governmental Entity of any actual or potential change in the status or terms and conditions of any such Permits;

(iii) there are no Environmental Claims pending or, to the Knowledge of Parent, threatened, against Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries;

(iv) there have been no Releases of any Hazardous Material that could reasonably be expected to form the basis of any Environmental Claim against Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries; and

(v) neither Parent nor any of the Parent Subsidiaries has retained or assumed, either contractually or by operation of Law, any Known liabilities or obligations that could reasonably be expected to form the basis of any Environmental Claim against Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries.

(b) As used herein:

(i) "<u>Environmental Claim</u>" means any administrative, regulatory or judicial actions, suits, orders, demands, directives, claims, liens, investigations, proceedings or written notices of noncompliance or violation by or from any Person alleging any liability arising out of, based on or resulting from (A) the presence or Release of, or exposure to, any Hazardous Materials at any location; or (B) the failure to comply with any Environmental Law or any Permit issued pursuant to Environmental Law.

(ii) "<u>Environmental Laws</u>" means all applicable Federal, national, state, provincial or local Laws, Judgments, or Contracts issued, promulgated or entered into by or with any Governmental Entity, relating to pollution, natural resources or the protection of endangered or threatened species, climate, human health or the environment.

(iii) "<u>Hazardous Materials</u>" means (A) any petroleum or petroleum products, explosive or radioactive materials or wastes, asbestos, and polychlorinated biphenyls; and (B) any other material, substance or waste that is regulated under any Environmental Law.

(iv) "<u>Release</u>" means any release, spill, emission, leaking, dumping, injection, pouring, deposit, disposal, discharge, dispersal, leaching or migration into or through the indoor or outdoor environment.

SECTION 3.14. <u>Contracts</u>. (a) As of the date of this Agreement, neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary is a party to any Contract required to be filed by Parent pursuant to Item 601(b)(2), (b)(4), (b)(9) or (b)(10) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act (a "<u>Filed Parent Contract</u>") that has not been so filed.

(b) Except for matters which, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect, (i) each Filed Parent Contract (including, for purposes of this Section 3.14(b), any Contract entered into after the date of this Agreement that would have been a Filed Parent Contract if such Contract existed on the date of this Agreement) is a valid, binding and legally enforceable obligation of Parent or one of the Parent Subsidiaries, as the case may be, and, to the Knowledge of Parent, of the other parties thereto, subject to the Bankruptcy and Equity Exception, (ii) each such Filed Parent Contract is in full force and effect and (iii) none of Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries is (with or without notice or lapse of time, or both) in breach or default under any such Filed Parent Contract and, to the Knowledge of Parent, no other party to any such Filed Parent Contract is (with or without notice or lapse of time, or both) in breach or default thereunder.

SECTION 3.15. <u>Properties</u>. (a) Section 3.15(a) of the Parent Disclosure Letter sets forth a true and complete list, as of the date hereof, of all of the real property owned in fee simple by Parent or the Parent Subsidiaries (the "<u>Parent Owned Real</u> <u>Property</u>"). Except in respects that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect, either Parent or the Parent Subsidiaries: (i) has good and valid fee simple title to all of the Parent Owned Real Property, free and clear of all Liens other than Permitted Liens; (ii) is in sole and exclusive possession of the Parent Owned Real Property and there are no leases, licenses, occupancy agreements or any other similar arrangement (the "<u>Real Property</u> <u>Leases</u>") pursuant to which any third party is granted the right to use any Parent Owned Real Property, other than Permitted Liens; (iii) has sufficient right of ingress and egress to the Parent Owned Real Property in all material respects and enjoys peaceful and quiet possession thereof; and (iv) there are no outstanding options or rights of first offer or refusal to purchase the Parent Owned Real Property.

(b) Section 3.15(b) of the Parent Disclosure Letter sets forth a true and complete list, as of the date hereof, of all of the real property leased by Parent or the Parent Subsidiaries for which the annual rental value exceeds \$100,000 pursuant to a Real Property Lease (the "Parent Leased Real Property". Except in respects that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect, with respect to the Parent Leased Real Property and each Real Property Lease: (i) each Real Property Lease is in full force and effect, and Parent or the Parent Subsidiaries holds a valid and existing leasehold interest under each Real Property Lease; (ii) the possession and quiet use and enjoyment of the Parent Leased Real Property under such Real Property Lease has not been disturbed and there are no disputes with respect to any such Real Property Lease; (iii) Parent or the Parent Subsidiaries have not given or received any written notice of default pursuant to any such Real Property Lease; (iv) Parent or the Parent Subsidiaries nor, to the Knowledge of Parent or the Parent Subsidiaries, any other party to such Real Property Lease, is in breach or violation in any material respect of, or in default under, such Real Property Lease, and no event has occurred or circumstance exists which, with the delivery of notice, the passage of time or both, would constitute such a breach, violation or default in any material respect, or permit the termination, modification or acceleration of rent under such Real Property Lease on the part of Parent or the Parent Subsidiary, nor, to the Knowledge of Parent or the Parent Subsidiaries, on the part of the other party thereto; (v) no security deposit or portion thereof deposited with respect to such Real Property Lease has been applied in respect of a breach or default under such Real Property Lease which has not been re-deposited in full; (vi) neither Parent or the Parent Subsidiaries owes, or will owe in the future based on arrangements currently in existence, any brokerage commissions or finder's fees with respect to any Real Property Lease; (vii) Parent or the Parent Subsidiaries has not collaterally assigned or granted any other security interest in such Real Property Lease or any interest therein, other than Permitted Liens; and (viii) there are no Liens on the estate or interest created by such Real Property Lease, other than Permitted Liens; and (ix) Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary has subleased, licensed or otherwise granted any person the right to use or occupy any Parent Leased Real Property or any portion thereof.

SECTION 3.16. <u>Intellectual Property</u>. Except for matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect:

(a) Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries own, free and clear of all Liens, other than Permitted Liens, or are validly licensed or otherwise have the right to use, all Intellectual Property used in the operation of their business as currently conducted;

(b) neither Parent nor any of the Parent Subsidiaries has received in the three years prior to the date of this Agreement any written notice from any Person, and there are no pending Actions, or to the Knowledge of Parent, threatened, against Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries, (A) asserting the infringement, misappropriation or violation of any Intellectual Property by Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries or (B) challenging the validity, enforceability, priority or registrability of, or any right, title or interest of Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries with respect to, any Intellectual Property owned or purported to be owned by Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries;

(c) neither Parent nor any of the Parent Subsidiaries has sent any written notice in the year prior to the date of this Agreement, to any Person, and there are no pending Actions, by Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries, (A) asserting the infringement, misappropriation or violation of any Intellectual Property owned by or exclusively licensed to Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries or (B) challenging the validity, enforceability, priority or registrability of, or any right, title or interest of any Person with respect to, any Intellectual Property;

(d) to the Knowledge of Parent, (A) no Person is infringing, misappropriating or violating any Intellectual Property owned by or exclusively licensed to Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries and (B) the conduct of the businesses of Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries as currently conducted does not infringe upon, misappropriate or violate the Intellectual Property rights of any Person;

(e) Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries have taken commercially reasonable measures to protect the confidentiality and security of the (A) IT Assets and (B) personal information gathered, used, held for use or accessed by Parent or the Parent Subsidiaries in the course of the operations of their respective businesses; and

(f) to the Knowledge of Parent, the IT Assets (A) meet the needs of Parent's business as currently conducted and (B) have not materially malfunctioned or failed in the two years prior to the date of this Agreement in a manner that has had a material impact on the businesses of Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries. To the Knowledge of Parent, no Person has gained unauthorized access to the IT Assets or any personal information gathered, used, held for use or accessed by Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries.

SECTION 3.17. <u>Labor Matters</u>. (a) Section 3.17 of the Parent Disclosure Letter sets forth a true and complete list, as of the date hereof, of all material collective bargaining or other labor union Contracts applicable to any employees of Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries (the "<u>Parent Collective Bargaining Agreements</u>"). Parent has made available to the Company copies of such Parent Collective Bargaining Agreements, including with respect to employees based outside the United States. Neither Parent nor any of the Parent Subsidiaries has breached or otherwise failed to comply with any provision of any Parent Collective Bargaining Agreement, except for any breaches, failures to comply or disputes that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Except for matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect, (i) there is not any, and during the past three years there has not been any, labor strike, dispute, work stoppage or lockout pending, or, to the Knowledge of Parent, threatened, against or affecting Parent or any Parent Subsidiary; (ii) to the Knowledge of Parent, no union organizational campaign is in progress with respect to the employees of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary is engaged in any unfair labor practice; (iv) there are not any unfair labor practice; (iv) there are not any unfair labor practice charges or complaints against Parent or any Parent Subsidiary pending, or, to the Knowledge of Parent, threatened, before the National Labor Relations Board; (v) there are not any pending, or, to the Knowledge of Parent, threatened, union grievances against Parent or any Parent Subsidiary that reasonably could be expected to result in an adverse determination; (vi) Parent and each Parent Subsidiary is in compliance with all applicable Laws with respect to labor relations, employment and employment practices, occupational safety and health standards, terms and conditions of employment, payment of wages, classification of employees, immigration, visa, work status, pay equity and workers' compensation; and (vii) neither Parent nor any Parent Subsidiary has received written communication during the past three years of the intent of any Governmental Entity responsible for the enforcement of labor or employment Laws to conduct an investigation of or affecting Parent or any Parent or any Parent Subsidiary and, to the Knowledge of Parent, no such investigation is in progress.

SECTION 3.18. <u>Brokers' Fees and Expenses</u>. No broker, investment banker, financial advisor or other Person, other than Moelis & Co. and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC (the "<u>Parent Financial Advisors</u>"), the fees and expenses of which will be paid by Parent, is entitled to any broker's, finder's, financial advisor's or other similar fee or commission in connection with the Merger or any of the other transactions contemplated hereby based upon arrangements made by or on behalf of Parent. Parent has furnished to the Company true and complete copies of all agreements between or among Parent and/or Merger Sub and the Parent Financial Advisors relating to the Merger or any of the other transactions contemplated hereby, subject to redactions of the portions of such agreements relating to the calculation of the fee payable to the Parent Financial Advisors. Parent has separately provided the Company with the result of a calculation of the approximate amount of the fee that will be payable to the Parent Financial Advisors as a result of the Merger.

### SECTION 3.19. Intentionally Omitted.

### SECTION 3.20. Communications Regulatory Matters.

(a) Parent and each of the Parent Subsidiaries hold all approvals, authorizations, certificates and licenses issued by the FCC or State Regulators and all other material regulatory permits, approvals, licenses and other authorizations, including franchises, ordinances and other agreements granting access to public rights of way, issued or granted to Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries by a Governmental Entity that are required for Parent and each of the Parent Subsidiaries to conduct its business, as presently conducted (collectively, the "Parent Licenses").

(b) Each Parent License is valid and in full force and effect and has not been suspended, revoked, canceled or adversely modified. No Parent License is subject to (i) any conditions or requirements that have not been imposed generally upon licenses in the same service, unless such conditions or requirements are set forth on the face of the applicable authorization or (ii) any pending Action by or before the FCC or State Regulators to suspend, revoke or cancel, or any judicial review of a decision by the FCC or State Regulators with respect thereto. To the Knowledge of Parent, there is no (A) event, condition or circumstance attributable specifically to Parent that would preclude any Parent License from being renewed in the ordinary course (to the extent that such Parent License is renewable by its terms), (B) pending or threatened FCC or State Regulator regulatory Actions relating specifically to one or more of the Parent Licenses or (C) event, condition or circumstance attributable specifically to the Company that would materially impair, delay or preclude the ability of Parent or the Parent Subsidiaries to obtain any Consents from any Governmental Entity. No Parent License, order or other agreement, obtained from, issued by or concluded with any State Regulator imposes or would impose restrictions on the ability of any Parent Subsidiary to make payments, dividends or other distributions to Parent or any other Parent Subsidiary that limits, or would reasonably be expected to limit, the cash funding and management alternatives of Parent on a consolidated basis in a manner disproportionate to restrictions applied by such State Regulators to similarly situated companies.

(c) Parent, with respect to any Parent License and any activity regulated by the FCC or State Regulators but not requiring a license ("<u>Unlicensed Activity</u>"), and each licensee of each Parent License and each Subsidiary engaged in Unlicensed Activity ("<u>Unlicensed Subsidiary</u>") is, and since December 31, 2013 has been, in compliance with each Parent License and has fulfilled and performed all of its obligations with respect thereto and with respect to any Unlicensed Activity required by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "<u>Communications Act</u>"), or the rules, regulations, written policies and orders of the FCC (the "<u>FCC Rules</u>") or similar rules, regulations, written policies and orders of State Regulators, and the payment of all regulatory fees and contributions, except for exemptions, waivers or similar concessions or allowances. The Parent and each licensee of each Parent License and each of its Unlicensed Subsidiaries is in good standing with the FCC and all other Governmental Entities, and neither Parent nor any such licensee or any of its Unlicensed Subsidiaries is, to the Knowledge of Parent, the respondent with respect to any formal complaint, investigation, audit, inquiry, subpoena, forfeiture, or petition to suspend before the FCC, the Universal Service Administrative Company (the "<u>USAC</u>") or any other Governmental Entity (each, an "<u>Enforcement Proceeding</u>"). The Parent or a Parent Subsidiary owns one hundred percent (100%) of the equity and controls one hundred percent (100%) of the voting power and decision-making authority of each licensee of the Parent Licenses and each of its Unlicensee of the Parent Licenses and each of its Unlicensee of the Parent Licenses and each of its Unlicensee of any of the equity and controls one hundred percent (100%) of the voting power and decision-making authority of each licensee of the Parent Licenses and each of its Unlicensee.

(d) Neither Parent nor any of the Parent Subsidiaries is subject to any currently effective cease-and-desist order or enforcement action issued by, or is a party to any consent agreement or memorandum of understanding with, or has been ordered since December 31, 2013, to pay any civil money penalty by, the FCC, USAC or any other Governmental Entity (other than a taxing authority, which is covered by Section 3.09), other than those of general application that apply to similarly situated providers of the same services or their Subsidiaries (each item in this sentence, whether or not set forth in the Parent Disclosure Letter, a "Parent Regulatory Agreement"), nor has Parent or any of the Parent Subsidiaries been advised in writing since December 31, 2013 by any Governmental Entity that it is considering issuing, initiating, ordering or requesting any such Parent Regulatory Agreement.

SECTION 3.21. Financing. Parent has provided the Company a true and complete copy, as of the date hereof, of an executed commitment letter (the "Debt Financing Commitment") from the financial institutions identified therein (the "Commitment Parties"), to provide, subject to the terms and conditions therein, debt financing in the amounts set forth therein for the purpose of funding in part the Cash Consideration and replacing and refinancing any credit facility or other Indebtedness of the Company, Parent or any of their respective Subsidiaries that will not continue after the Effective Time (the "Debt Financing"). The Debt Financing Commitment is valid, binding and, to the Knowledge of Parent, enforceable by Parent against the other parties thereto in accordance with its terms, subject to the Bankruptcy and Equity Exception. As of the date hereof, the Debt Financing Commitment is in full force and effect and the respective obligations and commitments therein have not been withdrawn, rescinded or terminated or otherwise amended or modified in any respect. As of the date hereof, no event has occurred which (with or without notice, lapse of time, or both) would reasonably be expected to constitute a breach in any material respect or default on the part of Parent or, to the Knowledge of Parent, any of the other parties to the Debt Financing Commitment. Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions contained in Section 7.01 and Section 7.03 hereof and the commencement and completion of the Marketing Period, as of the date hereof, Parent has no reason to believe that any of the conditions in the Debt Financing Commitment will not be satisfied, or that the Debt Financing will not be made available on a timely basis in order to consummate the Merger. As of the date hereof, no Commitment Party has notified Parent of its intention to terminate any of the Debt Financing Commitment or not to provide the Debt Financing. Assuming (i) the satisfaction of the conditions in Sections 7.01 and 7.03 hereof and (ii) that the Debt Financing is funded in accordance with its terms, the net proceeds from the Debt Financing, together with cash on hand, will be sufficient to fund the Cash Consideration, the refinancing of any credit facility or other Indebtedness of the Company, Parent or any of their respective Subsidiaries that will not continue after the Effective Time, the payment of any fees and expenses of or payable by Parent, and any other amounts required to be paid by Parent in connection with the consummation of the Merger. Parent has paid in full any and all commitment or other fees required by the Debt Financing Commitment that are due as of the date hereof, and will pay, after the date hereof, all such fees as they become due. There are no side letters or other Contracts (except for any customary fee letters and/or engagement letters, true and complete copies of which have been provided to the Company, with customary redactions (none of which redacted terms would reasonably be expected to adversely affect the principal amount or availability of the Debt Financing) relating to the Debt Financing to which Parent or any of its subsidiaries is a party other than as expressly set forth in the Debt Financing Commitment.

SECTION 3.22. <u>Merger Sub</u>. Parent is the sole stockholder of Merger Sub. Since its date of incorporation, Merger Sub has not carried on any business nor conducted any operations other than the execution of this Agreement, the performance of its obligations hereunder and matters ancillary thereto.

SECTION 3.23. <u>No Other Representations or Warranties</u>. Except for the representations and warranties contained in this Article III, the Company acknowledges that none of Parent, the Parent Subsidiaries or any other Person on behalf of Parent makes any other express or implied representation or warranty in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, and that the Company has not relied on any such other representation or warranty.

### ARTICLE IV

# Representations and Warranties of the Company

The Company represents and warrants to Parent and Merger Sub that the statements contained in this Article IV are true and correct except as set forth in the Company SEC Documents filed and publicly available prior to the date of this Agreement (the "Filed Company SEC Documents") (excluding any disclosures in the Filed Company SEC Documents under the heading "Risk Factors" (other than any statement of historical fact) and any other disclosures of risks that are predictive or forward-looking in nature) or in the disclosure letter delivered by the Company to Parent at or before the execution and delivery by the Company of this Agreement (the "Company Disclosure Letter"). The Company Disclosure Letter shall be arranged in numbered and lettered sections corresponding to the numbered and lettered sections contained in this Article IV, and the disclosure in any section shall be deemed to qualify other sections in this Article IV to the extent that it is reasonably apparent from the face of such disclosure that such disclosure also qualifies or applies to such other sections.

SECTION 4.01. <u>Organization, Standing and Power</u>. Each of the Company and each of the Company's Subsidiaries (the "<u>Company Subsidiaries</u>") is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction in which it is organized (in the case of good standing, to the extent such jurisdiction recognizes such concept), except, in the case of the Company Subsidiaries, where the failure to be so organized, existing or in good standing, individually or in the aggregate, has not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect. Each of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries has all requisite power and authority and possesses all Permits necessary to enable it to own, lease or otherwise hold its properties and assets and to conduct its businesses as presently conducted (the "<u>Company Permits</u>"), except where the failure to have such power or authority or to possess the Company Permits, individually or in the aggregate, has not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect. Each of the Company Subsidiaries is duly qualified or licensed to do business in each jurisdiction where the nature of its business or the ownership, operation or leasing of its properties and assets makes such qualification necessary, other than in such jurisdictions where the failure to be so qualified or licensed, individually or in the aggregate, has not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect. The Company has made available to Parent, prior to execution of this Agreement, true and complete copies of the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company in effect as of the date of this Agreement (the "<u>Company Bylaws</u>").

SECTION 4.02. <u>Company Subsidiaries</u>. (a) All the outstanding shares of capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, each Company Subsidiary have been validly issued and are fully paid and nonassessable and are wholly owned by the Company, by another Company Subsidiary or by the Company and another Company Subsidiary, free and clear of all Liens, and free of any other restriction (including any restriction on the right to vote, sell or otherwise dispose of such capital stock, voting securities or other equity interests), except for restrictions imposed by applicable securities Laws. The Company has provided to Parent a true and complete list of all the Company Subsidiaries as of the date of this Agreement.

(b) Except for the capital stock and voting securities of, and other equity interests in, the Company Subsidiaries, neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary owns, directly or indirectly, any capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, or any interest convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for, any capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, any firm, corporation, partnership, company, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, association or other entity.

SECTION 4.03. <u>Capital Structure</u>. (a) The authorized capital stock of the Company consists of 245,000,000 shares of Company Common Stock and 5,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "<u>Company Preferred Stock</u>" and, together with the Company Common Stock, the "<u>Company Capital Stock</u>"). At the close of business on the Capitalization Date, (i) 11,587,963 shares of Company Common Stock were issued and outstanding and no shares of Company Common Stock were held in the treasury of the Company, (ii) no shares of Company Preferred Stock were issued and outstanding and (iii) 468,275 shares of Company Common Stock were reserved and available for issuance pursuant to the Company Stock Plan, of which (A) 188,894 shares were subject to outstanding Company RSUs (other than Company PSUs) and (B) 178,700 shares were subject to outstanding Company RSUs (other than Company PSUs) and (B) 178,700 shares were subject to outstanding Company RSUs (other than Company PSUs) and (B) 178,700 shares of capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, the close of business on the Capitalization Date, no shares of capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, the Company were issued, reserved for issuance or outstanding. From the close of business on the Capitalization Date to the date of this Agreement, there have been no issuances by the Company of shares of capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, the Company, other than the issuance of Company Common Stock upon the vesting and settlement of Company RSUs in accordance with their terms in effect on the Capitalization Date.

(b) All outstanding shares of Company Capital Stock are, and, at the time of issuance, all such shares that may be issued upon the vesting and settlement of Company RSUs will be, duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and not subject to, or issued in violation of, any purchase option, call option, right of first refusal, preemptive right, subscription right or any similar right under any provision of the DGCL, the Company Charter, the Company Bylaws or any Contract to which the Company is a party or otherwise bound. Except as set forth in this Section 4.03, as of the close of business on the Capitalization Date, there are not issued, reserved for issuance or outstanding, and there are not any outstanding obligations of the Company or any Company Subsidiary to issue, deliver or sell, or cause to be issued, delivered or sold, (i) any capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, the Company or any Company Subsidiary or any securities of the Company or any Company Subsidiary convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for shares of capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, the Company or any Company Subsidiary, (ii) any warrants, calls, options or other rights to acquire from the Company or any Company Subsidiary, or any other obligation of the Company or any Company Subsidiary to issue, deliver or sell, or cause to be issued, delivered or sold, any capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, the Company or any Company Subsidiary or (iii) any rights issued by or other obligations of the Company or any Company Subsidiary that are linked in any way to the price of any class of the Company Capital Stock or any shares of capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, any Company Subsidiary, the value of the Company, any Company Subsidiary or any part of the Company or any Company Subsidiary or any dividends or other distributions declared or paid on any shares of capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, the Company or any Company Subsidiary. Except as set forth above in this Section 4.03 or in connection with Company RSUs, as of the close of business on the Capitalization Date, there are not any outstanding obligations of the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries to repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire any shares of capital stock or voting securities or other equity interests of the Company or any Company Subsidiary or any securities, interests, warrants, calls, options or other rights referred to in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) of the immediately preceding sentence. There are no debentures, bonds, notes or other Indebtedness of the Company that have or by their terms may have at any time the right to vote (which are convertible into, or exchangeable for, securities having the right to vote) on any matters on which stockholders of the Company may vote ("Company Voting Debt"). Neither the Company nor any of the Company Subsidiaries is a party to any voting agreement with respect to the voting of any capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, the Company. Except for this Agreement, neither the Company nor any of the Company Subsidiaries is a party to any agreement pursuant to which any Person is entitled to elect, designate or nominate any director of the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries.

SECTION 4.04. <u>Authority: Execution and Delivery: Enforceability</u>. (a) The Company has all requisite corporate power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement, to perform its obligations hereunder and to consummate the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby, subject, in the case of the Merger, to the receipt of the Company Stockholder Approval. The Company Board, by a vote at a meeting duly called at which a quorum of directors of the Company was present, adopted resolutions (i) approving this Agreement and the Voting Agreement, (ii) determining that entering into this Agreement is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders, (iii) declaring this Agreement advisable and (iv) recommending that the Company's stockholders adopt this Agreement and directing that this Agreement be submitted to the Company's stockholders at a duly held meeting of such stockholders for such purpose (the "Company Stockholders Meeting"), and such resolutions have not been amended or withdrawn as of the date of this Agreement. Except for the adoption of this Agreement by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Company Common Stock entitled to vote at the Company Stockholders Meeting (the "Company Stockholder Approval"), no other corporate proceedings on the part of the Company are necessary to authorize, adopt or approve this Agreement or to consummate the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby (except for the filing of the Certificate of Merger with the Secretary of State pursuant to the DGCL). The Company has duly executed and delivered this Agreement and, assuming the due authorization, execution and delivery by each of Parent and Merger Sub, this Agreement constitutes its legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to the Bankruptcy and Equity Exception.

(b) Assuming the accuracy of Parent's representation in the last sentence of Section 3.04(b), (i) the Company Board has adopted such resolutions as are necessary to render inapplicable to this Agreement, the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby the restrictions on "business combinations" (as defined in Section 203 of the DGCL) as set forth in Section 203 of the DGCL and (ii) no other "interested stockholder" "fair price", "moratorium", "control share acquisition" or other similar antitakeover statute or similar statute or regulation, or similar provision or term of the Company Charter or the Company Bylaws, applies with respect to the Company with respect to this Agreement, the Merger or any of the other transactions contemplated hereby. Neither the Company nor any of its controlled Affiliates owns any Parent Common Shares.

(c) Neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary has in effect a "poison pill", stockholder rights plan or other similar plan or agreement.

SECTION 4.05. <u>No Conflicts: Consents</u>. (a) The execution and delivery by the Company of this Agreement does not, and the performance by it of its obligations hereunder and the consummation of the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby will not, (i) conflict with or result in any violation of any provision of the Company Charter, the Company Bylaws or the comparable charter, bylaws or other organizational documents of any Company Subsidiary (assuming that the Company Stockholder Approval is obtained), (ii) conflict with, result in any violation of or default (with or without notice or lapse of time, or both) under, give rise to a right of termination, cancellation or acceleration of, give rise to any obligation to make an offer to purchase or redeem any Indebtedness or capital stock, voting securities, or other equity interests or any loss of a material benefit under, or result in the creation of any Lien upon any of the properties or assets of the Company or any Company Subsidiary under, any legally binding Contract to which the Company or any Company Subsidiary is a party or by which any of their respective properties or assets is bound or any Company Permit or (iii) subject to the filings and other matters referred to in Section 4.05(b), conflict with or result in any violation of any Judgment or Law, in each case, applicable to the Company or any Company Subsidiary or their respective properties or assets (assuming that the Company Stockholder Approval is obtained), other than, in the case of clauses (ii) and (iii) above, any matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(b) No Consent of or from, or registration, declaration, notice or filing made to or with any Governmental Entity is required to be obtained or made by or with respect to the Company or any Company Subsidiary in connection with the execution and delivery of this Agreement or its performance of its obligations hereunder or the consummation of the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby, other than (i) (A) the filing with the SEC of the Proxy Statement in definitive form, (B) the filing with the SEC, and declaration of effectiveness under the Securities Act, of the Form S-4, and (C) the filing with the SEC of such reports and other filings under, and such other compliance with, the Exchange Act and the Securities Act, and the rules and regulations thereunder, as may be required in connection with this Agreement, the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby, (ii) compliance with and filings under the HSR Act, (iii) the filing of the Certificate of Merger with the Secretary of State pursuant to the DGCL and appropriate documents with the relevant authorities of the other jurisdictions in which Parent and the Company are qualified to do business, (iv) such Consents, registrations, declarations, notices or filings as are required to be made or obtained under the securities or "blue sky" Laws of various states in connection with the issuance of the Parent Common Shares constituting the Share Consideration and the Mixed Share Consideration, (v) such Consents from, or registrations, declarations, notices or filings made to or with, the FCC as are required in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby (the "Company FCC Consents" and, together with the Parent FCC Consents, the "FCC Consents"), (vi) such Consents from, or registrations, declarations, notices or filings made to or with, State Regulators as are required in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby (the "Company PSC Consents" and, together with the Parent PSC Consents, the "PSC Consents"), (vii) such Consents from, or registrations, declarations, notices or filings made to or with, governments of Localities in connection with the provision of telecommunication and media services as are required in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby (the "Company Local Consents" and, together with the Parent Local Consents, the "Local Consents"), (viii) such filings with and approvals of the NYSE as are required to permit the listing of the Parent Common Shares constituting the Share Consideration and the Mixed Share Consideration and (ix) such other matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 4.06. <u>SEC Documents: Undisclosed Liabilities</u>. (a) The Company has furnished or filed all reports, schedules, forms, statements and other documents (including exhibits and other information incorporated therein) required to be furnished or filed by the Company with the SEC since January 1, 2015 (such documents, together with any documents filed with or furnished to the SEC during such period by the Company on a voluntary basis on a Current Report on Form 8-K, but excluding the Proxy Statement and the Form S-4, being collectively referred to as the "Company SEC Documents").

(b) Each Company SEC Document (i) at the time filed, complied in all material respects with the requirements of SOX and the Exchange Act or the Securities Act, as the case may be, and the rules and regulations of the SEC promulgated thereunder applicable to such Company SEC Document and (ii) did not at the time it was filed (or if amended or superseded by a filing or amendment prior to the date of this Agreement, then at the time of such filing or amendment) contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. Each of the consolidated financial statements of the Company included in the Company SEC Documents complied at the time it was filed as to form in all material respects with applicable accounting requirements and the published rules and regulations of the SEC or other rules and regulations of the SEC) applied on a consistent basis during the periods involved (except as may be indicated in the notes thereto) and fairly presented in all material respects the consolidated financial position of the Company and its consolidated Subsidiaries as of the dates thereof and the consolidated results of their operations and cash flows for the periods shown (subject, in the case of unaudited statements, to normal year-end audit adjustments).

(c) Neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary has any liabilities or obligations of any nature (whether accrued, absolute, contingent or otherwise) that, individually or in the aggregate, have had or would reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(d) The Company maintains a system of "internal control over financial reporting" (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act) sufficient to provide reasonable assurance (i) that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP, consistently applied, (ii) that transactions are executed only in accordance with the authorization of management and (iii) regarding prevention or timely detection of the unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's properties or assets.

(e) The "disclosure controls and procedures" (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act) utilized by the Company are reasonably designed to ensure that all information (both financial and non-financial) required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the SEC and that all such information required to be disclosed is accumulated and communicated to the management of the Company, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and to enable the chief executive officer and chief financial officer of the Company to make the certifications required under the Exchange Act with respect to such reports.

(f) Neither the Company nor any of the Company Subsidiaries is a party to, or has any commitment to become a party to, any joint venture, off-balance sheet partnership or any similar Contract (including any Contract or arrangement relating to any transaction or relationship between or among the Company and any of the Company Subsidiaries, on the one hand, and any unconsolidated Affiliate, including any structured finance, special purpose or limited purpose entity or Person, on the other hand, or any "off-balance sheet arrangements" (as defined in Item 303(a) of Regulation S-K under the Exchange Act)), where the result, purpose or intended effect of such Contract is to avoid disclosure of any material transaction involving, or material liabilities of, the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries in the Company's or such Company Subsidiary's published financial statements or other Company SEC Documents.

(g) As of the date hereof, since January 1, 2017, none of the Company, the Company's independent accountants, the Company Board or the audit committee of the Company Board has received any oral or written notification of any (i) "significant deficiency" in the internal controls over financial reporting of the Company, (ii) "material weakness" in the internal controls over financial reporting of the Company or (iii) fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees of the Company who have a significant role in the internal controls over financial reporting of the Company.

(h) None of the Company Subsidiaries is, or has at any time since January 1, 2017 been, subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

SECTION 4.07. Information Supplied. None of the information supplied or to be supplied by the Company for inclusion or incorporation by reference in (i) the Form S-4 will, at the time the Form S-4 is filed with the SEC, at any time it is amended or supplemented or at the time it is declared effective under the Securities Act, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or (ii) the Proxy Statement will, at the date it is first mailed to the Company's stockholders or at the time of the Company Stockholders Meeting, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading. The Proxy Statement will comply as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, except that no representation is made by the Company with respect to statements made or incorporated by reference therein based on information supplied by Parent or Merger Sub for inclusion or incorporation by reference therein.

SECTION 4.08. Absence of Certain Changes or Events. From January 1, 2017 to the date of this Agreement, (i) there has not occurred any state of facts, change, effect, condition, development, event or occurrence that, individually or in the aggregate, has had or would reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, (ii) neither the Company nor any of the Company Subsidiaries has taken any action which, if taken after the date of this Agreement and prior to the Closing Date without the prior written consent of Parent, would constitute a breach of Section 5.01(b)(ii), 5.01(b)(iv), 5.01(b)(vi), 5.01(b)(vii), 5.01(b)(vii), 5.01(b)(vii), 5.01(b)(vii), 5.01(b)(vii), and (iii) each of Company and the Company Subsidiaries has conducted its respective business in the ordinary course in all material respects.

SECTION 4.09. <u>Taxes</u>. (a)(i) Each of the Company and each Company Subsidiary has timely filed, taking into account any extensions, all material Tax Returns required to have been filed and such Tax Returns are accurate and complete in all material respects; (ii) each of the Company and each Company Subsidiary has paid all material Taxes required to have been paid by it other than Taxes that are not yet due or that are being contested in good faith in appropriate proceedings; and (iii) no material deficiency for any Tax has been asserted or assessed by a taxing authority against the Company or any Company Subsidiary which deficiency has not been paid or is not being contested in good faith in appropriate proceedings.

(b) No material Tax Return of the Company or any Company Subsidiary is under audit or examination by any taxing authority, and no written notice of such an audit or examination has been received by the Company or any Company Subsidiary that remains outstanding. No deficiencies for any material Taxes have been proposed, asserted or assessed against the Company or any Company Subsidiary that were not finally resolved in full prior to the date of, with all consequences thereof properly reflected in accordance with GAAP in, the most recent Company SEC Documents, and no requests for waivers of the time to assess any such Taxes are pending. No other proceeding or contest of any refund or deficiency in respect of material Taxes is pending in or on appeal from any Governmental Entity.

(c) Each of the Company and each Company Subsidiary has complied in all material respects with all applicable Laws relating to the collection, payment and withholding and remittances of Taxes.

(d) Neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary is a party to or is otherwise bound by any material Tax sharing, allocation or indemnification agreement or arrangement (other than such an agreement or arrangement exclusively between or among the Company and the Company Subsidiaries or customary Tax payment or indemnification provisions in Contracts the primary purpose of which does not relate to Taxes).

(e) Within the past three years, neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary has been a "distributing corporation" or a "controlled corporation" in a distribution intended to qualify for tax-free treatment under Section 355 of the Code.

(f) Neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary has participated in a "listed transaction" or a "transaction of interest" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.6011-4(b).

(g) Since January 1, 2014, no claim has been made by a taxing authority in a jurisdiction where the Company or any Company Subsidiary does not file Tax Returns that the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries is or may be subject to Taxes assessed by such jurisdiction.

SECTION 4.10. Benefits Matters; ERISA Compliance. (a) The Company has delivered or made available to Parent true and complete copies of (i) all material Company Benefit Plans or, in the case of any unwritten material Company Benefit Plan, a description thereof, including any amendment thereto, (ii) the most recent annual report on Form 5500 or such similar report, statement or information return required to be filed with or delivered to any Governmental Entity, if any, in each case, with respect to each material Company Benefit Plan, (iii) each trust, insurance, annuity or other funding Contract relating to any material Company Benefit Plan and (iv) the most recent financial statements and actuarial or other valuation reports for each Company Benefit Plan (if any). For purposes of this Agreement, "Company Benefit Plans" means, collectively (A) all "employee pension benefit plans" (as defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA) ("Company Pension Plans"), "employee welfare benefit plans" (as defined in Section 3(1) of ERISA) and all other material bonus, pension, profit sharing, retirement, deferred compensation, incentive compensation, equity or equity-based compensation, severance, retention, termination, change in control, disability, vacation, death benefit, hospitalization, medical or other material compensation or benefit plans, arrangements, policies, programs or understandings providing compensation or benefits (other than foreign or domestic statutory programs), in each case, sponsored, maintained, contributed to or required to be maintained or contributed to by the Company, any Company Subsidiary or any other person or entity that, together with the Company is treated as a single employer under Section 414(b), (c), (m) or (o) of the Code (each, a "Company Commonly Controlled Entity") for the benefit of any current or former directors, officers, employees, independent contractors or consultants of the Company or any Company Subsidiary (each a "Company Participant") and (B) all material employment, consulting, bonus, incentive compensation, deferred compensation, equity or equity-based compensation, indemnification, severance, retention, change of control or termination agreements or arrangements between the Company or any Company Subsidiary and any Company Participant.

(b) All Company Pension Plans have been the subject of, have timely applied for or have not been eligible to apply for, as of the date of this Agreement, determination letters or opinion letters (as applicable) from the IRS to the effect that such Company Pension Plans and the trusts created thereunder are qualified and exempt from Taxes under Sections 401(a) and 501(a) of the Code or other applicable Law, and no such determination letter or opinion letter has been revoked nor, to the Knowledge of the Company, has revocation been threatened, nor has any such Company Pension Plan been amended since the date of its most recent determination letter or opinion letter (or application therefor) in any respect that would reasonably be expected to result in the loss of its qualification.

(c) Except for matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, other than any Company Pension Plan that is a "multiemployer plan" within the meaning of Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA (a "Company Multiemployer Pension Plan"), (i) no Company Pension Plan had, as of the respective last annual valuation date for each such Company Pension Plan, an "unfunded benefit liability" (within the meaning of Section 4001(a)(18) of ERISA), based on actuarial assumptions made available to Parent, (ii) none of the Company Pension Plans has failed to meet any "minimum funding standards" (as such term is defined in Section 302 of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code), whether or not waived, (iii) none of such Company Benefit Plans or related trusts is the subject of any proceeding or investigation by any Person, including any Governmental Entity, that could be reasonably expected to result in a termination of such Company Benefit Plan or trust or any other material liability to the Company or any Company Subsidiary, and (iv) there has not been any "reportable event" (as that term is defined in Section 4043 of ERISA has not been waived) with respect to any Company Benefit Plan during the last six years. Except for matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, none of the Company, any Company Subsidiary or any Company Commonly Controlled Entity has, or within the past six years had, contributed to, been required to contribute to, or has any liability (including "withdrawal liability" within the meaning of Title IV of ERISA) with respect to, any Company Multiemployer Pension Plan.

(d) With respect to each material Company Benefit Plan that is an employee welfare benefit plan, (i) such Company Benefit Plan (including any Company Benefit Plan covering retirees or other former employees) may be amended to reduce benefits or limit the liability of the Company or the Company Subsidiaries or terminated, in each case, without material liability to the Company and the Company Subsidiaries on or at any time after the Effective Time and (ii) no such Company Benefit Plan is unfunded or self-insured or funded through a "welfare benefit fund" (as defined in Section 419(e) of the Code) or other funding mechanism.

(e) Except for matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, no Company Benefit Plan provides health, medical or other welfare benefits after retirement or other termination of employment (other than for continuation coverage required under Section 4980(B)(f) of the Code or applicable Law).

(f) Except for matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, (i) each Company Benefit Plan and its related trust, insurance contract or other funding vehicle has been administered in accordance with its terms and is in compliance with ERISA, the Code and all other Laws applicable to such Company Benefit Plan and (ii) the Company and each of the Company Subsidiaries is in compliance with ERISA, the Code and all other Laws applicable to the Company Benefit Plans.

(g) Except for matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, all contributions or other amounts payable by the Company or any Company Subsidiary with respect to each Company Benefit Plan have been paid or accrued in accordance with the terms of such Company Benefit Plan, GAAP and Section 412 of the Code (or any comparable provision under applicable non-U.S. Laws). Except as fully accrued or reserved against on the Company's financial statements in accordance with GAAP, there are no material unfunded liabilities, solvency deficiencies or wind-up liabilities, where applicable, with respect to any Company Benefit Plan.

(h) Except for matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, there are no pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened claims or Actions by or on behalf of any participant in any of the Company Benefit Plans, or otherwise involving any such Company Benefit Plan or the assets of any Company Benefit Plan, other than routine claims for benefits payable in the ordinary course.

(i) None of the execution and delivery of this Agreement, the obtaining of the Company Stockholder Approval or the consummation of the Merger or any other transaction contemplated by this Agreement (alone or in conjunction with any other event, including any termination of employment on or following the Effective Time) will (i) entitle any Company Participant to any compensation or benefit, (ii) accelerate the time of payment or vesting, or trigger any payment or funding, of any compensation or benefits or trigger any other material obligation under any Company Benefit Plan, (iii) result in any breach or violation of, default under or limit the Company's right to amend, modify or terminate any Company Benefit Plan or (iv) result in any "excess parachute payment" (within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code) becoming due to any Company Participant. No Company Participant is entitled to receive any gross-up or additional payment in respect of any Taxes (including, without limitation, the Taxes required under Section 409A or Section 4999 of the Code) being imposed on such Person.

SECTION 4.11. Litigation. There is no Action pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened against or affecting the Company or any Company Subsidiary that, individually or in the aggregate, has had or would reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, nor is there any Judgment outstanding against or, to the Knowledge of the Company, any investigation by any Governmental Entity involving the Company or any Company Subsidiary or any of their respective properties or assets that, individually or in the aggregate, has had or would reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 4.12. <u>Compliance with Applicable Laws</u>. Except for matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, the Company and the Company Subsidiaries are in compliance with all applicable Laws and the Company Permits. To the Knowledge of the Company, except for matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, no material action, demand or investigation by or before any Governmental Entity is pending or threatened alleging that the Company or a Company Subsidiary is not in compliance with any applicable Law or Company Permit or which challenges or questions the validity of any rights of the holder of any Company Permit. This section does not relate to Tax matters, employee benefits matters, labor matters, environmental matters or Intellectual Property matters.

SECTION 4.13. <u>Environmental Matters</u>. (a) Except for matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect:

(i) the Company and the Company Subsidiaries have complied with all Environmental Laws, and neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary has received any written communication that alleges that the Company or any Company Subsidiary is in violation of, or has liability under, any Environmental Law and, except as reflected in the most recent audited financial statements of the Company included in the Company SEC Documents, to the Knowledge of the Company, no known capital or other expenditure is required for the Company or the Company Subsidiaries to achieve or maintain compliance with Environmental Law;

(ii) the Company and the Company Subsidiaries have obtained and complied with all Permits issued pursuant to Environmental Law necessary for their respective operations as currently conducted, all such Permits are valid and in good standing and neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary has been advised in writing by any Governmental Entity of any actual or potential change in the status or terms and conditions of any such Permits;

(iii) there are no Environmental Claims pending or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened against the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries;

(iv) there have been no Releases of any Hazardous Material that could reasonably be expected to form the basis of any Environmental Claim against the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries; and

(v) neither the Company nor any of the Company Subsidiaries has retained or assumed, either contractually or by operation of Law, any Known liabilities or obligations that could reasonably be expected to form the basis of any Environmental Claim against the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries.

SECTION 4.14. <u>Contracts</u>. (a) As of the date of this Agreement, neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary is a party to any Contract required to be filed by the Company pursuant to Item 601(b)(2), (b)(4), (b)(9) or (b)(10) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act (a "Filed Company Contract") that has not been so filed.

(b) Except for matters which, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, (i) each Filed Company Contract (including, for purposes of this Section 4.14(b), any Contract entered into after the date of this Agreement that would have been a Filed Company Contract if such Contract existed on the date of this Agreement) is a valid, binding and legally enforceable obligation of the Company or one of the Company Subsidiaries, as the case may be, and, to the Knowledge of the Company, of the other parties thereto, subject to the Bankruptcy and Equity Exception, (ii) each such Filed Company Contract is in full force and effect and (iii) none of the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries is (with or without notice or lapse of time, or both) in breach or default under any such Filed Company Contract and, to the Knowledge of the Company Contract is (with or without notice or lapse of time, or both) in breach or default thereunder.

SECTION 4.15. <u>Properties</u>. (a) Section 4.15(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth a true and complete list, as of the date hereof, of all of the real property owned in fee simple by the Company or the Company Subsidiaries (the "<u>Company</u> <u>Owned Real Property</u>"). Except in respects that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, either Company or the Company Subsidiaries: (i) has good and valid fee simple title to all of the Company Owned Real Property and there are no Real Property Leases pursuant to which any third party is granted the right to use any Company Owned Real Property, other than Permitted Liens; (ii) has sufficient right of ingress and egress to the Company Owned Real Property in all material respects and enjoys peaceful and quiet possession thereof; and (iv) there are no outstanding options or rights of first offer or refusal to purchase the Company Owned Real Property.

(b) Section 4.15(b) the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth a true and complete list, as of the date hereof, of all of the real property leased by Company or the Company Subsidiaries for which the annual rental value exceeds \$100,000 pursuant to a Real Property Lease (the "Company Leased Real Property"). Except in respects that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, with respect to the Company Leased Real Property and each Real Property Lease: (i) each Real Property Lease is in full force and effect, and Company or the Company Subsidiaries holds a valid and existing leasehold interest under each Real Property Lease; (ii) the possession and quiet use and enjoyment of the Company Leased Real Property under such Real Property Lease has not been disturbed and there are no disputes with respect to any such Real Property Lease; (iii) Company or the Company Subsidiaries have not given or received any written notice of default pursuant to any such Real Property Lease; (iv) Company or the Company Subsidiaries nor, to the Knowledge of Company or the Company Subsidiaries, any other party to such Real Property Lease, is in breach or violation in any material respect of, or in default under, such Real Property Lease, and no event has occurred or circumstance exists which, with the delivery of notice, the passage of time or both, would constitute such a breach, violation or default in any material respect, or permit the termination, modification or acceleration of rent under such Real Property Lease on the part of Company or the Company Subsidiary, nor, to the Knowledge of Company or the Company Subsidiaries, on the part of the other party thereto; (v) no security deposit or portion thereof deposited with respect to such Real Property Lease has been applied in respect of a breach or default under such Real Property Lease which has not been re-deposited in full; (vi) neither Company or the Company Subsidiaries owes, or will owe in the future based on arrangements currently in existence, any brokerage commissions or finder's fees with respect to any Real Property Lease; (vii) Company or the Company Subsidiaries has not collaterally assigned or granted any other security interest in such Real Property Lease or any interest therein, other than Permitted Liens; and (viii) there are no Liens on the estate or interest created by such Real Property Lease, other than Permitted Liens; and (ix) Company nor any Company Subsidiary has subleased, licensed or otherwise granted any person the right to use or occupy any Company Leased Real Property or any portion thereof.

SECTION 4.16. <u>Intellectual Property</u>. Except for matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect:

(a) Company and the Company Subsidiaries own, free and clear of all Liens, other than Permitted Liens, or are validly licensed or otherwise have the right to use, all Intellectual Property used in the operation of their business as currently conducted;

(b) neither the Company nor any of the Company Subsidiaries has received in the three years prior to the date of this Agreement any written notice from any Person, and there are no pending Actions, or to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened, against the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries, (A) asserting the infringement, misappropriation or violation of any Intellectual Property by the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries or (B) challenging the validity, enforceability, priority or registrability of, or any right, title or interest of the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries;

(c) neither the Company nor any of the Company Subsidiaries has sent any written notice in the year prior to the date of this Agreement to any Person, and there are no pending Actions, by the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries, (A) asserting the infringement, misappropriation or violation of any Intellectual Property owned by or exclusively licensed to the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries or (B) challenging the validity, enforceability, priority or registrability of, or any right, title or interest of any Person with respect to, any Intellectual Property;

(d) to the Knowledge of the Company, (A) no Person is infringing, misappropriating or violating any Intellectual Property owned by or exclusively licensed to the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries and (B) the conduct of the businesses of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries as currently conducted does not infringe upon, misappropriate or violate the Intellectual Property rights of any Person;

(e) the Company and the Company Subsidiaries have taken commercially reasonable measures to protect the confidentiality and security of the (A) IT Assets and (B) personal information gathered, used, held for use or accessed by the Company or the Company Subsidiaries in the course of the operations of their respective businesses; and

(f) to the Knowledge of the Company, the IT Assets (A) meet the needs of the Company's business as currently conducted and (B) have not materially malfunctioned or failed in the two years prior to the date of this Agreement in a manner that has had a material impact on the businesses of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries. To the Knowledge of the Company, no Person has gained unauthorized access to the IT Assets or any personal information gathered, used, held for use or accessed by the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries.

SECTION 4.17. <u>Labor Matters</u>. (a) Section 4.17 of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth a true and complete list, as of the date hereof, of all material Company Collective Bargaining Agreements. The Company has made available to Parent copies of such Company Collective Bargaining Agreements, including with respect to employees based outside the United States. Neither the Company nor any of the Company Subsidiaries has breached or otherwise failed to comply with any provision of any Company Collective Bargaining Agreement, except for any breaches, failures to comply or disputes that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Except for matters that, individually or in the aggregate, have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, (i) there is not any, and during the past three years there has not been any, labor strike, dispute, work stoppage or lockout pending, or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened, against or affecting the Company or any Company Subsidiary; (ii) to the Knowledge of the Company, no union organizational campaign is in progress with respect to the employees of the Company or any Company Subsidiary and no question concerning representation of such employees exists; (iii) neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary is engaged in any unfair labor practice; (iv) there are not any unfair labor practice charges or complaints against the Company or any Company Subsidiary pending, or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened, before the National Labor Relations Board; (v) there are not any pending, or, to the Knowledge of the Company, threatened, union grievances against the Company or any Company Subsidiary is in compliance with all applicable Laws with respect to labor relations, employment and employment practices, occupational safety and health standards, terms and conditions of employment, payment of wages, classification of employees, immigration, visa, work status, pay equity and workers' compensation; and (vii) neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary has received written communication during the past three years of the intent of any Governmental Entity responsible for the enforcement of labor or employment Laws to conduct an investigation of or affecting the Company or any Company Subsidiary and, to the Knowledge of the Company, no such investigation is in progress.

SECTION 4.18. <u>Brokers' Fees and Expenses</u>. No broker, investment banker, financial advisor or other Person, other than UBS Securities LLC (the "<u>Company Financial Advisor</u>"), the fees and expenses of which will be paid by the Company, is entitled to any broker's, financial advisor's or other similar fee or commission in connection with the Merger or any of the other transactions contemplated hereby based upon arrangements made by or on behalf of the Company. The Company has furnished to Parent true and complete copies of all agreements between the Company and the Company Financial Advisor relating to the Merger or any of the other transactions contemplated hereby, subject to redactions of the portions of such agreement relating to the calculation of the fee payable to such Company Financial Advisor. The Company has separately provided Parent with the result of a calculation of the approximate amount of the fee that will be payable to the Company Financial Advisor as a result of the Merger.

SECTION 4.19. <u>Opinion of Financial Advisor</u>. The Company has received the opinion of the Company Financial Advisor dated the date of this Agreement, to the effect that, as of such date and subject to the assumptions made, procedures followed, matters considered and qualifications and limitations set forth therein, the aggregate amount of the Merger Consideration to be received by the holders of Company Common Stock other than holders of Excluded Shares and shares of Company Common Stock held immediately prior to the Effective Time by (a) the Company as treasury stock, (b) Parent or Merger Sub and (c) any direct or indirect wholly owned subsidiary of the Company or of Parent (other than Merger Sub), is fair, from a financial point of view, to such holders.

# SECTION 4.20. Communications Regulatory Matters.

(a) The Company and each of the Company Subsidiaries hold all approvals, authorizations, certificates and licenses issued by the FCC or State Regulators and all other material regulatory permits, approvals, licenses and other authorizations, including franchises, ordinances and other agreements granting access to public rights of way, issued or granted to the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries by a Governmental Entity that are required for the Company and each of the Company Subsidiaries to conduct its business, as presently conducted (collectively, the "<u>Company Licenses</u>").

(b) Each Company License is valid and in full force and effect and has not been suspended, revoked, canceled or adversely modified. No Company License is subject to (i) any conditions or requirements that have not been imposed generally upon licenses in the same service, unless such conditions or requirements are set forth on the face of the applicable authorization or (ii) any pending Action by or before the FCC or State Regulators to suspend, revoke or cancel, or any judicial review of a decision by the FCC or State Regulators to the Knowledge of the Company, there is no (A) event, condition or circumstance attributable specifically to the Company that would preclude any Company License from being renewed in the ordinary course (to the extent that such Company License is renewable by its terms), (B) pending or threatened FCC or State Regulator regulatory Actions relating specifically to one or more of the Company Licenses or (C) event, condition or circumstance attributable specifically impair, delay or preclude the ability of the Company or the Company Subsidiaries to obtain any Consents from any Governmental Entity. No Company License, order or other agreement, obtained from, issued by or concluded with any State Regulator imposes or would impose restrictions on the ability of any Company Subsidiary to make payments, dividends or other distributions to the Company or any other Company Subsidiary that limits, or would reasonably be expected to limit, the cash funding and management alternatives of the Company on a consolidated basis in a manner disproportionate to restrictions applied by such State Regulators to similarly situated companies.

(c) The Company, with respect to any Company License and Unlicensed Activity, and each of its Unlicensed Subsidiaries is, and since December 31, 2013, has been, in compliance with each Company License and has fulfilled and performed all of its obligations with respect thereto and with respect to any Unlicensed Activity required by the Communications Act, or FCC Rules or similar rules, regulations, written policies and orders of State Regulators, and the payment of all regulatory fees and contributions, except for exemptions, waivers or similar concessions or allowances. The Company and each licensee of each Company License and each of its Unlicensed Subsidiary is in good standing with the FCC and all other Governmental Entities, and neither the Company nor any such licensee or any of its Unlicensed Subsidiaries is, to the Knowledge of the Company, the respondent with respect to any Enforcement Proceeding. The Company or a Company Subsidiary owns one hundred percent (100%) of the equity and controls one hundred percent (100%) of the voting power and decision-making authority of each licensee of the Company Licenses and each of its Unlicenses and each of its other to any Enforcement Proceeding. The Company or a Company Subsidiary owns one hundred percent (100%) of the equity and controls one hundred percent (100%) of the voting power and decision-making authority of each licensee of the Company Licenses and each of its Unlicensed Subsidiaries.

(d) Neither the Company nor any of the Company Subsidiaries is subject to any currently effective cease-and-desist order or enforcement action issued by, or is a party to any consent agreement or memorandum of understanding with, or has been ordered since December 31, 2013, to pay any civil money penalty by, the FCC, USAC or any other Governmental Entity (other than a taxing authority, which is covered by Section 4.09), other than those of general application that apply to similarly situated providers of the same services or their Subsidiaries (each item in this sentence, whether or not set forth in the Company Disclosure Letter, a "Company Regulatory Agreement"), nor has the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries been advised in writing since December 31, 2013 by any Governmental Entity that it is considering issuing, initiating, ordering or requesting any such Company Regulatory Agreement.

SECTION 4.21. <u>No Other Representations or Warranties</u>. Except for the representations and warranties contained in this Article IV, Parent and Merger Sub acknowledge that none of the Company, the Company Subsidiaries or any other Person on behalf of the Company makes any other express or implied representation or warranty in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, and that neither Parent nor Merger Sub has relied on any such other representation or warranty.

## ARTICLE V

### Covenants Relating to Conduct of Business

SECTION 5.01. <u>Conduct of Business</u>. (a) <u>Conduct of Business by Parent</u>. Except for matters set forth in the Parent Disclosure Letter, required by applicable Law or otherwise expressly permitted or expressly contemplated by this Agreement or with the prior written consent of the Company (which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed, it being understood and agreed that the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to approve or deny any request by Parent for written consent pursuant to this Section 5.01(a) within five Business Days of such request), from the date of this Agreement to the Effective Time, Parent shall, and shall cause each Parent Subsidiary to, conduct its business in the ordinary course in all material respects and use commercially reasonable efforts to preserve intact its business organization and advantageous business relationships. In addition, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, except for matters set forth in the Parent Disclosure Letter, required by applicable Law or otherwise expressly permitted or expressly contemplated by this Agreement or with the prior written consent of the Company (which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), from the date of this Agreement to the Effective Time, Parent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), from the date of this Agreement to the Effective Time, Parent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), from the date of this Agreement to the Effective Time, Parent shall not permit any Parent Subsidiary to, do any of the following:

(i) amend the Parent Articles or the Parent Regulations, except for such amendments as would not disproportionately adversely affect a holder of Company Common Stock relative to a holder of Parent Common Shares or prevent or materially impede, interfere with, hinder or delay the consummation of the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby;

(ii) (A) declare, set aside or pay any dividends on, or make any other distributions (whether in cash, stock or property or any combination thereof) in respect of, any of its capital stock, other equity interests or voting securities, other than (1) regular quarterly cash dividends payable by Parent to holders of its 6 3/4% Preferred Shares and (2) dividends and distributions by a direct or indirect wholly owned Parent Subsidiary to its stockholders or other equity holders, (B) other than with respect to a wholly owned Parent Subsidiary, split, combine, subdivide or reclassify any of its capital stock, other equity interests or voting securities, or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for capital stock or other equity interests or voting securities or issue or authorize the issuance of any other securities in respect of, in lieu of or in substitution for its capital stock, other equity interests or voting securities, other than as permitted by Section 5.01(a)(ii), or (C) repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire, or offer to repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire, any capital stock or voting securities of, or equity interests in, Parent or any Parent Subsidiary or any securities of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for capital stock or voting securities of, or equity interests in, Parent or any Parent Subsidiary, or any warrants, calls, options or other rights to acquire any such capital stock, securities or interests, except pursuant to (1) the Parent Stock Options, Parent SARs and Parent RSUs, in each case, pursuant to their terms as in effect on the date hereof or thereafter granted as permitted by the provisions of Section 5.01(a)(iii) or (2) any such transaction by Parent or a wholly owned Parent Subsidiary in respect of such capital stock, securities or interests in a wholly owned Parent Subsidiary;

(iii) issue, deliver, sell, grant, pledge or otherwise encumber or subject to any Lien (A) any shares of capital stock of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary (other than the issuance of Parent Common Shares (1) upon conversion of any 6 3/4% Preferred Shares outstanding at the close of business on the date of this Agreement into Parent Common Shares in accordance with the Parent Articles, (2) upon the exercise of Parent Stock Options and Parent SARs or upon vesting and settlement of Parent RSUs in each case, outstanding at the close of business on the date of this Agreement and in accordance with their terms in effect at such time or thereafter granted as permitted by the provisions of this Section 5.01(a)(iii) and (3) pursuant to the Parent Deferred Compensation Plan for Outside Directors in accordance with their respective terms, or the issuance of shares of capital stock of a wholly owned Parent Subsidiary to Parent or to another wholly owned Parent Subsidiary), (B) any other equity interests or voting securities of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary, other than in the case of a Parent Subsidiary, an issuance, delivery or sale to Parent or any wholly owned Parent Subsidiary, (C) any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, Parent or any Parent Subsidiary, other than in the case of a Parent Subsidiary, an issuance, delivery or sale to Parent or any wholly owned Parent Subsidiary, (D) any warrants, calls, options or other rights to acquire any capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, Parent or any Parent Subsidiary, other than in the case of a Parent Subsidiary, an issuance, delivery or sale to Parent or any wholly owned Parent Subsidiary, (E) any rights issued by Parent or any Parent Subsidiary that are linked in any way to the price of any class of Parent Capital Stock or any shares of capital stock of any Parent Subsidiary, the value of Parent, any Parent Subsidiary or any part of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary or any dividends or other distributions declared or paid on any shares of capital stock of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary, other than in the case of a Parent Subsidiary, an issuance, delivery or sale to Parent or any wholly owned Parent Subsidiary, or (F) any Parent Voting Debt, other than, in the case of each of clauses (A) through (F), for grants of Parent Stock Options, Parent SARs and Parent RSUs under the Parent Benefit Plans in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice;

(iv) make any material changes in financial accounting methods, principles or practices, except insofar as may be required (A) by GAAP (or any interpretation thereof), (B) by any applicable Law, including Regulation S-X under the Securities Act, or (C) by any Governmental Entity or quasi-governmental authority (including the Financial Accounting Standards Board or any similar organization);

(v) make any acquisition of, or investment in, any properties, assets, securities or business (including by merger, sale of stock, sale of assets or otherwise) which would reasonably be expected to prevent or materially impede, interfere with, hinder or delay the consummation of the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby;

(vi) enter into any Contract or amend any Contract which such Contract or amendment would reasonably be expected to prevent or materially impede, interfere with, hinder or delay the consummation of the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby;

(vii) authorize, adopt or implement a plan of complete or partial liquidation or dissolution of

Parent;

(viii) assign, transfer, lease, cancel, fail to renew or fail to extend any material Parent License issued by the FCC or any State Regulator or discontinue any operations that require prior regulatory approval for discontinuance, other than (A) transfers between Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries or between Parent Subsidiaries and (B) non-renewal or non-extension of Parent Licenses solely related to discontinued businesses of Parent and that do not require regulatory approval for discontinuance; or

(ix) authorize any of, or commit, resolve or agree to take any of, or participate in any negotiations or discussions with any other Person regarding any of, the foregoing actions.

(b) <u>Conduct of Business by the Company</u>. Except for matters set forth in the Company Disclosure Letter, required by applicable Law or otherwise expressly permitted or expressly contemplated by this Agreement or with the prior written consent of Parent (which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed, it being understood and agreed that Parent shall use commercially reasonable efforts to approve or deny any request by the Company for written consent pursuant to this Section 5.01(b) within five Business Days of such request), from the date of this Agreement to the Effective Time, the Company shall, and shall cause each Company Subsidiary to, conduct its business in the ordinary course in all material respects and use commercially reasonable efforts to preserve intact its business organization and advantageous business relationships. In addition, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, except for matters set forth in the Company Disclosure Letter, required by applicable Law or otherwise expressly permitted or expressly contemplated by this Agreement or with the prior written consent of Parent (which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), from the date of this Agreement to the Effective Time, the Company shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), from the date of this Agreement to the Effective Time, the Company shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), from the date of this Agreement to the Effective Time, the Company shall not, and shall not permit any Company Subsidiary to, do any of the following:

(i) (A) amend the Company Charter, (B) amend the Company Bylaws or (C) amend the charter or organizational documents of any Company Subsidiary;

(ii) (A) declare, set aside or pay any dividends on, or make any other distributions (whether in cash, stock or property or any combination thereof) in respect of, any of its capital stock, other equity interests or voting securities, other than dividends and distributions by a direct or indirect wholly owned Company Subsidiary to its stockholders or other equity holders, (B) other than with respect to any wholly owned Company Subsidiary, split, combine, subdivide or reclassify any of its capital stock, other equity interests or voting securities or securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for capital stock or other equity interests or voting securities or issue or authorize the issuance of any other securities in respect of, in lieu of or in substitution for its capital stock, other equity interests or voting securities, other than as permitted by Section 5.01(b)(ii), or (C) repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire, or offer to repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire, any capital stock or voting securities of, or equity interests in, the Company or any Company Subsidiary or any securities of the Company or any Company Subsidiary convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for capital stock or voting securities of, or equity interests in, the Company or any Company Subsidiary, or any warrants, calls, options or other rights to acquire any such capital stock, securities or interests, except pursuant to (1) the Company RSUs, in each case, pursuant to their terms in effect on the date hereof or thereafter granted as permitted by the provisions of Section 5.01(b)(iii) or (2) any such transaction by the Company or a wholly owned Company Subsidiary in respect of such capital stock, securities or interests in a wholly owned Company Subsidiary;

(iii) issue, deliver, sell, grant, pledge or otherwise encumber or subject to any Lien (A) any shares of capital stock of the Company or any Company Subsidiary, other than the issuance of Company Common Stock upon the vesting and settlement of Company RSUs outstanding at the close of business on the date of this Agreement and in accordance with their terms in effect at such time or thereafter granted as permitted by the provisions of this Section 5.01(b)(iii) or the issuance of shares of capital stock of a wholly owned Company Subsidiary to the Company or another wholly owned Company Subsidiary, (B) any other equity interests or voting securities of the Company or any Company Subsidiary, other than in the case of a Company Subsidiary, an issuance, delivery or sale to the Company or any wholly owned Company Subsidiary, (C) any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, the Company or any Company Subsidiary, other than in the case of a Company Subsidiary, an issuance, delivery or sale to the Company or any wholly owned Company Subsidiary, (D) any warrants, calls, options or other rights to acquire any capital stock or voting securities of, or other equity interests in, the Company or any Company Subsidiary, other than in the case of a Company Subsidiary, an issuance, delivery or sale to the Company or any wholly owned Company Subsidiary, (E) any rights issued by the Company or any Company Subsidiary that are linked in any way to the price of any class of the Company Capital Stock or any shares of capital stock of any Company Subsidiary, the value of the Company, any Company Subsidiary or any part of the Company or any Company Subsidiary or any dividends or other distributions declared or paid on any shares of capital stock of the Company or any Company Subsidiary, other than in the case of a Company Subsidiary, an issuance, delivery or sale to the Company or any wholly owned Company Subsidiary, or (F) any Company Voting Debt;

(iv) except as required to comply with applicable Law or to comply with any Company Benefit Plan as in effect as of the date of this Agreement, (A) establish, adopt, enter into, terminate or materially amend, or take any action to accelerate the vesting or payment of, any compensation or benefits under, any Company Benefit Plan (or any award thereunder), (B) grant or increase in any manner the salaries, bonuses, or incentive-based compensation or benefits of or pay any bonus to, or grant any loan to any Company Participant other than such grants, increases or payments made in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice to Company Participants who are not "named executive officers" as defined in Item 402(a)(3) of Regulation S-K promulgated under the Securities Act, (C) grant or pay any change in control, retention, severance, termination or similar compensation or benefits to, or increase in any manner the change in control, retention, severance, termination or similar compensation or benefits of, any Company Participant, (D) take any action to fund or in any other way secure the payment of compensation or benefits under any Company Benefit Plan, (E) change any actuarial or other assumption used to calculate funding obligations with respect to any Company Pension Plan, except to the extent required by applicable Law or GAAP, or (F) change the manner in which contributions to any Company Pension Plan are made or the basis on which such contributions are determined;

(v) make any material changes in financial accounting methods, principles or practices, except insofar as may be required (A) by GAAP (or any interpretation thereof), (B) by any applicable Law, including Regulation S-X under the Securities Act, or (C) by any Governmental Entity or quasi-governmental authority (including the Financial Accounting Standards Board or any similar organization);

(vi) other than in the ordinary course of business, (A) make any Tax election that results in a material amount of Taxes of the Company or any Company Subsidiary, (B) make any changes to any existing Tax election that results in a material amount of Taxes of the Company or any Company Subsidiary, (C) settle or compromise any Tax claim or assessment or surrender any right to claim a Tax refund with respect to a material amount of Taxes, (D) file an amendment to any Tax Return if such amendment results in a material amount of Taxes that are due and payable;

(vii) except as permitted under Section 5.01(b)(x), make any acquisition of, or investment in, any properties, assets, securities or business (including by merger, sale of stock, sale of assets or otherwise) if the aggregate amount of consideration paid or transferred by the Company and the Company Subsidiaries in connection with all such transactions would exceed \$5 million, except for the acquisitions of supplies, inventory, merchandise or products in the ordinary course of business; provided, that in no event shall the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries make any acquisition or investment which would reasonably be expected to prevent or materially impede, interfere with, hinder or delay the consummation of the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby;

(viii) sell or lease to any Person, in a single transaction or series of related transactions, any of its material properties or assets for consideration, except (A) ordinary course dispositions of inventory and dispositions of obsolete, surplus or worn out assets or assets that are no longer used or useful in the conduct of the business of the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries or (B) transfers among the Company and its wholly owned Subsidiaries;

(ix) (A) incur any Indebtedness, except for (1) Indebtedness incurred under the Company's revolving credit facility, as existing on the date of this Agreement (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the aggregate amount of commitments in effect on the date of this Agreement) (including in respect of letters of credit), in the ordinary course of business, (2) letters of credit, bank guarantees, security or performance bonds or similar credit support instruments, overdraft facilities or cash management programs, in each case issued, made or entered into in the ordinary course of business, (3) intercompany Indebtedness among the Company and its wholly owned Subsidiaries, (4) guarantees by the Company of Indebtedness of the Company Subsidiaries, which Indebtedness is incurred in compliance with this Section 5.01(b)(ix), and (5) capitalized lease obligations in respect of software and equipment and installment obligations in respect of insurance, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business, capital contributions or advances to, or investments in, any Person other than (x) to the Company or any wholly owned Subsidiary of the Company or (y) as permitted pursuant to Section 5.01(b)(vii);

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(x) make any capital expenditures in excess of \$105,000,000 annually;

(xi) except in the ordinary course of business, enter into any Contract or amend any Contract if the consummation of the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby would conflict with, result in any violation of or default (with or without notice or lapse of time, or both) under, give rise to a right of termination, cancellation or acceleration of, give rise to an obligation to make an offer to purchase or redeem any Indebtedness or capital stock, voting securities or other equity interests or any loss of a material benefit under, or result in the creation of any Lien (other than Permitted Liens) upon any of properties or assets of the Company or any Company Subsidiary under such new Contract or as a result of such amendment to such existing Contract, as applicable;

(xii) grant any Lien (other than Permitted Liens) on any of its material assets other than (A) to secure Indebtedness and other obligations in existence at the date of this Agreement (and required to be so secured by their terms) or permitted under Section 5.01(b)(ix) or (B) to the Company or to a wholly owned Subsidiary of the Company;

(xiii) sell, transfer, license, abandon, permit to lapse or otherwise dispose of any material Intellectual Property owned by the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries, except grants of non-exclusive licenses (without any right to sublicense) of such material Intellectual Property in the ordinary course of business;

(xiv) settle any pending or threatened Action against the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries, other than settlements of any pending or threatened Action (A) in which the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries is named as a nominal defendant, (B) with respect to which there is a specific reserve in the balance sheet (or the notes thereto) of the Company as of March 31, 2017 included in the Filed Company SEC Documents for an amount not materially in excess of the amount so reflected or reserved (excluding any amount that would be expected to be paid or reimbursed under insurance policies or for which the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries is entitled to indemnification or contribution) or (C) that do not involve payment by the Company or the Company Subsidiaries of more than \$2,000,000 individually (excluding any amount that would be expected to be paid or reimbursed under insurance policies or for which the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries is entitled to indemnification or contribution); provided that no settlement of any pending or threatened Action may: (1) involve any material injunctive or equitable relief, or impose material restrictions, on the business activities of the Company or the Company Subsidiaries, (2) involve any admission of wrongdoing by the Company or the Company Subsidiaries, (3) involve the grant of any license, cross-license or similar arrangement by the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries with respect to any material Intellectual Property owned by or licensed to the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries or (4) impose any restrictions on the use by the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries of any material Intellectual Property owned by or licensed to the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries;

(xv) cancel any material Indebtedness owed to the Company or a Company Subsidiary or waive any claims or rights of substantial value, in each case other than in the ordinary course of business;

(xvi) enter into, modify, amend or terminate any Company Collective Bargaining Agreement, other than (A) the entry into new collective bargaining or other labor union Contracts in the ordinary course of business required to be entered into by any non-US Law, (B) modifications, amendments, renewals or terminations of such Contracts in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice or (C) any modification, amendment, renewal or termination of any collective bargaining agreement to the extent required by applicable Law;

(xvii) assign, transfer, lease, cancel, fail to renew or fail to extend any material Company License issued by the FCC or any State Regulator or discontinue any operations that require prior regulatory approval for discontinuance, other than (A) transfers between the Company and the Company Subsidiaries or between Company Subsidiaries and (B) non-renewal or non-extension of Company Licenses solely related to discontinued businesses of the Company and that do not require regulatory approval for discontinuance;

(xviii) authorize, adopt or implement a plan of complete or partial liquidation or dissolution of the Company; or

(xix) authorize any of, or commit, resolve or agree to take any of, or participate in any negotiations or discussions with any other Person regarding any of, the foregoing actions.

(c) <u>No Control of Parent's Business</u>. The Company acknowledges and agrees that (i) nothing contained in this Agreement is intended to give the Company, directly or indirectly, the right to control or direct the operations of Parent or any Parent Subsidiary prior to the Effective Time and (ii) prior to the Effective Time, Parent shall exercise, consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, complete control and supervision over its and the Parent Subsidiaries' respective operations.

(d) <u>No Control of the Company's Business</u>. Parent acknowledges and agrees that (i) nothing contained in this Agreement is intended to give Parent, directly or indirectly, the right to control or direct the operations of the Company or any Company Subsidiary prior to the Effective Time and (ii) prior to the Effective Time, the Company shall exercise, consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, complete control and supervision over its and the Company Subsidiaries' respective operations.

(e) <u>Advice of Changes</u>. Parent and the Company shall promptly advise the other orally and in writing of any change or event that, individually or in the aggregate with all past changes and events which have occurred since the date of this Agreement, has had or would reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect with respect to such Person.

SECTION 5.02. Intentionally Omitted.

SECTION 5.03. No Solicitation by the Company; Company Board Recommendation. (a) The Company shall not, nor shall it authorize or permit any of its Affiliates or any of its or their respective directors, officers or employees or any of its or their respective investment bankers, accountants, attorneys or other advisors, agents or representatives (collectively, "Representatives") to, (i) directly or indirectly solicit, initiate or knowingly encourage, induce or facilitate any Company Takeover Proposal or any inquiry or proposal that may reasonably be expected to lead to a Company Takeover Proposal or (ii) directly or indirectly participate in any discussions or negotiations with any Person regarding, or furnish to any Person any information with respect to, or cooperate in any way with any Person (whether or not a Person making a Company Takeover Proposal) with respect to, any Company Takeover Proposal or any inquiry or proposal that may reasonably be expected to lead to a Company Takeover Proposal. The Company shall, and shall cause its Affiliates and its and their respective Representatives to, immediately cease and cause to be terminated all existing solicitation, discussions or negotiations with any Person conducted heretofore with respect to any Company Takeover Proposal, or any inquiry or proposal that may reasonably be expected to lead to a Company Takeover Proposal, request the prompt return or destruction of all confidential information previously furnished in connection therewith and immediately terminate all physical and electronic dataroom access previously granted to any such Person or its Representatives. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if at any time prior to obtaining the Company Stockholder Approval, the Company or any of its Representatives receives an oral or written Company Takeover Proposal, which Company Takeover Proposal did not result from any breach of this Section 5.03, (i) the Company and its Representatives may contact such Person making the Company Takeover Proposal or its Representatives to request that any Company Takeover Proposal made orally be made in writing and (ii) in response to a written Company Takeover Proposal that the Company Board determines in good faith (after consultation with outside counsel and a financial advisor of nationally recognized reputation) constitutes or is reasonably likely to lead to a Superior Company Proposal, the Company may (and may authorize and permit its Affiliates and its and their Representatives to), subject to compliance with Section 5.03(c), (A) furnish information (including nonpublic information and data) with respect to the Company and the Company Subsidiaries to the Person making such Company Takeover Proposal (and its Representatives) (provided that all such information has previously been provided to Parent or is provided to Parent prior to or substantially concurrent with the time it is provided to such Person) pursuant to a customary confidentiality agreement not less restrictive of such Person than the Confidentiality Agreement (other than with respect to standstill provisions), and (B) participate in discussions regarding the terms of such Company Takeover Proposal and the negotiation of such terms with, and only with, the Person making such Company Takeover Proposal (and such Person's Representatives). Without limiting the foregoing, it is agreed that any violation of the restrictions set forth in this Section 5.03(a) by any Representative of the Company or any of its Affiliates shall constitute a breach of this Section 5.03(a) by the Company.

(b) Except as set forth below, neither the Company Board nor any committee thereof shall (i) (A) withdraw (or modify in any manner adverse to Parent), or propose publicly to withdraw (or modify in any manner adverse to Parent), the approval, recommendation or declaration of advisability by the Company Board or any such committee thereof with respect to this Agreement or the Merger or (B) adopt, recommend or declare advisable, or propose publicly to adopt, recommend or declare advisable, any Company Takeover Proposal (any action in this clause (i) being referred to as a "Company Adverse Recommendation Change") or (ii) adopt, recommend or declare advisable, or propose publicly to adopt, recommend or declare advisable, or allow the Company or any of its Affiliates to execute or enter into, any letter of intent, memorandum of understanding, agreement in principle, merger agreement, acquisition agreement, option agreement, joint venture agreement, alliance agreement, partnership agreement or other similar agreement or arrangement (an "Acquisition Agreement") constituting or related to any Company Takeover Proposal. Notwithstanding the foregoing, at any time prior to obtaining the Company Stockholder Approval, the Company Board may make a Company Adverse Recommendation Change if the Company receives a Superior Company Proposal or the Company Board determines in good faith (after consultation with outside counsel and a financial advisor of nationally recognized reputation) that the failure to do so would reasonably be expected to be inconsistent with its fiduciary duties under applicable Law; provided, however, that the Company shall not be entitled to exercise its right to make a Company Adverse Recommendation Change until after the third Business Day following Parent's receipt of written notice (a "Company Notice of Recommendation Change") from the Company advising Parent that the Company Board intends to take such action and specifying the reasons therefor, including in the case of a Superior Company Proposal the terms and conditions of such Superior Company Proposal that is the basis of the proposed action by the Company Board (it being understood and agreed that any amendment to any material term of such Superior Company Proposal shall require a new Company Notice of Recommendation Change and a new notice period (which shall be two Business Days instead of three Business Days)). In determining whether to make a Company Adverse Recommendation Change, the Company Board shall take into account any changes to the terms of this Agreement proposed by Parent in response to a Company Notice of Recommendation Change.

(c) In addition to the obligations of the Company set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this Section 5.03, the Company shall promptly (and in any event within 48 hours of knowledge of receipt thereof by an officer or director of the Company) advise Parent orally and in writing of any Company Takeover Proposal or any inquiry or proposal that may reasonably be expected to lead to a Company Takeover Proposal, the material terms and conditions of any such Company Takeover Proposal or inquiry or proposal (including any changes thereto) and the identity of the Person making any such Company Takeover Proposal or inquiry or proposal. The Company shall (i) keep Parent informed in all material respects on a reasonably current basis of the status and details (including any change to the terms thereof) of any Company Takeover Proposal, and (ii) provide to Parent as soon as practicable after receipt or delivery thereof copies of all correspondence and other written and electronic material exchanged between the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries and any Person that describes any of the material terms or conditions of any Company Takeover Proposal.

(d) Nothing contained in this Section 5.03 shall prohibit the Company from (i) issuing a "stop-look-and-listen communication" pursuant to Rule 14d-9(f) promulgated under the Exchange Act or taking and disclosing to its stockholders positions required by Rule 14d-9 or Rule 14d-2 promulgated under the Exchange Act, in each case after the commencement of a tender offer (within the meaning of Rule 14d-2 promulgated under the Exchange Act), (ii) issuing a statement in connection with a Company Takeover Proposal that does not involve the commencement of a tender offer (within the meaning of Rule 14d-2 promulgated under the Exchange Act), so long as the statement includes no more information than would be required for a "stop-look-and-listen communication" under Rule 14d-9(f) promulgated under the Exchange Act if such provision was applicable, or (iii) making any disclosure to the stockholders of the Company if, in the good faith judgment of the Company Board (after consultation with outside counsel) failure to so disclose would reasonably be expected to be inconsistent with its duties under applicable Law; provided, however, that in no event shall the Company or the Company Board or any committee thereof take, or agree or resolve to take, any action prohibited by Section 5.03(b).

(e) For purposes of this Agreement:

"<u>Company Takeover Proposal</u>" means any proposal or offer (whether or not in writing), with respect to any (i) merger, consolidation, share exchange, other business combination or similar transaction involving the Company, (ii) sale, lease, contribution or other disposition, directly or indirectly (including by way of merger, consolidation, share exchange, other business combination, partnership, joint venture, sale of capital stock of or other equity interests in a Company Subsidiary or otherwise) of any business or assets of the Company or the Company Subsidiaries representing 15% or more of the consolidated revenues, net income or assets of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, (iii) issuance, sale or other disposition, directly or indirectly, to any Person (or the stockholders of any Person) or group of securities (or options, rights or warrants to purchase, or securities convertible into or exchangeable for, such securities) representing 15% or more of the total outstanding voting power of the Company, (iv) transaction in which any Person (or the stockholders of any Person) shall acquire, directly or indirectly, beneficial ownership, or the right to acquire beneficial ownership, or formation of any group which beneficially owns or has the right to acquire beneficial ownership of, 15% or more of the Company Common Stock or (v) any combination of the foregoing (in each case, other than the Merger).

"Superior Company Proposal" means any bona fide written offer made by a third party or group pursuant to which such third party (or, in a merger, consolidation or statutory share-exchange involving such third party, the stockholders of such third party) or group would acquire, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the Company Common Stock or substantially all of the assets of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, which the Company Board determines in good faith (after consultation with outside counsel and a financial advisor of nationally recognized reputation) (i) is on terms more favorable from a financial point of view to the holders of Company Common Stock than the Merger, taking into account all the terms and conditions of such proposal (including the legal, financial, regulatory, timing and other aspects of the proposal and the identity of the Person making the proposal) and this Agreement (including any changes proposed by Parent to the terms of this Agreement), and (ii) is reasonably likely to be completed on the terms proposed, taking into account all legal, financial, regulatory and other aspects of such proposal, and is fully financed or for which financing (if required) is fully committed or, in the good faith determination of the Company Board, is reasonably likely to be obtained.

#### ARTICLE VI

## Additional Agreements

SECTION 6.01. Preparation of the Form S-4 and the Proxy Statement; Company Stockholders Meeting. (a) As promptly as reasonably practicable following the date of this Agreement, the Company shall prepare and cause to be filed with the SEC a proxy statement to be sent to the stockholders of the Company relating to the Company Stockholders Meeting (together with any amendments or supplements thereto, the "Proxy Statement") and Parent shall prepare and cause to be filed with the SEC the Form S-4 registering a number of Parent Common Shares equal to the number of Parent Common Shares to be issued as Share Consideration and Mixed Share Consideration in the Merger, in which the Proxy Statement will be included as a prospectus, and Parent and the Company shall use their respective commercially reasonable efforts to have the Form S-4 declared effective under the Securities Act as promptly as reasonably practicable after such filing. Each of the Company and Parent shall furnish all information concerning such Person and its Affiliates to the other, and provide such other assistance, as may be reasonably requested in connection with the preparation, filing and distribution of the Form S-4 and Proxy Statement, and the Form S-4 and Proxy Statement shall include all information reasonably requested by such other party to be included therein. Each of the Company and Parent shall promptly notify the other upon the receipt of any comments from the SEC or any request from the SEC for amendments or supplements to the Form S-4 or Proxy Statement and shall provide the other with copies of all related correspondence between it and its Representatives, on the one hand, and the SEC, on the other hand. Each of the Company and Parent shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to respond as promptly as practicable to any comments from the SEC with respect to the Form S-4 or Proxy Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to filing the Form S-4 (or any amendment or supplement thereto) or mailing the Proxy Statement (or any amendment or supplement thereto) or responding to any comments of the SEC with respect thereto, each of the Company and Parent, as applicable, (i) shall provide the other an opportunity to review and comment on such document or response (including the proposed final version of such document or response), (ii) shall include in such document or response all comments reasonably proposed by the other and (iii) shall not file or mail such document or respond to the SEC prior to receiving the approval of the other, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. Each of the Company and Parent shall advise the other, promptly after receipt of notice thereof, of the time of effectiveness of the Form S-4, the issuance of any stop order relating thereto or the suspension of the qualification of the Parent Common Shares constituting the Share Consideration or Mixed Share Consideration for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, and each of the Company and Parent shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to have any such stop order or suspension lifted, reversed or otherwise terminated. Each of the Company and Parent shall also take any other action (other than qualifying to do business in any jurisdiction in which it is not now so qualified) required to be taken under the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, any applicable foreign or state securities or "blue sky" Laws and the rules and regulations thereunder in connection with the Merger and the issuance of the Parent Common Shares constituting the Share Consideration and the Mixed Share Consideration.

(b) If prior to the Effective Time, any event occurs with respect to Parent or any Parent Subsidiary, or any change occurs with respect to other information supplied by Parent for inclusion in the Proxy Statement or the Form S-4, which Parent in good faith believes is required to be described in an amendment of, or a supplement to, the Proxy Statement or the Form S-4, Parent shall promptly notify the Company of such event, and Parent and the Company shall cooperate in the prompt filing with the SEC of any necessary amendment or supplement to the Proxy Statement or the Form S-4 and, as required by Law, in disseminating the information contained in such amendment or supplement the Company's stockholders. Nothing in this Section 6.01(b) shall limit the obligations of any party under Section 6.01(a).

(c) If prior to the Effective Time, any event occurs with respect to the Company or any Company Subsidiary, or any change occurs with respect to other information supplied by the Company for inclusion in the Proxy Statement or the Form S-4, which the Company in good faith believes is required to be described in an amendment of, or a supplement to, the Proxy Statement or the Form S-4, the Company shall promptly notify Parent of such event, and the Company and Parent shall cooperate in the prompt filing with the SEC of any necessary amendment or supplement to the Proxy Statement or the Form S-4 and, as required by Law, in disseminating the information contained in such amendment or supplement to the Company's stockholders. Nothing in this Section 6.01(c) shall limit the obligations of any party under Section 6.01(a).

(d) The Company shall, as soon as reasonably practicable following the date of this Agreement, duly call, give notice of, convene and hold the Company Stockholders Meeting for the sole purpose of seeking the Company Stockholder Approval. The Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to (i) cause the Proxy Statement to be mailed to the Company's stockholders as promptly as practicable after the Form S-4 is declared effective under the Securities Act and to hold the Company Stockholders Meeting as soon as practicable after the Form S-4 becomes effective and (ii) solicit the Company Stockholder Approval. The Company shall, through the Company Board, recommend to its stockholders that they give the Company Stockholder Approval and shall include such recommendation in the Proxy Statement, except to the extent that the Company Board shall have made a Company Adverse Recommendation Change as permitted by Section 5.03(b). Except as expressly contemplated by the foregoing sentence, the Company agrees that its obligations pursuant to this Section 6.01 shall not be affected by the commencement, public proposal, public disclosure or communication to the Company of any Company Takeover Proposal or by the making of any Company Adverse Recommendation Change by the Company Board; provided, however, that the Company shall be permitted to postpone convening or to adjourn the Company Stockholders Meeting (but not beyond the End Date) if (x) such postponement or adjournment is required to allow reasonable additional time for the filing and mailing of any supplemental or amended disclosure in accordance with Section 6.01(c) and to permit such supplemental or amended disclosure to be disseminated and reviewed by the Company's stockholders prior to the Company Stockholders Meeting, (y) such postponement or adjournment is in order to solicit additional proxies for the purpose of obtaining the Company Stockholder Approval or (z) as of the time for which the Company Stockholders Meeting is originally scheduled (as set forth in the Proxy Statement), there are insufficient shares of Company Common Stock represented (either in person or by proxy) to constitute a quorum necessary to conduct the business of the Company Stockholders Meeting.
SECTION 6.02. Access to Information; Confidentiality. Subject to applicable Law and any applicable Judgment, between the date of this Agreement and the earlier of the Effective Time and the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 8.01, upon reasonable notice, each of Parent and the Company shall, and shall cause each of their respective Subsidiaries to, afford to each other and to their respective Representatives reasonable access during normal business hours to the officers, employees, agents, properties, books, Contracts and records of Parent, the Company or their respective Subsidiaries, as applicable (other than any of the foregoing that relate to the negotiation and execution of this Agreement, or, except as expressly provided in Section 5.03 to any Company Takeover Proposal) and Parent or the Company, as applicable, shall, and shall cause its Subsidiaries to, furnish promptly to the other party and such other party's Representatives such information concerning its business, personnel, assets, liabilities and properties as such other party may reasonably request; provided that such requesting party and its Representatives shall conduct any such activities in such a manner as not to interfere unreasonably with the business or operations of the providing party; provided further, however, that neither Parent, the Company nor any of their respective Subsidiaries shall be obligated to provide such access or information if such party determines, in its reasonable judgment, that doing so is reasonably likely to (i) violate applicable Law or an applicable Judgment or (ii) jeopardize the protection of an attorney-client privilege, attorney work product protection or other legal privilege. In any such event, Parent or the Company, as applicable, shall, and shall cause its Subsidiaries to, use its reasonable best efforts to communicate, to the extent feasible, the applicable information in a way that would not violate applicable Law, Judgment or obligation or risk waiver of such privilege or protection or risk such liability, including entering into a joint defense agreement, common interest agreement or other similar arrangement. All requests for information made pursuant to this Section 6.02 shall be directed to the executive officer or other Person designated by the other party. Until the Effective Time, all information provided will be subject to the terms of the letter agreement dated as of March 27, 2017, by and among the Company and Parent (the "Confidentiality Agreement").

SECTION 6.03. <u>Required Actions</u>. (a) Subject to the terms hereof, including Section 6.03(c), Parent and the Company shall each use reasonable best efforts to (i) take, or cause to be taken, all actions, and do, or cause to be done, and to assist and cooperate with the other party in doing, all things necessary, proper or advisable to consummate and make effective the transactions contemplated hereby as promptly as practicable, (ii) as promptly as practicable, obtain from any Governmental Entity or any other third party any Consents required to be obtained or made by Parent or the Company or any of their respective Subsidiaries in connection with the authorization, execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, (iii) defend any lawsuits or other Actions, whether judicial or administrative, challenging this Agreement or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, including seeking to have any stay or temporary restraining order entered by any court or other Governmental Entity vacated or reversed, (iv) as promptly as practicable, make all necessary filings, and thereafter make any other required submissions, with respect to this Agreement and the Merger required under (A) the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, and any other applicable Federal or state securities Laws, and (B) any other applicable Law and (v) execute or deliver any additional instruments necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated by, and to fully carry out the purposes of, this Agreement. Parent and the Company shall cooperate with each other in connection with the making of all such filings, including providing copies of all such documents to the non-filing party and its advisors prior to filing and, if requested, considering in good faith all reasonable additions, deletions or changes suggested in connection therewith. Parent and the Company shall use their respective reasonable best efforts to furnish to each other all information required for any application or other filing to be made pursuant to any applicable Law in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

(b) In connection with and without limiting Section 6.03(a), the Company and the Company Board and Parent and the Parent Board shall (i) take all action reasonably appropriate to ensure that no state takeover statute or similar statute or regulation is or becomes applicable to this Agreement or any transaction contemplated by this Agreement and (ii) if any state takeover statute or similar statute or regulation becomes applicable to this Agreement or any transaction contemplated by this Agreement, take all action reasonably appropriate to ensure that the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby may be consummated as promptly as practicable on the terms contemplated by this Agreement.

(c) Upon the terms and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Parent and the Company agree, and shall cause each of their respective Subsidiaries, to cooperate and use their respective reasonable best efforts to (i) obtain any FCC Consents, PSC Consents, and Local Consents, and to make any registrations, declarations, notices or filings, if any, necessary for the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby, (ii) in consultation and cooperation with the other, as promptly as practicable file all applications required to be filed with the FCC (the "FCC Applications"), any State Regulators (the "PSC Applications") and any Localities to obtain the FCC Consents, PSC Consents and Local Consents, respectively, (iii) respond as promptly as practicable to any requests of the FCC, any State Regulator, or any Locality for information relating to any FCC Application or PSC Application, as applicable; provided, that each of Parent and the Company shall consult with the other before communicating with any Governmental Entity relating to these matters, and to the extent permitted by applicable Law and reasonably practicable shall enable the other party to participate in each such communication, and (iv) cure, not later than the Effective Time, any material violations or defaults under any FCC Rules or rules of any State Regulator or Locality.

(d) Upon the terms and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Parent and the Company agree, and shall cause each of their respective Subsidiaries, to cooperate and to use their respective reasonable best efforts to obtain any Consents of any Governmental Entity, and to make any registrations, declarations, notices or filings, if any, necessary for Closing under the HSR Act, and any other Federal, state or foreign Law designed to prohibit, restrict or regulate actions for the purpose or effect of monopolization, restraint of trade or regulation of foreign investment (collectively, "Antitrust Laws"), to respond to any requests of any Governmental Entity for information under any Antitrust Law, to secure the expiration or termination of any applicable waiting period, to resolve any objections asserted with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby raised by any Governmental Entity and to contest and resist any action, including any legislative, administrative or judicial action, and to prevent the entry of any court order and to have vacated, lifted, reversed or overturned any Judgment (whether temporary, preliminary or permanent) that restricts, prevents or prohibits the consummation of the Merger or any other transactions contemplated hereby under any Antitrust Law.

(e) Subject to applicable Law and the instructions of any Governmental Entity, Parent and the Company shall in good faith cooperate, consult and consider the other's views in order to jointly develop (but subject to Parent's final approval (not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed)), (x) the strategy for obtaining any Consents from any Governmental Entity (including the FCC Consents, PSC Consents and Local Consents) in connection with the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby and (y) the positions to be taken and the regulatory actions to be requested in any filing or submission with a Governmental Entity in connection with the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby and in connection with any investigation or other inquiry or Action by or before, or any negotiations with, a Governmental Entity relating to the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby and of all other regulatory matters incidental thereto.

(f) For the purposes of this Section 6.03, "reasonable best efforts" shall include taking any and all actions necessary to obtain the Consents of any Governmental Entity (including the FCC Consents, PSC Consents and Local Consents) required to consummate the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby prior to the End Date; provided that nothing in this Agreement shall permit the Company or the Company Subsidiaries (without the prior written consent of Parent) or require Parent or the Parent Subsidiaries to take or refrain from taking, or agree to take or refrain from taking, any action or actions that, individually or in the aggregate, would be reasonably likely to have a either a Parent Material Adverse Effect or Company Material Adverse Effect (each a "<u>Burdensome Condition</u>"). For the avoidance of doubt, notwithstanding any request or consent of Parent to do so, in no event shall the Company or the Company Subsidiaries be required to submit to a Burdensome Condition unless such Burdensome Condition is conditioned in all respects upon the consummation of the Merger and will not be effective for any purpose until after the Effective Time, and any such Burdensome Condition imposed on the Company or the Company Subsidiaries at the request of or with the consent of Parent shall not affect any representation or warranty of the Company under this Agreement or any condition under Section 7.01 or Section 7.03 to the obligation of Parent and Merger Sub to effect the Merger.

SECTION 6.04. <u>Stock Awards</u>. (a) As soon as practicable following the date of this Agreement, the Company Board (or, if appropriate, any committee administering the Company Stock Plans) shall adopt such resolutions or take such other actions as may be required to effect the following:

(i) adjust the terms of each Cash-Out RSU that is outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time to provide that, as of the Effective Time, each such Cash-Out RSU shall be canceled and the holder thereof shall, automatically and without any required action on the part of the holder thereof, become entitled to receive solely, in full satisfaction of the rights of such holder with respect thereto, (A) the Merger Consideration (which shall be (1) the Share Consideration in respect of each Share Election RSU Share, (2) the Mixed Consideration in respect of each Mixed Election RSU Share and Non-Election RSU Share and (3) the Cash Consideration in respect of each Cash Election RSU Share, based on such holder's election or Non-Election in accordance with Section 2.04) for each share of Company Common Stock subject to such Cash-Out RSU immediately prior to the Effective Time and (B) a cash payment equal to any accrued dividend equivalents in respect of each such Cash-Out RSU, provided that, (x) with respect to any Cash-Out RSU that is a Company PSU, the number of shares of Company Common Stock deemed subject to such Cash-Out RSU immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be based upon actual performance during the two years following the date of grant of the applicable Cash-Out RSU (if such two-year period has concluded prior to the Effective Time) or during the period beginning on the date of grant of the applicable Cash-Out RSU and ending as of the Effective Time (if such two-year period has not concluded prior to the Effective Time) as reasonably determined by the Company Board in good faith (or, if appropriate, any committee thereof) in consultation with Parent immediately prior to the Effective Time and (y) each such holder shall be entitled to receive, in lieu of any fractional Parent Common Shares that would result from the calculation in this Section 6.04(a)(i), a cash payment calculated in the manner set forth in Section 2.02(f);

(ii) adjust the terms of each Rollover RSU that is outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time to provide that, as of the Effective Time, each such Rollover RSU shall, automatically and without any required action on the part of the holder thereof, be converted into a time-based restricted stock unit of Parent, with respect to a number of Parent Common Shares (rounded down to the nearest whole share) determined by multiplying the number of shares of Company Common Stock subject to such Rollover RSU by the RSU Exchange Ratio (each, an "<u>Adjusted RSU</u>"), subject to substantially the same terms and conditions as were applicable to such Rollover RSU immediately prior to the Effective Time (except that any performance-based vesting conditions or requirements shall no longer apply) <u>provided</u> that, with respect to any Rollover RSU that is a Company PSU, the number of shares of Company Common Stock deemed subject to such Rollover RSU immediately prior to the Effective Time shall be based upon the target level of performance;

(b) The holder of any Cash-Out RSU shall be entitled to make a Share Election, Mixed Election or Cash Election with respect to each share of Company Common Stock subject to such Cash-Out RSU in accordance with Section 2.04 (and subject to Section 2.05). Any such holder who makes a Non-Election shall receive the Mixed Consideration pursuant to this Section 6.04 in respect of each Non-Election RSU Share. Parent shall pay any cash amounts payable pursuant to this Section 6.04 as soon as reasonably practicable (but in any event no later than 20 Business Days) after the Effective Time. All amounts (whether in the form of cash or equity) payable pursuant to this Section 6.04 shall be subject to any required withholding of taxes and shall be paid without interest.

(c) At the Effective Time, Parent shall assume all of the obligations of the Company under the Company Stock Plans, each Adjusted RSU and the agreements evidencing the grants thereof. As soon as practicable after the Effective Time, Parent shall deliver to the holders of Adjusted RSUs appropriate notices setting forth such holders' rights pursuant to the respective Company Stock Plans, and the agreements evidencing the grants of such Adjusted RSUs shall continue in effect on the same terms and conditions (subject to the adjustments required by this Section 6.04 after giving effect to the Merger).

(d) Parent shall take all corporate action necessary to reserve for issuance a sufficient number of Parent Common Shares for delivery with respect to the Adjusted RSUs. Prior to the Effective Time, Parent shall cause to be filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-8 (or another appropriate form) registering (to the extent permitted under applicable Law) a number of Parent Common Shares equal to the number of Parent Common Shares subject to the Adjusted RSUs pursuant to Section 6.04(a). Parent shall use reasonable efforts to maintain (to the extent permitted under applicable Law) the effectiveness of such registration statement (and maintain the current status of the prospectus or prospectuses contained therein) for so long as any Adjusted RSUs remain outstanding. The Company shall cooperate with, and assist Parent in the preparation of, such registration statement.

SECTION 6.05. Indemnification, Exculpation and Insurance. (a) Parent agrees that all rights to indemnification, advancement of expenses and exculpation from liabilities for acts or omissions occurring at or prior to the Effective Time now existing in favor of the current or former directors or officers of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries (each, an "Indemnified Person") as provided in their respective charters or bylaws (or comparable organizational documents) and any indemnification or other similar agreements of the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries, in each case as in effect on the date of this Agreement, shall be assumed by Parent in the Merger, without further action, as of the Effective Time and shall survive the Merger and shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with their terms for a period of not less than six years following the Effective Time.

(b) In the event that Parent or any of its successors or assigns (i) consolidates with or merges into any other Person and is not the continuing or surviving corporation or entity of such consolidation or merger or (ii) transfers or conveys all or substantially all of its properties and assets to any Person, then, and in each such case, Parent shall cause proper provision to be made so that the successors and assigns of Parent assume the obligations set forth in this Section 6.05 contemporaneous with the closing of any such consolidation, merger, transfer or conveyance.

(c) At or prior to the Effective Time, the Company shall purchase a fully prepaid, non-cancellable, non-amendable and non-refundable "tail" directors' and officers' liability insurance policy for the Company and the Company Subsidiaries and their current and former directors, officers and employees who are currently covered by the directors' and officers' liability insurance coverage currently maintained by the Company or the Company Subsidiaries in a form reasonably acceptable to the Company that shall provide such directors, officers and employees with coverage for six years following the Effective Time of not less than the existing coverage and have other terms not less favorable to the insured persons than the directors' and officers' liability insurance coverage currently maintained by the Company or the Company Subsidiaries, except that in no event shall the Company pay with respect to such "tail" policy more than 300% of the aggregate annual premium payable by the Company for such insurance policy for the year ended December 31, 2016 (the "Maximum Amount"), and if the Company is unable to obtain the insurance required by this Section 6.05(c) for an amount that is equal to or less than the Maximum Amount, it shall obtain as much comparable "tail" insurance as possible for the years within such six-year period for an amount equal to the Maximum Amount. The "tail" policy obtained pursuant to this Section 6.05(c) shall not be amended, modified, cancelled or revoked by the Company, Parent or the Surviving Corporation.

(d) The provisions of this Section 6.05 (i) shall survive consummation of the Merger, (ii) are intended to be for the benefit of, and will be enforceable by, each indemnified or insured party (including the Indemnified Person), his or her heirs and his or her representatives and (iii) are in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other rights to indemnification or contribution that any such Person may have by contract or otherwise, including under the terms of the respective charters or bylaws or comparable organizational documents of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries.

### SECTION 6.06. Fees and Expenses.

(a) Except as provided below, all fees and expenses incurred in connection with the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby shall be paid by the party incurring such fees or expenses, whether or not such transactions are consummated.

(b) the Company shall pay to Parent a fee of \$11,940,000 (the "Company Termination Fee") if:

(i) Parent terminates this Agreement pursuant to Section 8.01(e); or

(ii) this Agreement is terminated by the Company or Parent pursuant to Section 8.01(b)(i) (but only if the Company Stockholders Meeting has not been held by the End Date) or Section 8.01(b)(iii) and, in either case, (A) a Company Takeover Proposal shall have been publicly made, proposed or communicated by a third party after the date of this Agreement and (x) before the time this Agreement is terminated in the case of a termination under Section 8.01(b)(i) or (y) before the completion of the Company Stockholders Meeting (including any adjournment or postponement thereof) in the case of a termination under Section 8.01(b)(iii) and (B) within 12 months of the date this Agreement is terminated, the Company enters into a definitive agreement with respect to a Company Takeover Proposal or a Company Takeover Proposal is consummated (in each case, whether or not such Company Takeover Proposal was the same Company Takeover Proposal referred to in clause (A)); provided that, for purposes of clauses (B) of this Section 6.06(b)(ii), the references to "15% or more" in the definition of Company Takeover Proposal shall be deemed to be references to "more than 50%".

Any Company Termination Fee due under this Section 6.06(b) shall be paid by wire transfer of same-day funds (x) in the case of clause (i) above, no later than the second Business Day immediately following the date of termination of this Agreement and (y) in the case of clause (ii) above, no later than the second Business Day immediately following the date of the first to occur of the events referred to in clause (ii)(B) above; it being understood that in no event shall the Company be required to pay or cause to be paid the Company Termination Fee on more than one occasion.

(c) The Company acknowledges and agrees that the agreements contained in Section 6.06(b) are an integral part of the transactions contemplated hereby, and that, without these agreements, Parent would not enter into this Agreement. Accordingly, if the Company fails promptly to pay the amount due pursuant to Section 6.06(b) and, in order to obtain such payment, Parent commences an Action that results in a Judgment in its favor for such payment, the Company shall pay to Parent its costs and expenses (including reasonable and documented attorneys' fees and expenses) in connection with such Action, together with interest on the amount of such payment from the date such payment was required to be made until the date of payment at the prime rate as published by *The Wall Street Journal* in effect on the date such payment was required to be made.

(d) In the event that this Agreement is terminated and the Company Termination Fee is paid to Parent in circumstances for which such fee is payable pursuant to Section 6.06(b), payment of the Company Termination Fee shall be the sole and exclusive monetary damages remedy of Parent, Merger Sub and their respective Subsidiaries and any of their respective former, current or future officers, directors, partners, shareholders, managers, members or Affiliates against the Company and the Company Subsidiaries and any of their respective former, current or future officers, directors, partners, shareholders, managers, members or Affiliates (collectively, "Company Related Parties") for any loss suffered as a result of the failure of the Merger or the other transactions contemplated hereby to be consummated or for a breach or failure to perform hereunder or otherwise (so long as, in the event that this Agreement was terminated by the Company, such termination was in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Agreement), and, subject as aforesaid, upon payment of such amount none of the Company Related Parties shall have any further monetary liability or obligation relating to or arising out of this Agreement, the Merger or the other transactions contemplated hereby.

SECTION 6.07. <u>Income Tax Treatment</u>. Without the advance written consent of the Company prior to the Effective Time (which consent may be given or withheld in the sole and absolute discretion of the Company), Parent shall not cause or permit the Company to be combined with another entity following the Effective Time in a manner that (alone or together with other transactions) would result in the Merger being treated other than as a taxable sale of the Company Common Stock by the Company's stockholders for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

SECTION 6.08. <u>Transaction Litigation</u>. The Company shall give Parent the opportunity to participate in the defense or settlement of any stockholder litigation against the Company or its directors relating to the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby, and no such settlement shall be agreed to without the prior written consent of Parent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. Parent shall give the Company the opportunity to participate in the defense or settlement of any shareholder litigation against Parent or its directors relating to the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby, and no such settlement shall be agreed to without the prior written consent of the Company, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

SECTION 6.09. Section 16 Matters. Prior to the Effective Time, the Company, Parent and Merger Sub each shall take all such steps as may be reasonably required to cause (a) any dispositions of Company Common Stock (including derivative securities with respect to Company Common Stock) resulting from the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby, by each individual who will be subject to the reporting requirements of Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act with respect to the Company immediately prior to the Effective Time, to be exempt under Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act and (b) any acquisitions of Parent Common Shares (including derivative securities with respect to Parent Common Shares) resulting from the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby, by each individual who may become or is reasonably expected to become subject to the reporting requirements of Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act with respect to the reporting requirements of Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act with respect to the exempt under Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Effective Time, to be exempt under Rule 16b-3 promulgated to become subject to the reporting requirements of Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act with respect to Parent immediately following the Effective Time, to be exempt under Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act.

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SECTION 6.10. Governance Matters. The Company and Parent shall cause the matters set forth on Exhibit A to

SECTION 6.11. <u>Public Announcements</u>. Parent and the Company shall consult with each other before issuing, and give each other the opportunity to review and comment upon, any press release or other public statements with respect to the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby, and shall not issue any such press release or make any such public statement prior to such consultation, except as may be required by applicable Law, Judgment, court process or the rules and regulations of any national securities exchange or national securities quotation system and except for any matters referred to in, and made in compliance with, Section 5.03. The parties hereto agree that the initial press release to be issued with respect to the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby following execution of this Agreement shall be in the form heretofore agreed to by the parties hereto (the "<u>Announcement</u>"). Notwithstanding the forgoing, this Section 6.11 shall not apply to any press release or other public statement made by the Company or Parent which is consistent with the Announcement and the terms of this Agreement and does not contain any information relating to the Company, Parent, the Merger or the transactions contemplated hereby that has not been previously announced or made public in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

SECTION 6.12. <u>Stock Exchange Listing</u>. Parent shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause the Parent Common Shares to be issued in the Merger to be approved for listing on the NYSE, subject to official notice of issuance, prior to the Closing Date.

SECTION 6.13. <u>Employee Matters</u>. (a) Parent agrees that, during the period commencing at the Effective Time and ending on the first anniversary thereof, the employees of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries who remain in the employment of Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries (including the Company and any Company Subsidiary) after the Effective Time (the "<u>Continuing</u> <u>Employees</u>") shall receive (x) base salary or wages (as applicable), target annual incentive opportunities and, solely with respect to the value thereof, long-term incentive opportunities that are no less favorable in the aggregate than those provided to such Continuing Employees immediately prior to the Effective Time and (y) other employee benefits that are substantially comparable in the aggregate to the benefits provided to such Continuing Employees immediately prior to the Effective Time (excluding, for purposes of determining such comparability, any retention bonus, defined benefit pension or retiree or post-employment welfare benefits, except to the extent required by applicable Law).

(b) Parent shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause each employee benefit plan or program of Parent or its Affiliates in which Continuing Employees and their eligible dependents are eligible to participate after the Effective Time to take into account for purposes of vesting and eligibility (and for purposes of benefit accrual under each vacation and other paid time off plan or program) the service of such Continuing Employees prior to the Effective Time with the Company or any Company Subsidiary (including any predecessors thereto) as if such service were with Parent or its Affiliates, in each case to the same extent that such service was recognized by the Company or any Company Subsidiary immediately prior to the Effective Time under the comparable Company Benefit Plan; provided that no such crediting of service shall be required to the extent it would result in any duplication of benefits.

(c) Parent shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause each employee benefit plan or program that is a group health plan of Parent and its Affiliates (including the Company or any Company Subsidiary) in which Continuing Employees are eligible to participate after the Effective Time (each such employee benefit plan or program, a "<u>New Plan</u>") to (i) waive, or cause the waiver of, all limitations as to preexisting conditions, exclusions and waiting periods with respect to participation and coverage requirements, other than limitations or waiting periods that are already in effect prior to the Effective Time with respect to such Continuing Employee and his or her covered dependents with credit for any co-payments and deductibles paid during the plan year of and prior to any change in coverage from a Company Benefit Plan to such New Plan in satisfying any applicable deductible or out-of-pocket requirements under such New Plan.

(d) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary and without limiting the generality of Section 9.07, the parties hereby acknowledge and agree that all provisions contained in this Section 6.13 are included for the sole benefit of the parties, and that nothing in this Agreement, whether express or implied, (i) shall be treated as an amendment or other modification of any Company Benefit Plan, Company Collective Bargaining Agreement, New Plan or other employee benefit plan, program, policy, arrangement or agreement (or an undertaking to amend any such plan or arrangement), (ii) shall limit the right of Parent, the Company or their respective Affiliates to terminate, amend or otherwise modify any Company Benefit Plan, Company Collective Bargaining Agreement, New Plan or agreement following the Effective Time or (iii) shall create any third-party beneficiary or other right (A) in any other Person, including any Company Participant or any participant in any Company Benefit Plan, Company Collective Bargaining Agreement, New Plan or other employee benefit plan, program, policy, arrangement or agreement following the Effective Time or (iii) shall create any third-party beneficiary or other right (A) in any other Person, including any Company Participant or any participant in any Company Benefit Plan, Company Collective Bargaining Agreement, New Plan or other employee benefit plan, program, policy, arrangement or agreement (or any dependent or beneficiary thereof) or (B) to continued employment with Parent or the Company or any of their respective Affiliates.

SECTION 6.14. <u>Parent Vote</u>. Parent shall vote, or cause to be voted, any Company Common Stock beneficially owned by it or any of the Parent Subsidiaries or with respect to which it or any of the Parent Subsidiaries has the power (by agreement, proxy or otherwise) to cause to be voted, in favor of the adoption of this Agreement at the Company Stockholders Meeting or any other meeting of stockholders of the Company at which this Agreement shall be submitted for approval and at all adjournments or postponements thereof.

SECTION 6.15. <u>Obligations of Merger Sub</u>. Parent shall cause Merger Sub to perform its obligations under this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement.

## SECTION 6.16. Financing.

(a) Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Parent shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain the Debt Financing on the terms and conditions (including "market flex" provisions) described in the Debt Financing Commitment, including using its commercially reasonable efforts to (i) comply with its obligations under the Debt Financing Commitment and any definitive agreements related thereto (the "Debt Financing Documents"), (ii) maintain in effect the Debt Financing Commitment, (iii) negotiate and enter into Debt Financing Documents on a timely basis on terms and conditions (including the "market flex" provisions) contained in the Debt Financing Commitment or otherwise not materially less favorable with respect to conditionality to Parent in the aggregate than those contained in the Debt Financing Commitment, (iv) satisfy on a timely basis all conditions contained in the Debt Financing Commitment that are applicable to Parent and within its control, including the payment of any commitment, engagement or placement fees required as a condition to the Debt Financing and (v) if all conditions to the Debt Financing Commitment have been satisfied, cause the Commitment Parties to consummate the Debt Financing at or prior to the Closing Date (it being understood that it is not a condition to Closing under this Agreement for Parent to obtain the Debt Financing). Parent shall give the Company prompt notice upon having knowledge of any breach by any Commitment Party under the Debt Financing Documents or any termination of any of the Debt Financing Documents. Other than as set forth in this Section 6.16, Parent shall not, without the prior written consent of the Company, amend, modify, supplement or waive any of the conditions or contingencies to funding contained in the Debt Financing Documents or any other provision of, or remedies under, the Debt Financing Documents (other than in accordance with the "market flex" provisions), in each case to the extent such amendment, modification, supplement or waiver (i) would reasonably be expected to have the effect of (A) adversely affecting the ability of Parent to timely consummate the Merger and other transactions contemplated by this Agreement or (B) delaying the Closing or (ii) contains conditions and other terms that would reasonably be expected to affect the availability of the Debt Financing that are more onerous, taken as a whole, than those conditions and terms contained in the Debt Financing Commitment as of the date hereof; provided that notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, Parent shall be entitled from time to time to (x) amend, restate, replace, supplement or otherwise modify, or waive any of its rights under, the Debt Financing Commitment or substitute other financing for all or any portion of the Debt Financing from the same or alternative financing sources, and (y) amend, restate, replace, supplement or otherwise modify the Debt Financing Commitment for the purpose of adding agents, co-agents, lenders, arrangers, bookrunners or other persons that have not executed the Debt Financing Commitment as of the date hereof, in each case, subject to subclauses (i) and (ii) above. Upon any such amendment, supplement or modification, in accordance with the terms of this Section 6.16(a), the term "Debt Financing Commitment" shall mean for all purposes of this Agreement the Debt Financing Commitment as so amended, supplemented or modified. Parent shall promptly deliver to the Company true and complete copies of any such amendment, supplement or modification (subject, in the case of any fee letter or engagement letter, to customary redactions (none of which redacted terms would reasonably be expected to adversely affect the principal amount or availability of the Debt Financing)).

(b) In the event that all or any portion of the Debt Financing becomes unavailable, Parent shall use its reasonable best efforts to (i) promptly obtain the Debt Financing or such portion of the Debt Financing from alternative sources in an amount sufficient, when added to any portion of the Debt Financing that is available and cash on hand and other readily available liquidity, to pay in cash all amounts required to be paid by Parent in cash in connection with the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby ("<u>Alternative Debt Financing</u>") and (ii) obtain a new financing commitment letter (the "<u>Alternative Debt Commitment Letter</u>") and a new definitive agreement with respect thereto that provides for financing (A) on terms not materially less favorable, in the aggregate, to Parent (taking into account the "market flex" provisions of the existing Debt Financing Commitment), (B) containing conditions and other terms that would reasonably be expected to affect the availability thereof that (1) are not more onerous, taken as a whole, than those conditions and terms contained in the Debt Financing Commitment as of the date hereof and (2) would not reasonably be expected to delay the Closing and (C) in an amount that is sufficient, when added to any portion of the Debt Financing that is available and cash on hand and other readily available liquidity, to pay in cash all amounts required to be paid by Parent in cash in connection with the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby. In such event, the term "Debt Financing" as used in this Agreement shall be deemed to include any Alternative Debt Commitment Letter. For the avoidance of doubt, the parties hereto agree that the Company shall cooperate with Parent to obtain any Alternative Debt Financing in the manner set forth in Section 6.16(c).

(c) Prior to the Effective Time, the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts, and shall cause the Company's wholly owned Subsidiaries to use commercially reasonable efforts to, provide, and shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause any Representative retained by the Company to provide, all cooperation reasonably requested by Parent in connection with any debt financing by Parent, including the Debt Financing, including: (i) participating in meetings (including with prospective Financing Sources), drafting sessions, road shows, due diligence sessions and rating agency presentations; (ii) furnishing Parent and Financing Sources with the financial information required by the Debt Financing Commitment, from the Commitment Parties, audited consolidated balance sheets and related statements of income, stockholders' equity and cash flows of the Company for the three most recently completed fiscal years ended at least 90 days prior to the Closing Date, unaudited consolidated balance sheets and related statements of income, stockholders' equity and cash flows of the Company for each subsequent fiscal quarter ended at least 45 days before the Closing Date (and comparable periods for the prior fiscal year) (which shall have been reviewed by the Company's independent accountants as provided in SAS 100) and information (financial or otherwise) regarding the Company and the Company Subsidiaries that is reasonably necessary for Parent to prepare pro forma financial statements under and in accordance with Article 11 of Regulation S-X and the relevant SEC rules and regulations applicable thereto for registration statements on Form S-1, as well as business and other financial information of the type required in a registered offering by Regulation S-X and Regulation S-K under the Securities Act (such information, the "Required Financial Information"); provided, however, that the Required Financial Information shall be deemed to have been furnished to Parent and to the Financing Sources to the extent included in the Company's periodic reports under the Exchange Act as and when filed with the SEC; (iii) assisting Parent and the Financing Sources in the preparation of (A) a customary bank information memorandum (as well as a public-side version thereof) for the Debt Financing and any other debt financing by Parent, (B) materials for rating agency presentations and (C) prospectuses, offering memoranda and private placement memoranda (including any pro forma financial statements included therein); (iv) using its commercially reasonable efforts to cause it current or former independent accountants to provide assistance and cooperation in the Debt Financing (including any offering of debt securities in lieu of the Debt Financing Commitment) or any other debt financing by Parent, including (A) participating in a reasonable number of drafting sessions and accounting due diligence sessions, (B) providing any necessary written consents to use their audit reports relating to the Company and the Company Subsidiaries and to be named as an "Expert" in any document related to any Debt Financing (including any offering of debt securities in lieu of the Debt Financing Commitment) or any other debt financing by Parent and (C) providing any customary "comfort" letters (including customary "negative assurance" comfort); (v) assisting Parent with the preparation of any definitive agreements related to the Debt Financing Commitment by providing any information related to the Company that is required to be delivered thereunder (including any schedules thereto and, to the extent required by the Debt Financing Documents, any financial projections required to be delivered thereunder); (vi) executing and delivering (or using commercially reasonable efforts to obtain) customary certificates, accountants' comfort letters (which shall provide "negative assurance" comfort), consents, legal opinions and negative assurance letters in connection with the Debt Financing or any other debt financing by Parent; (vii) using commercially reasonable efforts to pledge collateral and grant guaranties in connection with the Debt Financing or any other debt financing by Parent, including delivery of certificates representing equity interests constituting collateral, intellectual property filings with respect to intellectual property constituting collateral and mortgages with respect to owned real property constituting collateral; (viii) facilitating the receipt of documentation that will evidence the repayment of existing Indebtedness of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries and releases of any Liens securing existing Indebtedness of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries, in each case upon the repayment of such Indebtedness substantially concurrently with the initial funding of the Debt Financing (including providing executed and customary payoff letters in respect of existing Indebtedness for borrowed money, which provide for the termination of all commitments of the lenders thereof, the payment and satisfaction of all obligations of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries in connection therewith (other than customary indemnity and other obligations that survive the repayment of Indebtedness) and the release of all Liens on the Company's and the Company Subsidiaries' properties and assets securing the Company's and the Company Subsidiaries' obligations in connection therewith); (ix) providing the Financing Sources and any other financing sources in connection with a debt financing by Parent with all customary documentation and other information required by regulatory authorities and as reasonably requested by Parent with respect to the Company and the Company Subsidiaries in connection with applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the USA PATRIOT ACT, Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001), provided that such documentation and/or information requests are provided to the Company at least five Business Days prior to any deadline prescribed by the Financing Sources; and (x) consenting to the reasonable use of the Company's and the Company Subsidiaries' trademarks, service marks or logos in connection with the Debt Financing or any other debt financing by Parent prior to the Closing Date; provided that the Company and the Company Subsidiaries shall not be required to pay any commitment or other similar fee or incur any other liability in connection with the Debt Financing or any other debt financing by Parent; provided further, that (A) nothing herein shall require any cooperation to the extent it would interfere unreasonably with the business or operations of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries, (B) neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary shall be required to take any corporate action with respect to any Debt Financing (including with respect to any board approvals) or other debt financing by Parent, and (C) the effectiveness of any documentation executed by the Company or the Company Subsidiaries with respect thereto (solely in the case of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries) shall be subject to the consummation of the Closing (and the Company and the Company Subsidiaries shall not be required to execute any solvency, 10b-5 or other certificates prior to the Closing). Parent acknowledges and agrees that none of the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries or any of their respective managers, directors, officers, employees, representatives and advisors (including legal, financial and accounting advisors) shall incur any liability to any person under or in connection with the Debt Financing or any other debt financing by Parent prior to the Closing. Except in the case of losses arising or resulting from fraud, intentional or willful misrepresentation,

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gross negligence, willful misconduct or willful concealment, in each case as determined by a final, non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction, Parent shall indemnify and hold harmless the Company and the Company Subsidiaries and their respective managers, directors, officers, employees, representatives and advisors (including legal, financial and accounting advisors) from and against any and all liabilities, costs and expenses suffered or incurred by them in connection with the arrangement of the Debt Financing, any alternative Debt Financing or any other debt financing by Parent for which cooperation is requested under this Section 6.16 and any information utilized in connection therewith (other than information provided by or on behalf of the Company expressly for use in connection therewith). Parent shall, upon the request of the Company, promptly reimburse the Company for all documented out-of-pocket costs or expenses reasonably incurred by the Company in connection with cooperation provided for in this Section 6.16. For the avoidance of doubt, Parent and Merger Sub expressly acknowledge and agree that their respective obligations to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are not subject to any condition or contingency with respect to receipt of the Debt Financing or any financing or funding by any third party.

SECTION 6.17. <u>Voting Agreement</u>. The Company shall instruct its transfer agent not to register the transfer of any Subject Shares (as defined in the Voting Agreement) made or attempted to be made in violation of the Voting Agreement.

## ARTICLE VII

#### **Conditions Precedent**

SECTION 7.01. <u>Conditions to Each Party's Obligation to Effect the Merger</u>. The respective obligation of each party to effect the Merger is subject to the satisfaction or waiver on or prior to the Closing Date of the following conditions:

(a) Company Stockholder Approval. The Company Stockholder Approval shall have been obtained.

(b) <u>Listing</u>. The Parent Common Shares issuable as Merger Consideration pursuant to this Agreement shall have been approved for listing on the NYSE, subject to official notice of issuance.

(c) <u>Antitrust</u>. Any waiting period applicable to the Merger under the HSR Act shall have been terminated or shall have expired.

(d) <u>FCC</u>, <u>State and Local Approvals</u>. The FCC Consents, the PSC Consents and the Local Consents set forth on <u>Section 7.01(d)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter shall have been obtained, shall not be subject to agency reconsideration or judicial review, and the time for any person to petition for agency reconsideration or judicial review shall have expired.

(e) <u>No Legal Restraints</u>. No applicable Law and no Judgment, preliminary, temporary or permanent, or other legal restraint and no binding order or determination by any Governmental Entity (collectively, the "<u>Legal Restraints</u>") shall be in effect that prevents, restrains, enjoins, makes illegal or otherwise prohibits the consummation of the Merger or imposes any Burdensome Condition on the consummation of the Merger and no Action by a Governmental Entity shall be pending that seeks to prevent, restrain, enjoin, make illegal or otherwise prohibit the consummation of the Merger or to impose any Burdensome Condition on the consummation of the Merger.

(f) Form S-4. The Form S-4 shall have been declared effective by the SEC under the Securities Act. No stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Form S-4 shall have been issued by the SEC and no Actions for that purpose shall have been initiated or threatened by the SEC.

SECTION 7.02. <u>Conditions to Obligations of the Company</u>. The obligation of the Company to consummate the Merger is further subject to the following conditions:

(a) <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. The representations and warranties of Parent and Merger Sub contained in this Agreement (except for the representations and warranties contained in Section 3.03) shall be true and correct (without giving effect to any limitation as to "materiality" or "Parent Material Adverse Effect" set forth therein) at and as of the date of this Agreement and at and as of the Closing Date as if made at and as of such time (except to the extent expressly made as of an earlier date, in which case as of such earlier date), except where the failure of such representations and warranties to be true and correct (without giving effect to any limitation as to "materiality" or "Parent Material Adverse Effect" set forth therein), individually or in the aggregate, has not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect, and the representations and warranties of Parent and Merger Sub contained in Section 3.03 shall be true and correct in all material respects at and as of an earlier date, in which case as of such earlier date). The Company shall have received a certificate signed on behalf of each of Parent and Merger Sub by an executive officer of each of Parent and Merger Sub, respectively, to such effect.

(b) <u>Performance of Obligations of Parent and Merger Sub</u>. Parent and Merger Sub shall have performed in all material respects all material obligations required to be performed by them under this Agreement at or prior to the Closing Date, and the Company shall have received a certificate signed on behalf of each of Parent and Merger Sub by an executive officer of each of Parent and Merger Sub, respectively, to such effect.

(c) <u>Absence of Parent Material Adverse Effect</u>. Since the date of this Agreement, there shall not have occurred any event or development that, individually or in the aggregate, has had or would reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect.

SECTION 7.03. <u>Conditions to Obligation of Parent</u>. The obligation of Parent and Merger Sub to consummate the Merger is further subject to the following conditions:

(a) <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. The representations and warranties of the Company contained in this Agreement (except for the representations and warranties contained in Section 4.03) shall be true and correct (without giving effect to any limitation as to "materiality" or "Company Material Adverse Effect" set forth therein) at and as of the date of this Agreement and at and as of the Closing Date as if made at and as of such time (except to the extent expressly made as of an earlier date, in which case as of such earlier date), except where the failure of such representations and warranties to be true and correct (without giving effect to any limitation as to "materiality" or "Company Material Adverse Effect" set forth therein), individually or in the aggregate, has not had and would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, and the representations and warranties of the Company contained in Section 4.03 shall be true and correct in all material respects at and as of the date of this Agreement and at and as of the Closing Date as if made at and as of such time (except to the extent expressly made as of an earlier date, in which case as of such earlier date). Parent shall have received a certificate signed on behalf of the Company by an executive officer of the Company to such effect.

(b) <u>Performance of Obligations of the Company</u>. The Company shall have performed in all material respects all material obligations required to be performed by it under this Agreement at or prior to the Closing Date, and Parent shall have received a certificate signed on behalf of the Company by an executive officer of the Company to such effect.

(c) <u>Absence of Company Material Adverse Effect</u>. Since the date of this Agreement, there shall not have occurred any event or development that, individually or in the aggregate, has had or would reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### Termination, Amendment and Waiver

SECTION 8.01. <u>Termination</u>. This Agreement may be terminated at any time prior to the Effective Time, whether before or after receipt of the Company Stockholder Approval:

- (a) by mutual written consent of the Company and Parent;
- (b) by either the Company or Parent:

(i) if the Merger is not consummated on or before the End Date. The "<u>End Date</u>" shall mean the date that is fifteen (15) months after the date hereof; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if on the date that is fifteen (15) months after the date hereof; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if on the date that is fifteen (15) months after the date hereof; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if on the date that is fifteen (15) months after the date hereof; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if on the date that is fifteen (15) months after the date hereof the conditions to Closing set forth in any or all of Section 7.01(a), 7.01(c), 7.01(d) or 7.01(e) shall not have been satisfied or waived but all other conditions to Closing shall have been satisfied or waived (or in the case of conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied at the Closing, shall be capable of being satisfied on such date), then the End Date shall be automatically extended to the date that is eighteen (18) months after the date hereof; and <u>provided further</u> that the right to terminate this Agreement under this Section 8.01(b)(i) shall not be available to any party if such failure of the Merger to occur on or before the End Date is the result of a breach of this Agreement by such party (including, in the case of Parent, Merger Sub) or the failure of any representation or warranty of such party (including, in the case of Parent, Merger Sub) contained in this Agreement to be true and correct;

(ii) if the condition set forth in Section 7.01(e) is not satisfied and the Legal Restraint giving rise to such non-satisfaction shall have become final and non-appealable; <u>provided</u> that the terminating party shall have complied with its obligations to use its reasonable best efforts pursuant to Section 6.03;

(iii) if the Company Stockholder Approval is not obtained at the Company Stockholders Meeting duly convened (unless such Company Stockholders Meeting has been adjourned, in which case at the final adjournment thereof);

(c) by the Company, if Parent or Merger Sub shall have breached any of its representations or warranties or failed to perform any of its covenants or agreements contained in this Agreement, which breach or failure (i) would give rise to the failure of a condition set forth in Section 7.02(a) or Section 7.02(b) and (ii) is incapable of being cured or, if capable of being cured by the End Date, Parent and Merger Sub (x) shall not have commenced good faith efforts to cure such breach or failure to perform within 30 calendar days following receipt by Parent or Merger Sub of written notice of such breach or failure to perform from the Company stating the Company's intention to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.01(c) and the basis for such termination or (y) are not thereafter continuing to take good faith efforts to cure such breach or failure to perform; provided that the Company shall not have the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.01(c) if the Company is then in material breach of any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements hereunder;

(d) by Parent, if the Company shall have breached any of its representations or warranties or failed to perform any of its covenants or agreements contained in this Agreement, which breach or failure (i) would give rise to the failure of a condition set forth in Section 7.03(a) or Section 7.03(b) and (ii) is incapable of being cured or, if capable of being cured by the End Date, the Company (x) shall not have commenced good faith efforts to cure such breach or failure to perform within 30 calendar days following receipt by the Company of written notice of such breach or failure to perform from Parent stating Parent's intention to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.01(d) and the basis for such termination or (y) is not thereafter continuing to take good faith efforts to cure such breach or failure to perform; provided that Parent shall not have the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.01(d) if Parent or Merger Sub is then in material breach of any of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements hereunder; or

(e) by Parent, in the event that a Company Adverse Recommendation Change shall have occurred; <u>provided</u> that Parent shall no longer be entitled to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.01(e) if the Company Stockholder Approval is obtained at the Company Stockholders Meeting.

SECTION 8.02. Effect of Termination. In the event of termination of this Agreement by either Parent or the Company as provided in Section 8.01, this Agreement shall forthwith become null and void (other than Section 3.18, Section 4.18, Section 6.06, this Section 8.02, Article IX and the Confidentiality Agreement, all of which shall survive termination of this Agreement) and there shall be no liability on the part of Parent, Merger Sub or the Company or their respective directors, officers and Affiliates, except no such termination shall (i) subject to Section 6.06(e), relieve any party from liability for damages to another party resulting from fraud or any willful and material breach by a party of any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement set forth in this Agreement or (ii) release the Commitment Parties from any liability to Parent under the Debt Financing Commitment.

SECTION 8.03. <u>Amendment</u>. This Agreement may be amended by the parties at any time before or after receipt of the Company Stockholder Approval; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that (i) after receipt of the Company Stockholder Approval, there shall be made no amendment that by Law requires further approval by the stockholders of the Company without the further approval of such stockholders, (ii) no amendment shall be made to this Agreement after the Effective Time and (iii) except as provided above, no amendment of this Agreement shall require the approval of the shareholders of Parent or the stockholders of the Company; <u>provided</u>, further, that Sections 8.02, 8.03, 9.08(a), 9.08(c), 9.11 and 9.12 (in each case, together with any related definitions and other provisions of this Agreement to the extent a modification or termination would serve to modify the substance or provisions or such sections) may not be amended, modified, superseded, canceled or waived in a manner that is adverse to the Commitment Parties or the Financing Sources without the prior written consent of the Commitment Parties. This Agreement may not be amended except by an instrument in writing signed on behalf of each of the parties.

SECTION 8.04. Extension: Waiver. At any time prior to the Effective Time, the parties may (a) extend the time for the performance of any of the obligations or other acts of the other parties, (b) waive any inaccuracies in the representations and warranties contained in this Agreement or in any document delivered pursuant to this Agreement, (c) waive compliance with any covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement or (d) waive the satisfaction of any of the conditions contained in this Agreement. No extension or waiver by Parent shall require the approval of the shareholders of Parent unless such approval is required by Law and no extension or waiver by the Company shall require the approval of the stockholders of the Company unless such approval is required by Law. Any agreement on the part of a party to any such extension or waiver shall be valid only if set forth in an instrument in writing signed on behalf of such party. The failure of any party to this Agreement to assert any of its rights under this Agreement or otherwise shall not constitute a waiver of such rights.

SECTION 8.05. <u>Procedure for Termination, Amendment, Extension or Waiver</u>. A termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section 8.01, an amendment of this Agreement pursuant to Section 8.03 or an extension or waiver pursuant to Section 8.04 shall, in order to be effective, require, in the case of the Company, Parent or Merger Sub, action by its Board of Directors, or the duly authorized designee of its Board of Directors. Termination of this Agreement prior to the Effective Time shall not require the approval of the shareholders of Parent or the stockholders of the Company.

## ARTICLE IX

## General Provisions

SECTION 9.01. <u>Nonsurvival of Representations and Warranties</u>. None of the representations or warranties in this Agreement or in any document or instrument delivered pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement shall survive the Effective Time. This Section 9.01 shall not limit any covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement or in any document or instrument delivered pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement or in part after the Effective Time.

SECTION 9.02. <u>Notices</u>. All notices, requests and other communications to any party hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given if delivered personally, by facsimile (which is confirmed), emailed (which is confirmed) or sent by Federal Express, UPS, DHL or similar courier service (providing proof of delivery) to the parties at the following addresses:

if to the Company, to:

Hawaiian Telcom Holdco, Inc. 1177 Bishop Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Facsimile: (808) 546-8992 Email: john.komeiji@hawaiiantel.com Attention: General Counsel

with a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP 2029 Century Park East Los Angeles, California 90067 Facsimile: (310) 552-7053 Email: jlayne@gibsondunn.com Attention: Jonathan K. Layne

if to Parent or Merger Sub, to:

Cincinnati Bell Inc. 221 East Fourth Street Cincinnati, OH 45202 Facsimile: (513) 721-7358 Email: christopher.wilson@cinbell.com Attention: Christopher J. Wilson, Vice President and General Counsel

with a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP Worldwide Plaza 825 Eighth Avenue New York, New York 10019 Facsimile: (212) 474-3700 Email:RTownsend@cravath.com KHallam@cravath.com Attention:Robert I. Townsend, III, Esq. O. Keith Hallam, III, Esq.

SECTION 9.03. Definitions. For purposes of this Agreement:

An "<u>Affiliate</u>" of any Person means another Person that directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such first Person.

"<u>Available Cash Election Amount</u>" means the remainder of (i) the product of (A) the Mixed Cash Consideration multiplied by (B) the sum of (1) the total number of shares of Company Common Stock (other than shares of Company Common Stock to be cancelled in accordance with Section 2.01(b)) issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time *plus* (2) the total number of shares of Company Common Stock subject to Cash-Out RSUs outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time, *minus* (ii) the product of (A) the total number of Mixed Election Shares, Non-Election Shares, Mixed Election RSU Shares and Non-Election RSU Shares *multiplied by* (B) the Mixed Cash Consideration, *minus* (iii) the product of (A) the total number of Effective Time *multiplied by* (B) the Mixed Cash Consideration, *minus* (iii) the product of (A) the total number of Excluded Shares as of immediately prior to the Effective Time *multiplied by* (B) the Mixed Cash Consideration.

"Business Day" means any day other than (i) a Saturday or a Sunday or (ii) a day on which banking and savings and loan institutions are authorized or required by Law to be closed in New York City.

"<u>Cash Election Amount</u>" means the product of (i) the sum of (A) the number of Cash Election Shares *plus* (B) the number of Cash Election RSU Shares *multiplied by* (ii) the Cash Consideration.

"Cash Election RSU Share" means each share of Company Common Stock subject to a Cash-Out RSU outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time with respect to which the Cash Election has been made.

"Cash-Out RSU" means any Company RSU that is not a Rollover RSU.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Company Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.

"<u>Company Collective Bargaining Agreement</u>" means any collective bargaining or other labor union Contract applicable to any employees of the Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries.

"Company Material Adverse Effect" means a Material Adverse Effect with respect to the Company.

"Company PSU" means any Company RSU that is subject to performance-based vesting or delivery requirements.

"<u>Company RSU</u>" means any restricted stock unit payable in shares of Company Common Stock or whose value is determined with reference to the value of shares of Company Common Stock, whether granted under a Company Stock Plan or otherwise.

"<u>Company Stock Plan</u>" means the Company 2010 Equity Incentive Plan and the Amended and Restated Performance Compensation Plan.

"<u>Financing Sources</u>" means the Commitment Parties and each other Person that has committed to provide or otherwise entered into any commitment letter, engagement letter, credit agreement, underwriting agreement, purchase agreement, placement agreement, indenture or other agreement with Parent or Merger Sub or any of their Affiliates in connection with, or that is otherwise acting as an arranger, bookrunner, underwriter, initial purchaser, placement agent, administrative or collateral agent, trustee or a similar representative in respect of, any Debt Financing and, in each case, their respective Affiliates, officers, directors, employees and representatives involved in the Debt Financing and their respective permitted successors and assigns; provided, for the avoidance of doubt, that "Financing Sources" shall exclude Parent and any of its Affiliates.

"Indebtedness" means, with respect to any Person, without duplication, (i) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money, or with respect to unearned advances of any kind to such Person, (ii) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or similar instruments, (iii) all capitalized lease obligations of such Person, (iv) all guarantees and arrangements having the economic effect of a guarantee of such Person of any Indebtedness of any other Person, (v) all obligations or undertakings of such Person to maintain or cause to be maintained the financial position of others or to purchase the obligations of others, (vi) net cash payment obligations of such Person under swaps, options, derivatives and other hedging agreements or arrangements that will be payable upon termination thereof (assuming they were terminated on the date of determination) or (vii) letters of credit, bank guarantees and other similar contractual obligations entered into by or on behalf of such Person.

"Intellectual Property" means all right, title and interest in or relating to intellectual property, whether protected, created or arising under the Laws of the United States or any other jurisdiction, including: (a) patents (including all applications, reissues, divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, re-examinations, substitutions and extensions thereof) and inventions; (b) trademarks, service marks, trade names and service names, business names, brand names, logos, slogans, trade dress, design rights and other similar designations of source or origin, including any and all goodwill associated with any of the foregoing, along with all applications, registrations, renewals and extensions thereof; (c) internet domain names and social media identifiers, tags and handles; (d) copyrights and copyrightable subject matter and database rights, whether or not registered or published, all registrations and recordations thereof and all applications in connection therewith, along with all reversions, extensions and renewals thereof; and (e) trade secrets, know-how and other information of a confidential nature.

"<u>IT Assets</u>" means all communications networks, data centers, computers, software, firmware, middleware, servers, workstations, routers, hubs, switches, data communications lines, cable modems, fiber optic systems, all other information technology equipment, and all associated documentation.

The "<u>Knowledge</u>" of (a) the Company means the actual knowledge of the individuals listed on Section 9.03(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter after having made reasonable inquiry of those employees of the Company and the Company Subsidiaries primarily responsible for such matters and (b) Parent or Merger Sub means the actual knowledge of the individuals listed on Section 9.03(a) of Parent Disclosure Letter after having made reasonable inquiry of those employees of Parent and the Parent Subsidiaries primarily responsible for such matters.

"<u>Marketing Period</u>" means the first period of 15 consecutive Business Days after the date hereof throughout which (i) Parent shall have the Required Financial Information and (ii) the conditions set forth in Sections 7.01 and 7.03 have been satisfied or waived (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied at the Closing); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that (A) such 15 consecutive Business Day period shall commence no earlier than September 5, 2017, (B) the Marketing Period shall end on any earlier date on which the Debt Financing is consummated and (C) the Marketing Period shall not be deemed to have commenced if, prior to the completion of such 15 consecutive Business Day period, (1) KPMG LLP shall have withdrawn its audit opinion with respect to any year end audited financial statements set forth in the Required Financial Information, or (2) any of the financial statements included in the Required Financial Information shall have been restated or the Company Board shall have determined that a restatement of any such financial statements included in the Required Financial Information is required, in which case the Marketing Period shall be deemed not to commence at the earliest unless and until such restatement has been completed or the Company Board has determined that no restatement shall be required.

"Material Adverse Effect" with respect to any Person means any state of facts, change, effect, condition, development, event or occurrence that, individually or in the aggregate (i) materially and adversely affects the business, properties, financial condition or results of operations of such Person and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, excluding any such state of facts, change, effect, condition, development, event or occurrence to the extent arising out of or in connection with (A) any change generally affecting the economic, financial, regulatory or political conditions in the United States or elsewhere in the world, (B) the outbreak or escalation of hostilities or any acts of war, sabotage or terrorism, or any earthquake, hurricane, tornado, tsunami or other natural disaster, (C) any change that is generally applicable to the industries or markets in which such Person and its Subsidiaries operate, (D) any change in applicable Laws or applicable accounting regulations or principles or authoritative interpretations thereof, (E) any failure, in and of itself, to meet projections, forecasts, estimates or predictions in respect of revenues, EBITDA, free cash flow, earnings or other financial or operating metrics for any period (it being understood that the underlying facts or occurrences giving rise to or contributing to such failure shall be taken into account in determining whether there has been a Material Adverse Effect (except to the extent such underlying facts or occurrences are excluded from being taken into account by clauses (A) through (G) of this definition)), (F) any termination of, reduction in or similar negative impact on relationships, contractual or otherwise, with customers, suppliers, distributors, partners or employees of such Person and its Subsidiaries due to the announcement and performance of this Agreement or the identity of the parties to this Agreement, or (G) any action taken by such Person or its Subsidiaries that is expressly required by this Agreement to be taken by such Person or its Subsidiaries, or that, in the case of the Company and its Subsidiaries, is taken or not taken with the prior express written consent or at the express written direction of Parent or that, in the case of Parent and its Subsidiaries, is taken or not taken with the prior express written consent or at the express written direction of the Company; provided, that any state of facts, change, effect, condition, development, event or occurrence referred to in clause (A) or clause (D) may be taken into account in determining whether there has been, or would reasonably be expected to be, a Material Adverse Effect to the extent such effect, change, event or occurrence has a disproportionate adverse effect on such Person and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, as compared to other participants in the industry in which such Person and its Subsidiaries operate (in which case the incremental disproportionate impact or impacts may be taken into account in determining whether there has been, or would reasonably be expected to be, a Material Adverse Effect), (ii) impairs in any material respect the ability of such Person to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or (iii) prevents or materially impedes, interferes with, hinders or delays the consummation of the Merger or the other transactions contemplated hereby.

"<u>Mixed Election RSU Share</u>" means each share of Company Common Stock subject to a Cash-Out RSU outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time with respect to which the Mixed Election has been made.

"<u>Non-Election RSU Share</u>" means each share of Company Common Stock subject to a Cash-Out RSU outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time with respect to which there has been a Non-Election.

"Parent Board" means the Board of Directors of the Parent.

"Parent Material Adverse Effect" means a Material Adverse Effect with respect to Parent.

"Parent PSU" means any Parent RSU that is subject to performance-based vesting or delivery requirements.

"<u>Parent RSU</u>" means any restricted stock unit payable in Parent Common Shares or whose value is determined with reference to the value of Parent Common Shares, whether granted under a Parent Stock Plan or otherwise.

"<u>Parent SAR</u>" means any stock appreciation rights relating the Parent Common Shares, whether granted under a Parent Stock Plan or otherwise.

"Parent Stock Option" means any option to purchase Parent Common Shares, whether granted under a Parent Stock Plan or otherwise.

"<u>Parent Stock Plans</u>" means the Parent 2017 Long-Term Incentive Plan, the Parent 2017 Stock Plan for Non-Employee Directors, Parent 2007 Long Term Incentive Plan, the Parent 2007 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors and the Parent 1997 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors, each as may be amended from time to time.

"<u>Person</u>" means any natural person, firm, corporation, partnership, company, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, association, Governmental Entity or other entity.

"Permitted Liens" means (i) statutory Liens for Taxes not yet delinquent or the amount or validity of which is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which adequate reserves have been established in accordance with GAAP; (ii) mechanics', materialmen's, carriers', workmen's, repairmen's, warehousemen's, landlords' and other similar statutory Liens securing obligations that are not yet due and payable or the validity of which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and incurred in the ordinary course of business; (iii) zoning, entitlement, building and other land use regulations imposed by Governmental Entities; (iv) covenants, conditions, restrictions, easements, rights-of-way, encroachments and other similar matters of public record affecting title to any Parent Real Property or Company Real Property that does not materially impair the occupancy or use of such Parent Real Property or Company Real Property for the purposes for which it is currently used; (v) Liens that, individually or in the aggregate, (A) are not substantial in character, amount or extent in relation to the applicable Parent Real Property or Company Real Property and (B) do not materially and adversely impact the current or contemplated use, utility or value of any such property or otherwise materially and adversely impair the present or contemplated business operations thereon; (vi) Liens arising under worker's compensation, unemployment insurance, social security, retirement and similar legislation; (vii) purchase money Liens and Liens securing rental payments under capital lease arrangements; (viii) the terms and conditions of Real Property Leases to third party tenants disclosed in Section 3.15 of the Parent Disclosure Letter or Section 4.15 of the Company Disclosure Letter; (ix) the terms and conditions of Real Property Leases to which the Company or any Subsidiary is a tenant or occupant disclosed in Section 3.15 of the Parent Disclosure Letter or Section 4.15 of the Company Disclosure Letter; (x) deposits to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts, leases, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, (xi) non-exclusive licenses granted to third parties in the ordinary course of business and (xii) Liens set forth on Section 9.03(b) of the Parent Disclosure Letter or Section 9.03(b) of the Company Disclosure Letter.

"<u>Rollover RSU</u>" means any Company RSU granted on or after January 1, 2017 that does not provide for automatic vesting upon the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

"<u>RSU Exchange Ratio</u>" means the sum of (i) the Mixed Share Consideration *plus* (ii) the quotient of (A) the Mixed Cash Consideration over (B) the closing price of one Parent Common Share on the last trading date preceding the Closing Date as reported on the NYSE.

"<u>Share Election RSU Share</u>" means each share of Company Common Stock subject to a Cash-Out RSU outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time with respect to which the Share Election has been made.

A "<u>Subsidiary</u>" of any Person means another Person, an amount of the voting securities, other voting ownership or voting partnership interests of which is sufficient to elect at least a majority of its Board of Directors or other governing body (or, if there are no such voting interests, more than 50% of the equity interests of which) is owned directly or indirectly by such first Person.

"<u>Taxes</u>" means all taxes, customs, tariffs, imposts, levies, duties, fees or other like assessments or charges of any kind in the nature of a tax imposed by a Governmental Entity, together with all interest, penalties and additions imposed with respect to such amounts.

"Tax Return" means all Tax returns, declarations, statements, reports, schedules, forms and information returns and any amended Tax return relating to Taxes.

SECTION 9.04. Interpretation. When a reference is made in this Agreement to an Article, a Section, Exhibit or Schedule, such reference shall be to an Article of, a Section of, or an Exhibit or Schedule to, this Agreement unless otherwise indicated. The table of contents, index of defined terms and headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. Any capitalized term used in any Exhibit but not otherwise defined therein shall have the meaning assigned to such term in this Agreement. Whenever the words "include", "includes" or "including" are used in this Agreement, they shall be deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation". The words "hereof", "herein" and "hereunder" and words of similar import when used in this Agreement shall refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement. The words "date hereof" when used in this Agreement shall refer to the date of this Agreement. The terms "or", "any" and "either" are not exclusive. The word "extent" in the phrase "to the extent" shall mean the degree to which a subject or other thing extends, and such phrase shall not mean simply "if". The word "will" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word "shall". The words "made available to Parent" and words of similar import refer to documents (A) posted to the online dataroom by or on behalf of the Company by 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on July 8, 2017 or (B) delivered in person or electronically to Parent, Merger Sub or their respective Representatives by 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on July 8, 2017. The words "made available to the Company" and words of similar import refer to documents (A) posted to the online dataroom by or on behalf of Parent by 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on July 8, 2017 or (B) delivered in person or electronically to Company or its Representatives by 10:00 a.m. (New York City time) on July 8, 2017. All accounting terms used and not defined herein shall have the respective meanings given to them under GAAP. All terms defined in this Agreement shall have the defined meanings when used in any document made or delivered pursuant hereto unless otherwise defined therein. The definitions contained in this Agreement are applicable to the singular as well as the plural forms of such terms and to the masculine as well as to the feminine and neuter genders of such term. Any agreement, instrument or Law defined or referred to herein or in any agreement or instrument that is referred to herein means such agreement, instrument or Law as from time to time amended, modified or supplemented, including (in the case of agreements or instruments) by waiver or consent and (in the case of statutes) by succession of comparable successor statutes and references to all attachments thereto and instruments incorporated therein. Unless otherwise specifically indicated, all references to "dollars" or "\$" shall refer to the lawful money of the United States. References to a Person are also to its permitted assigns and successors.

SECTION 9.05. <u>Severability</u>. If any term, condition or other provision of this Agreement is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced by any rule of Law or public policy, all other terms, provisions and conditions of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect. Upon such determination that any term, condition or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Law.

SECTION 9.06. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts (including by facsimile or electronic mail), each of which shall be deemed to be an original but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement, and shall become effective when one or more counterparts have been signed by each of the parties hereto and delivered to the other parties hereto.

SECTION 9.07. Entire Agreement; No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement, including the Company Disclosure Letter and the Parent Disclosure Letter, together with the Confidentiality Agreement, constitutes the entire agreement, and supersedes all other prior agreements and understandings, both written and oral, among the parties and their Affiliates, or any of them, with respect to the subject matter hereof and thereof. This Agreement is not intended to and does not confer upon any Person other than the parties hereto any rights or remedies hereunder, except for: (i) if the Effective Time occurs, the right of the Company's stockholders to receive the Merger Consideration in accordance with Article II; (ii) if the Effective Time occurs, the right of the holders of Cash-Out RSUs to receive such amounts as provided for in Section 6.04; (iii) if the Effective Time occurs, the rights of the Indemnified Persons set forth in Section 6.05 of this Agreement; (iv) the rights of the Company Related Parties set forth in Section 6.06); (v) if the Effective Time occurs, the rights of the Company's stockholders to enforce Section 6.07 of the Agreement; and (vi) the rights of the managers, directors, officers, employees, representatives and advisors of the Company and its Subsidiaries set forth in the third to last sentence of Section 6.16, which are intended for the benefit of the Persons and shall be enforceable by the Persons referred to respectively in clauses (i) through (vi) above. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Commitment Parties and the Financing Sources are express third party beneficiaries of this Section 9.07 and Sections 8.02, 8.03, 9.08(a), 9.08(c), 9.11 and 9.12 (in each case, together with any related definitions and other provisions of this Agreement to the extent a modification or termination would serve to modify the substance or provisions or such sections) and shall be entitled to enforce such provisions directly.

SECTION 9.08. <u>Governing Law</u>. (a) This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the Laws of the State of Delaware applicable to contracts executed in and to be performed entirely within that State, regardless of the Laws that might otherwise govern under any applicable conflict of Laws principles (except that the matters relating to the fiduciary duties of the Parent Board shall be subject to the internal Laws of the State of Ohio); <u>provided</u> that notwithstanding the foregoing, all matters relating to the Debt Financing shall be exclusively governed and construed in accordance with the Laws of the State of New York without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision or rule whether of the State of New York or any other jurisdiction that would cause the application of Law of any jurisdiction other than the State of New York and each of the parties hereto agrees that the waiver of jury trial set forth in Section 9.11 shall be applicable to any such matter.

(b) All Actions arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the Merger or the other transactions contemplated hereby shall be heard and determined in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware or, if the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware declines to accept jurisdiction over any Action, the Superior Court of the State of Delaware (Complex Commercial Division) or, if subject matter jurisdiction over the matter that is the subject of the Action is vested exclusively in the federal courts of the United States of America, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, and any appellate court from any thereof (such courts, the "Selected Courts"). The parties hereto hereby irrevocably (i) submit to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the Selected Courts in any such Action, (ii) waive the defense of an inconvenient forum or lack of jurisdiction to the maintenance of any such Action brought in the Selected Courts, (iii) agree to not contest the jurisdiction of the Selected Courts in any such Action, by motion or otherwise and (iv) agree to not bring any Action arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the Merger or the other transactions contemplated hereby in any court other than the Selected Courts, except for Actions brought to enforce the judgment of any such court. The consents to jurisdiction and venue set forth in this Section 9.08(b) shall not constitute general consents to service of process in the State of Delaware and shall have no effect for any purpose except as provided in this paragraph and shall not be deemed to confer rights on any Person other than the parties hereto. Each party hereto agrees that service of process upon such party in any Action arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be effective if notice is given by Federal Express, UPS, DHL or similar courier service to the address set forth in Section 9.02 of this Agreement. The parties hereto agree that a final judgment in any such Action shall be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by applicable Law; provided, however, that nothing in the foregoing shall restrict any party's rights to seek any post-judgment relief regarding, or any appeal from, a final trial court judgment.

(c) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, each of the parties hereto agrees that it will not bring, or permit any of its Affiliates to bring, any suit, action or other proceeding of any kind or description, whether in law or in equity, whether in contract or in tort or otherwise, against any Commitment Party or any Financing Source arising out of or relating to (x) the Debt Financing or (y) this Agreement or any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement in any forum other than a court of competent jurisdiction located within Borough of Manhattan in the City of New York, New York, whether a state or federal court, and each of the parties hereto agrees that the waiver of jury trial set forth in Section 9.11 shall be applicable to any such suit, action or other proceeding.

SECTION 9.09. <u>Assignment</u>. Neither this Agreement nor any of the rights, interests or obligations hereunder shall be assigned, in whole or in part, by operation of Law or otherwise, by any of the parties hereto without the prior written consent of the other parties hereto, except that Parent may assign, in its sole discretion, all of the rights, interests and obligations of Parent under this Agreement to (i) any wholly owned Subsidiary of Parent or (ii) pursuant to a collateral assignment of all of its rights hereunder to any of its financing sources, but, in each case, no such assignment shall relieve Parent of its obligations under this Agreement. No assignment by any party shall relieve such party of any of its obligations hereunder. Subject to the immediately preceding two sentences, this Agreement shall be binding upon, inure to the benefit of, and be enforceable by, the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns. Any purported assignment not permitted under this Section 9.09 shall be null and void.

SECTION 9.10. Specific Enforcement. The parties hereto agree that irreparable damage for which monetary relief, even if available, would not be an adequate remedy, would occur in the event that any provision of this Agreement is not performed in accordance with its specific terms or is otherwise breached, including if the parties hereto fail to take any action required of them hereunder to consummate this Agreement, the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby. Subject to the following sentence, the parties acknowledge and agree that (a) the parties shall be entitled to an injunction or injunctions, specific performance or other equitable relief to prevent breaches of this Agreement and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions hereof in the courts described in Section 9.08(b) without proof of damages or otherwise, this being in addition to any other remedy to which they are entitled under this Agreement and (b) the right of specific enforcement is an integral part of the Merger and the other transactions contemplated hereby and without that right neither the Company nor Parent would have entered into this Agreement. The parties hereto agree not to assert that a remedy of specific enforcement is unenforceable, invalid or contrary to Law, and not to assert that a remedy of monetary damages would provide an adequate remedy or that the parties otherwise have an adequate remedy at law. The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that any party seeking an injunction or injunctions to prevent breaches of this Agreement and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions of this Agreement in accordance with this Section 9.10 shall not be required to provide any bond or other security in connection with any such order or injunction.

SECTION 9.11. <u>WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL</u>. EACH PARTY ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT ANY CONTROVERSY WHICH MAY ARISE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT IS LIKELY TO INVOLVE COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT ISSUES, AND THEREFORE IT HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY LITIGATION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT AND ANY OF THE AGREEMENTS DELIVERED IN CONNECTION HEREWITH OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY. EACH PARTY CERTIFIES AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT (A) NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER, (B) IT UNDERSTANDS AND HAS CONSIDERED THE IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH WAIVER, (C) IT MAKES SUCH WAIVER VOLUNTARILY AND (D) IT HAS BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVER AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION 9.11.

SECTION 9.12. No Recourse to Financing Sources. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Company (i) agrees on its behalf and on behalf of its Affiliates that none of the Commitment Parties nor the Financing Sources shall have any liability or obligation to the Company and their respective Affiliates relating to this Agreement or any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (including the Debt Financing), (ii) waives any rights or claims against any Commitment Party or any Financing Source in connection with this Agreement (including any of the transactions contemplated hereby) and the Debt Financing, whether at law or equity, in contract, in tort or otherwise and (iii) agrees not to, and shall not, (A) seek to enforce this Agreement against, make any claims for breach of this Agreement, or seek to recover monetary damages (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any special, consequential, punitive, indirect, speculative or exemplary damages or damages of a tortious nature) from, any claims for breach of any Debt Financing against, or seek to recover monetary damages (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any special, consequential, punitive, indirect, speculative or exemplary damages or damages of a tortious nature) from, any commitment Party or any Financing Source or (B) seek to enforce the commitment in respect of any Debt Financing against, make any claims for breach of any Debt Financing against, or seek to recover monetary damages (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any special, consequential, punitive, indirect, speculative or exemplary damages or damages of a tortious nature) from, or otherwise sue, any Commitment Party or any Financing Source for any neason in connection with commitments in respect of any Debt Financing Source for any reason in connection with commitments in respect of any Debt Financing Source for any reason in connection with commitments in respect of any Debt Financing Source for any reason in connection with commitments in respect of any Debt

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Company, Parent and Merger Sub have duly executed this Agreement, all as of the

date first written above.

#### HAWAIIAN TELCOM HOLDCO, INC.

by

/s/ Scott K. Barber

Name:Scott K. Barber Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

#### CINCINNATI BELL INC.

by

/s/ Leigh R. Fox Name: Leigh R. Fox Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

## TWIN ACQUISITION CORP.

by

/s/ Leigh R. Fox

Name: Leigh R. Fox Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

[Signature Page to Merger Agreement]

## Annex A to

## Merger Agreement

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Release Representatives **Required Financial Information** Rollover RSU **RSU** Exchange Ratio SEC Secretary of State Securities Act Selected Courts Share Consideration Share Election Share Election RSU Share Share Election Shares SOX State Regulators Subsidiary Superior Company Proposal Surviving Corporation Surviving Corporation Bylaws Tax Return Taxes Unlicensed Activity Unlicensed Subsidiary USAC Voting Agreement

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## **Governance Matters**

Parent shall take all necessary action to cause, effective at the Effective Time, the Parent Board to be comprised of nine directors from Parent and two directors from the Company. The Company shall name its directors, subject to approval by the Parent Board (not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed).

# FCC 394 EXHIBIT 2
FCC FORM 394 Applicant's Name: Cincinnati Bell Inc. Transferor's Name: Hawaiian Telcom Holdco, Inc. Cable Franchise System(s): Hawaiian Telcom Services Company, Inc.

## EXHIBIT 2

## Part II - Transferee/Assignee

1(c) Attach as an Exhibit the name, mailing address, and telephone number of each additional person who should be contacted, if any.

The following persons are authorized to act on behalf of Transferee:

Patricia Rupich Senior Manager - Regulatory Cincinnati Bell Inc. 221 East Fourth Street Cincinnati, OH 45202 513-397-9900 pat.rupich@cinbell.com

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Andrew D. Lipman Russell M. Blau Joshua M. Bobeck Legal Counsel Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP 1111 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20004 (202) 373-6000 andrew.lipman@morganlewis.com russell.blau@morganlewis.com joshua.bobeck@morganlewis.com

## The following persons are authorized to act on behalf of Transferor and Franchisee:

Steven Golden VP-External Affairs Hawaiian Telcom Services Company, Inc. 1177 Bishop Street Honolulu, HI 96813 808-546-3877 steven.golden@hawaiiantel.com

John T. Komeiji Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel Hawaiian Telcom Services Company, Inc. 1177 Bishop Street Honolulu, HI 96813 808-546-1278 john.komeiji@hawaiiantel.com FCC 394 EXHIBIT 3

## EXHIBIT 3

## Part II - Transferee/Assignee

# 2. Indicate on an attached exhibit any plans to change the current terms and conditions of service and operations of the system as a consequence of the transaction for which approval is sought.

Transferee does not have any plans at this time to change the current terms and conditions of service and operations by Franchisee.

## FCC 394 EXHIBIT 4

## **EXHIBIT 4**

## SECTION III. TRANSFEREE'S/ASSIGNEE'S FINANCIAL QUALIFICATIONS

2. Attach as an Exhibit the most recent financial statements, prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, including a balance sheet and income statement for at least one full year, for the transferee/assignee or parent entity that has been prepared in the ordinary course of business, if any such financial statements are routinely prepared. Such statements, if not otherwise publicly available, may be marked CONFIDENTIAL and will be maintained as confidential by the franchise authority and its agents to the extent permissible under local law.

Please find the most recent annual financial statements of Cincinnati Bell, Inc. on SEC Form 10-K, attached.

A copy of Cincinnati Bell's most recent SEC Form 10-K filed as of February 24, 2017 is also available at:

https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/716133/000071613317000007/0000716133-17-000007-index.htm.

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For each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2016:

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Financial statement schedules other than those listed above have been omitted because the required information is contained in the financial statements and notes thereto, or because such schedules are not required or applicable.

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## MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

The management of Cincinnati Bell Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company") is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Company's internal control system is designed to produce reliable financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework (2013)*. Based on this assessment, management has concluded that, as of December 31, 2016, the Company's internal control over financial reporting is effective based on those criteria.

The effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting has been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report included herein.

February 24, 2017

/s/ Theodore H. Torbeck

Theodore H. Torbeck Chief Executive Officer

/s/ Andrew R. Kaiser

Andrew R. Kaiser Chief Financial Officer

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Shareowners of Cincinnati Bell Inc.

Cincinnati, Ohio

We have audited the internal control over financial reporting of Cincinnati Bell Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2016 based on criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying *Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting*. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the company's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, and effected by the company's board of directors, management, and other personnel to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of internal control over financial reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Also, projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016, based on the criteria established in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016 of the Company and our report dated February 24, 2017 expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial statements and financial statement schedule.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Cincinnati, Ohio

February 24, 2017

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Cincinnati Bell Inc.

#### **REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Directors and Shareowners of Cincinnati Bell Inc.

Cincinnati, Ohio

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Cincinnati Bell Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, shareowners' deficit, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2016. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15. These financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements and financial statement schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cincinnati Bell Inc. and subsidiaries at December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2016, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, such financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016, based on the criteria established in *Internal Control* — *Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated February 24, 2017 expressed an unqualified opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Cincinnati, Ohio

February 24, 2017

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#### Cincinnati Bell Inc. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Dollars in millions, except share amounts)

|  | De       | December 31,<br>2016 |         | cember 31,<br>2015 |
|--|----------|----------------------|---------|--------------------|
| Assets   |          |                      |         |                    |
| Current assets   |          |                      |         |                    |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$       | 9.7                  | \$      | 7.4                |
| Receivables, less allowances of \$9.9 and \$12.4   |          | 178.6                |         | 157.1              |
| Inventory, materials and supplies  |          | 22.7                 |         | 20.0               |
| Prepaid expenses   |          | 15.0                 |         | 13.                |
| Other current assets   |          | 3.9                  |         | 2.2                |
| Total current assets   |          | 229.9                |         | 200.4              |
| Property, plant and equipment, net   |          | 1,085.5              |         | 975.               |
| Investment in CyrusOne   |          | 128.0                |         | 55.:               |
| Goodwill   |          | 14.3                 |         | 14.                |
| Deferred income taxes, net   |          | 64.5                 |         | 182.9              |
| Other noncurrent assets  |          | 18.8                 |         | 17.                |
| Total assets   | \$       | 1,541.0              | \$      | 1,446.4            |
| Liabilities and Shareowners' Deficit   |          |                      | <u></u> |                    |
| Current liabilities  |          |                      |         |                    |
| Current portion of long-term debt  | \$       | 7.5                  | \$      | 13.                |
| Accounts payable   |          | 105.9                |         | 128.               |
| Unearned revenue and customer deposits   |          | 36.3                 |         | 29.2               |
| Accrued taxes  |          | 12.9                 |         | 14.:               |
| Accrued interest   |          | 12.7                 |         | 11.2               |
| Accrued payroll and benefits   |          | 25.7                 |         | 31.2               |
| Other current liabilities  |          | 31.9                 |         | 25.0               |
| Other current liabilities from discontinued operations   |          |                      |         | 5.4                |
| Total current liabilities  | . —      | 232.9                |         | 259.3              |
| Long-term debt, less current portion   |          | 1,199.1              |         | 1,223.             |
| Pension and postretirement benefit obligations   |          | 197.7                |         | 225.0              |
| Other noncurrent liabilities   |          | 33.0                 |         | 36.0               |
| Total liabilities  | -        | 1,662.7              |         | 1,744.0            |
| Shareowners' deficit   | <u>.</u> |                      |         |                    |
| Preferred stock, 2,357,299 shares authorized; 155,250 shares $(3,105,000)$ depositary shares) of 6 $^{3}/_{4}$ % Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock issued and outstanding at December 31, 2016 and 2015; liquidation preference \$1,000 per share (\$50 per depositary share) |          | 129.4                |         | 129.4              |
| Common shares, \$.01 par value; 96,000,000 shares authorized; 42,056,237 and 42,003,600 shares issued; 42,056,237 and 41,975,390 shares outstanding at December 31, 2016 and 2015  |          | 0.4                  |         | 0.4                |
| Additional paid-in capital   |          | 2,570.9              |         | 2,577.3            |
| Accumulated deficit  |          | (2,732.1)            |         | (2,834.2           |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss   |          | (90.3)               |         | (171.0             |
| Common shares in treasury, at cost   |          | . /                  |         | (0.5               |

| Total shareowners' deficit                 | (121.7)       | (298.2)       |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Total liabilities and shareowners' deficit | \$<br>1,541.0 | \$<br>1,446.4 |
|  |               |               |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

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#### Cincinnati Bell Inc. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Dollars in millions, except per share amounts)

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|   | Year Ended December 31, |         |    |             |    |          |  |
|---|-------------------------|---------|----|-------------|----|----------|--|
|   |                         | 2016    |    | 2015        |    | 2014     |  |
| Revenue   |                         |         |    |             |    |          |  |
| Services  | \$                      | 978.7   | \$ | 933.0       | \$ | 890.2    |  |
| Products  |                         | 207.1   |    | 234.8       |    | 271.3    |  |
| Total revenue   |                         | 1,185.8 |    | 1,167.8     |    | 1,161.5  |  |
| Costs and expenses  |                         |         |    |             |    |          |  |
| Cost of services, excluding items below                               |                         | 506.4   |    | 472.5       |    | 416.2    |  |
| Cost of products sold, excluding items below                          |                         | 172.5   |    | 198.1       |    | 231.5    |  |
| Selling, general and administrative                                   |                         | 218.7   |    | 219.1       |    | 204.2    |  |
| Depreciation and amortization   |                         | 182.2   |    | 141.6       |    | 127.6    |  |
| Restructuring and severance related charges (reversals)               |                         | 11.9    |    | 6.0         |    | (0.4)    |  |
| Other   |                         | 1.1     |    | 2.5         |    | 5.5      |  |
| Total operating costs and expenses                                    |                         | 1,092.8 |    | 1,039.8     |    | 984.6    |  |
| Operating income  |                         | 93.0    |    | 128.0       |    | 176.9    |  |
| Interest expense  |                         | 75.7    |    | 103.1       |    | 145.9    |  |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt, net                                   |                         | 19.0    |    | 20.9        |    | 19.6     |  |
| Gain on sale of CyrusOne investment                                   |                         | (157.0) |    | (449.2)     |    | (192.8)  |  |
| Other (income) expense, net   |                         | (7.6)   |    | 2.6         |    | 5.1      |  |
| Income from continuing operations before income taxes                 |                         | 162.9   |    | 450.6       |    | 199.1    |  |
| Income tax expense  |                         | 61.1    |    | 159.8       |    | 81.4     |  |
| Income from continuing operations                                     |                         | 101.8   |    | 290.8       |    | 117.7    |  |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax                |                         | 0.3     |    | 62.9        |    | (42.1)   |  |
| Net income  |                         | 102.1   |    | 353.7       |    | 75.6     |  |
| Preferred stock dividends   |                         | 10.4    |    | 10.4        |    | 10.4     |  |
| Net income applicable to common shareowners                           | \$                      | 91.7    | \$ | 343.3       | \$ | 65.2     |  |
| Basic net earnings per common share                                   |                         |         |    |             |    |          |  |
| Basic earnings per common share from continuing operations            | \$                      | 2.17    | \$ | 6.69        | \$ | 2.57     |  |
| Basic earnings (loss) per common share from discontinued operations   | \$                      | 0.01    | \$ | 1.50        | \$ | (1.01)   |  |
| Basic net earnings per common share                                   | \$                      | 2.18    | \$ | 8.19        | \$ | 1.56     |  |
| Diluted net earnings per common share                                 |                         |         |    | <u>1941</u> |    | ******** |  |
| Diluted earnings per common share from continuing operations          | \$                      | 2.17    | \$ | 6.68        | \$ | .2.56    |  |
| Diluted earnings (loss) per common share from discontinued operations | \$                      | 0.01    | \$ | 1.49        | \$ | (1.00)   |  |
| Diluted net earnings per common share                                 | \$                      | 2.18    | \$ | 8.17        | \$ | 1.56     |  |
|   |                         |         |    |             |    |          |  |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding (millions)                 |                         |         |    |             |    |          |  |
| Basic   |                         | 42.0    |    | 41.9        |    | 41.7     |  |
| Diluted   |                         | 42.1    |    | 42.0        |    | 41.9     |  |
|   |                         |         |    |             |    |          |  |

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|-------------|---|--|---|---|
| <br>2016    |   | 2015   |   | 2014  |
| \$<br>102.1 | \$  | 353.7  | \$  | 75.6  |
|             |   |  |   |   |
| 68.1        |   |  |   |   |
| (0.1)       |   | (0.4)  |   | (0.1)   |
|             |   |  |   |   |
| 6.6         |   | (6.6)  |   | (45.4)  |
| (9.4)       |   | (9.8)  |   | (9.8)   |
| 15.5        |   | 19.5   |   | 14.7  |
|             |   | 0.2  |   |   |
| <br>80.7    |   | 2.9  |   | (40.6)  |
| \$<br>182.8 | \$  | 356.6  | \$  | 35.0  |
| t           | 2016<br>\$ 102.1<br>68.1<br>(0.1)<br>6.6<br>(9.4)<br>15.5<br><br>80.7 | 2016<br>\$ 102.1 \$<br>68.1<br>(0.1)<br>6.6<br>(9.4)<br>15.5<br><br>80.7 | $\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ | $\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$ |

#### Cincinnati Bell Inc. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Dollars in millions)

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#### Cincinnati Bell Inc. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREOWNERS' DEFICIT (in millions)

|   | Con    | Cumulative<br>vertible<br>red Shares | Comm          | on Shares   | Additional           |     | cumulated     | Accumulated<br>Other<br>Comprehensive | Treasu | ry Shares |           |
|---|--------|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------------|-----|---------------|---------------------------------------|--------|-----------|-----------|
|   | Shares | Amount                               | Shares        | Amount      | – Paid-in<br>Capital | -A0 | Deficit       | Loss                                  | Shares | Amount    | Total     |
| Balance at December<br>31, 2013                       | 3.1    | \$ 129.4                             | 41.7          | \$ 0.4      | \$ 2,592.3           | \$  | (3,263.5)     | \$ (133.3)                            | (0.1)  | \$ (2.0)  | \$(676.7) |
| Net income  |        |                                      |               |             |                      |     | 75.6          |                                       |        |           | 75.6      |
| Other comprehensive loss                              | —      |                                      |               |             |                      |     | <b>Market</b> | (40.6)                                | —      | _         | (40.6)    |
| Shares issued under<br>employee plans                 | _      | _                                    | 0.2           |             | 1.4                  |     | _             | _                                     | —      |           | 1.4       |
| Shares purchased<br>under employee plans<br>and other | _      | _                                    |               |             | (2.0)                |     |               |                                       | _      | 0.9       | (1.1)     |
| Stock-based compensation                              |        | _                                    |               |             | 3.3                  |     | _             |                                       | —      | _         | 3.3       |
| Dividends on<br>preferred stock                       |        |                                      |               |             | (10.4)               |     |               |                                       |        |           | (10.4)    |
| Balance at December<br>31, 2014                       | 3.1    | 129.4                                | 41.9          | 0.4         | 2,584.6              |     | (3,187.9)     | (173.9)                               | (0.1)  | (1.1)     | (648.5)   |
| Net income  | —      | —                                    | Second second |             |                      |     | 353.7         | —                                     |        |           | 353.7     |
| Other comprehensive income                            |        | _                                    |               |             |                      |     |               | 2.9                                   |        |           | 2.9       |
| Shares issued under<br>employee plans                 | _      |                                      | 0.1           |             | 0.1                  |     |               |                                       |        |           | 0.1       |
| Shares purchased under<br>employee plans and<br>other | _      | _                                    |               | _           | (0.7)                |     | _             |                                       | _      | 0.6       | (0.1)     |
| Stock-based compensation                              | _      | _                                    | _             | <u></u>     | 4.1                  |     |               |                                       |        | _         | 4.1       |
| Dividends on preferred<br>stock                       |        |                                      |               | . <u></u>   | (10.4)               |     |               |                                       |        |           | (10.4)    |
| Balance at December<br>31, 2015                       | 3.1    | 129.4                                | 42.0          | 0.4         | 2,577.7              |     | (2,834.2)     | (171.0)                               | (0.1)  | (0.5)     | (298.2)   |
| Net income  |        |                                      | —             |             | _                    |     | 102.1         |                                       | _      |           | 102.1     |
| Other comprehensive income                            | _      | _                                    |               |             | —                    |     | _             | 80.7                                  |        |           | 80.7      |
| Shares issued under<br>employee plans                 |        |                                      | 0.3           | <del></del> | 3.6                  |     | _             |                                       | _      | —         | 3.6       |
| Shares purchased<br>under employee plans<br>and other | _      |                                      |               |             | (0.3)                |     | _             | _                                     | 0.1    | 0.5       | 0.2       |
| Stock-based compensation                              | _      |                                      | _             |             | 5.1                  |     |               |                                       |        |           | 5.1       |
| Repurchase and<br>retirement of shares                |        |                                      | (0.2)         |             | (4.8)                |     |               | _                                     | _      | _         | (4.8)     |
| Dividends on<br>preferred stock                       |        |                                      |               | <u> </u>    | (10.4)               |     |               |                                       |        |           | (10.4)    |
| Balance at December<br>31, 2016                       | 3.1    | \$ 129.4                             | 42.1          | \$ 0.4      | \$ 2,570.9           | \$  | (2,732.1)     | \$ (90.3)                             |        | \$        | \$(121.7) |

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#### Cincinnati Bell Inc. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Dollars in millions)

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|  | Year     | Ended Decem | ber 31,       |
|--|----------|-------------|---------------|
|  | 2016     | 2015        | 2014          |
| Cash flows from operating activities   |          |             |               |
| Net income   | \$ 102.1 | \$ 353.7    | \$ .75.6      |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:                                |          |             |               |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 182.2    | 170.2       | 231.0         |
| Loss on extinguishment of debt   | 19.0     | 20.9        | 19.6          |
| Gain on sale of CyrusOne investment  | (157.0)  | (449.2)     | (192.8)       |
| Impairment of assets   | _        |             | 12.1          |
| Provision for loss on receivables  | 9.4      | 8.5         | 10.4          |
| Noncash portion of interest expense  | 3.3      | 4.6         | 6.2           |
| Deferred income tax expense, including valuation allowance change  | 59.4     | 184.5       | 47.4          |
| Pension and other postretirement payments in excess of expense   | (8.3)    | (11.5)      | (25.7)        |
| Deferred gain on sale of wireless spectrum licenses - discontinued operations                                    |          |             |               |
|  |          | (112.6)     |               |
| Amortization of deferred gain - discontinued operations  | —        | (6.5)       | (22.9)        |
| Stock-based compensation   | 5.1      | 4.1         | 3.3           |
| Gain on transfer of lease obligations - discontinued operations  |          | (15.0)      |               |
|  | (2.7)    | (15.9)      | 10.5          |
| Other, net   | (3.7)    | 3.1         | 10.5          |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities:   | (10.2)   | (10)        | (12.7         |
| Increase in receivables  | (18.3)   | (1.9)       | (23.7)        |
| (Increase) decrease in inventory, materials, supplies, prepaid expenses and other current assets                 | (6.2)    | 3.6         | (7.2)<br>38.7 |
| (Decrease) increase in accounts payable  | (13.1)   | (17.0)      |               |
| Decrease in accrued and other current liabilities  | (3.0)    | (30.6)      | (0.8)         |
| (Increase) decrease in other noncurrent assets   | (1.3)    | 1.5         | 0.7           |
| Increase (decrease) in other noncurrent liabilities  | 3.6      | 1.4         | . (7.2)       |
| Net cash provided by operating activities  | 173.2    | 110.9       | 175.2         |
| Cash flows from investing activities   |          |             |               |
| Capital expenditures   | (286.4)  | (283.6)     | (182.3)       |
| Proceeds from sale of Investment in CyrusOne   | 189.7    | 643.9       | 355.9         |
| Dividends received from Investment in CyrusOne (equity method investment)  | 2.1      | 22.2        | 28.4          |
| Proceeds from sale of wireless spectrum licenses - discontinued operations                                       |          |             | 194.4         |
| Other, net   | (0.9)    | 0.7         | (3.8)         |
| Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities  | (95.5)   | 383.2       | 392.6         |
| Cash flows from financing activities   |          |             |               |
| Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt   | 635.0    |             |               |
| Net increase (decrease) in corporate credit and receivables facilities with initial maturities less than 90 days | 71.9     | (1.6)       | (127.0)       |
| Repayment of debt  | (759.3)  | (531.7)     | (376.5)       |
| Debt issuance costs  | (11.1)   | (0.4)       | (0.9)         |
| Dividends paid on preferred stock  | (10.4)   | (10.4)      | (10.4)        |

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|--|---|-------|---------|----|--------|
| Common stock repurchase                              | (4  | .8)   |         |    | —      |
| Other, net   | 3   | .3    | (0.5)   |    | 0.3    |
| Net cash used in financing activities                | (75   | .4)   | (544.6) | (  | 514.5) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 2   | .3    | (50.5)  |    | 53.3   |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year       | 7   | .4    | 57.9    |    | 4.6    |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year             | \$ 9  | .7 \$ | 5 7.4   | \$ | 57.9   |
| The accompanying notes are an integral p             | art of the consolidated financial statements. |       |         |    | ·      |

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#### Cincinnati Bell Inc. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. Description of Business and Accounting Policies

**Description of Business** — Cincinnati Bell Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries ("Cincinnati Bell", "we", "our", "us" or the "Company") provides diversified telecommunications and technology services. The Company generates a large portion of its revenue by serving customers in the Greater Cincinnati and Dayton, Ohio areas. An economic downturn or natural disaster occurring in this, or a portion of this, limited operating territory could have a disproportionate effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows compared to similar companies of a national scope and similar companies operating in different geographic areas.

As of December 31, 2016, we operate our business through the following segments: Entertainment and Communications and IT Services and Hardware.

The company has 3,400 employees as of December 31, 2016, and approximately 30% of its employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement with Communications Workers of America ("CWA") that will be in effect through May 12, 2018.

**Basis of Presentation** — The consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and, in the opinion of management, include all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the results of operations, comprehensive income, financial position and cash flows for each period presented.

On October 4, 2016, the Company filed an amendment to its Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation to affect a one-forfive reverse split of its issued common stock (the "Reverse Split") which had the effect of reducing the number of issued shares of common stock from 210,275,005 to 42,055,001, effective as of 11:59 pm on October 4, 2016. Any fractional shares of common stock resulting from the Reverse Split were settled in cash equal to the fraction of a share to which the holder was entitled. As a result of the Reverse Split, the Company reduced total par value from common stock by \$1.7 million and increased the additional paid-in capital by the same amount for the reporting periods.

All shares of common stock, stock options, the conversion rate of preferred stock and per share information presented in the consolidated financial statements have been adjusted to reflect the Reverse Split on a retroactive basis for all periods presented and all share information is rounded down to the nearest whole share after reflecting the Reverse Split.

**Basis of Consolidation** — The consolidated financial statements include the consolidated accounts of Cincinnati Bell Inc. and its majority-owned subsidiaries over which it exercises control. Intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in the consolidated financial statements. Investments over which the Company exercises significant influence are recorded under the equity method.

**Recast of Financial Information for Discontinued Operations** — In the second quarter of 2014, we entered into agreements to sell our wireless spectrum licenses and certain other assets related to our wireless business. The agreement to sell our wireless spectrum licenses closed on September 30, 2014, for cash proceeds of \$194.4 million. Simultaneously, we entered into a separate agreement to use certain spectrum licenses for \$8.00 until we no longer provided wireless service. Effective March 31, 2015, all wireless subscribers were migrated off our network and we ceased providing wireless services and operations. Certain wireless tower lease obligations and other assets were transferred to the acquiring company on April 1, 2015.

The closing of our wireless operations represents a strategic shift in our business. Therefore, certain wireless assets, liabilities and results of operations are reported as discontinued operations in our financial statements. Accordingly, the Company recast 2015 and 2014 results with the exception of the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, Consolidated Statements of Shareowners' Deficit and Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. See Note 16 for all required disclosures.

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**Use of Estimates** — The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant items subject to such estimates and judgments include: the carrying value of property, plant and equipment; the valuation of insurance and claims liabilities; the valuation of allowances for receivables and deferred income taxes; reserves recorded for income tax exposures; the valuation of asset retirement obligations; assets and liabilities related to employee benefits; and the valuation of goodwill. In the normal course of business, the Company is also subject to various regulatory and tax proceedings, lawsuits, claims and other matters. The Company believes adequate provision has been made for all such asserted and unasserted claims in accordance with GAAP. Such matters are subject to many uncertainties and outcomes that are not predictable with assurance.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents** — Cash consists of funds held in bank accounts. Cash equivalents consist of short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

**Receivables** — Receivables consist principally of trade receivables from customers and are generally unsecured and due within 21 - 90 days. The Company has receivables with one customer, General Electric Company ("GE"), that makes up 21% and 22% of the outstanding accounts receivable balance at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Unbilled receivables arise from services rendered but not yet billed. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, unbilled receivables totaled \$14.5 million and \$14.0 million, respectively. Expected credit losses related to trade receivables are recorded as an allowance for uncollectible accounts in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company establishes the allowances for uncollectible accounts using percentages of aged accounts receivable balances to reflect the historical average of credit losses as well as specific provisions for certain identifiable, potentially uncollectible balances. When internal collection efforts on accounts have been exhausted, the accounts are written off and the associated allowance for uncollectible accounts is reduced.

**Inventory, Materials and Supplies** — Inventory, materials and supplies consists of network components, various telephony and IT equipment to be sold to customers, maintenance inventories, and other materials and supplies, which are carried at the lower of average cost or market.

**Property, Plant and Equipment** — Property, plant and equipment is stated at original cost and presented net of accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred while improvements, which extend an asset's useful life or increase its functionality, are capitalized and depreciated over the asset's remaining life. The majority of the Entertainment and Communications network property, plant and equipment used to generate its voice and data revenue is depreciated using the group method, which develops a depreciation rate annually based on the average useful life of a specific group of assets rather than for each individual asset as would be utilized under the unit method. Provision for depreciation of other property, plant and equipment, except for leasehold improvements, is based on the straight-line method over the estimated economic useful life. Depreciation of leasehold improvements is based on a straight-line method over the lesser of the economic useful life of the asset or the term of the lease, including optional renewal periods if renewal of the lease is reasonably assured.

Additions and improvements, including interest and certain labor costs incurred during the construction period, are capitalized. The Company records the fair value of a legal liability for an asset retirement obligation in the period it is incurred. The estimated removal cost is initially capitalized and depreciated over the remaining life of the underlying asset. The associated liability is accreted to its present value each period. Once the obligation is ultimately settled, any difference between the final cost and the recorded liability is recognized as gain or loss on disposition.

**Goodwill** — Goodwill represents the excess of the purchase price consideration over the fair value of net assets acquired and recorded in connection with business acquisitions. Goodwill is generally allocated to reporting units one level below business segments. Goodwill is tested for impairment on an annual basis or when events or changes in circumstances indicate that such assets may be impaired. If the net book value of the reporting unit exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss may be recognized. An impairment loss is measured as the excess of the carrying value of goodwill of a reporting unit over its implied fair value. The implied fair value of goodwill represents the difference between the fair value of the reporting unit and the fair value of all the assets and liabilities of that unit, including any unrecognized intangible assets.

Long-Lived Assets — Management reviews the carrying value of property, plant and equipment and other long-lived assets, including intangible assets with definite lives, when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized when the estimated future undiscounted cash flows expected to result from the use of an asset (or group of assets) and its eventual disposition is less than its carrying amount. An impairment loss is measured as the amount by which the asset's carrying value exceeds its estimated fair value. Long-lived intangible assets are amortized based on the estimated economic value generated by the asset in future years.

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**Investment in CyrusOne** — On January 24, 2013, we completed the initial public offering ("IPO") of CyrusOne Inc. ("CyrusOne"), which owns and operates our former Data Center Colocation business. CyrusOne conducts its data center business through CyrusOne LP, an operating partnership. Effective with the IPO, we retained ownership of approximately 1.9 million shares, or 8.6%, of CyrusOne's common stock and were a limited partner in CyrusOne LP, owning approximately 42.6 million, or 66%, of its partnership units. We effectively owned 69% of CyrusOne and continued to have significant influence over the entity, but we did not control its operations. Therefore, effective January 24, 2013, we no longer included the accounts of CyrusOne in our consolidated financial statements, but accounted for our ownership in CyrusOne as an equity method investment. From the date of IPO, we recognized our proportionate share of CyrusOne's net income or loss as non-operating income or expense in our Consolidated Statement of Operations through December 31, 2015. For the period January 1, 2013 through January 23, 2013, we consolidated CyrusOne's operating results.

On December 31, 2015, we exchanged our remaining 6.3 million operating partnership units in CyrusOne LP for an equal number of newly issued shares of common stock of CyrusOne Inc. As a result, our 9.5% ownership in CyrusOne, which consisted of 6.9 million common shares, no longer constituted significant influence over the entity. Effective January 1, 2016, our investment in CyrusOne was no longer accounted for using the equity method. Dividends declared by CyrusOne in 2016 totaled \$6.4 million and were included in "Other (income) expense, net" in the Consolidated Statement of Operations. As of December 31, 2016, we held 2.8 million shares of CyrusOne Inc. common stock valued at \$128.0 million which are accounted for as available-for-sale securities.

As of December 31, 2016, "Investment in CyrusOne" on the Consolidated Balance Sheets has been recorded at fair value, which was determined based on closing market price of CyrusOne at December 31, 2016. This investment is classified as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy. Unrealized gains and losses on our investment in CyrusOne are included in "Accumulated other comprehensive loss", net of taxes on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. At December 31, 2016, gross unrealized gains totaled \$105.0 million. When evaluating the investments for other-than-temporary impairment, the Company reviews such factors as the financial condition of the issuer, severity and duration of the fair value decline and evaluation of factors that could cause the investment to have an other-than-temporary decline in fair value. During the year ended December 31, 2016 the Company did not recognize any impairment charges related to Investment in CyrusOne.

**Equity Method Investments** — During 2014, we invested a total of \$5.5 million in other entities, which are accounted for as equity method investments and the carrying value has been recorded within "Other noncurrent assets" in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company's proportionate share of the investments' net loss had a minimal impact on our Consolidated Statement of Operations in 2014, 2015 and 2016. Equity method investments are tested for impairment on an annual basis or when events or changes in circumstances indicate that such assets may be impaired.

**Cost Method Investments** — Certain of our cost method investments do not have readily determinable fair values. The carrying value of these investments was \$3.4 million and \$3.0 million as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and was included in "Other noncurrent assets" in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Investments are reviewed annually for impairment, or sooner if changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. If the carrying value of the investment exceeds its estimated fair value and the decline in value is determined to be other-than-temporary, an impairment loss is recognized for the difference. The Company estimates fair value using external information and discounted cash flow analysis.

Leases — Certain property and equipment are leased. At lease inception, the lease terms are assessed to determine if the transaction should be classified as a capital or operating lease.

**Treasury Shares** — The repurchase of common shares is recorded at purchase cost as treasury shares. Our policy is to retire, either formally or constructively, treasury shares that management anticipates will not be reissued. Upon retirement, the purchase cost of the treasury shares that exceeds par value is recorded as a reduction to "Additional paid-in capital" in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

**Revenue Recognition** — We apply the revenue recognition principles described in Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification Topic ("ASC") 605, "Revenue Recognition." Under ASC 605, revenue is recognized when there is persuasive evidence of a sale arrangement, delivery has occurred or services have been rendered, the sales price is fixed or determinable, and collectability is reasonably assured.

With respect to arrangements with multiple deliverables, management determines whether more than one unit of accounting exists in an arrangement. To the extent that the deliverables are separable into multiple units of accounting, total consideration is allocated to the individual units of accounting based on their relative fair value, determined by the price of each deliverable when it is regularly sold on a stand-alone basis. Revenue is recognized for each unit of accounting as delivered, or as service is performed, depending on the nature of the deliverable comprising the unit of accounting.

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The Company has sales with one customer, GE, that contributed 12% to total revenue in each of 2016 and 2015, and 14% in 2014. Revenue derived from foreign operations is less than 1% of consolidated revenue.

*Entertainment and Communications* — Revenues from local telephone, special access, internet product and video services, which are billed monthly prior to performance of service, are not recognized upon billing or cash receipt but rather are deferred until the service is provided. Long distance, switched access and other usage based charges are billed monthly in arrears. Entertainment and Communications bills service revenue in regular monthly cycles, which are spread throughout the days of the month. As the last day of each billing cycle rarely coincides with the end of the reporting period for usage-based services such as long distance and switched access, we must estimate service revenues earned but not yet billed. These estimates are based upon historical usage, and we adjust these estimates during the period in which actual usage is determinable, typically in the following reporting period.

Pricing of local voice services is generally subject to oversight by both state and federal regulatory commissions. Such regulation also covers services, competition, and other public policy issues. Various regulatory rulings and interpretations could result in increases or decreases to revenue in future periods.

*IT Services and Hardware* — Services are generally recognized as the service is provided. Maintenance on telephony equipment is deferred and recognized ratably over the term of the underlying customer contract, generally one to three years.

Equipment revenue is recognized upon the completion of our contractual obligations, such as shipment, delivery, or customer acceptance. Installation service revenue is generally recognized when installation is complete. We sell equipment and installation services on both a combined and standalone basis.

The Company is a reseller of IT and telephony equipment. For these transactions, we consider the gross versus net revenue recording criteria of ASC 605. Based on this criteria, these equipment revenues and associated costs have generally been recorded on a gross basis rather than recording the revenues net of the associated costs. Vendor rebates are earned on certain equipment sales. When the rebate is earned and the amount is determinable, we recognize the rebate as an offset to cost of products sold.

*Discontinued Operations* — Postpaid wireless and reciprocal compensation were billed monthly in arrears. Service revenue was billed in regular monthly cycles, which were spread throughout the days of the month. As the last day of each billing cycle rarely coincided with the end of the reporting period for usage-based services such as postpaid wireless, we estimated service revenues earned but not yet billed. Our estimates were based upon historical usage, and we adjusted these estimates during the period in which actual usage was determinable, typically in the following reporting period.

Revenue from prepaid wireless service, which was collected in advance, was not recognized upon billing or cash receipt but rather deferred until the service was provided.

Wireless handset revenue and the related activation revenue were recognized when the products were delivered to and accepted by the customer, as this was considered to be a separate earnings process from the sale of wireless services. Wireless equipment costs were also recognized upon handset sale and were generally in excess of the related handset and activation revenue. Revenue from termination fees was recognized when collection was deemed reasonably assured.

Advertising Expenses — Costs related to advertising are expensed as incurred. Advertising costs were \$9.5 million, \$8.3 million, and \$7.2 million in 2016, 2015, and 2014, respectively.

Legal Expenses — In the normal course of business, the Company is involved in various claims and legal proceedings. Legal costs incurred in connection with loss contingencies are expensed as incurred. Legal claim accruals are recorded once determined to be both probable and estimable.

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#### Income, Operating, and Regulatory Taxes

*Income taxes* — The Company and its subsidiaries file income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction as well as various foreign, state and local jurisdictions. The provision for income taxes is based upon income in the consolidated financial statements, rather than amounts reported on the income tax return. The income tax provision consists of an amount for taxes currently payable and an amount for tax consequences deferred to future periods. Deferred investment tax credits are amortized as a reduction of the provision for income taxes over the estimated useful lives of the related property, plant and equipment. Deferred income taxes are provided for temporary differences between financial statement and income tax assets and liabilities. Deferred income taxes are recalculated annually at rates then in effect. Valuation allowances are recorded to reduce deferred tax assets to amounts that are more likely than not to be realized. The ultimate realization of the deferred income tax assets depends upon the ability to generate future taxable income during the periods in which basis differences and other deductions become deductible and prior to the expiration of the net operating loss carryforwards.

Previous tax filings are subject to normal reviews by regulatory agencies until the related statute of limitations expires.

*Operating taxes* — Certain operating taxes such as property, sales, use, and gross receipts taxes are reported as expenses in operating income primarily within cost of services. These taxes are not included in income tax expense because the amounts to be paid are not dependent on our level of income. Liabilities for audit exposures are established based on management's assessment of the probability of payment. The provision for such liabilities is recognized as either property, plant and equipment, operating tax expense, or depreciation expense depending on the nature of the audit exposure. Upon resolution of an audit, any remaining liability not paid is released against the account in which it was originally recorded.

*Regulatory taxes* — The Company incurs federal and state regulatory taxes on certain revenue producing transactions. We are permitted to recover certain of these taxes by billing the customer; however, collections cannot exceed the amount due to the federal regulatory agency. These federal regulatory taxes are presented in sales and cost of services on a gross basis because, while the Company is required to pay the tax, it is not required to collect the tax from customers and, in fact, does not collect the tax from customers in certain instances. The amounts recorded as revenue for 2016, 2015, and 2014 were \$16.3 million, \$15.5 million, and \$15.2 million, respectively. The amounts expensed for 2016, 2015, and 2014 were \$17.5 million, \$17.9 million, and \$16.4 million, respectively. We record all other federal taxes collected from customers on a net basis.

**Stock-Based Compensation** — Compensation cost is recognized for all share-based awards to employees and non-employee directors. We value all share-based awards to employees at fair value on the date of grant and expense this amount over the required service period, generally defined as the applicable vesting period. For awards which contain a performance condition, compensation expense is recognized over the service period, when achievement of the performance condition is deemed probable. The fair value of stock options and stock appreciation rights is determined using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model using assumptions such as volatility, risk-free interest rate, holding period and dividends. The fair value of stock awards is based on the Company's closing share price on the date of grant. For all share-based payments, an assumption is also made for the estimated forfeiture rate based on the historical behavior of employees. The forfeiture rate reduces the total fair value of the awards to be recognized as compensation expense. Our accounting policy for graded vesting awards is to recognize compensation expense on a straight-line basis over the vesting period. We have also granted employee awards to be ultimately paid in cash which are indexed to the change in the Company's common stock price. These awards are adjusted to the fair value of the Company's common stock, and the adjusted fair value is expensed on a pro-rata basis over the vesting period. When an award is granted to an employee who is retirement eligible, the compensation cost is recognized over the service period up to the date that the employee first becomes eligible to retire.

**Pension and Postretirement Benefit Plans** — The Company maintains qualified and non-qualified defined benefit pension plans, and also provides postretirement healthcare and life insurance benefits for eligible employees. We recognize the overfunded or underfunded status of the defined benefit pension and other postretirement benefit plans as either an asset or liability. Changes in the funded status of these plans are recognized as a component of comprehensive income (loss) in the year they occur. Pension and postretirement healthcare and life insurance benefits earned during the year and interest on the projected benefit obligations are accrued and recognized currently in net periodic benefit cost. Prior service costs and credits are mostly retirees or active employees. Net gains or losses resulting from differences between actuarial experience and assumptions or from changes in actuarial assumptions are recognized as a component of annual net periodic benefit cost. Unrecognized actuarial gains or losses that exceed 10% of the projected benefit obligation are amortized on a straight-line basis over the average remaining service life of active employees for the pension and bargained postretirement plans (approximately 9-13 years) and average life expectancy of retirees for the management postretirement plan (approximately 17 years).

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**Business Combinations** — In accounting for business combinations, we apply the accounting requirements of ASC 805, "Business Combinations," which requires the recording of net assets of acquired businesses at fair value. In developing estimates of fair value of acquired assets and assumed liabilities, management analyzes a variety of factors including market data, estimated future cash flows of the acquired operations, industry growth rates, current replacement cost for fixed assets, and market rate assumptions for contractual obligations. Such a valuation requires management to make significant estimates and assumptions, particularly with respect to the intangible assets. In addition, contingent consideration is presented at fair value at the date of acquisition. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

**Fair Value Measurements** — Fair value of financial and non-financial assets and liabilities is defined as the price representing the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. Fair value is utilized to measure certain investments on a recurring basis. Fair value measurements are also utilized to determine the initial value of assets and liabilities acquired in a business combination, to perform impairment tests, and for disclosure purposes.

Management uses quoted market prices and observable inputs to the maximum extent possible when measuring fair value. In the absence of quoted market prices or observable inputs, fair value is determined using valuation models that incorporate assumptions that a market participant would use in pricing the asset or liability.

Fair value measurements are classified within one of three levels, which prioritize the inputs used in the methodologies of measuring fair value for assets and liabilities, as follows:

Level 1 — Quoted market prices for identical instruments in an active market;

Level 2 — Quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability (i.e., interest rates, yield curves, etc.), and inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means (market corroborated inputs); and

Level 3 — Unobservable inputs that reflect management's determination of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. These inputs are developed based on the best information available, including our own data.

**Foreign Currency Translation and Transactions** — The financial position of foreign subsidiaries is translated at the exchange rates in effect at the end of the period, while revenues and expenses are translated at average rates of exchange during the period. Gains or losses from translation of foreign operations where the local currency is the functional currency are included as components of accumulated other comprehensive income. Gains and losses arising from foreign currency transactions are recorded in other income (expense) in the period incurred.

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#### 2. Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In May 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers. The standard's core principle is that a company will recognize revenue when it transfers promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. This standard also includes expanded disclosure requirements that result in an entity providing users of financial statements with comprehensive information about the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from the entity's contracts with customers. In August 2015, ASU 2015-14 was issued deferring the effective date of ASU 2014-09 to annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017 with an optional early application date for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. The Company will adopt the standard and all subsequent amendments in the first quarter of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018.

The guidance permits two methods of adoption: retrospectively to each prior reporting period presented (full retrospective method), or retrospectively with the cumulative effect of initially applying the guidance recognized at the date of initial application (the cumulative catch-up transition method). We currently anticipate adopting the standard using the full retrospective method to restate each prior reporting period presented. Our ability to adopt using the full retrospective method is dependent on the successful and timely implementation of a revenue software application that has been procured from a third-party provider and the completion of our analysis of information necessary to restate prior period financial statements.

While we are continuing to assess all potential impacts of the standard, we currently believe the standard will not have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements with the possible exception of our gross treatment of hardware revenue. ASU 2016-08 clarifies the implementation guidance on principal versus agent considerations and was not intended to change the historical presentation of value added resellers as gross, however there appears to be diversity in opinion based on facts and circumstances. We will continue to monitor discussions by the Transition Resource Group and the FASB throughout 2017.

The FASB issued ASU 2014-15, Disclosure of Uncertainties About an Entity's Ability to Continue as a Going Concern in August 2014. This standard update provides guidance about management's responsibility to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt about an entity's ability to continue as a going concern and to provide related footnote disclosures. The standard is effective for us for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016. The adoption of this pronouncement did not have a material impact on our financial statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs, which changes the presentation of debt issuance costs in the financial statements. Specifically, this amendment requires that costs associated with the issuance of debt be presented on the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the related debt liability. The Company retrospectively adopted the amended standard effective January 1, 2016. The adoption resulted in a prior period adjustment due to a change in accounting principle. The Consolidated Balance Sheet for the period ending December 31, 2015 has been restated to reflect this change in accounting principle. Note issuance costs of \$8.0 million were reclassed from "Other noncurrent assets" to "Long-term debt, less current portion." On the effective date of ASU 2015-03, the Company made a one-time policy election to record costs incurred in connection with obtaining revolving credit agreements as an asset and to amortize these costs ratably over the term of the agreement. This accounting treatment is consistent with how deferred financing costs were accounted for prior to adoption of ASU 2015-03. Note 6 has been updated to reflect the adjustment.

The FASB issued ASU 2016-01, Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities, which amends the guidance in GAAP on the classification and measurement of financial instruments in January 2016. The amended guidance requires entities to carry all investments in equity securities at fair value through net income unless the entity has elected the practicability exception to fair value measurement. This standard will be effective for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 and will require a cumulative-effect adjustment to beginning retained earnings on this date. The Company is currently in the process of evaluating the impact of adoption of this ASU on the consolidated financial statements.

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In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases, which represents a wholesale change to lease accounting. The standard introduces a lessee model that brings most leases on the balance sheet as well as aligns certain underlying principles of the new lessor model with those in ASC 606. The new standard is effective for public entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, and lessees and lessors are required to use a modified retrospective transition method for existing leases. The Company is in the process of evaluating the impact of adoption of this ASU on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

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In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-09, Compensation - Stock Compensation, which simplifies various aspects related to how share-based payments are accounted for and presented in the financial statements. The new guidance requires excess tax benefits and tax deficiencies to be recorded in the income statement when the awards vest or are settled. In addition, cash flows related to excess tax benefits will no longer be separately classified as a financing activity apart from other income tax cash flows. The standard also allows us to repurchase more of an employee's shares for tax withholding purposes without triggering liability accounting, clarifies that all cash payments made on an employee's behalf for withheld shares should be presented as a financing activity on our cash flows statement, and provides an accounting policy election to account for forfeitures as they occur. The new standard is effective for us beginning January 1, 2017.

The primary impact of adoption will be the recognition of excess tax benefits in our provision for income taxes rather than paid-in capital starting in the first quarter of fiscal year 2017. Additional amendments to the accounting for income taxes and minimum statutory withholding tax requirements will have no impact to retained earnings at January 1, 2017, where the cumulative effect of these changes are required to be recorded. We have elected to adopt a company-wide policy change due to the change in accounting principle and will record forfeitures as they are incurred on a go forward basis. As a result of the change in accounting principle the cumulative-effect adjustment to retained earnings to account for the accounting policy election is immaterial to the financial statements.

We plan to apply the presentation requirements for cash flows related to excess tax benefits retrospectively to all periods presented which is not expected to have a material impact to 2016 net cash provided by operations and 2016 net cash used in financing when presented in 2017. The presentation requirements for cash flows related to employee taxes paid for withheld shares had no impact to any of the periods presented in our consolidated cash flows statements since such cash flows have historically been presented as a financing activity.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, Statement of Cash Flow - Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments, which amends ASC 230 to add or clarify guidance on the classification of certain cash receipts and payments in the statement of cash flows. The FASB issued the ASU with the intent of reducing diversity in practice. The new standard is effective for public entities for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is currently in the process of evaluating the impact of adoption of this ASU on the Company's consolidated statement of cash flows and plans to adopt the standard effective January 1, 2018.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-04, Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment, which eliminates Step 2 from the goodwill impairment test. Under the amended guidance, the Company shall now recognize an impairment charge for the amount by which the carrying value exceeds the reporting unit's fair value. The new standard is effective for public entities for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2020, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted for interim or annual goodwill impairment tests performed on testing dates after January 1, 2017. The Company plans to early adopt the amended guidance effective January 1, 2017 and does not anticipate a significant impact to the financial statements.

Other accounting standards that have been issued or proposed by the FASB or other standards-setting bodies that do not require adoption until a future date are not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements upon adoption.

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#### 3. Earnings Per Common Share

Basic earnings per common share ("EPS") is based upon the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS reflects the potential dilution that would occur upon issuance of common shares for awards under stock-based compensation plans, or conversion of preferred stock, but only to the extent that they are considered dilutive.

The following table shows the computation of basic and diluted EPS after consideration of the 1-for-5 reverse stock split that became effective 11:59 p.m. October 4, 2016:

|   | Year Ended December 31, 2016 |                       |    |                       |    |       |  |  |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------|----|-----------------------|----|-------|--|--|
| <u>'in millions, except per share amounts)</u>                  |                              | ntinuing<br>perations |    | continued<br>erations |    | Total |  |  |
| Numerator:  |                              |                       |    |                       |    |       |  |  |
| Net income  | \$                           | 101.8                 | \$ | 0.3                   | \$ | 102.1 |  |  |
| Preferred stock dividends                                       |                              | 10.4                  |    |                       |    | 10.4  |  |  |
| Net income applicable to common shareowners - basic and diluted | \$                           | 91.4                  | \$ | 0.3                   | \$ | 91.7  |  |  |
| Denominator:  |                              |                       |    |                       |    |       |  |  |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding - basic              |                              | 42.0                  |    | 42.0                  |    | 42.0  |  |  |
| Stock-based compensation arrangements                           |                              | 0.1                   |    | 0.1                   |    | 0.1   |  |  |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding - diluted            |                              | 42.1                  |    | 42.1                  |    | 42.1  |  |  |
| Basic and diluted earnings per common share                     | \$                           | 2.17                  | \$ | 0.01                  | \$ | 2.18  |  |  |

|   | Year Ended December 31, 2015 |                        |    |                       |    |       |  |  |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------|----|-----------------------|----|-------|--|--|
| (in millions, except per share amounts)                         |                              | ontinuing<br>perations |    | continued<br>erations |    | Total |  |  |
| Numerator:  |                              |                        |    |                       |    |       |  |  |
| Net income  | \$                           | 290.8                  | \$ | 62.9                  | \$ | 353.7 |  |  |
| Preferred stock dividends                                       |                              | 10.4                   |    | —                     |    | 10.4  |  |  |
| Net income applicable to common shareowners - basic and diluted | \$                           | 280.4                  | \$ | 62.9                  | \$ | 343.3 |  |  |
| Denominator:  |                              |                        |    |                       |    |       |  |  |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding - basic              |                              | 41.9                   |    | 41.9                  |    | 41.9  |  |  |
| Stock-based compensation arrangements                           |                              | 0.1                    |    | 0.1                   |    | 0.1   |  |  |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding - diluted            |                              | 42.0                   |    | 42.0                  |    | 42.0  |  |  |
| Basic earnings per common share                                 | \$                           | 6.69                   | \$ | 1.50                  | \$ | 8.19  |  |  |
| Diluted earnings per common share                               | \$                           | 6.68                   | \$ | 1.49                  | \$ | 8.17  |  |  |

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| Year Ended December 31, 2014 |  |   |  |   |   |  |  |
|------------------------------|--|---|--|---|---|--|--|
|                              | Continuing Discontinued<br>Operations Operations |   |  | Total   |   |  |  |
|                              |  |   |  |   |   |  |  |
| \$                           | 117.7  | \$  | (42.1)   | \$  | 75.6  |  |  |
|                              | 10.4   |   | —  |   | 10.4  |  |  |
| \$                           | 107.3  | \$  | (42.1)   | \$  | 65.2  |  |  |
|                              |  |   |  |   |   |  |  |
|                              | 41.7   |   | 41.7   |   | 41.7  |  |  |
|                              | 0.2  |   | 0.2  |   | 0.2   |  |  |
|                              | 41.9   |   | 41.9   |   | 41.9  |  |  |
| \$                           | 2.57   | \$  | (1.01)   | \$  | 1.56  |  |  |
| \$                           | 2.56   | \$  | (1.00)   | \$  | 1.56  |  |  |
|                              | 0  | Continuing<br>Operations   \$ 117.7<br>10.4   \$ 107.3   41.7<br>0.2   41.9   \$ 2.57 | Continuing<br>Operations Dis<br>Op   \$ 117.7 \$   10.4 \$   \$ 107.3 \$   41.7 0.2   41.9 \$   \$ 2.57 \$ | Continuing<br>Operations Discontinued<br>Operations   \$ 117.7 \$ (42.1)   10.4    \$ 107.3 \$ (42.1)   41.7 41.7   0.2 0.2   41.9 41.9   \$ 2.57 \$ (1.01) | Continuing<br>Operations Discontinued<br>Operations   \$ 117.7 \$ (42.1)   \$ 10.4    \$ 107.3 \$ (42.1)   \$ 107.3 \$ (42.1)   \$ 107.3 \$ (42.1)   \$ 107.3 \$ (42.1)   \$ 107.3 \$ (42.1)   \$ 107.3 \$ (42.1)   \$ 107.3 \$ (1.01)   \$ \$ 2.57 \$ (1.01) |  |  |

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For the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, awards under the Company's stock-based compensation plans for common shares of 0.4 million, 0.7 million and 0.7 million, respectively, were excluded from the computation of diluted EPS as their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive. For all periods presented, preferred stock convertible into 0.9 million common shares was excluded as it was anti-dilutive.

#### 4. Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is comprised of the following:

|   | December 31, |      |    |          |     |            | Depreciable |  |  |  |
|---|--------------|------|----|----------|-----|------------|-------------|--|--|--|
| (dollars in millions)                             | 2016         |      |    | 2015     |     | es (Years) |             |  |  |  |
| Land and rights-of-way                            | \$           | 4.3  | \$ | 4.3      | 20  | -          | Indefinite  |  |  |  |
| Buildings and leasehold improvements              | 17           | 3.7  |    | 165.0    | 3   | -          | 40          |  |  |  |
| Network equipment                                 | 3,16         | 5.7  |    | 2,959.3  | 2   | -          | 50          |  |  |  |
| Office software, furniture, fixtures and vehicles | 15           | 0.6  |    | 131.4    | 2   | -          | 14          |  |  |  |
| Construction in process                           | 1            | 7.0  |    | 29.2     | n/a |            |             |  |  |  |
| Gross value                                       | 3,51         | 1.3  |    | 3,289.2  |     |            |             |  |  |  |
| Accumulated depreciation                          | (2,42        | 5.8) | (  | 2,313.7) |     |            |             |  |  |  |
| Property, plant and equipment, net                | \$ 1,08      | 5.5  | \$ | 975.5    |     |            |             |  |  |  |

Depreciation expense on property, plant and equipment totaled \$182.0 million, \$141.3 million, and \$127.2 million in 2016, 2015, and 2014, respectively. In 2016, approximately 85%, compared to approximately 79% in 2015 and 81% in 2014, of "Depreciation," as presented in the Consolidated Statements of Operations, was associated with the cost of providing services. There are numerous assets included within network equipment resulting in a range of depreciable lives between 2 and 50 years, the majority of which fall within the range of 7 to 22 years. In 2016, we reduced the estimated useful life of certain set-top boxes and the related software as we upgraded to new technology. In the fourth quarter of 2015, we reduced the useful life of our copper assets from 15 years to 7 years as customers have continued to migrate to services provided by our fiber network.

No asset impairment losses were recognized in 2016 or 2015. During the year ended December 31, 2014, the Entertainment and Communications segment recognized an asset impairment loss of \$4.6 million for the abandonment of an internal use software project.

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, buildings and leasehold improvements, network equipment, and office software, furniture, fixtures and vehicles include \$96.8 million and \$91.2 million, respectively, of assets accounted for as capital leases. Concurrent with the shutdown of our wireless network as of March 31, 2015, \$57.7 million of fully depreciated capital lease assets were transferred to continuing operations as these assets were retained by the Company. These leases were previously reported in discontinued operations as they were still being utilized in our wireless operations. Depreciation of capital lease assets is included in "Depreciation and amortization" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

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#### 5. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

#### Goodwill

At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the gross value of goodwill was \$14.3 million. A \$0.1 million reduction in carrying value was recorded for the year ended December 31, 2015. No impairment losses were recognized in goodwill for the years ended December 31, 2016 or 2015.

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#### Intangible Assets Subject to Amortization

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, intangible assets subject to amortization consisted of customer relationships. For the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015, and 2014, no impairment losses were recognized on intangible assets subject to amortization.

Summarized below are the carrying values for the intangible assets subject to amortization:

|  | Weighted- |        |                   |              |                   |        |              |              |          |
|--|-----------|--------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------|--------------|--------------|----------|
|  | Average   |        | December 31, 2016 |              | December 31, 2015 |        |              |              |          |
|  | Life in   | Gre    | oss Carrying      | A            | cumulated         | Gr     | oss Carrying | Accu         | amulated |
| (dollars in millions)                      | Years     | Amount |                   | Amortization |                   | Amount |              | Amortization |          |
| Customer relationships - Entertainment and |           |        |                   |              |                   |        |              |              |          |
| Communications                             | 10        | \$     | 7.0               | \$           | 7.0               | \$     | 7.0          | \$           | 6.8      |

Amortization expense for intangible assets subject to amortization was \$0.2 million in 2016, \$0.3 million in 2015, and \$0.4 million in 2014.

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#### 6. Debt and Other Financing Arrangements

The Company's debt consists of the following:

|  | December 31, |            |  |  |  |
|--|--------------|------------|--|--|--|
| (dollars in millions)                            | 2016         | 2015       |  |  |  |
| Current portion of long-term debt:               |              |            |  |  |  |
| Corporate Credit Agreement - Tranche B Term Loan | \$           | \$ 5.4     |  |  |  |
| Capital lease obligations and other debt         | 7.5          | 8.4        |  |  |  |
| Current portion of long-term debt                | 7.5          | 13.8       |  |  |  |
| Long-term debt, less current portion:            |              |            |  |  |  |
| Receivables Facility                             | 89.5         | 17.6       |  |  |  |
| Corporate Credit Agreement - Tranche B Term Loan | 315.8        | 522.5      |  |  |  |
| 8 3/8% Senior Notes due 2020                     |              | 478.5      |  |  |  |
| 7 1/4% Senior Notes due 2023                     | 22.3         | 26.3       |  |  |  |
| 7% Senior Notes due 2024                         | 625.0        |            |  |  |  |
| Various Cincinnati Bell Telephone notes          | 87.9         | 128.7      |  |  |  |
| Capital lease obligations and other debt         | 62.0         | 59.9       |  |  |  |
|  | 1,202.5      | 1,233.5    |  |  |  |
| Net unamortized premium (discount)               | 8.5          | (1.7)      |  |  |  |
| Unamortized note issuance costs                  | (11.9)       | (8.0)      |  |  |  |
| Long-term debt, less current portion             | 1,199.1      | 1,223.8    |  |  |  |
| Total debt                                       | \$ 1,206.6   | \$ 1,237.6 |  |  |  |

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#### **Corporate Credit Agreement**

#### Revolving Credit Facility

In the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company entered into a new credit agreement ("Corporate Credit Agreement") which provided for a \$200.0 million revolving credit facility, with a sublimit of \$30.0 million for letters of credit and a \$25.0 million sublimit for swingline loans. Effective with the sale of 16.0 million partnership units of CyrusOne, LP in the second quarter of 2014, the amount available under the Corporate Credit Agreement's revolving credit facility was reduced to \$150.0 million. However, the Company entered into an Incremental Assumption Agreement to the Company's existing Corporate Credit Agreement in the second quarter of 2015, and effective with the sale of 14.3 million CyrusOne LP operating partnership units in the second quarter of 2015, the aggregate available borrowings on the Corporate Credit Agreement's revolving credit facility was adjusted to \$175.0 million. In the second quarter of 2016, the Company amended the Corporate Credit Agreement to reduce the aggregate revolving commitments available under the revolving credit facility to \$150.0 million, modify certain financial covenants and related definitions governing leverage ratios and capital expenditures, and extend the maturity date of the revolving credit facility to January 2020. As a result of the amendment, the Company recorded a \$1.7 million loss on extinguishment of debt in the second quarter of 2016. Borrowings under the Corporate Credit Agreement's revolving capital and for other general corporate purposes of the Company. Availability under the Corporate Credit Agreement's revolving credit facility is subject to customary borrowing conditions.

Borrowings under the Corporate Credit Agreement's revolving credit facility bear interest, at the Company's election, at a rate per annum equal to (i) LIBOR plus the applicable margin or (ii) the base rate plus the applicable margin. The applicable margin for advances under the revolving facility is based on certain financial ratios and ranges between 3.00% and 3.50% for LIBOR rate advances and 2.00% and 2.50% for base rate advances. As of December 31, 2016, the applicable margin was 3.50% for LIBOR rate advances and 2.50% for base rate advances. Base rate is the higher of (i) the bank prime rate, (ii) the one-month LIBOR rate plus 1.00% and (iii) the federal funds rate plus 0.5%. At December 31, 2016, there were no outstanding borrowings under the Corporate Credit Agreement's revolving credit facility.

Amendment for Tranche B Term Loan Facility

In the third quarter of 2013, the Company amended and restated its Corporate Credit Agreement to include a \$540.0 million Tranche B Term Loan facility ("Tranche B Term Loan") that matures in the third quarter of 2020.

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The Company received \$529.8 million in net proceeds from the Tranche B Term Loan after deducting the original issue discount, fees and expenses. These proceeds were used to redeem all of the Company's \$500.0 million 8 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% Senior Notes due 2017 ("8 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% Senior Notes") in the fourth quarter of 2013 at a redemption price of 104.125%, including payment of accrued interest thereon totaling \$20.6 million.

The Tranche B Term Loan was issued with 0.75% of original issue discount. Loans under the Tranche B Term Loan bear interest, at the Company's election, at a rate per annum equal to (i) LIBOR (subject to a 1.00% floor) plus 3.00% or (ii) the base rate plus 2.00%. Base rate is the greatest of (a) the bank prime rate, (b) the one-month LIBOR rate plus 1.00% and (c) the federal funds rate plus 0.5%. At December 31, 2016, the interest rate on the outstanding Tranche B Term Loan was 4.00%.

In the fourth quarter of 2016, the Company repaid \$208.0 million of its outstanding Tranche B Term Loan which resulted in a loss on debt extinguishment of \$2.2 million.

In accordance with the terms of the amended Corporate Credit Agreement, the Company's ability to make restricted payments, which include share repurchases and common stock dividends, is limited to a total of \$15.0 million, with certain permitted exceptions, given that its Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio, as defined by the Corporate Credit Agreement, exceeds 3.50 to 1.00 as of December 31, 2016. The Company may make restricted payments of \$45.0 million annually when the Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio is less than or equal to 3.50 to 1.00. There are no dollar limits on restricted payments when the Consolidated Total Leverage Ratio is less than or equal to 3.00 to 1.00. These restricted payment limitations do not impact the Company's ability to make regularly scheduled dividend payments on its 6 <sup>3</sup>/4% Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock. Furthermore, the Company may make restricted payments in the form of share repurchases or dividends up to 15% of CyrusOne sale proceeds, subject to a \$35.0 million annual cap with carryovers subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein.

The Corporate Credit Agreement was also modified to provide that the Tranche B Term Loan participates in mandatory prepayments, subject to the terms and conditions (including with respect to payment priority) set forth in the restated Corporate Credit Agreement. In addition, the Corporate Credit Agreement was modified to provide that 85%, rather than 100%, of proceeds from monetizing any portion of our CyrusOne common stock or CyrusOne LP partnership units, are applied to mandatory prepayments under the restated Corporate Credit Agreement, subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein. Other revisions were also effected pursuant to the amended agreement, including with respect to financial covenant compliance levels.

#### Guarantors and Security Interests, Corporate Credit Agreement (Including Tranche B Term Loan)

All existing and future subsidiaries of the Company (other than Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC, Cincinnati Bell Funding LLC (and any other similar special purpose receivables financing subsidiary), Cincinnati Bell Shared Services LLC, Cincinnati Bell Extended Territories LLC, and the Company's joint ventures, subsidiaries prohibited by applicable law from becoming guarantors and foreign subsidiaries) are required to guarantee borrowings under the Corporate Credit Agreement. Debt outstanding under the Corporate Credit Agreement is secured by perfected first priority pledges of and security interests in (i) substantially all of the equity interests of the Company's U.S. subsidiaries (other than subsidiaries of non-guarantors of the Corporate Credit Agreement) and 66% of the equity interests in the first-tier foreign subsidiaries held by the Company and the guarantors under the Corporate Credit Agreement and certain other excluded property) and (iii) the Company's equity interests in CyrusOne and CyrusOne LP, both of which, together with their respective subsidiaries, are treated as non-subsidiaries of the Company and are not guarantors for purposes of the Corporate Credit Agreement.

#### Borrowings and Commitment Fees, Corporate Credit Agreement

As of December 31, 2016, the Company had no outstanding borrowings under the Corporate Credit Agreement's revolving credit facility, leaving \$150.0 million available. As of December 31, 2015, the Company had no outstanding borrowings under the Corporate Credit Agreement's revolving credit facility, leaving \$175.0 million available.

The Company pays commitment fees for the unused amount of borrowings on the Corporate Credit Agreement and letter of credit fees on outstanding letters of credit. The commitment fees are calculated based on the total leverage ratio and range between 0.250% and 0.500% of the actual daily amount by which the aggregate revolving commitments exceed the sum of outstanding revolving loans and letter of credit obligations. These fees were \$0.8 million in 2016 and \$0.9 million in 2015 and 2014.
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#### Accounts Receivable Securitization Facility

Cincinnati Bell Inc.

Cincinnati Bell Inc. and certain of its subsidiaries have an accounts receivable securitization facility ("Receivables Facility"), which permits maximum borrowings of up to \$120.0 million as of December 31, 2016. CBT, CBET, CBAD, Cincinnati Bell Any Distance of Virginia LLC, CBTS, and eVolve all participate in this facility. Cincinnati Bell Wireless ("CBW") also participated in the facility until it was withdrawn from the agreement during the second quarter of 2015. The available borrowing capacity is calculated monthly based on the quantity and quality of outstanding accounts receivable and thus may be lower than the maximum borrowing limit. At December 31, 2016, the available borrowing capacity was \$120.0 million.

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The transferors sell their respective trade receivables on a continuous basis to Cincinnati Bell Funding LLC ("CBF"), a wholly-owned limited liability company. In turn, CBF grants, without recourse, a senior undivided interest in the pooled receivables to various purchasers, including commercial paper conduits, in exchange for cash while maintaining a subordinated undivided interest in the form of over-collateralization in the pooled receivables. The transferors have agreed to continue servicing the receivables for CBF at market rates; accordingly, no servicing asset or liability has been recorded. In the second quarter of 2016, the Company executed an amendment of its Receivables Facility, which replaced, amended and added certain provisions and definitions to increase the credit availability, renew the facility, which is subject to renewal every 364 days, until May 2017, and extend the facility's termination date to May 2019. During the second quarter of 2015, the Company amended the Receivables Facility to allow CBW to withdraw as a party from the agreement and to be relieved of all of its rights and obligations thereunder. CBW was required to purchase certain receivables that it previously sold to Cincinnati Bell Funding LLC, amounting to \$1.7 million.

Although CBF is a wholly-owned consolidated subsidiary of the Company, CBF is legally separate from the Company and each of the Company's other subsidiaries. Upon and after the sale or contribution of the accounts receivable to CBF, such accounts receivable are legally assets of CBF, and, as such, are not available to creditors of other subsidiaries or the parent company.

For the purposes of consolidated financial reporting, the Receivables Facility is accounted for as secured financing. Because CBF has the ability to prepay the Receivables Facility at any time by making a cash payment and effectively repurchasing the receivables transferred pursuant to the facility, the transfers do not qualify for "sale" treatment on a consolidated basis under ASC 860, "Transfers and Servicing."

Of the total borrowing capacity of \$120.0 million at December 31, 2016, \$89.5 million consisted of outstanding borrowings and \$6.3 million consisted of outstanding letters of credit. Interest on the Receivables Facility is based on the LIBOR rate plus 1.1%. The average interest rate on the Receivables Facility was 1.3% in 2016. The Company pays letter of credit fees on the securitization facility and also pays commitment fees on the unused portion of the total facility. These fees were \$0.8 million in 2016, 2015 and 2014.

## 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% Notes due 2023

In 1993, the Company issued \$50.0 million of 7  $\frac{1}{4}$ % Notes due 2023 ("7  $\frac{1}{4}$ % Notes"). The 7  $\frac{1}{4}$ % Notes rank ratably to the 7% senior notes due 2024 and senior to the CBT Notes. The indenture related to the 7  $\frac{1}{4}$ % Notes does not subject the Company to restrictive financial covenants, but it does contain a covenant providing that if the Company incurs certain liens on its property or assets, the Company must secure the outstanding 7  $\frac{1}{4}$ % Notes equally and ratably with the indebtedness or obligations secured by such liens. The liens under the Corporate Credit Agreement have resulted in the debt outstanding under the 7  $\frac{1}{4}$ % Notes being secured equally and ratably with the obligations secured under the Corporate Credit Agreement. Interest on the

 $7 \frac{1}{4}\%$  Notes is payable semi-annually on June 15 and December 15. The Company may not call the  $7 \frac{1}{4}\%$  Notes prior to maturity. The indenture governing the  $7 \frac{1}{4}\%$  Notes provides for customary events of default, including for failure to make any payment when due and for one or more defaults of any other existing debt instruments that exceeds \$20.0 million, in the aggregate.

During 2015, the Company redeemed \$13.7 million of its outstanding 7  $^{1}/_{4}$ % Notes at an average redemption price of 99.853% which resulted in a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$0.1 million. The Company also repaid \$4.0 million of its 7  $^{1}/_{4}$ % Notes at a redemption price of 100.750% which resulted in a \$0.1 million loss on extinguishment of debt during 2016.

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## 7% Senior Notes due 2024

In the third quarter of 2016, the Company issued in a private offering \$425.0 million aggregate principal amount of 7% senior notes due 2024 ("7% Senior Notes") at par. The Company issued an additional \$200.0 million aggregate principal amount of 7% Senior Notes at a price of 105.000% in the fourth quarter of 2016. The 7% Senior Notes are senior unsecured obligations of the Company, which rank equally in right of payment with all existing and future unsecured senior debt of the Company. The 7% Senior Notes will be effectively subordinated to all existing and future secured indebtedness of the Company to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness. The 7% Senior Notes are guaranteed on a joint and several basis by certain of the Company's existing and future domestic subsidiaries. Each such guarantee is a senior unsecured obligation of the applicable guarantor, ranking equally with all existing and future unsecured senior debt of such guarantor and effectively subordinated to all existing and future secured indebtedness. The 7% Senior Notes are structurally subordinated to all existing and future unsecured obligation of the applicable guarantor, ranking equally with all existing and future unsecured senior debt of such guarantor and effectively subordinated to all existing and future secured indebtedness of such guarantor to the extent of the value of the assets securing that indebtedness. The 7% Senior Notes are structurally subordinated to all liabilities (including trade payables) of each subsidiary of the Company that does not guarantee the 7% Senior Notes.

The 7% Senior Notes bear interest at a rate of 7% per annum, payable semi-annually on January 15 and July 15 of each year, beginning on January 15, 2017, to persons who are registered holders of the 7% Senior Notes on the immediately preceding January 1 and July 1, respectively.

The 7% Senior Notes will mature on July 15, 2024. However, prior to September 15, 2019, the Company may, at its option, redeem some or all of the 7% Senior Notes at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 7% Senior Notes, together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, plus a "make-whole" premium. On or after September 15, 2019, the Company may, at its option, redeem some or all of the 7% Senior Notes at any time at declining redemption prices equal to (i) 105.250% beginning on September 15, 2019, (ii) 103.500% beginning on September 15, 2020, (iii) 101.750% beginning on September 15, 2021 and (iv) 100.000% beginning on September 15, 2022 and thereafter, plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the applicable redemption date. In addition, before September 15, 2019, and subject to certain conditions, the Company may, at its option, redeem up to 40% of the aggregate principal amount of 7% Senior Notes with the net proceeds of certain equity offerings at 107.000% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption; provided that (i) at least 60% of the aggregate principal amount of 7% Senior Notes remains outstanding and (ii) the redemption occurs within 180 days of the closing of any such equity offering.

The indenture governing the 7% Senior Notes contains covenants including but not limited to the following: limitations on dividends to shareowners and other restricted payments; dividend and other payment restrictions affecting the Company's subsidiaries such that the subsidiaries are generally not permitted to enter into an agreement that would limit their ability to make dividend payments to the parent; issuance of indebtedness; asset dispositions; transactions with affiliates; liens; investments; issuances and sales of capital stock of subsidiaries; and redemption of debt that is junior in right of payment. The indenture governing the 7% Senior Notes provides for customary events of default, including a cross-default provision for both nonpayment at final maturity or acceleration due to a default of any other existing debt instrument that equals or exceeds \$35 million.

# **Cincinnati Bell Telephone Notes**

In 1998, CBT's predecessor issued \$150.0 million in aggregate principal of 6.30% unsecured senior notes due 2028 (the "CBT Notes"), which are guaranteed on a subordinated basis by the Company but not its subsidiaries. The indenture related to the CBT Notes does not subject the Company or CBT to restrictive financial covenants, but it does contain a covenant providing that if CBT incurs certain liens on its property or assets, CBT must secure the outstanding CBT Notes equally and ratably with the indebtedness or obligations secured by such liens. The maturity date of the CBT notes is in 2028, and the CBT Notes may be redeemed at any time at a redemption price equal to the greater of 100% of the principal amount of the CBT Notes to be redeemed or the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest to maturity, plus accrued interest to the redemption date. The indenture governing the CBT Notes for customary events of default, including for failure to make any payment when due and for one or more defaults of any other existing debt instruments of the Company or CBT that exceeds \$20.0 million, in the aggregate.

During 2015, the Company redeemed \$5.8 million of its outstanding CBT Notes at an average redemption price of 90.840% which resulted in a gain on extinguishment of debt of \$0.5 million. During 2016, the Company redeemed \$40.8 million of its CBT Notes at an average redemption price of 92.232% which resulted in a gain on extinguishment of debt of \$2.8 million.

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# **Capital Lease Obligations**

Capital lease obligations represent our obligation for certain leased assets, including vehicles and various equipment. These leases generally contain renewal or buyout options.

# **Debt Maturity Schedule**

The following table summarizes our annual principal maturities of debt and capital leases for the five years subsequent to December 31, 2016, and thereafter:

|                                 |               |    | Capital | Total         |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----|---------|---------------|
| (dollars in millions)           | Debt          |    | Leases  | <br>Debt      |
| Year ended December 31,         |               |    |         |               |
| 2017                            | \$<br>0.2     | \$ | 7.3     | \$<br>7.5     |
| 2018                            |               |    | 6.4     | 6.4           |
| 2019                            | 89.5          |    | 6.3     | 95.8          |
| 2020                            | 315.8         |    | 4.4     | 320.2         |
| 2021                            |               |    | 3.5     | 3.5           |
| Thereafter                      | 735.2         |    | 41.4    | 776.6         |
|                                 | <br>1,140.7   |    | 69.3    | <br>1,210.0   |
| Net unamortized premium         | 8.5           |    | _       | 8.5           |
| Unamortized note issuance costs | (11.9)        |    | . —     | (11.9)        |
| Total debt                      | \$<br>1,137.3 | \$ | 69.3    | \$<br>1,206.6 |

Total capital lease payments including interest are expected to be \$11.8 million for 2017, \$10.5 million for 2018, \$10.0 million for 2019, \$7.9 million for 2020, \$6.7 million for 2021 and \$55.7 million thereafter.

As of March 31, 2015, \$54.5 million of capital lease obligations were retained by the Company in conjunction with discontinuing wireless operations.

## **Deferred Financing Costs**

Deferred financing costs are costs incurred in connection with obtaining long-term financing and renewing revolving credit agreements. Deferred financing costs are amortized on the effective interest method. The Company incurred deferred financing costs of \$9.7 million in 2016 related to the issuance of the 7% Senior Notes. In 2016 and 2015, deferred financing costs incurred for amending and renewing revolving credit agreements were \$2.0 million and \$0.4 million, respectively. The Company wrote-off deferred financing costs associated with the extinguishment of debt of \$5.9 million, \$3.7 million and \$3.4 million in 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The Company retrospectively adopted ASU 2015-03, Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs, effective January 1, 2016. At the time of adoption the Company made a one-time policy election to record costs incurred in connection with obtaining revolving credit agreements as an asset. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, deferred financing costs recorded to "Other non-current assets" totaled \$2.1 million and \$3.2 million, respectively. Amortization of deferred financing costs, included in "Interest expense" in the Consolidated Statements of Operations, totaled \$3.0 million in 2016, \$4.1 million in 2015, and \$5.1 million in 2014.

## **Debt** Covenants

## Corporate Credit Agreement

The Corporate Credit Agreement has financial covenants that require the Company to maintain certain leverage and interest coverage ratios and comply with annual limitations on capital expenditures. As of December 31, 2016, these ratios and limitations include a maximum consolidated total leverage ratio of 5.50, a maximum consolidated senior secured leverage ratio of 3.50, a minimum consolidated interest coverage ratio of 1.50 and a 2016 maximum capital expenditure limitation of \$301.4 million. Capital expenditures are permitted subject to predetermined annual thresholds which are not to exceed \$498.6 million in the aggregate over the next three years. In 2016, capital expenditures for the Company totaled \$286.4 million. In addition, the Corporate Credit Agreement contains customary affirmative and negative covenants including, but not limited to, restrictions on the Company's ability to incur additional

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indebtedness, create liens, pay dividends, make certain investments, prepay other indebtedness, sell, transfer, lease, or dispose of assets and enter into, or undertake, certain liquidations, mergers, consolidations or acquisitions.

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The Corporate Credit Agreement contains customary events of default (which are in some cases subject to certain exceptions, thresholds and grace periods), including, but not limited to, nonpayment of principal or interest, failure to perform or observe covenants, breaches of representations and warranties, cross-defaults with certain other indebtedness, certain bankruptcy-related events or proceedings, final monetary judgments or orders, ERISA defaults, invalidity of loan documents or guarantees, and certain change of control events. If the Company were to violate any of its covenants and were unable to obtain a waiver, it would be considered a default. If the Company were in default under the Corporate Credit Agreement, no additional borrowings under this facility would be available until the default was waived or cured.

The Tranche B Term Loan is subject to the same affirmative and negative covenants and events of default as the Corporate Credit Agreement, except that a breach of the financial covenants will not result in an event of default under the Tranche B Term Loan unless and until the agent or a majority in interest of the lenders under the Corporate Credit Agreement have terminated the commitments under the Corporate Credit Agreement or accelerated the loans then outstanding under the Corporate Credit Agreement in response to such breach.

#### Indentures

The Company's debt is governed by indentures which contain covenants that, among other things, limit the Company's ability to incur additional debt or liens, pay dividends or make other restricted payments, sell, transfer, lease, or dispose of assets and make investments or merge with another company.

One of the financial covenants permits the issuance of additional Indebtedness up to a 5:00 to 1:00 Consolidated Adjusted Senior Debt to EBITDA ratio (as defined by the individual indenture). Once this ratio exceeds 5:00 to 1:00, the Company is not in default; however, additional indebtedness may only be incurred in specified permitted baskets, including a basket which allows \$750.0 million of total Corporate Credit Agreement debt. Also, the Company's ability to make Restricted Payments (as defined by the individual indenture) would be limited, including common stock dividend payments or repurchasing outstanding Company shares. If the Company is under the 5:00 to 1:00 ratio on a pro forma basis, the Company may access its restricted payments basket, which provides the ability to repurchase shares or pay dividends. In addition, the Company may designate one or more of its subsidiaries as Unrestricted (as defined in the various indentures) such that any Unrestricted Subsidiary (as defined in the various indentures) would generally not be subject to the restrictions of these various indentures. However, certain provisions which govern the Company's relationship with Unrestricted Subsidiaries would begin to apply.

#### **Extinguished Notes**

During 2014, the Company redeemed \$22.7 million of its outstanding 8  ${}^{3}_{/8}$ % Senior Notes due 2020 ("8  ${}^{3}_{/8}$ % Senior Notes") at par which resulted in a \$0.2 million loss on extinguishment of debt associated with discontinued operations. During 2015, the Company purchased \$182.7 million of its outstanding 8  ${}^{3}_{/8}$ % Senior Notes at an average redemption price of 105.543% which resulted in recording a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$10.9 million. During 2016, the Company repaid the remaining \$478.5 million outstanding on the 8  ${}^{3}_{/8}$ % Senior Notes at an average price of 103.328%, resulting in a \$17.8 million loss on extinguishment of debt.

In 2014, the Company redeemed \$325.0 million of its 8 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2018 at a redemption price of 104.375%. As a result of the redemption, the Company recorded a debt extinguishment loss of \$19.4 million. Additionally, in 2015, the Company redeemed the remaining \$300.0 million of outstanding 8 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2018 at a redemption rate of 102.188%. As a result, the Company recorded a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$10.4 million.

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## 7. Commitments and Contingencies

#### **Operating Lease Commitments**

The Company leases certain circuits, facilities, and equipment used in its operations. Operating lease expense was \$9.6 million, \$10.1 million and \$7.4 million in 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively. In 2015, our retail stores, which were previously used to support our wireless operations, were re-branded to support the growth of our Fioptics suite of products. Rent expense associated with our retail locations totaled \$0.6 million and \$0.8 million in 2016 and 2015, respectively. Certain facility leases provide for renewal options with fixed rent escalations beyond the initial lease term.

At December 31, 2016, future minimum lease payments required under operating leases having initial or remaining non-cancellable lease terms for the next five years are as follows:

| <u>(dollars in millions)</u> |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| 2017                         | \$<br>4.1  |
| 2018                         | 2.9        |
| 2019                         | 2.6        |
| 2020                         | 2.3        |
| 2021                         | 2.2        |
| Thereafter                   | 19.8       |
| Total                        | \$<br>33.9 |

#### **Asset Retirement Obligations**

Asset retirement obligations exist for certain other assets. As of March 31, 2015, certain asset retirement obligations related to our wireless towers were reclassified to continuing operations as the obligations relate to tower leases retained by the Company. The following table presents the activity for the Company's asset retirement obligations, which are included in "Other noncurrent liabilities" in the Consolidated Balance Sheets:

|  | December 31, |       |      |       |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--------------|-------|------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| (dollars in millions)  |              | 2016  | 2015 |       |  |  |  |  |  |
| Balance, beginning of period   | \$           | 4.8   | \$   | 1.6   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Asset retirement obligations reclassified from discontinued operations |              |       |      | 10.9  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Liabilities settled  |              | (2.0) |      | (5.0) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Revision to estimated cash flow  |              | (1.1) |      | (2.9) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Accretion expense  |              | 0.1   |      | 0.2   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Balance, end of period   | \$           | 1.8   | \$   | 4.8   |  |  |  |  |  |

#### Indemnifications

During the normal course of business, the Company makes certain indemnities, commitments, and guarantees under which it may be required to make payments in relation to certain transactions. These include (a) intellectual property indemnities to customers in connection with the use, sale, and/or license of products and services, (b) indemnities to customers in connection with losses incurred while performing services on their premises, (c) indemnities to vendors and service providers pertaining to claims based on negligence or willful misconduct of the Company, (d) indemnities involving the representations and warranties in certain contracts, and (e) outstanding letters of credit which totaled \$6.3 million as of December 31, 2016. In addition, the Company has made contractual commitments to several employees providing for payments upon the occurrence of certain prescribed events. The majority of these indemnities, commitments, and guarantees do not provide for any limitation on the maximum potential for future payments that the Company could be obligated to make.

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As permitted under Ohio law, the Company has agreements whereby the Company indemnifies its officers and directors for certain events or occurrences while the officer or director is, or was, serving at the Company's request in such capacity. The term of the indemnification period is for the lifetime of the officer or director. The maximum potential amount of future payments the Company could be required to make under these indemnification agreements is unlimited; however, the Company has a director and officer insurance policy that limits the Company's exposure and enables the Company to recover a portion of any future amounts paid. As a result of the Company has no liabilities recorded for these agreements as of December 31, 2016 or 2015.

#### **Purchase Commitments**

The Company has noncancellable purchase commitments related to certain goods and services. These agreements typically range from one to three years. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the minimum commitments for these arrangements were approximately \$191 million and \$166 million, respectively. The Company generally has the right to cancel open purchase orders prior to delivery and to terminate the contracts without cause.

#### Litigation

Cincinnati Bell and its subsidiaries are subject to various lawsuits, actions, proceedings, claims and other matters asserted under laws and regulations in the normal course of business. We believe the liabilities accrued for legal contingencies in our consolidated financial statements, as prescribed by GAAP, are adequate in light of the probable and estimable contingencies. However, there can be no assurances that the actual amounts required to satisfy alleged liabilities from various legal proceedings, claims, tax examinations, and other matters, and to comply with applicable laws and regulations, will not exceed the amounts reflected in our consolidated financial statements. As such, costs, if any, that may be incurred in excess of those amounts provided as of December 31, 2016, cannot be reasonably determined.

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# 8. Financial Instruments and Fair Value Measurements

#### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying values of our financial instruments do not materially differ from the estimated fair values as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, except for the Company's long-term debt.

The carrying value and fair value of the Company's long-term debt is as follows:

| <u>(dollars in millions)</u><br>Long-term debt, including current portion* | December       | December 31, 2015 |                |            |  |
|--|----------------|-------------------|----------------|------------|--|
| (dollars in millions)  | Carrying Value | Fair Value        | Carrying Value | Fair Value |  |
| Long-term debt, including current portion*                                 | 1,149.2        | 1,177.9           | 1,178.0        | 1,155.6    |  |
|  |                |                   |                |            |  |

\*Excludes capital leases and note issuance costs.

The fair value of debt instruments was based on closing or estimated market prices of the Company's debt at December 31, 2016 and 2015, which is considered Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

#### **Non-Recurring Fair Value Measurements**

Certain long-lived assets, intangibles, and goodwill are required to be measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis subsequent to their initial measurement. These non-recurring fair value measurements generally occur when evidence of impairment has occurred. In 2016 and 2015, no assets were remeasured at fair value. During 2014, the following assets were remeasured at fair value in connection with impairment tests:

|   |                                    | Fair  | Fair Value Measurements Using                       |   |                      |  |  |  |  |
|---|------------------------------------|---|---|---|----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| (dollars in millions)   | Year Ended<br>December 31,<br>2014 | Quoted Prices in<br>Active Markets<br>for Identical<br>Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other<br>Observable<br>Inputs (Level 2) | Significant<br>Unobservable<br>Inputs (Level 3) | Impairment<br>Losses |  |  |  |  |
| Property:   |                                    |   |   |   |                      |  |  |  |  |
| Office software, furniture, fixtures, & vehicles (Entertainment and Communications) |                                    | _   |   | _   | \$ (4.6)             |  |  |  |  |
| Impairment of assets  |                                    |   |   |   | \$ (4.6)             |  |  |  |  |

In 2014, certain software projects for our Entertainment and Communications segment were abandoned. These assets had no fair value, as they were no longer being used, resulting in an impairment loss of \$4.6 million in 2014. Historically, management used the income approach to determine fair value of the assets, but since the assets will not be used in the future, there are no expected future earnings attributable and the entire value of the assets was impaired. This fair value measurement is considered a Level 3 measurement due to the significance of its unobservable inputs.

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# 9. Pension and Postretirement Plans

#### Savings Plans

The Company sponsors several defined contribution plans covering substantially all employees. The Company's contributions to the plans are based on matching a portion of the employee contributions. Both employer and employee contributions are invested in various investment funds at the direction of the employee. Employer contributions to the defined contribution plans were \$8.4 million, \$7.0 million, and \$6.4 million in 2016, 2015, and 2014, respectively.

## **Pension and Postretirement Plans**

The Company sponsors three noncontributory defined benefit pension plans: one for eligible management employees, one for nonmanagement employees, and one supplemental, nonqualified, unfunded plan for certain former senior executives. The management pension plan is a cash balance plan in which the pension benefit is determined by a combination of compensation-based credits and annual guaranteed interest credits. The non-management pension plan is also a cash balance plan in which the combination of service and job-classification-based credits and annual interest credits determine the pension benefit. During the second quarter of 2015, the non-management pension plan was amended to eliminate all future pension credits and transition benefits. As a result, we recognized a curtailment loss of \$0.3 million and a \$1.7 million reduction to the associated pension obligations. Benefits for the supplemental plan are based on eligible pay, adjusted for age and service upon retirement. We fund both the management and non-management plans in an irrevocable trust through contributions, which are determined using the traditional unit credit cost method. We also use the traditional unit credit cost method for determining pension cost for financial reporting purposes.

The Company also provides healthcare and group life insurance benefits for eligible retirees. We fund healthcare benefits and other group life insurance benefits using Voluntary Employee Benefit Association ("VEBA") trusts. It is our practice to fund amounts as deemed appropriate from time to time. Contributions are subject to Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") limitations developed using the traditional unit credit cost method. The actuarial expense calculation for our postretirement health plan is based on numerous assumptions, estimates, and judgments including healthcare cost trend rates and cost sharing with retirees. Retiree healthcare benefits are being phased out for both management and certain retirees.

#### **Components of Net Periodic Cost**

The following information relates to noncontributory defined benefit pension plans, postretirement healthcare plans, and life insurance benefit plans. Approximately 13% in 2016, 12% in 2015, and 8% in 2014 of these costs were capitalized to property, plant and equipment related to network construction in the Entertainment and Communications segment. Pension and postretirement benefit costs for these plans were comprised of:

|   | Pension Benefits |        |     |        |    | Postretirement and Other Benefits |    |        |    |        |    |        |
|---|------------------|--------|-----|--------|----|-----------------------------------|----|--------|----|--------|----|--------|
| (dollars in millions)                         |                  | 2016   |     | 2015   |    | 2014                              |    | 2016   |    | 2015   |    | 2014   |
| Service cost                                  | \$               |        | \$  | 0.3    | \$ | 1.0                               | \$ | 0.3    | \$ | 0.3    | \$ | 0.3    |
| Interest cost on projected benefit obligation |                  | 19.3   |     | 19.0   |    | 21.0                              |    | 3.3    |    | 3.3    |    | 4.0    |
| Expected return on plan assets                |                  | (27.3) |     | (29.2) |    | (28.1)                            |    | _      |    |        |    |        |
| Amortization of:                              |                  |        |     |        |    |                                   |    |        |    |        |    |        |
| Prior service cost (benefit)                  |                  | 0.1    |     | 0.1    |    | 0.2                               |    | (14.7) |    | (15.4) |    | (15.4) |
| Actuarial loss                                |                  | 19.1   |     | 24.9   |    | 17.3                              |    | 4.9    |    | 5.4    |    | 5.4    |
| Curtailment loss                              |                  |        |     | 0.3    |    |                                   |    |        |    |        |    | —      |
| Pension/postretirement cost (benefit)         | \$               | 11.2   | \$  | 15.4   | \$ | 11.4                              | \$ | (6.2)  | \$ | (6.4)  | \$ | (5.7)  |
|   |                  |        |     |        |    |                                   |    |        |    |        |    |        |
|   |                  |        | 0.0 |        |    |                                   |    |        |    |        |    |        |

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The following are the weighted-average assumptions used in measuring the net periodic cost of the pension and postretirement benefits:

|                                   | Р     | ension Benefits |       | Postretirer | nent and Other | Benefits |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|-------------|----------------|----------|
|                                   | 2016  | 2015            | 2014  | 2016        | 2015           | 2014     |
| Discount rate                     | 3.80% | 3.40% *         | 4.20% | 3.70%       | 3.40%          | 4.10%    |
| Expected long-term rate of return | 7.50% | 7.75%           | 7.75% |             | —              | ·        |
| Future compensation growth rate   |       | _               |       |             |                |          |

\* Discount rate used for the remeasurement of the non-management pension plan in April 2015 was consistent with the discount rate previously established.

The expected long-term rate of return on plan assets, developed using the building block approach, is based on the mix of investments held directly by the plans and the current view of expected future returns, which is influenced by historical averages. Changes in actual asset return experience and discount rate assumptions can impact the Company's operating results, financial position and cash flows.

#### **Benefit Obligation and Funded Status**

Changes in the plans' benefit obligations and funded status are as follows:

|   |    | P       | d Other       |      |        |    |        |
|---|----|---------|---------------|------|--------|----|--------|
| (dollars in millions)                     |    | 2016    | <br>2015      | 2016 |        |    | 2015   |
| Change in benefit obligation:             |    |         |               |      |        |    |        |
| Benefit obligation at January 1,          | \$ | 530.5   | \$<br>577.3   | \$   | 93.1   | \$ | 109.0  |
| Service cost                              |    |         | 0.3           |      | 0.3    |    | 0.3    |
| Interest cost                             |    | 19.3    | 19.0          |      | 3.3    |    | 3.3    |
| Actuarial gain                            |    | (2.7)   | (18.8)        |      | (4.7)  |    | (10.9) |
| Benefits paid                             |    | (41.5)  | (47.3)        |      | (13.1) |    | (12.7) |
| Retiree drug subsidy received             |    |         |               |      | 0.6    |    | 0.2    |
| Other                                     |    |         | —             |      | 3.1    |    | 3.9    |
| Benefit obligation at December 31,        | \$ | 505.6   | \$<br>530.5   | \$   | 82.6   | \$ | 93.1   |
| Change in plan assets:                    |    |         |               |      |        |    |        |
| Fair value of plan assets at January 1,   | \$ | 378.1   | \$<br>424.3   | \$   | 10.3   | \$ | 11.0   |
| Actual return (loss) on plan assets       |    | 30.3    | (10.5)        |      | 0.3    |    | 0.1    |
| Employer contributions                    |    | 5.4     | 11.6          |      | 10.6   |    | 11.7   |
| Retiree drug subsidy received             |    | —       |               |      | 0.6    |    | 0.2    |
| Benefits paid                             |    | (41.5)  | (47.3)        |      | (13.1) |    | (12.7) |
| Fair value of plan assets at December 31, |    | 372.3   | <br>378.1     |      | 8.7    |    | 10.3   |
| Unfunded status                           | \$ | (133.3) | \$<br>(152.4) | \$   | (73.9) | \$ | (82.8) |

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The following are the weighted-average assumptions used in accounting for and measuring the projected benefit obligations:

|                                   | Pension B | enefits | Postretirement<br>Benef |        |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------|--------|
|                                   | Decembe   | er 31,  | Decemb                  | er 31, |
|                                   | 2016      | 2015    | 2016                    | 2015   |
| Discount rate                     | 4.00%     | 3.80%   | 4.00%                   | 3.70%  |
| Expected long-term rate of return | 7.50%     | 7.75%   | —                       |        |
| Future compensation growth rate   |           |         | —                       |        |

The assumed healthcare cost trend rate used to measure the postretirement health benefit obligation is shown below:

|  | Decembe | r 31, |
|--|---------|-------|
|  | 2016    | 2015  |
| Healthcare cost trend  | 6.5%    | 6.5%  |
| Rate to which the cost trend is assumed to decline (ultimate trend rate) | 4.5%    | 4.5%  |
| Year the rates reach the ultimate trend rate                             | 2021    | 2020  |

A one-percentage point change in assumed healthcare cost trend rates would have the following effect on the postretirement benefit costs and obligation:

| (dollars in millions)                                  | 1% Increase |     | 1% D | Decrease |
|--|-------------|-----|------|----------|
| Service and interest costs for 2016                    | \$          | 0.2 | \$   | (0.1)    |
| Postretirement benefit obligation at December 31, 2016 |             | 3.2 |      | (2.9)    |

The projected benefit obligation is recognized in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as follows:

|   | Pension Benefits |       |        |       |    | Postretirement and Oth<br>Benefits |        |      |  |  |
|---|------------------|-------|--------|-------|----|------------------------------------|--------|------|--|--|
|   |                  | Decer | nber 3 | 31,   |    | Decen                              | nber 3 | 1,   |  |  |
| (dollars in millions)   |                  | 2016  |        | 2015  |    | 2016                               |        | 2015 |  |  |
| Accrued payroll and benefits (current liability)                      | \$               | 2.1   | \$     | 2.1   | \$ | 9.4                                | \$     | 10.1 |  |  |
| Pension and postretirement benefit obligations (noncurrent liability) |                  | 131.2 |        | 150.3 |    | 64.5                               |        | 72.7 |  |  |
| Total   | \$               | 133.3 | \$     | 152.4 | \$ | 73.9                               | \$     | 82.8 |  |  |

Amounts recognized in "Accumulated other comprehensive loss" in the Consolidated Balance Sheets which have not yet been recognized in net pension costs consisted of the following:

|  | Pension Benefits |         |      | I       | Postretirement and Other<br>Benefits |        |        |        |
|--|------------------|---------|------|---------|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
|  |                  | Decen   | ıber | 31,     |                                      | Decen  | aber ( | 31,    |
| (dollars in millions)  |                  | 2016    |      | 2015    |                                      | 2016   |        | 2015   |
| Prior service (cost) benefit, net of tax of (\$0.1), (\$0.1), \$10.6, \$15.8 | \$               | (0.1)   | \$   | (0.2)   | \$                                   | 19.1   | \$     | 28.6   |
| Actuarial loss, net of tax of (\$81.6), (\$90.4), (\$19.7), (\$23.0)         |                  | (141.8) |      | (157.8) |                                      | (34.8) |        | (40.9) |
| Total  | \$               | (141.9) | \$   | (158.0) | \$                                   | (15.7) | \$     | (12.3) |
|  |                  |         |      |         |                                      |        |        |        |

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Amounts recognized in "Accumulated other comprehensive loss" on the Consolidated Statements of Shareowners' Deficit and the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income are shown below:

|   | Pension Benefits |    |        |           | Postretirement an<br>Other Benefits |        |  |
|---|------------------|----|--------|-----------|-------------------------------------|--------|--|
| (dollars in millions)                           | <br>2016         |    | 2015   | 2016      |                                     | 2015   |  |
| Prior service cost recognized:                  |                  |    |        |           |                                     |        |  |
| Reclassification adjustments                    | \$<br>0.1        | \$ | 0.4    | \$ (14.7) | \$                                  | (15.4) |  |
| Actuarial (loss) gain recognized:               |                  |    |        |           |                                     |        |  |
| Reclassification adjustments                    | 19.1             |    | 24.9   | 4.9       |                                     | 5.4    |  |
| Actuarial gain (loss) arising during the period | 5.7              |    | (20.9) | 4.5       |                                     | 10.9   |  |

The following amounts currently included in "Accumulated other comprehensive loss" are expected to be recognized in 2017 as a component of net periodic pension and postretirement cost:

| (dollars in millions) | Pension Benefits | an | retirement<br>d Other<br>Senefits |
|-----------------------|------------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| Prior service benefit | \$               | \$ | (4.5)                             |
| Actuarial loss        | 16.5             |    | 4.3                               |
| Total                 | \$ 16.5          | \$ | (0.2)                             |

# Plan Assets, Investment Policies and Strategies

The primary investment objective for the trusts holding the assets of the pension and postretirement plans is preservation of capital with a reasonable amount of long-term growth and income without undue exposure to risk. This is provided by a balanced strategy using fixed income and equity securities. The target allocations for the pension plan assets are 65% equity securities and 35% investment grade fixed income securities. Equity securities are primarily held in the form of passively managed funds that seek to track the performance of a benchmark index. Equity securities include investments in growth and value common stocks of companies located in the United States, which represents approximately 60% of the equity securities held by the pension plans at December 31, 2016 as well as stock of international companies located in both developed and emerging markets around the world. Fixed income securities primarily include holdings of funds, which generally invest in a variety of intermediate and long-term investment grade corporate bonds from diversified industries. The postretirement plan assets are currently invested in a group insurance contract.

The fair values of the pension plan assets at December 31, 2016 and 2015 by asset category are as follows:

| <u>(dollars in millions)</u>               | Dec | ember 31,<br>2016 | Quoted Prices<br>in active<br>markets<br>Level 1 |       | in active<br>markets |   | in active<br>markets |  | in active<br>markets |  | in active<br>markets |  | in active<br>markets |  | in active<br>markets |  | in active<br>markets |  | in active<br>markets |  | in active<br>markets |  | es Significant<br>observable<br>inputs<br>Level 2 |  | ignificant<br>observable<br>inputs<br>Level 3 |
|--|-----|-------------------|--|-------|----------------------|---|----------------------|--|----------------------|--|----------------------|--|----------------------|--|----------------------|--|----------------------|--|----------------------|--|----------------------|--|---|--|---|
| Mutual funds                               |     |                   |  |       |                      |   |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |   |  |   |
| U.S. equity index funds                    | \$  | 142.7             | \$   | 142.7 | \$                   |   | \$<br>               |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |   |  |   |
| International equity index funds           |     | 95.6              |  | 95.6  |                      |   |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |   |  |   |
| Fixed income bond funds                    |     | 123.9             |  | 123.9 |                      |   |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |   |  |   |
| Fixed income short-term money market funds |     | 10.1              |  | 10.1  |                      | · | —                    |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |   |  |   |
| Group insurance contract                   |     | 8.7               |  |       |                      |   |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |   |  |   |
| Total                                      | \$  | 381.0             | \$   | 372.3 | \$                   |   | \$<br>               |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |   |  |   |
|  |     |                   |  |       |                      |   |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |                      |  |   |  |   |

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| (dollars in millious)            | Quoted PricesSignificantin activeobservableDecember 31,markets2015Level 1Level 2 |       |    | in active<br>nber 31, markets |    | Significant<br>nobservable<br>inputs<br>Level 3 |         |
|----------------------------------|--|-------|----|-------------------------------|----|---|---------|
| Mutual funds                     |  |       |    |                               |    |   |         |
| U.S. equity index funds          | \$   | 147.8 | \$ | 147.8                         | \$ |   | \$<br>— |
| International equity index funds |  | 97.0  |    | 97.0                          |    | Providences                                     | —       |
| Fixed income bond funds          |  | 133.3 |    | 133.3                         |    |   |         |
| Group insurance contract         |  | 10.3  |    |                               |    |   |         |
| Total                            | \$   | 388.4 | \$ | 378.1                         | \$ |   | \$<br>  |

The fair values of Level 1 investments are based on quoted prices in active markets.

The group insurance contract is valued at contract value plus accrued interest and has not been included in the fair value hierarchy, but is included in the totals above.

Contributions to our qualified pension plans were \$3.1 million in 2016, \$10.3 million in 2015, and \$19.7 million in 2014. Contributions to our non-qualified pension plan were \$2.3 million in 2016, \$2.2 million in 2015 and \$2.3 million in 2014.

Based on current assumptions, contributions to qualified and non-qualified pension plans in 2017 are expected to be approximately \$2 million each. Management expects to make cash payments of approximately \$9 million related to its postretirement health plans in 2017.

#### **Estimated Future Benefit Payments**

The following benefit payments, which reflect expected future service, as appropriate, are expected to be paid over the next ten years:

| (dollars in millions) | ension<br>enefits | Postretiremen<br>and Other<br>Benefits | t    | Medicare<br>Subsidy<br>Receipts |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--|------|---------------------------------|
| 2017                  | \$<br>42.1        | \$ 9.                                  | 9 \$ | (0.5)                           |
| 2018                  | 41.8              | 9.                                     | 2    | (0.5)                           |
| 2019                  | 40.2              | 7.                                     | 8    | (0.4)                           |
| 2020                  | 39.8              | 7.                                     | 0    | (0.4)                           |
| 2021                  | 38.1              | 6.                                     | 7    | (0.4)                           |
| Years 2022 - 2026     | 169.5             | 28.                                    | 1    | (1.4)                           |

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### 10. Shareowners' Deficit

#### **Common Shares**

The par value of the Company's common shares is \$0.01 per share. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, common shares outstanding were 42,056,237 and 41,975,390, respectively.

In 2010, the Board of Directors approved a plan for repurchase of up to \$150.0 million of the Company's common shares. In 2016, the Company repurchased and retired approximately 0.2 million shares of its common stock for \$4.8 million at an average price of \$19.67 per share. In 2015 and 2014, no shares were repurchased or retired under this plan. As of December 31, 2016, the Company had the authority to repurchase \$124.4 million of its common stock.

The Company previously had a deferred compensation plan for certain executives of the Company. The executive deferred compensation plan was terminated in the fourth quarter of 2015. At December 31, 2015, treasury shares of common stock held under the plan were nominal, with a total cost of \$0.5 million. In the fourth quarter of 2016, all amounts due under the plan were distributed to plan participants.

## **Preferred Shares**

The Company is authorized to issue 1,357,299 shares of voting preferred stock without par value and 1,000,000 shares of nonvoting preferred stock without par value. The Company issued 155,250 voting shares of  $6^{3}/_{4}$ % cumulative convertible preferred stock at stated value. These shares were subsequently deposited into a trust in which the underlying 155,250 shares are equivalent to 3,105,000 depositary shares. Shares of this preferred stock can be converted at any time at the option of the holder into common stock of the Company at a conversion rate of 5.7676 shares of the Company common stock per one share of  $6^{3}/_{4}$ % cumulative convertible preferred stock. Annual dividends of \$67.50 per share (or \$3.3752 per depositary share) on the outstanding  $6^{3}/_{4}$ % convertible preferred stock are payable quarterly in arrears in cash, or in common stock in certain circumstances if cash payment is not legally permitted. The liquidation preference on the  $6^{3}/_{4}$ % cumulative convertible preferred stock is \$1,000 per share (or \$50 per depositary share). The Company paid \$10.4 million in preferred stock dividends in 2016, 2015, and 2014.

#### Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

Shareowners' deficit includes an accumulated other comprehensive loss that is comprised of pension and postretirement unrecognized prior service cost and unrecognized actuarial losses, unrealized gains on Investment in CyrusOne and foreign currency translation losses.

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For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the changes in accumulated other comprehensive loss by component were as follows:

| (dollars in millions)                     | Perio<br>and Po | ognized Net<br>dic Pension<br>ostretirement<br>nefit Cost | Unrealized Foreign<br>gain on Currency<br>Investment in Translation<br>CyrusOne Loss |      | Total |       |               |
|---|-----------------|---|--|------|-------|-------|---------------|
| Balance as of December 31, 2014           | \$              | (173.6)   | \$   |      | \$    | (0.3) | \$<br>(173.9) |
| Remeasurement of benefit obligations      |                 | (6.6)   |  |      |       |       | (6.6)         |
| Reclassifications, net                    |                 | 9.9   | (a)  |      |       | (0.4) | 9.5           |
| Balance as of December 31, 2015           |                 | (170.3)   |  |      |       | (0.7) | <br>(171.0)   |
| Remeasurement of benefit obligations      |                 | 6.6   |  |      |       |       | 6.6           |
| Reclassifications, net                    |                 | 6.1   | (a)  |      |       | (0.1) | 6.0           |
| Unrealized gain on Investment in CyrusOne |                 |   |  | 68.1 | (b)   |       | 68.1          |
| Balance as of December 31, 2016           | \$              | (157.6)   | \$   | 68.1 | \$    | (0.8) | \$<br>(90.3)  |

(a) These reclassifications are included in the components of net period pension and postretirement benefit costs (see Note 9 for additional details). The components of net period pension and postretirement benefit cost are reported within "Cost of services", "Cost of products sold", and "Selling, general and administrative" expenses on the Consolidated Statements of Operations.

(b) The unrealized gain on the investment in CyrusOne was recorded in 2016 as the investment is no longer accounted for using the equity-method and is recorded as an available-for-sale security on the Consolidated Balance Sheets at fair value.

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#### 11. Income Taxes

Income tax expense for continuing operations consisted of the following:

|                        | Year Ended December 31, |        |    |       |      |       |  |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--------|----|-------|------|-------|--|
| (dollars in millions)  | 2016                    |        |    | 015   | 2014 |       |  |
| Current:               |                         |        |    |       |      |       |  |
| Federal                | \$                      | (14.0) | \$ | 9.2   | \$   | 9.3   |  |
| State and local        |                         | 0.5    |    | 1.7   |      | 1.9   |  |
| Total current          |                         | (13.5) |    | 10.9  |      | 11.2  |  |
| Investment tax credits |                         | (0.1)  |    | (0.2) |      | (0.2) |  |
| Deferred:              |                         |        |    |       |      |       |  |
| Federal                |                         | 72.6   |    | 149.4 |      | 69.6  |  |
| State and local        |                         | 5.7    |    | 5.2   |      | 1.9   |  |
| Total deferred         |                         | 78.3   |    | 154.6 |      | 71.5  |  |
| Valuation allowance    |                         | (3.6)  |    | (5.5) |      | (1.1) |  |
| Total                  | \$                      | 61.1   | \$ | 159.8 | \$   | 81.4  |  |

The following is a reconciliation of the statutory federal income tax rate with the effective tax rate for each year:

|  | Year Ended December 31, |        |        |  |  |  |  |
|--|-------------------------|--------|--------|--|--|--|--|
|  | 2016                    | 2015   | 2014   |  |  |  |  |
| U.S. federal statutory rate                              | 35.0 %                  | 35.0 % | 35.0 % |  |  |  |  |
| State and local income taxes, net of federal income tax  | 0.2                     | 0.7    | 0.8    |  |  |  |  |
| Change in valuation allowance, net of federal income tax | (1.4)                   | (0.8)  | (2.0)  |  |  |  |  |
| State net operating loss adjustments                     | 0.9                     | 0.3    | 1.9    |  |  |  |  |
| Nondeductible interest expense                           | —                       | —      | 2.7    |  |  |  |  |
| Unrecognized tax benefit changes                         | 2.3                     | 0.2    | 1.4    |  |  |  |  |
| Nondeductible compensation                               | 0.2                     | 0.1    | 0.7    |  |  |  |  |
| Other differences, net                                   | 0.3                     |        | 0.4    |  |  |  |  |
| Effective tax rate                                       | 37.5 %                  | 35.5 % | 40.9 % |  |  |  |  |

The income tax provision (benefit) was charged to continuing operations, discontinued operations, accumulated other comprehensive income or additional paid-in capital as follows:

| (dollars in millions)                         |      |      | Year End | ed December 31 | 31, |        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|------|------|----------|----------------|-----|--------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|   | 2016 |      |          | 2015           |     | 2014   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Income tax provision (benefit) related to:    |      |      |          |                |     |        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Continuing operations                         | \$   | 61.1 | \$       | 159.8          | \$  | 81.4   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Discontinued operations                       |      |      |          | 34.8           |     | (24.0) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) |      | 43.8 |          | 2.0            |     | (22.4) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Excess tax benefits on stock option exercises |      | 0.1  |          | (0.1)          |     | (0.1)  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |      |      |          |                |     |        |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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The components of our deferred tax assets and liabilities were as follows:

|   | December 31, |    |        |  |  |  |  |
|---|--------------|----|--------|--|--|--|--|
| (dollars in millions)                                 | <br>2016     |    | 2015   |  |  |  |  |
| Deferred tax assets:                                  |              |    |        |  |  |  |  |
| Net operating loss carryforwards                      | \$<br>125.2  | \$ | 142.0  |  |  |  |  |
| Pension and postretirement benefits                   | 78.7         |    | 89.1   |  |  |  |  |
| Investment in CyrusOne                                | _            |    | 68.9   |  |  |  |  |
| Employee benefits                                     | 12.2         |    | 15.2   |  |  |  |  |
| AMT Credit Carryforward                               | 17.4         |    | 32.7   |  |  |  |  |
| Texas Margin Credit                                   | 10.7         |    | 10.7   |  |  |  |  |
| Other   | 19.1         |    | 17.9   |  |  |  |  |
| Total deferred tax assets                             | <br>263.3    |    | 376.5  |  |  |  |  |
| Valuation allowance                                   | (54.4)       |    | (58.4) |  |  |  |  |
| Total deferred tax assets, net of valuation allowance | \$<br>208.9  | \$ | 318.1  |  |  |  |  |
| Deferred tax liabilities:                             |              |    |        |  |  |  |  |
| Property, plant and equipment                         | \$<br>135.0  | \$ | 134.9  |  |  |  |  |
| Investment in CyrusOne                                | 9.1          |    |        |  |  |  |  |
| Other   | 0.3          |    | 0.3    |  |  |  |  |
| Total deferred tax liabilities                        | <br>144.4    |    | 135.2  |  |  |  |  |
| Net deferred tax assets                               | \$<br>64.5   | \$ | 182.9  |  |  |  |  |

As of December 31, 2016, the Company had \$219.4 million of federal tax operating loss carryforwards with a deferred tax asset value of \$76.8 million, alternative minimum tax credit carryforwards of \$17.4 million, state tax credits of \$10.7 million, and \$48.2 million in deferred tax assets related to state, local, and foreign tax operating loss carryforwards. The majority of the remaining federal tax loss carryforwards will generally expire in 2023. U.S. tax laws limit the annual utilization of tax loss carryforwards of acquired entities. These limitations should not materially impact the utilization of the tax carryforwards.

The ultimate realization of the deferred income tax assets depends upon the Company's ability to generate future taxable income during the periods in which basis differences and other deductions become deductible, and prior to the expiration of the net operating loss carryforwards. Due to its historical and future projected earnings, management believes it will utilize future federal deductions and available net operating loss carryforwards prior to their expiration. Management also concluded that it was more likely than not that certain state and foreign tax loss carryforwards would not be realized based upon the analysis described above and therefore provided a valuation allowance.

The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized, would affect the effective tax rate was \$31.0 million and \$27.3 million at December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. Accrued interest and penalties on income tax uncertainties were immaterial as of December 31, 2016 and 2015.

A reconciliation of the unrecognized tax benefits is as follows:

| <u>(dollars in millions)</u>                 | <br>       | Year End | ed December 3 | ۱, |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|------------|----------|---------------|----|------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|  | <br>2016   |          | 2015          |    | 2014 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Balance, beginning of year                   | \$<br>27.6 | \$       | 27.1          | \$ | 24.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Change in tax positions for the current year | 1.2        |          | 0.5           |    | 3.0  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Change in tax positions for prior years      | 2.6        |          | _             |    |      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Balance, end of year                         | \$<br>31.4 | \$       | 27.6          | \$ | 27.1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

The Company and its subsidiaries file income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and various foreign, state and local jurisdictions. With a few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to U.S. federal, state or local examinations for years before

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## 12. Stock-Based and Deferred Compensation Plans

The Company may grant stock options, stock appreciation rights, performance-based awards, and time-based restricted shares to officers and key employees under the 2007 Long Term Incentive Plan and stock options, restricted shares, and restricted stock units to directors under the 2007 Stock Option Plan for Non-Employee Directors. The maximum number of shares authorized under these plans is 5.1 million. Shares available for award under the plans at December 31, 2016 were 0.9 million.

#### Stock Options and Stock Appreciation Rights

Generally, the awards of stock options and stock appreciation rights fully vest three years from grant date and expire ten years from grant date. Beginning in 2012, some of the stock options vested over a three year period based on the achievement of certain performance objectives. The Company generally issues new shares when options to purchase common shares or stock appreciation rights are exercised. The following table summarizes stock options and stock appreciation rights activity:

|   |         | 2     | 016    |  |    |        | 2015   |  |    |        | 2014 | t  |
|---|---------|-------|--------|--|----|--------|--------|--|----|--------|------|--|
| (in thousands, except per share <u>amounts)</u> | s       | hares | A<br>H | eighted-<br>werage<br>Xercise<br>rice Per<br>Share | s  | ihares | A<br>E | eighted-<br>werage<br>xercise<br>rice Per<br>Share | s  | Shares |      | Weighted-<br>Average<br>Exercise<br>Price Per<br>Share |
| Outstanding at January 1,                       |         | 776   | \$     | 19.27  |    | 1,045  | \$     | 19.27  |    | 1,225  | \$   | 18.31  |
| Granted *                                       |         |       |        |  |    | _      |        |  |    | 200    |      | 17.02  |
| Exercised                                       |         | (236) |        | 16.12  |    | (7)    |        | 9.15   |    | (145)  |      | 8.65   |
| Forfeited                                       |         | (11)  |        | 16.16  |    | (100)  |        | 18.71  |    | (43)   |      | 19.95  |
| Expired   |         | (139) |        | 22.79  |    | (162)  |        | 20.05  |    | (192)  |      | 18.69  |
| Outstanding at December 31,                     |         | 390   | \$     | 20.00  |    | 776    | \$     | 19.27  |    | 1,045  | \$   | 19.27  |
| Expected to vest at December 31,                | <u></u> | 390   | \$     | 20.00  |    | 776    | \$     | 19.27  |    | 1,045  | \$   | 19.27  |
| Exercisable at December 31,                     |         | 330   | \$     | 20.56  |    | 635    | \$     | 19.65  |    | 695    | \$   | 19.91  |
| (dollars in millions)                           |         |       |        |  |    |        |        |  |    |        |      |  |
| Compensation expense for the year               | \$      | 0.4   |        |  | \$ |        |        |  | \$ | 0.3    |      |  |
| Tax benefit related to compensation expense     | \$      | (0.1) |        |  | \$ | —      |        |  | \$ | (0.1)  |      |  |
| Intrinsic value of awards exercised             | \$      | 1.8   |        |  | \$ | 0.1    |        |  | \$ | 1.5    |      |  |
| Cash received from awards exercised             | \$      | 3.8   |        |  | \$ | 0.1    |        |  | \$ | 1.3    |      |  |
| Grant date fair value of awards vested          | \$      | 0.5   |        |  | \$ | 0.7    |        |  | \$ | 0.4    |      |  |

\* Assumes the maximum number of awards that can be earned if the performance conditions are achieved.

The following table summarizes our outstanding and exercisable awards at December 31, 2016:

|  | Out    | standi | ng   | Exe    | rcisab      | le   |
|--|--------|--------|--|--------|-------------|--|
| (in thousands, except per share amounts) | Shares | i      | Veighted-<br>Average<br>Exercise<br>Price Per<br>Share | Shares | /<br>E<br>P | Veighted-<br>Average<br>Exercise<br>Price Per<br>Share |
| \$8.35                                   | 26     | \$     | 8.35   | 26     | \$          | 8.35   |
| \$12.40 to \$17.05                       | 174    |        | 17.01  | 114    |             | 17.03  |
| \$23.10 to \$26.55                       | 190    |        | 24.35  | 190    |             | 24.35  |
| Total                                    | 390    | \$     | 20.00  | 330    | \$          | 20.56  |

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As of December 31, 2016, the aggregate intrinsic value for awards outstanding and exercisable was \$1.3 million and \$1.0 million, respectively. The weighted-average remaining contractual life for awards outstanding and exercisable is approximately five years and four years, respectively. As of December 31, 2016, there was \$0.2 million of unrecognized stock compensation expense, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately one year.

The fair values at the date of grant were estimated using the Black-Scholes pricing model with the following assumptions:

|  | 2016       | 2015     | 2014  |
|--|------------|----------|-------|
| Expected volatility                    | <br>       |          | 35.5% |
| Risk-free interest rate                |            |          | 1.5%  |
| Expected holding period (in years)     | —          |          | 5     |
| Expected dividends                     |            | <u> </u> | 0.0%  |
| Weighted-average grant date fair value | \$<br>— \$ | — \$     | 5.71  |

The expected volatility assumption used in the Black-Scholes pricing model was based on historical volatility. The risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant. The expected holding period was estimated using the historical exercise behavior of employees and adjusted for abnormal activity. Expected dividends are based on the Company's history of not paying dividends.

# Performance-Based Restricted Awards

Awards granted generally vest over three years and upon the achievement of certain performance-based objectives. Performance-based awards are expensed based on their grant date fair value if it is probable that the performance conditions will be achieved.

The following table summarizes our outstanding performance-based restricted award activity:

|   |    |       | 2016 |  |    |       | 2015        |   |             | 2014 |  |
|---|----|-------|------|--|----|-------|-------------|---|-------------|------|--|
| (in thousands, except per share amounts)    | s  | hares | 1    | /eighted-<br>Average<br>Exercise<br>Price Per<br>Share | s  | hares | /<br>H<br>P | /eighted-<br>Average<br>Exercise<br>rice Per<br>Share | <br>Shares  |      | Veighted-<br>Average<br>Exercise<br>Price Per<br>Share |
| Non-vested at January 1,                    |    | 721   | \$   | 16.77  |    | 349   | \$          | 19.28   | <br>307     | \$   | 19.88  |
| Granted*                                    |    | 307   |      | 15.45  |    | 538   |             | 15.46   | 217         |      | 17.80  |
| Vested                                      |    | (51)  |      | 22.75  |    | (89)  |             | 19.00   | (127)       |      | 18.55  |
| Forfeited                                   |    | (23)  |      | 22.35  |    | (77)  |             | 16.44   | (48)        |      | 18.33  |
| Non-vested at December 31,                  |    | 954   | \$   | 15.89  |    | 721   | \$          | 16.77   | <br>349     | \$   | 19.28  |
| (dollars in millions)                       |    |       |      |  |    |       |             |   |             |      |  |
| Compensation expense for the year           | \$ | 3.6   |      |  | \$ | 3.1   |             |   | \$<br>1.4   |      |  |
| Tax benefit related to compensation expense | \$ | (1.3) |      |  | \$ | (1.1) |             |   | \$<br>(0.5) |      |  |
| Grant date fair value of awards vested      | \$ | 1.2   |      |  | \$ | 1.7   |             |   | \$<br>2.3   |      |  |

\* Assumes the maximum number of awards that can be earned if the performance conditions are achieved.

As of December 31, 2016, unrecognized compensation expense related to performance-based awards was \$8.1 million, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately one year.

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## **Time-Based Restricted Awards**

Awards granted to employees in 2016 vest at the end of a three year period. Awards granted to employees prior to 2016 generally vest in one-third increments over a period of three years. Awards granted to directors in 2016, 2015 and 2014 vest on the first anniversary of the grant date.

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The following table summarizes our time-based restricted award activity:

|   |          | 2016 |  |          | 2015 | 5  |          | 201 | 4  |
|---|----------|------|--|----------|------|--|----------|-----|--|
| (in thousands, except per share amounts)    | Shares   | ĺ    | /eighted-<br>Average<br>Exercise<br>Frice Per<br>Share | Shares   | í    | Veighted-<br>Average<br>Exercise<br>Price Per<br>Share | Shares   |     | Veighted-<br>Average<br>Exercise<br>Price Per<br>Share |
| Non-vested at January 1,                    | 47       | \$   | 19.59  | 137      | \$   | 18.44  | 209      | \$  | 17.73  |
| Granted                                     | 106      |      | 16.75  | 36       |      | 17.35  | 35       |     | 16.04  |
| Vested                                      | (47)     |      | 19.59  | (126)    |      | 17.70  | (103)    |     | 16.22  |
| Forfeited                                   |          |      |  | _        |      |  | (4)      |     | 17.55  |
| Non-vested at December 31,                  | 106      | \$   | 16.75  | 47       | \$   | 19.59  | 137      | \$  | 18.44  |
| Ъ.  |          |      |  |          |      |  | <u> </u> |     |  |
| (dollars in millions)                       |          |      |  |          |      |  |          |     |  |
| Compensation expense for the year           | \$ 1.1   |      |  | \$ 1.0   |      |  | \$ 1.6   |     |  |
| Tax benefit related to compensation expense | \$ (0.4) |      |  | \$ (0.3) |      |  | \$ (0.6) |     |  |
| Grant date fair value of awards vested      | \$ 0.9   |      |  | \$ 2.2   |      |  | \$ 1.7   |     |  |

As of December 31, 2016, there was \$0.9 million of unrecognized compensation expense related to these restricted stock awards, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately two years.

## Cash-Settled and Other Awards

The Company grants cash-settled stock appreciation rights and performance awards. Beginning in 2012, some of the stock appreciation rights vested over a three year period based on the achievement of certain performance objectives. The final payments of these awards will be indexed to the percentage change in the Company's stock price from the date of grant.

No cash-payment awards were issued in 2016 or 2015. The Company granted cash-payment performance awards of \$3.6 million in 2014. For the year ended December 31, 2016, expense incurred for cash-payment awards was \$2.2 million. For the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, expense of \$0.6 million related to cash-payment awards was incurred.

At December 31, 2016 there was \$1.2 million remaining unrecognized compensation expense for cash-settled and other awards, which will primarily be recognized during 2017, assuming the maximum cash payout that can be earned if the performance conditions are achieved. The aggregate intrinsic value of outstanding and exercisable cash-settled stock appreciation rights at December 31, 2016 was \$0.1 million.

## **Deferred Compensation Plans**

The Company currently has a deferred compensation plan for the Board of Directors. Under the directors deferred compensation plan, each director can defer receipt of all or a part of their director fees and annual retainers, which can be invested in various investment funds including the Company's common stock. In years prior to 2012, the Company granted 1,200 phantom shares to each non-employee director on the first business day of each year, which are fully vested once a director has five years of service. No phantom shares were granted to non-employee directors in 2016. Distributions to the directors are generally in the form of cash.

The Company previously had a deferred compensation plan for certain executives of the Company. The executive deferred compensation plan was terminated in the fourth quarter of 2015. In the fourth quarter of 2016, all amounts due under the plan were distributed to plan participants.

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At December 31, 2016, the number of director deferred common shares was nominal. At December 31, 2015, there were 0.1 million common shares deferred in total for both the director and executive plans. As these awards can be settled in cash, compensation costs each period are based on the change in the Company's stock price. We recognized compensation expense of \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million in 2016 and 2015, respectively. A benefit of \$0.3 million was recognized in 2014.

## 13. Restructuring and Severance

Liabilities have been established for employee separations, lease abandonment and contract terminations. A summary of activity in the restructuring and severance liability is shown below:

| (dollars in millions)           | Employe<br>Separation |      |            | lease<br>Idonment | Other          | Total      |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------|------------|-------------------|----------------|------------|
| Balance as of December 31, 2013 | \$                    | 8.4  | \$         | 5.8               | \$<br>0.1      | \$<br>14.3 |
| Charges/(Reversals)             |                       | 1.0  |            | (1.4)             | apropriate and | (0.4)      |
| Utilizations                    | (                     | 6.4) |            | (2.6)             | —              | (9.0)      |
| Balance as of December 31, 2014 |                       | 3.0  | . <u> </u> | 1.8               | <br>0.1        | <br>4.9    |
| Charges                         |                       | 3.3  |            | 0.3               | 2.4            | 6.0        |
| Utilizations                    | (                     | 6.1) |            | (1.3)             | (2.4)          | (9.8)      |
| Balance as of December 31, 2015 |                       | 0.2  |            | 0.8               | <br>0.1        | <br>1.1    |
| Charges/(Reversals)             | 1                     | 2.5  |            | (0.5)             | (0.1)          | 11.9       |
| Utilizations                    | (                     | 1.7) |            | (0.1)             | -              | (1.8)      |
| Balance as of December 31, 2016 | \$ 1                  | 1.0  | \$         | 0.2               | \$<br>         | \$<br>11.2 |

In 2016, employee severance costs were associated with initiatives to reduce costs associated with our legacy copper network, including a voluntary severance program for certain management employees. Employee severance costs were also due to increased insourcing of IT professionals by our customers which resulted in headcount reductions in our IT Services and Hardware segment. In 2015, employee severance charges were associated with discontinuing our cyber-security product offering and integrating each of our segments' business markets. In 2014, employee separation charges included charges attributable to outsourcing a portion of our IT function and incurring consulting fees related to a workforce optimization initiative.

Lease abandonment costs represent future minimum lease obligations, net of expected sublease income, for abandoned facilities. Reversals in 2014 were related to previously abandoned leased space that was reoccupied. Lease payments on abandoned facilities will continue through 2019.

Other charges in 2015 represent project related expenses as we identified opportunities to integrate the business markets within our Entertainment and Communications and IT Services & Hardware segments.

A summary of restructuring activity by business segment is presented below:

| (dollars in millions)           | Entertainment and IT Services and<br>Communications Hardware |       |    | Co    | rporate | Total |    |       |
|---------------------------------|--|-------|----|-------|---------|-------|----|-------|
| Balance as of December 31, 2013 | \$   | 10.5  | \$ | 0.8   | \$      | 3.0   | \$ | 14.3  |
| Charges/(Reversals)             |  | (0.5) |    | —     |         | 0.1   |    | (0.4) |
| Utilizations                    |  | (6.1) |    | (0.5) |         | (2.4) |    | (9.0) |
| Balance as of December 31, 2014 |  | 3.9   |    | 0.3   |         | 0.7   |    | 4.9   |
| Charges                         |  | 1.6   |    | 2.8   |         | 1.6   |    | 6.0   |
| Utilizations                    |  | (4.7) |    | (2.8) |         | (2.3) |    | (9.8) |
| Balance as of December 31, 2015 |  | 0.8   |    | 0.3   |         |       |    | 1.1   |
| Charges                         |  | 7.7   |    | 3.3   |         | 0.9   |    | 11.9  |
| Utilizations                    |  | (1.0) |    | (0.6) |         | (0.2) |    | (1.8) |
| Balance as of December 31, 2016 | \$   | 7.5   | \$ | 3.0   | \$      | 0.7   | \$ | 11.2  |

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At December 31, 2016 and 2015, \$7.4 million and \$0.9 million, respectively, of the restructuring liabilities were included in "Other current liabilities." At December 31, 2016 and 2015, \$3.8 million and \$0.2 million was included in "Other noncurrent liabilities," respectively.

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Subsequent to December 31, 2016 the Company finalized a voluntary severance program for certain bargained employees related to an initiative to reduce costs associated with our copper field and network operations. As a result, a severance charge of approximately \$25 million will be recorded in the first quarter of 2017.

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# 14. Business Segment Information

For the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015, and 2014, we operated two business segments: Entertainment and Communications and IT Services and Hardware. The closing of our wireless operations, effective March 31, 2015, represented a strategic shift in our business. Therefore, certain wireless assets, liabilities and results of operations are reported as discontinued operations in our financial statements. For further details of Discontinued Operations, see Notes 1 and 16 of Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

The Entertainment and Communications segment provides data, video, voice and other services. These services are primarily provided to customers in southwestern Ohio, northern Kentucky and southeastern Indiana. Data includes products such as high-speed internet access, digital subscriber lines, private line, multi-protocol label switching, SONET, dedicated internet access, wavelength, audio conferencing and digital signal. These products are used to transport large amounts of data over private networks. Video services provide our Fioptics customers access to over 400 entertainment channels, over 140 high-definition channels, parental controls, HD DVR and video On-Demand. In addition, we offer features that deliver high customer satisfaction including Fioptics MyTV and a Fioptics live TV streaming application. Voice represents local service, including Fioptics voice lines. It also includes VoIP, long distance, digital trunking, switched access and other value-added services such as caller identification, voicemail, call waiting, and call return. VoIP products provide our customers access to widely disbursed communication platforms and access to cloud based services and hosted unified communications products. Other services consists of revenue generated from wiring projects for business customers, advertising, directory assistance, maintenance and information services.

Entertainment and Communications revenue increased during 2016 and 2015 due to the demand for strategic fiber products more than offsetting legacy copper declines. Operating income for Entertainment and Communications for 2016 was down compared to a year ago due in large part to increased depreciation expense associated with the impact of accelerating construction of our fiber network and reducing the estimated useful life of certain set-top boxes and the related software as we upgrade to new technology. We also reduced the useful life of our copper assets in the fourth quarter of 2015. Operating income decreased during 2015 primarily due to additional operating expenses associated with the continued acceleration of our fiber investment and costs absorbed as a result of shutting down wireless operations. Entertainment and Communications recognized restructuring and severance related charges of \$7.7 million in 2016 primarily related to initiatives to reduce costs associated with our legacy copper network. Entertainment and Communications recognized restructuring and severance related charges of \$0.5 million in 2014. In 2014, Entertainment and Communications recorded an asset impairment charge of \$4.6 million related to the abandonment of an internal use software project that was written off in the fourth quarter. There were no impairment charges recorded in 2016 or 2015. Capital expenditures are incurred to expand our Fioptics product suite, upgrade and increase capacity for our internet and data networks, and to maintain our wireline network.

The IT Services and Hardware segment provides a range of fully managed and outsourced IT and telecommunications services along with the sale, installation, and maintenance of major branded IT and telephony equipment. IT Services and Hardware revenue decreased \$4.7 million from 2015 as a result of an increase in strategic revenue of \$17.7 million in 2016 which was more than offset by the \$24.5 million decrease in telecom and IT hardware sales in 2016 compared to the prior year. IT Services and Hardware revenue increased \$2.4 million from 2014 to 2015 as a result of an increase of \$40.7 million in strategic revenue. This was partially offset by the \$35.1 million decrease in telecom and IT hardware sales. Restructuring and severance related charges of \$3.3 million were recognized in 2016 primarily related to a reduction in force as customers increased internal IT staff, therefore reducing the need for our professional services. In 2015, restructuring and severance related charges of \$2.8 million consisted of employee severance and project related costs for the integration of each segment's business markets and the discontinuation of our advanced cyber-security product offering in the first quarter of 2015. We also abandoned office space in Canada that is no longer in use. There were no restructuring and severance related charges recorded in 2014.

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, our investment in CyrusOne is included as an asset of the Corporate segment. Deferred tax assets totaling \$64.5 million and \$182.3 million as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, are also reported as assets in the Corporate segment.

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Our business segment information is as follows:

As of December 31,

|  | Yea        | r En | ded Decemb | er 31, |         |
|--|------------|------|------------|--------|---------|
| (dollars in millions)                    | 2016       |      | 2015       |        | 2014    |
| Revenue                                  |            |      |            |        |         |
| Entertainment and Communications         | \$ 768.8   | \$   | 743.7      | \$     | 740.7   |
| IT Services and Hardware                 | 430.7      |      | 435.4      |        | 433.0   |
| Intersegment                             | (13.7)     |      | (11.3)     |        | (12.2)  |
| Total revenue                            | \$ 1,185.8 | \$   | 1,167.8    | \$     | 1,161.5 |
| Intersegment revenue                     |            |      |            |        |         |
| Entertainment and Communications         | \$ 1.3     | \$   | 1.3        | \$     | 1.2     |
| IT Services and Hardware                 | 12.4       |      | 10.0       |        | 11.0    |
| Total intersegment revenue               | \$ 13.7    | \$   | 11.3       | \$     | 12.2    |
| Operating income                         |            | • —  |            |        |         |
| Entertainment and Communications         | \$ 90.6    | \$   | 129.9      | \$     | 178.9   |
| IT Services and Hardware                 | 23.2       |      | 20.6       |        | 19.8    |
| Corporate                                | (20.8)     |      | (22.5)     |        | (21.8)  |
| Total operating income                   | \$ 93.0    | \$   | 128.0      | \$     | 176.9   |
| Expenditures for long-lived assets       |            | • =  |            |        |         |
| Entertainment and Communications         | \$ 272.5   | \$   | 269.5      | \$     | 163.7   |
| IT Services and Hardware                 | 13.7       |      | 14.0       |        | 11.9    |
| Corporate                                | 0.2        |      | 0.1        |        | 0.2     |
| Total expenditures for long-lived assets | \$ 286.4   | \$   | 283.6      | \$     | 175.8   |
| Depreciation and amortization            |            |      |            |        |         |
| Entertainment and Communications         | \$ 168.6   | \$   | 129.2      | \$     | 115.7   |
| IT Services and Hardware                 | 13.5       |      | 12.3       |        | 11.7    |
| Corporate                                | 0.1        |      | 0.1        |        | 0.2     |
| Total depreciation and amortization      | \$ 182.2   | \$   | 141.6      | \$     | 127.6   |

| (dollars in millions)                      | 2016       | 2015       |
|--|------------|------------|
| Assets<br>Entertainment and Communications | \$ 1,093.5 | \$ 982.5   |
| IT Services and Hardware                   | 60.0       | 58.0       |
| Corporate and eliminations                 | 387.5      | 405.9      |
| Total assets                               | \$ 1,541.0 | \$ 1,446.4 |

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Details of our service and product revenues including eliminations are as follows:

|                                  |     | Year  | End | ed Decemb | er 31 | ,     |
|----------------------------------|-----|-------|-----|-----------|-------|-------|
| (dollars in millions)            |     | 2016  |     | 2015      |       | 2014  |
| Service revenue                  |     |       |     |           |       |       |
| Entertainment and Communications | \$  | 763.0 | \$  | 735.0     | \$    | 728.8 |
| IT Services and Hardware         |     | 215.7 |     | 198.0     |       | 161.4 |
| Total service revenue            | \$  | 978.7 | \$  | 933.0     | \$    | 890.2 |
| Product revenue                  |     |       |     |           |       |       |
| Handsets and accessories         | \$  | 4.5   | \$  | 7.4       | \$    | 10.7  |
| Telecom and IT hardware          |     | 202.6 |     | 227.4     |       | 260.6 |
| Total product revenue            | \$  | 207.1 | \$  | 234.8     | \$    | 271.3 |
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## 15. Investment in CyrusOne

On January 24, 2013, we completed the IPO of CyrusOne, which owns and operates our former data center business through CyrusOne LP, an operating partnership. Effective with the IPO, our 69% ownership was held in the form of 1.9 million shares of unregistered common stock of CyrusOne and 42.6 million of economically equivalent partnership units in its underlying operating entity, CyrusOne LP. Therefore, effective January 24, 2013, we no longer included the accounts of CyrusOne in our consolidated financial statements and accounted for our ownership as an equity method investment as we no longer controlled the operations but maintained significant influence.

In 2014, we sold 16.0 million operating partnership units for net proceeds totaling \$355.9 million that resulted in a gain of \$192.8 million. During 2015, we sold 20.3 million operating partnership units and 1.4 million shares of CyrusOne's common stock that combined generated proceeds of \$643.9 million and resulted in a gain of \$449.2 million.

From the date of the IPO, we recognized our proportionate share of CyrusOne's net loss as "Other (income) expense, net" in our statement of operations through December 31, 2015. For 2015 and 2014, our equity method share of CyrusOne's net loss was \$5.1 million and \$7.0 million, respectively. Dividends received totaling \$22.2 million and \$28.4 million, in 2015 and 2014, respectively, were recorded as reduction of our investment.

Our remaining 6.3 million operating partnership units in CyrusOne LP were exchanged for an equal number of newly issued shares of common stock of CyrusOne on December 31, 2015. As a result, our 9.5% ownership in CyrusOne, which consisted of 6.9 million common shares, no longer constituted significant influence over the entity. Effective January 1, 2016, our investment in CyrusOne was no longer accounted for using the equity-method. Dividends declared by CyrusOne in 2016 totaled \$6.4 million and were included in "Other (income) expense, net" in the Consolidated Statement of Operations.

We sold 4.1 million shares of CyrusOne's common stock for net proceeds totaling \$189.7 million in 2016 that resulted in a gain of \$157.0 million. As of December 31, 2016, we held 2.8 million shares of CyrusOne Inc. common stock valued at \$128.0 million.

Subsequent to the end of the year, we sold approximately 2 million shares of CyrusOne Inc. common stock for net proceeds totaling approximately \$100 million that resulted in a gain of approximately \$83 million. The proceeds were primarily used to repay amounts outstanding on Receivables Facility.

## Transactions with CyrusOne

*Revenues* - The Company records service revenue from CyrusOne under contractual service arrangements which include, among others, providing services such as fiber transport, network support, service calls, management and monitoring, storage and back-up, and IT systems support.

*Operating Expenses* - We lease data center and office space from CyrusOne at certain locations in our operating territory under operating leases and are also billed for other services provided by CyrusOne under contractual service arrangements. In the normal course of business, the Company also provides certain administrative services to CyrusOne which are billed based on agreed-upon rates.

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Revenues and operating costs and expenses from transactions with CyrusOne were as follows:

|  |    | ,     |        |       |    |      |
|--|----|-------|--------|-------|----|------|
| (dollars in millions)                        |    | 2016  | Margan | 2015  |    | 2014 |
| Revenue:                                     |    |       |        |       |    |      |
| Services provided to CyrusOne                | \$ | 1.2   | \$     | 1.3   | \$ | 1.7  |
| Operating costs and expenses:                |    |       |        |       |    |      |
| Charges for services provided by CyrusOne    | \$ | 10.2  | \$     | 10.2  | \$ | 9.1  |
| Administrative services provided to CyrusOne |    | (0.3) |        | (0.4) |    | (0.5 |
| Total operating costs and expenses           | \$ | 9.9   | \$     | 9.8   | \$ | 8.6  |

December 31, 2015 December 31, 2016 (dollars in millions) \$ 0.1 \$ Accounts receivable 2.1 Dividends receivable 1.1 2.2 \$ \$ 1.1 Receivable from CyrusOne \$ 0.9 \$ 1.5 Payable to CyrusOne 106

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#### 16. Discontinued Operations

Cincinnati Bell Wireless LLC ("CBW"), our former Wireless segment, provided digital wireless voice and data communications services to customers in the Company's licensed service territory, which included Greater Cincinnati and Dayton, Ohio, and areas of northern Kentucky and southeastern Indiana. The Company's customers were also able to place and receive wireless calls nationally and internationally due to roaming agreements the Company had with other carriers.

In the second quarter of 2014, we entered into agreements to sell our wireless spectrum licenses and certain other assets related to our wireless business, including leases to certain wireless towers and related equipment and other assets. The agreement to sell our spectrum licenses closed on September 30, 2014 for cash proceeds of \$194.4 million. Prior to this date, the Company's digital wireless network utilized 50 MHz of licensed spectrum in the Cincinnati area and 40 MHz of licensed spectrum in the Dayton area, which had a carrying value of \$88.2 million. Simultaneous with the close of the spectrum sale, the Company entered into a separate agreement to use certain wireless spectrum for \$8.00 until we no longer provided wireless services. We ceased providing wireless service effective March 31, 2015. The fair value of the lease, which is considered a Level 3 measurement based on other comparable transactions, totaled \$6.4 million and was recorded as a prepaid expense and amortized over a six month period ending March 31, 2015.

As of March 31, 2015, there were no subscribers remaining on the network and we no longer required the use of the spectrum being leased. Therefore, the \$112.6 million gain on the sale of the wireless spectrum licenses, which had been previously deferred, was recognized in Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax during the three months ended March 31, 2015. On April 1, 2015, we transferred certain other wireless assets to the acquirer, including leases to certain wireless towers and related equipment and other assets, which resulted in a gain of \$15.9 million in the second quarter of 2015.

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Wireless financial results for the twelve months ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 reported as "Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax" on the Consolidated Statements of Operations are as follows:

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|  | Twelve Months Ended<br>December 31, |       |         |    |        |  |  |  |  |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------|---------|----|--------|--|--|--|--|
| (dollars in millions)  |                                     | 2016  | 2015    |    | 2014   |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue  | \$                                  |       | \$ 4.4  | \$ | 132.8  |  |  |  |  |
| Costs and expenses   |                                     |       |         |    |        |  |  |  |  |
| Cost of products and services                                |                                     | —     | 12.0    |    | 66.9   |  |  |  |  |
| Selling, general and administrative                          |                                     |       | 2.2     |    | 19.5   |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization expense                        |                                     |       | 28.6    |    | 103.4  |  |  |  |  |
| Restructuring charges  |                                     |       | 3.3     |    | 16.3   |  |  |  |  |
| Impairment of assets   |                                     | —     |         |    | 7.5    |  |  |  |  |
| Transaction costs  |                                     | _     |         |    | 3.2    |  |  |  |  |
| Gain on sale or disposal of assets                           |                                     |       | (0.4)   |    |        |  |  |  |  |
| Amortization of deferred gain                                |                                     | —     | (6.5)   |    | (22.9) |  |  |  |  |
| Total operating costs and expenses                           |                                     |       | 39.2    |    | 193.9  |  |  |  |  |
| Operating loss   |                                     |       | (34.8)  |    | (61.1) |  |  |  |  |
| Interest (income) expense                                    |                                     |       | (1.7)   |    | 2.8    |  |  |  |  |
| Other (income) expense                                       |                                     | (0.3) | (2.3)   |    | 2.2    |  |  |  |  |
| Gain on transfer of tower lease obligations and other assets |                                     |       | 15.9    |    |        |  |  |  |  |
| Gain on sale of wireless spectrum licenses                   |                                     |       | 112.6   |    |        |  |  |  |  |
| Income (loss) before income taxes                            |                                     | 0.3   | 97.7    |    | (66.1) |  |  |  |  |
| Income tax expense (benefit)                                 |                                     |       | 34.8    |    | (24.0) |  |  |  |  |
| Income (loss) from discontinued operations, net of tax       | \$                                  | 0.3   | \$ 62.9 | \$ | (42.1) |  |  |  |  |

Wireless liabilities presented as discontinued operations as of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 are as follows:

# (dollars in millions)December 31, 2016December 31, 2015Current liabilities\$ ---\$ 4.7Other current liabilities---\$ 4.7Total current liabilities from discontinued operations\$ ---\$ 5.4

Restructuring liabilities were established for employee separations, lease abandonments and contract terminations charges. In 2015, restructuring charges were for tower operating leases that were abandoned. During 2014, restructuring charges included \$13.1 million in contract termination charges for wireless contracts that were no longer utilized and \$3.2 million in employee separation charges.

An asset impairment loss of \$7.5 million was also recognized in 2014 for the write-off of certain construction-in-progress projects that were not completed due to the wind down of wireless operations.

In the fourth quarter of 2014, we repaid \$22.7 million 8 3/8% Senior Notes due 2020 using proceeds from the sale of our wireless spectrum licenses.

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Following is selected operating, investing and financing cash flow activity from discontinued operations included in Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows:

| (dollars in millions)  | Twelve Months Ended<br>December 31, |       |         |    |        |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------|---------|----|--------|
|  | 2016                                |       | 2015    |    | 2014   |
| Depreciation and amortization                                | \$                                  |       | \$ 28.6 | \$ | 103.4  |
| Gain on sale of assets                                       |                                     |       | (0.4)   |    |        |
| Impairment of assets   |                                     |       | —       |    | 7.5    |
| Deferred gain on sale of spectrum licenses                   |                                     |       | (112.6) |    | —      |
| Amortization of deferred gain on sale of towers              |                                     |       | (6.5)   |    | (22.9) |
| Gain on transfer of tower lease obligations and other assets |                                     |       | (15.9)  |    |        |
| Non-cash spectrum lease                                      |                                     |       | 3.2     |    | 3.2    |
| Restructuring payments                                       |                                     | (4.4) | (14.5)  |    | (2.4)  |
| Capital expenditures   |                                     |       |         |    | (6.5)  |
| Proceeds from sale of wireless spectrum licenses             |                                     |       |         |    | 194.4  |
| Repayment of debt  |                                     |       | (0.3)   |    | (23.5) |

# **Operating Lease Commitments**

The Company's discontinued operations leased certain facilities and equipment. Operating lease expense was \$1.4 million and \$6.4 million, in 2015 and 2014, respectively.
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#### 17. Quarterly Financial Information (Unaudited)

|   |          |    |         |     | 2016   |              |            |
|---|----------|----|---------|-----|--------|--------------|------------|
|   | First    |    | Second  | Т   | hird   | Fourth       |            |
| (in millions, except per common share amounts)                      | Quarter  |    | Quarter | Qu  | larter | <br>Quarter  | Total      |
| Revenue   | \$ 288.9 | \$ | 299.2   | \$3 | 312.4  | \$<br>285.3  | \$ 1,185.8 |
| Operating income  | 29.6     |    | 27.4    |     | 25.5   | 10.5         | 93.0       |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations                            | 7.0      |    | 77.6    |     | 18.8   | (1.6)        | 101.8      |
| Income from discontinued operations, net of tax                     |          |    |         |     |        | 0.3          | 0.3        |
| Net income (loss)   | 7.0      | -  | 77.6    |     | 18.8   | <br>(1.3)    | 102.1      |
| Basic earnings (loss) per common share from continuing operations   | \$ 0.10  | \$ | 1.79    | \$  | 0.39   | \$<br>(0.10) | \$ 2.17    |
| Basic earnings per common share from discontinued operations        | \$ —     | \$ |         | \$  |        | \$<br>0.01   | \$ 0.01    |
| Net basic earnings (loss) per common share                          | \$ 0.10  | \$ | 1.79    | \$  | 0.39   | \$<br>(0.09) | \$ 2.18    |
| Diluted earnings (loss) per common share from continuing operations | \$ 0.10  | \$ | 1.78    | \$  | 0.38   | \$<br>(0.10) | \$ 2.17    |
| Diluted earnings per common share from discontinued operations      | \$ —     | \$ |         | \$  |        | \$<br>0.01   | \$ 0.01    |

\$ 0.10

\$

1.78 \$ 0.38

\$

(0.09) \$

Net diluted earnings (loss) per common share

|   |           |          | 2015     |          |            |
|---|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
|   | First     | Second   | Third    | Fourth   |            |
| (in millions, except per common share amounts)                      | Quarter   | Quarter  | Quarter  | Quarter  | Total      |
| Revenue   | \$ 292.9  | \$ 285.8 | \$ 299.8 | \$ 289.3 | \$ 1,167.8 |
| Operating income  | 37.1      | 29.7     | 36.2     | 25.0     | 128.0      |
| Income from continuing operations                                   | 0.3       | 180.7    | 79.3     | 30.5     | 290.8      |
| Income from discontinued operations, net of tax                     | 48.9      | 10.9     | 1.0      | 2.1      | 62.9       |
| Net income  | 49.2      | 191.6    | 80.3     | 32.6     | 353.7      |
| Basic earnings (loss) per common share from continuing operations   | \$ (0.06) | \$ 4.25  | \$ 1.83  | \$ 0.66  | \$ 6.69    |
| Basic earnings per common share from discontinued operations        | \$ 1.17   | \$ 0.26  | \$ 0.02  | \$ 0.05  | \$ 1.50    |
| Net basic earnings per common share                                 | \$ 1.11   | \$ 4.51  | \$ 1.85  | \$ 0.71  | \$ 8.19    |
| Diluted earnings (loss) per common share from continuing operations | \$ (0.06) | \$ 4.15  | \$ 1.83  | \$ 0.66  | \$ 6.68    |
| Diluted earnings per common share from discontinued operations      | \$ 1.17   | \$ 0.26  | \$ 0.02  | \$ 0.05  | \$ 1.49    |
| Net diluted earnings per common share                               | \$ 1.11   | \$ 4.41  | \$ 1.85  | \$ 0.71  | \$ 8.17    |

The effects of assumed common share conversions are determined independently for each respective quarter and year and may not be dilutive during every period due to variations in operating results. Therefore, the sum of quarterly per share results will not necessarily equal the per share results for the full year.

Restructuring and employee severance charges totaled \$11.9 million in the fourth quarter of 2016. Restructuring and employee severance charges totaled \$3.4 million, \$2.3 million and \$0.3 million in the first, second and third quarters of 2015, respectively.

In 2016, Income from continuing operations includes gains from the sale of our CyrusOne investment of \$118.6 million, \$33.3 million, and \$5.1 million in the second, third, and fourth quarters, respectively. Income from continuing operations in 2015 includes gains from the sale of our CyrusOne investment of \$295.2 million, \$117.7 million, and \$36.3 million in the second, third, and fourth quarters, respectively.

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In the first quarter of 2016, the Company recognized a gain on the extinguishment of debt of \$2.4 million. The Company recognized losses on the extinguishment of debt of \$5.2 million, \$11.4 million, and \$4.8 million in the second, third, and fourth quarters, respectively. The Company recognized losses on the extinguishment of debt of \$13.5 million and \$7.8 million in the second and third quarters of 2015, respectively. In the fourth quarter of 2015, the Company recognized a gain on the extinguishment of debt of \$0.4 million.

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As of March 31, 2015, no subscribers remained on the network, and we no longer required the use of the leased spectrum. Therefore, the \$112.6 million gain on the sale of the wireless spectrum licenses, which had been previously deferred, was recognized in Income from discontinued operations, net of tax in the first quarter of 2015. During the second quarter, we transferred certain other assets related to our wireless business, including leases to certain wireless towers and related equipment and other assets, resulting in a gain of \$15.9 million in the second quarter of 2015 which was recognized in Income from discontinued operations, net of tax.

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### 18. Supplemental Cash Flow Information

|   | <br>Yea   | r Ended | Decemb | er 31, |       |
|---|-----------|---------|--------|--------|-------|
| (dollars in millions)   | 2016      | 2       | 015    |        | 2014  |
| Capitalized interest expense  | \$<br>0.7 | \$      | 1.1    | \$     | 0.8   |
| Cash paid for:  |           |         |        |        |       |
| Interest  | 71.1      |         | 108.5  |        | 153.1 |
| Income taxes, net of refunds  | 1.7       |         | 8.8    |        | 9.1   |
| Noncash investing and financing activities:                               |           |         |        |        |       |
| Accrual of CyrusOne dividends   | 1.1       |         | 2.1    |        | 6.0   |
| Acquisition of property by assuming debt and other financing arrangements | 12.0      |         | 5.8    |        | 4.7   |
| Acquisition of property on account  | 23.8      |         | 34.6   |        | 24.8  |
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#### 19. Supplemental Guarantor Information - Cincinnati Bell Telephone Notes

As of December 31, 2016, Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC ("CBT"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cincinnati Bell Inc. (the "Parent Company"), had \$87.9 million in notes outstanding that are guaranteed by the Parent Company and no other subsidiaries of the Parent Company. The guarantee is full and unconditional. The Parent Company's subsidiaries generate substantially all of its income and cash flow and generally distribute or advance the funds necessary to meet the Parent Company's debt service obligations.

The following information sets forth the Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheets of the Company as of December 31, 2016 and 2015 and the Condensed Consolidating Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss) and Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015, and 2014 of (1) the Parent Company, as the guarantor, (2) CBT, as the issuer, and (3) the non-guarantor subsidiaries on a combined basis.

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# Condensed Consolidating Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss)

|  |                     |    | Year            | Ended | December 31          | 2016 |           |               |
|--|---------------------|----|-----------------|-------|----------------------|------|-----------|---------------|
| (dollars in millions)  | Parent<br>uarantor) | 1  | CBT<br>(Issuer) | Non   | Other<br>-guarantors | Eliı | minations | <br>Total     |
| Revenue  | \$<br>              | \$ | 677.8           | \$    | 547.8                | \$   | (39.8)    | \$<br>1,185.8 |
| Operating costs and expenses   | 20.7                |    | 592.5           |       | 519.4                |      | (39.8)    | <br>1,092.8   |
| Operating income (loss)  | <br>(20.7)          |    | 85.3            |       | 28.4                 |      |           | 93.0          |
| Interest expense (income), net   | 94.4                |    | 4.5             |       | (23.2)               |      | —         | 75.7          |
| Other expense (income), net  | 20.3                |    | 4.9             |       | (170.8)              |      |           | <br>(145.6)   |
| Income (loss) before equity in earnings of subsidiaries and income taxes | <br>(135.4)         |    | 75.9            |       | 222.4                |      |           | 162.9         |
| Income tax expense (benefit)   | (46.5)              |    | 27.1            |       | 80.5                 |      |           | 61.1          |
| Equity in earnings of subsidiaries, net of tax                           | 191.0               |    | ·               |       |                      |      | (191.0)   | <br>          |
| Income from continuing operations  | 102.1               |    | 48.8            |       | 141.9                |      | (191.0)   | 101.8         |
| Income from discontinued operations, net of tax                          |                     |    |                 |       | 0.3                  |      |           | <br>0.3       |
| Net income   | <br>102.1           |    | 48.8            |       | 142.2                |      | (191.0)   | 102.1         |
| Other comprehensive income   | 12.7                |    |                 |       | 68.0                 |      |           | <br>80.7      |
| Total comprehensive income   | \$<br>114.8         | \$ | 48.8            | \$    | 210.2                | \$   | (191.0)   | \$<br>182.8   |
|  | <br>                |    |                 |       |                      |      |           |               |
| Net income   | 102.1               |    | 48.8            |       | 142.2                |      | (191.0)   | 102.1         |
| Preferred stock dividends  | 10.4                |    |                 |       |                      |      |           | <br>10.4      |
| Net income applicable to common shareowners                              | \$<br>91.7          | \$ | 48.8            | \$    | 142.2                | \$   | (191.0)   | \$<br>91.7    |
|  |                     |    |                 |       |                      |      |           |               |

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|  |                       | Year            | r Ended December 31     | , 2015       |            |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------|
| (dollars in millions)  | Parent<br>(Guarantor) | CBT<br>(Issuer) | Other<br>Non-guarantors | Eliminations | Total      |
| Revenue  | \$ —                  | \$ 660.1        | \$ 546.3                | \$ (38.6)    | \$ 1,167.8 |
| Operating costs and expenses   | 22,4                  | 538.6           | 517.4                   | (38.6)       | 1,039.8    |
| Operating income (loss)  | (22.4)                | 121.5           | 28.9                    |              | 128.0      |
| Interest expense (income), net   | 112.7                 | (0.9)           | (8.7)                   |              | 103.1      |
| Other expense (income), net  | 19.5                  | 7.0             | (452.2)                 |              | (425.7)    |
| Income (loss) before equity in earnings of subsidiaries and income taxes | (154.6)               | 115.4           | 489.8                   |              | 450.6      |
| Income tax expense (benefit)   | (53.3)                | 41.1            | 172.0                   |              | 159.8      |
| Equity in earnings of subsidiaries, net of tax                           | 455.0                 |                 |                         | (455.0)      |            |
| Income from continuing operations  | 353.7                 | 74.3            | 317.8                   | (455.0)      | 290.8      |
| Income from discontinued operations, net of tax                          |                       |                 | 62.9                    |              | 62.9       |
| Net income   | 353.7                 | 74.3            | 380.7                   | (455.0)      | 353.7      |
| Other comprehensive income (loss)  | 3.3                   | —               | (0.4)                   |              | . 2.9      |
| Total comprehensive income   | \$ 357.0              | \$ 74.3         | \$ 380.3                | \$ (455.0)   | \$ 356.6   |
| Net income   | 353.7                 | 74.3            | 380.7                   | (455.0)      | 353.7      |
| Preferred stock dividends  | 10.4                  |                 |                         |              | 10.4       |

Net income applicable to common shareowners

| \$<br>343.3 | \$<br>74.3 | \$<br>380.7 | \$<br>(455.0) | \$<br>343.3 |
|-------------|------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
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| Year Ended December 31, 2014   |    |                     |    |                 |                         |         |              |                       |    |         |
|--|----|---------------------|----|-----------------|-------------------------|---------|--------------|-----------------------|----|---------|
| <u>(dollars in millions)</u>   |    | Parent<br>uarantor) |    | CBT<br>(Issuer) | Other<br>Non-guarantors |         | Eliminations |                       |    | Total   |
| Revenue  | \$ |                     | \$ | 659.6           | \$                      | 541.0   | \$           | (39.1)                | \$ | 1,161.5 |
| Operating costs and expenses   |    | 21.5                |    | 488.0           |                         | 514.2   |              | (39.1)                |    | 984.6   |
| Operating income (loss)  |    | (21.5)              |    | 171.6           |                         | 26.8    |              |                       |    | 176.9   |
| Interest expense (income), net   |    | 142.6               |    | (4.5)           |                         | 7.8     |              |                       |    | 145.9   |
| Other expense (income), net  |    | 17.6                |    | 7.4             |                         | (193.1) |              | —                     |    | (168.1) |
| Income (loss) before equity in earnings of subsidiaries and income taxes |    | (181.7)             |    | 168.7           |                         | 212.1   |              |                       |    | 199.1   |
| Income tax expense (benefit)   |    | (55.8)              |    | 61.7            |                         | 75.5    |              | an opposite the state |    | 81.4    |
| Equity in earnings of subsidiaries, net of tax                           |    | 201.5               |    |                 |                         |         |              | (201.5)               |    |         |
| Income from continuing operations  |    | 75.6                |    | 107.0           |                         | 136.6   |              | (201.5)               |    | 117.7   |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax                            |    |                     |    |                 |                         | (42.1)  |              |                       |    | (42.1)  |
| Net income   |    | 75.6                |    | 107.0           |                         | 94.5    |              | (201.5)               |    | 75.6    |
| Other comprehensive loss   |    | (40.5)              |    |                 |                         | (0.1)   |              |                       |    | (40.6)  |
| Total comprehensive income   | \$ | 35.1                | \$ | 107.0           | \$                      | 94.4    | \$           | (201.5)               | \$ | 35.0    |
| Net income   |    | 75.6                |    | 107.0           |                         | 94.5    |              | (201.5)               |    | 75.6    |
| Preferred stock dividends  |    | 10.4                |    |                 |                         | _       |              |                       |    | 10.4    |
| Net income applicable to common shareowners                              | \$ | 65.2                | \$ | 107.0           | \$                      | 94.5    | \$           | (201.5)               | \$ | 65.2    |
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## **Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheets**

|   | As of December 31, 2016 |                      |    |                 |    |                       |    |             |    |         |  |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------------|----|-------------|----|---------|--|
| <u>(dollars in millions)</u>                        | (0                      | Parent<br>Guarantor) |    | CBT<br>(Issuer) | No | Other<br>n-guarantors | E  | liminations |    | Total   |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents                           | \$                      | 7.8                  | \$ | 1.4             | \$ | 0.5                   | \$ |             | \$ | 9.7     |  |
| Receivables, net                                    |                         | 17.8                 |    |                 |    | 160.8                 |    | —           |    | 178.6   |  |
| Other current assets                                |                         | 1.1                  |    | 22.3            |    | 18.2                  |    |             |    | 41.6    |  |
| Total current assets                                |                         | 26.7                 |    | 23.7            |    | 179.5                 |    |             |    | 229.9   |  |
| Property, plant and equipment, net                  |                         | 0.3                  |    | 1,029.6         |    | 55.6                  |    |             |    | 1,085.5 |  |
| Investment in CyrusOne                              |                         |                      |    | Automotivet     |    | 128.0                 |    |             |    | 128.0   |  |
| Goodwill  |                         |                      |    | 2.2             |    | 12.1                  |    |             |    | 14.3    |  |
| Investments in and advances to subsidiaries         |                         | 816.7                |    |                 |    | 914.5                 |    | (1,731.2)   |    |         |  |
| Other noncurrent assets                             |                         | 179.1                |    | 1.6             |    | 47.4                  |    | (144.8)     |    | -83.3   |  |
| Total assets  | \$                      | 1,022.8              | \$ | 1,057.1         | \$ | 1,337.1               | \$ | (1,876.0)   | \$ | 1,541.0 |  |
| Current portion of long-term debt                   | \$                      |                      | \$ | 5.0             | \$ | 2.5                   | \$ |             | \$ | 7.5     |  |
| Accounts payable                                    |                         | 0.7                  |    | 71.4            |    | 33.8                  |    |             |    | 105.9   |  |
| Other current liabilities                           |                         | 42.9                 |    | 53.9            |    | 22.7                  |    |             |    | 119.5   |  |
| Total current liabilities                           |                         | 43.6                 |    | 130.3           |    | 59.0                  |    |             |    | 232.9   |  |
| Long-term debt, less current portion                |                         | 960.3                |    | 98.2            |    | 140.6                 |    |             |    | 1,199.1 |  |
| Other noncurrent liabilities                        |                         | 207.9                |    | 166.8           |    | 0.8                   |    | (144.8)     |    | 230.7   |  |
| Intercompany payables                               |                         |                      |    | 89.1            |    | —                     |    | (89.1)      |    |         |  |
| Total liabilities                                   |                         | 1,211.8              |    | 484.4           |    | 200.4                 |    | (233.9)     |    | 1,662.7 |  |
| Shareowners' (deficit) equity                       |                         | (189.0)              |    | 572.7           |    | 1,136.7               |    | (1,642.1)   |    | (121.7) |  |
| Total liabilities and shareowners' equity (deficit) | \$                      | 1,022.8              | \$ | 1,057.1         | \$ | 1,337.1               | \$ | (1,876.0)   | \$ | 1,541.0 |  |

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## **Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheets**

|  | As of December 31, 2015 |                      |    |                 |    |                       |    |             |    | •       |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------|----|-----------------|----|-----------------------|----|-------------|----|---------|
| (dollars in millions)                                  | (0                      | Parent<br>Suarantor) |    | CBT<br>(Issuer) | No | Other<br>n-guarantors | E  | liminations |    | Total   |
| Cash and cash equivalents                              | \$                      | 4.6                  | \$ | 1.0             | \$ | 1.8                   | \$ |             | \$ | 7.4     |
| Receivables, net                                       |                         | 0.7                  |    |                 |    | 156.4                 |    |             |    | 157.1   |
| Other current assets                                   |                         | 1.6                  |    | 20.2            |    | 14.1                  |    |             |    | 35.9    |
| Total current assets                                   |                         | 6.9                  |    | 21.2            |    | 172.3                 |    |             |    | 200.4   |
| Property, plant and equipment, net                     |                         | 0.3                  |    | 921.5           |    | 53.7                  |    |             |    | 975.5   |
| Investment in CyrusOne                                 |                         |                      |    |                 |    | 55.5                  |    |             |    | .55.5   |
| Goodwill   |                         |                      |    | 2.2             |    | 12.1                  |    |             |    | 14.3    |
| Investments in and advances to subsidiaries            |                         | 844.6                |    | 63.9            |    | 647.2                 |    | (1,555.7)   |    |         |
| Other noncurrent assets                                |                         | 207.2                |    | 3.0             |    | 136.8                 |    | (146.3)     |    | 200.7   |
| Total assets   | \$                      | 1,059.0              | \$ | 1,011.8         | \$ | 1,077.6               | \$ | (1,702.0)   | \$ | 1,446.4 |
| Current portion of long-term debt                      | \$                      | 5.4                  | \$ | 5.0             | \$ | 3.4                   | \$ |             | \$ | 13.8    |
| Accounts payable                                       |                         | 0.7                  |    | 84.8            |    | 43.4                  |    |             |    | 128.9   |
| Other current liabilities                              |                         | 41.6                 |    | 45.3            |    | 24.2                  |    |             |    | 111.1   |
| Other current liabilities from discontinued operations |                         | —                    |    |                 |    | 5.4                   |    |             |    | 5.4     |
| Total current liabilities                              |                         | 47.7                 |    | 135.1           |    | 76.4                  |    | _           |    | 259.2   |
| Long-term debt, less current portion                   |                         | 1,018.6              |    | 134.3           |    | 70.9                  |    |             |    | 1,223.8 |
| Other noncurrent liabilities                           |                         | 235.5                |    | 168.3           |    | 4.0                   |    | (146.2)     |    | 261.6   |
| Intercompany payables                                  |                         | 54.7                 |    | —               |    |                       |    | (54.7)      |    |         |
| Total liabilities                                      |                         | 1,356.5              |    | 437.7           |    | 151.3                 |    | (200.9)     |    | 1,744.6 |
| Shareowners' (deficit) equity                          |                         | (297.5)              |    | 574.1           |    | 926.3                 |    | (1,501.1)   |    | (298.2) |
| Total liabilities and shareowners' equity (deficit)    | \$                      | 1,059.0              | \$ | 1,011.8         | \$ | 1,077.6               | \$ | (1,702.0)   | \$ | 1,446.4 |

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# Condensed Consolidating Statements of Cash Flows

|   | Year Ended December 31, 2016 |      |    |                |    |                 |      |          |    |         |
|---|------------------------------|------|----|----------------|----|-----------------|------|----------|----|---------|
| (dollars in millions)   | Parent<br>(Guarant           |      | (  | CBT<br>Issuer) |    | her<br>arantors | Elim | inations |    | Total   |
| Cash flows provided by (used in) by operating activities  | \$ (6                        | 1.1) | \$ | 203.1          | \$ | 31.2            | \$   |          | \$ | 173.2   |
| Capital expenditures  | (                            | 0.2) |    | (260.8)        |    | (25.4)          |      |          |    | (286.4) |
| Dividends received from CyrusOne (equity method investment)   |                              |      |    |                |    | 2.1             |      |          |    | 2.1     |
| Proceeds from sale of investment in CyrusOne  |                              |      |    |                |    | 189.7           |      |          |    | 189.7   |
| Distributions received from subsidiaries  | 1                            | 2.0  |    | <b>.</b>       |    |                 |      | (12.0)   |    | _       |
| Funding between Parent and subsidiaries, net  | 15                           | 2.0  |    |                |    | (188.8)         |      | 36.8     |    |         |
| Other investing activities  | (                            | 0.9) |    | —              |    |                 |      |          |    | (0.9)   |
| Cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities   | 16                           | 2.9  |    | (260.8)        |    | (22.4)          |      | 24.8     |    | (95.5)  |
| Funding between Parent and subsidiaries, net  |                              |      |    | 103.0          |    | (66.2)          | -    | (36.8)   |    | . —     |
| Distributions paid to Parent  |                              |      |    |                |    | (12.0)          |      | 12.0     |    |         |
| Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt  | 63                           | 5.0  |    |                |    |                 |      |          |    | 635.0   |
| Net increase in corporate credit and receivables facilities with initial maturities less than 90 days |                              |      |    |                |    | 71.9            |      | _        |    | 71.9    |
| Repayment of debt   | (71                          | 0.9) |    | (44.9)         |    | (3.5)           |      |          |    | (759.3) |
| Debt issuance costs   | (1                           | 0.8) |    |                |    | (0.3)           |      |          |    | (11.1)  |
| Other financing activities  | (1                           | 1.9) |    |                |    |                 |      |          |    | (11.9)  |
| Cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities   | (9                           | 8.6) |    | 58.1           |    | (10.1)          |      | (24.8)   |    | (75.4)  |
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents  |                              | 3.2  |    | 0.4            |    | (1.3)           |      |          |    | 2.3     |
| Beginning cash and cash equivalents   |                              | 4.6  |    | 1.0            |    | 1.8             |      |          |    | 7.4     |
| Ending cash and cash equivalents  | \$                           | 7.8  | \$ | 1.4            | \$ | 0.5             | \$   |          | \$ | 9.7     |

|   | Year Ended December 31, 2015   |                 |                         |              |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|-----------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| (dollars in millions)   | Parent<br>(Guarantor)  | CBT<br>(Issuer) | Other<br>Non-guarantors | Eliminations | Total    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities   | \$ (19.3)  | \$ 198.7        | \$ (68.5)               | \$           | \$ 110.9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Capital expenditures  | (0.1)  | (260.7)         | (22.8)                  |              | (283.6)  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dividends received from CyrusOne (equity method investment)   |  |                 | 22.2                    |              | 22.2     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Proceeds from sale of investment in CyrusOne  |  | _               | 643.9                   | •••          | 643.9    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Distributions received from subsidiaries  | 11.3   |                 |                         | (11.3)       | —        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Funding between Parent and subsidiaries, net  |  | 71.9            | (555.5)                 | 483.6        |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other investing activities  | (0.3)  | 0.1             | 0.9                     |              | 0.7      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities   | 10.9   | (188.7)         | 88.7                    | 472.3        | 383.2    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Funding between Parent and subsidiaries, net  | 486.4  |                 | (2.8)                   | (483.6)      |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Distributions paid to Parent  | and the second | ·               | (11.3)                  | 11.3         |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net decrease in corporate credit and receivables facilities with initial maturities less than 90 days | _  |                 | (1.6)                   |              | (1.6)    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Repayment of debt   | (518.5)  | (10.0)          | (3.2)                   |              | (531.7)  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Debt issuance costs   | (0.2)  |                 | (0.2)                   |              | (0.4)    |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other financing activities  | (10.9)   |                 |                         |              | (10.9)   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities   | (43.2)   | (10.0)          | (19.1)                  | (472.3)      | (544.6)  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (51.6)    |     | —   |         | 1.1 |        | (50.5)    |
| Beginning cash and cash equivalents              | 56.2      |     | 1.0 |         | 0.7 |        | <br>57.9  |
| Ending cash and cash equivalents                 | \$<br>4.6 | \$  | 1.0 | \$      | 1.8 | \$<br> | \$<br>7.4 |
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## **Condensed Consolidating Statements of Cash Flows**

| (dellars in millions)   |                     | Year Ended December 31, 2014 |                 |     |                      |      |          |    |         |  |  |
|---|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|-----|----------------------|------|----------|----|---------|--|--|
| lollars in millions)  | Parent<br>Iarantor) |                              | CBT<br>(Issuer) | Non | Other<br>-guarantors | Elin | inations |    | Total   |  |  |
| Cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities   | \$<br>(56.3)        | \$                           | 226.3           | \$  | 5.2                  | \$   |          | \$ | 175.2   |  |  |
| Capital expenditures  | <br>(0.2)           |                              | (152.5)         | -   | (29.6)               |      |          |    | (182.3) |  |  |
| Dividends received from CyrusOne (equity method investment)   |                     |                              |                 |     | 28.4                 |      | _        |    | 28.4    |  |  |
| Proceeds from sale of investment in CyrusOne  |                     |                              |                 |     | 355.9                |      |          |    | 355.9   |  |  |
| Proceeds from sale of wireless spectrum licenses -<br>discontinued operations                         |                     |                              |                 |     | 194.4                |      |          |    | 194.4   |  |  |
| Distributions received from subsidiaries  | 12.8                |                              |                 |     |                      |      | (12.8)   |    |         |  |  |
| Funding between parent and subsidiaries, net  |                     |                              | (71.0)          |     | (545.0)              |      | 616.0    |    | <u></u> |  |  |
| Other investing activities  | (0.3)               |                              | 0.3             |     | (3.8)                |      |          |    | (3.8)   |  |  |
| Cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities   | <br>12.3            |                              | (223.2)         |     | 0.3                  |      | 603.2    |    | 392.6   |  |  |
| Funding between Parent and subsidiaries, net  | <br>516.2           |                              |                 |     | 99.8                 |      | (616.0)  |    |         |  |  |
| Distributions paid to Parent  | _                   |                              |                 |     | (12.8)               |      | 12.8     |    |         |  |  |
| Net decrease in corporate credit and receivables facilities with initial maturities less than 90 days | (40.0)              |                              | _               |     | (87.0)               |      |          |    | (127.0) |  |  |
| Repayment of debt   | (367.3)             |                              | (3.9)           |     | (5.3)                |      |          |    | (376.5) |  |  |
| Debt issuance costs   | (0.7)               |                              | _               |     | (0.2)                |      |          |    | (0.9)   |  |  |
| Other financing activities  | (10.1)              |                              | _               |     | —                    |      |          |    | (10.1)  |  |  |
| Cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities   | <br>98.1            |                              | (3.9)           |     | (5.5)                |      | (603.2)  |    | (514.5) |  |  |
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents  | <br>54.1            |                              | (0.8)           |     |                      |      |          |    | 53.3    |  |  |
| Beginning cash and cash equivalents   | 2.1                 |                              | 1.8             |     | 0.7                  |      |          |    | 4.6     |  |  |
| Ending cash and cash equivalents  | \$<br>56.2          | \$                           | 1.0             | \$  | 0.7                  | \$   |          | \$ | 57.9    |  |  |

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## 20. Supplemental Guarantor Information - 8 3/8% Senior Notes due 2020 and 7% Senior Notes due 2024

As of December 31, 2016, the Parent Company's 7% Senior Notes due 2024 are guaranteed by the following subsidiaries: Cincinnati Bell Entertainment Inc., Cincinnati Bell Any Distance Inc., Cincinnati Bell Wireless LLC, CBTS Software LLC, Cincinnati Bell Technology Solutions Inc., Cincinnati Bell Any Distance of Virginia LLC, eVolve Business Solutions LLC, Data Center Investments Inc., and Data Centers South Inc.

During the fourth quarter of 2016, the Company redeemed the remaining \$84.6 million of outstanding 8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>% Senior Notes due 2020.

The Parent Company owns directly or indirectly 100% of each guarantor and each guarantee is full and unconditional, and joint and several. In certain customary circumstances, a subsidiary may be released from its guarantee obligation. These circumstances are defined as follows:

- upon the sale of all of the capital stock of a subsidiary,
- if the Company designates the subsidiary as an unrestricted subsidiary under the terms of the indentures, or
- if the subsidiary is released as a guarantor from the Company's Corporate Credit Agreement.

In the third quarter of 2014, the Company entered into an Amendment to the Corporate Credit Agreement giving the Company the right to provide written notice to the administrative agent on or after the closing of the wireless sale of spectrum assets to remove any designated wireless subsidiary as a guarantor subsidiary.

In compliance with certain regulations of the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC"), the Company's wholly-owned regulated subsidiary, Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company LLC, has historically accounted for certain of its non-regulated operations through its non-regulated subsidiary, Cincinnati Bell Telecommunications Services LLC, which is a guarantor of the Notes (as defined below). Through an agreement with the FCC, the Company is no longer obligated to segregate these non-regulated operations and has discontinued this accounting practice. Effective December 31, 2016, the Company merged Cincinnati Bell Telecommunications Services LLC into another subsidiary, Cincinnati Bell Entertainment Inc., which is also a guarantor of the Notes. These condensed consolidated financial statements have been retroactively restated to reflect this change.

The Parent Company's subsidiaries generate substantially all of its income and cash flow and generally distribute or advance the funds necessary to meet the Parent Company's debt service obligations. The following information sets forth the Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheets of the Company as of December 31, 2016 and 2015 and the Condensed Consolidating Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss) and Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015, and 2014 of (1) the Parent Company, as the issuer, (2) the guarantor subsidiaries on a combined basis, and (3) the non-guarantor subsidiaries on a combined basis.

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#### Condensed Consolidating Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss) Va

| Condensed Consolidating Statements of Operations and                     |                   |    |           |     | d December 3 | Year Ended December 31, 2016 |           |    |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|-------------------|----|-----------|-----|--------------|------------------------------|-----------|----|---------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| (dollars in millions)  | Parent<br>Issuer) | Gı | iarantors | Non | -guarantors  | Eli                          | minations |    | Total   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue  | \$<br>            | \$ | 539.0     | \$  | 686.6        | \$                           | (39.8)    | \$ | 1,185.8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operating costs and expenses   | 20.7              |    | 510.7     |     | 601.2        |                              | (39.8)    |    | 1,092.8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operating income (loss)  | <br>(20.7)        |    | 28.3      |     | 85.4         |                              |           |    | 93.0    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest expense (income), net   | 94.4              |    | (25.2)    |     | 6.5          |                              | _         |    | 75.7    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other expense (income), net  | 20.3              |    | (150.4)   |     | (15.5)       |                              | —         |    | (145.6) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Income (loss) before equity in earnings of subsidiaries and income taxes | <br>(135.4)       |    | 203.9     |     | 94.4         |                              |           |    | 162.9   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Income tax expense (benefit)   | (46.5)            |    | 74.0      |     | 33.6         |                              |           |    | 61.1    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Equity in earnings of subsidiaries, net of tax                           | <br>191.0         |    |           |     |              |                              | (191.0)   |    |         |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Income from continuing operations  | 102.1             |    | 129.9     |     | 60.8         |                              | (191.0)   |    | 101.8   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Income from discontinued operations, net of tax                          | <br>              |    | 0.3       |     |              |                              |           |    | 0.3     |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income   | <br>102.1         |    | 130.2     |     | 60.8         |                              | (191.0)   |    | 102.1   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other comprehensive income (loss)  | 12.7              |    | 68.1      |     | (0.1)        |                              |           |    | 80.7    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total comprehensive income   | \$<br>114.8       | \$ | 198.3     | \$  | 60.7         | \$                           | (191.0)   | \$ | 182.8   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income   | 102.1             |    | 130.2     |     | 60.8         |                              | (191.0)   |    | 102.1   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Preferred stock dividends  | 10.4              |    |           |     |              |                              | —         |    | 10.4    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income applicable to common shareowners                              | \$<br>91.7        | \$ | 130.2     | \$  | 60.8         | \$                           | (191.0)   | \$ | 91.7    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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|  |                    |    | Yea       | r Ende | d December 3 | 1, 201 | 5          | <br>          |
|--|--------------------|----|-----------|--------|--------------|--------|------------|---------------|
| (dollars in millions)  | Parent<br>(Issuer) | G  | uarantors | Nor    | -guarantors  | Eli    | iminations | <br>Total     |
| Revenue  | \$<br>             | \$ | 532.4     | \$     | 674.0        | \$     | (38.6)     | \$<br>1,167.8 |
| Operating costs and expenses   | 22.4               |    | 503.9     |        | 552.1        |        | (38.6)     | <br>1,039.8   |
| Operating income (loss)  | <br>(22.4)         |    | 28.5      |        | 121.9        |        | <u> </u>   | 128.0         |
| Interest expense (income), net   | 112.7              |    | (10.2)    |        | 0.6          |        |            | 103.1         |
| Other expense (income), net  | 19.5               |    | (432.9)   |        | (12.3)       |        |            | <br>(425.7)   |
| Income (loss) before equity in earnings of subsidiaries and income taxes | <br>(154.6)        |    | 471.6     |        | 133.6        |        |            | 450.6         |
| Income tax expense (benefit)   | (53.3)             |    | 165.5     |        | 47.6         |        |            | 159.8         |
| Equity in earnings of subsidiaries, net of tax                           | 455.0              |    |           |        |              |        | (455.0)    | <br>          |
| Income from continuing operations  | <br>353.7          |    | 306.1     |        | 86.0         |        | (455.0)    | 290.8         |
| Income from discontinued operations, net of tax                          | —                  |    | 62.9      |        |              |        |            | <br>62.9      |
| Net income   | <br>353.7          |    | 369.0     |        | 86.0         |        | (455.0)    | 353.7         |
| Other comprehensive income (loss)  | 3.3                |    | —         |        | (0.4)        |        |            | <br>2.9       |
| Total comprehensive income   | \$<br>357.0        | \$ | 369.0     | \$     | 85.6         | \$     | (455.0)    | \$<br>356.6   |
| Net income   | 353.7              |    | 369.0     |        | 86.0         |        | (455.0)    | 353.7         |
| Preferred stock dividends  | 10.4               |    |           |        |              |        |            | 10.4          |
| Net income applicable to common shareowners                              | \$<br>343.3        | \$ | 369.0     | \$     | 86.0         | \$     | (455.0)    | \$<br>343.3   |

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# Condensed Consolidating Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income (Loss)

| Condensed Consondaring Statements of Operations and                      | Year Ended December 31, 2014 |                   |    |          |     |              |     |           |    |         |  |  |  |  |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------|----|----------|-----|--------------|-----|-----------|----|---------|--|--|--|--|
| (dollars in millions)  |                              | Parent<br>Issuer) | Gı | arantors | Non | -guarantors  | Eli | minations |    | Total   |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue  | \$                           |                   | \$ | 532.0    | \$  | 668.6        | \$  | (39.1)    | \$ | 1,161.5 |  |  |  |  |
| Operating costs and expenses   |                              | 21.5              |    | 505.4    |     | 496.8        |     | (39.1)    |    | 984.6   |  |  |  |  |
| Operating income (loss)  |                              | (21.5)            |    | 26.6     |     | 171.8        |     |           |    | 1.76.9  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest expense (income), net   |                              | 142.6             |    | 6.2      |     | (2.9)        |     | —         |    | 145.9   |  |  |  |  |
| Other expense (income), net  |                              | 17.6              |    | (171.6)  |     | (14.1)       |     |           |    | (168.1) |  |  |  |  |
| Income (loss) before equity in earnings of subsidiaries and income taxes |                              | (181.7)           |    | 192.0    |     | 188.8        |     |           |    | 199.1   |  |  |  |  |
| Income tax expense (benefit)   |                              | (55.8)            |    | 68.3     |     | 68.9         |     | _         |    | 81.4    |  |  |  |  |
| Equity in earnings of subsidiaries, net of tax                           |                              | 201.5             |    |          |     |              |     | (201.5)   |    |         |  |  |  |  |
| Income from continuing operations  |                              | 75.6              |    | 123.7    |     | 119.9        |     | (201.5)   |    | 117.7   |  |  |  |  |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax                            |                              |                   |    | (42.1)   |     |              |     |           |    | (42.1)  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income   |                              | 75.6              |    | 81.6     |     | 119.9        |     | (201.5)   |    | 75.6    |  |  |  |  |
| Other comprehensive loss   |                              | (40.5)            |    | (0.1)    |     |              |     |           |    | (40.6)  |  |  |  |  |
| Total comprehensive income   | \$                           | 35.1              | \$ | 81.5     | \$  | 119.9        | \$  | (201.5)   | \$ | 35.0    |  |  |  |  |
| Net income   |                              | 75.6              |    | 81.6     |     | 119.9        |     | (201.5)   |    | 75.6    |  |  |  |  |
| Preferred stock dividends  |                              | 10.4              |    |          |     | anacharanach |     |           |    | 10.4    |  |  |  |  |
| Net income applicable to common shareowners                              | \$                           | 65.2              | \$ | 81.6     | \$  | 119.9        | \$  | (201.5)   | \$ | 65.2    |  |  |  |  |
|  |                              | 121               |    |          |     | <u></u>      |     |           |    |         |  |  |  |  |

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## **Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheets**

| Condensed Consolidating Dalance Succis              | As of December 31, 2016 |                    |    |          |     |              |    |             |          |     |  |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------|----|----------|-----|--------------|----|-------------|----------|-----|--|
| (dollars in millions)                               |                         | Parent<br>(Issuer) | G  | arantors | Nor | 1-guarantors | E  | liminations | Total    | 1   |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents                           | \$                      | 7.8                | \$ | 0.3      | \$  | 1.6          | \$ |             | \$ 9     | 9.7 |  |
| Receivables, net                                    |                         | 17.8               |    | 1.7      |     | 159.1        |    |             | 178      | 6.6 |  |
| Other current assets                                |                         | 1.1                |    | 17.9     |     | 22.6         |    |             | 41       | .6  |  |
| Total current assets                                |                         | 26.7               |    | 19.9     |     | 183.3        |    |             | 229      | 9.9 |  |
| Property, plant and equipment, net                  |                         | 0.3                |    | 54.4     |     | 1,030.8      |    |             | 1,085    | 5.5 |  |
| Investment in CyrusOne                              |                         |                    |    | 128.0    |     |              |    |             | 128      | 6.0 |  |
| Goodwill  |                         |                    |    | 12.1     |     | 2.2          |    |             | 14       | .3  |  |
| Investments in and advances to subsidiaries         |                         | 816.7              |    | 972.2    |     |              |    | (1,788.9)   | -        | —   |  |
| Other noncurrent assets                             |                         | 179.1              |    | 43.9     |     | 5.1          |    | (144.8)     | 83       | .3  |  |
| Total assets  | \$                      | 1,022.8            | \$ | 1,230.5  | \$  | 1,221.4      | \$ | (1,933.7)   | \$1,541  | .0  |  |
| Current portion of long-term debt                   | \$                      |                    | \$ | 2.5      | \$  | 5.0          | \$ |             | \$ 7     | 7.5 |  |
| Accounts payable                                    |                         | 0.7                |    | 33.1     |     | 72.1         |    | <u> </u>    | 105      | 5.9 |  |
| Other current liabilities                           |                         | 42.9               |    | 22.5     |     | 54.1         |    |             | 119      | ).5 |  |
| Total current liabilities                           |                         | 43.6               |    | 58.1     |     | 131.2        |    |             | 232      | 2.9 |  |
| Long-term debt, less current portion                |                         | 960.3              |    | 51.1     |     | 187.7        |    | —           | 1,199    | ).1 |  |
| Other noncurrent liabilities                        |                         | 207.9              |    | 0.7      |     | 166.9        |    | (144.8)     | 230      | ).7 |  |
| Intercompany payables                               |                         |                    |    |          |     | 147.7        |    | (147.7)     |          |     |  |
| Total liabilities                                   |                         | 1,211.8            |    | 109.9    |     | 633.5        | _  | (292.5)     | 1,662    | 2.7 |  |
| Shareowners' (deficit) equity                       |                         | (189.0)            |    | 1,120.6  |     | 587.9        |    | (1,641.2)   | (121     | .7) |  |
| Total liabilities and shareowners' equity (deficit) | \$                      | 1,022.8            | \$ | 1,230.5  | \$  | 1,221.4      | \$ | (1,933.7)   | \$ 1,541 | .0  |  |

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Cincinnati Bell Inc.

### **Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheets**

| C C  | As of December 31, 2015 |                    |    |            |     |              |    |             |           |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------|----|------------|-----|--------------|----|-------------|-----------|
| (dollars in millions)                                  |                         | Parent<br>(Issuer) | G  | Juarantors | Noi | n-guarantors | F  | liminations | Total     |
| Cash and cash equivalents                              | \$                      | 4.6                | \$ | 0.4        | \$  | 2.4          | \$ |             | \$ 7.4    |
| Receivables, net                                       |                         | 0.7                |    | 2.8        |     | 153.6        |    |             | 157.1     |
| Other current assets                                   |                         | 1.6                |    | 13.9       |     | 20.4         |    | —           | 35.9      |
| Total current assets                                   |                         | 6.9                | _  | 17.1       |     | 176.4        |    |             | 200.4     |
| Property, plant and equipment, net                     |                         | 0.3                |    | 53.4       |     | 921.8        |    | _           | 975.5     |
| Investment in CyrusOne                                 |                         |                    |    | 55.5       |     |              |    | · <u> </u>  | 55.5      |
| Goodwill   |                         |                    |    | 12.1       |     | 2.2          |    |             | 14.3      |
| Investments in and advances to subsidiaries            |                         | 844.6              |    | 772.1      |     | 63.9         |    | (1,680.6)   | —         |
| Other noncurrent assets                                |                         | 207.2              |    | 132.6      |     | 7.1          |    | (146.2)     | 200.7     |
| Total assets   | \$                      | 1,059.0            | \$ | 1,042.8    | \$  | 1,171.4      | \$ | (1,826.8)   | \$1,446.4 |
| Current portion of long-term debt                      | \$                      | 5.4                | \$ | 3.4        | \$  | 5.0          | \$ |             | \$ 13.8   |
| Accounts payable                                       |                         | 0.7                |    | 42.8       |     | 85.4         |    | -           | 128.9     |
| Other current liabilities                              |                         | 41.6               |    | 23.9       |     | 45.6         |    |             | 111.1     |
| Other current liabilities from discontinued operations |                         |                    |    | 5.4        |     |              |    |             | 5.4       |
| Total current liabilities                              |                         | 47.7               |    | 75.5       |     | 136.0        |    | ·           | 259.2     |
| Long-term debt, less current portion                   |                         | 1,018.6            |    | 53.3       |     | 151.9        |    |             | 1,223.8   |
| Other noncurrent liabilities                           |                         | 235.5              |    | 3.8        |     | 168.5        |    | (146.2)     | 261.6     |
| Intercompany payables                                  |                         | 54.7               |    |            |     | 125.7        |    | (180.4)     | ·         |
| Total liabilities                                      |                         | 1,356.5            |    | 132.6      |     | 582.1        |    | (326.6)     | 1,744.6   |
| Shareowners' (deficit) equity                          |                         | (297.5)            |    | 910.2      |     | 589.3        |    | (1,500.2)   | (298.2)   |
| Total liabilities and shareowners' equity (deficit)    | \$                      | 1,059.0            | \$ | 1,042.8    | \$  | 1,171.4      | \$ | (1,826.8)   | \$1,446.4 |

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Cincinnati Bell Inc.

## **Condensed Consolidating Statements of Cash Flows**

|   | Year Ended December 31, 2016 |                    |    |                  |    |                   |     |           |    |         |  |  |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------|----|------------------|----|-------------------|-----|-----------|----|---------|--|--|
| (dollars in millions)   |                              | Parent<br>(Issuer) | G  | uarantors        | g  | Non-<br>uarantors | Eli | minations |    | Total   |  |  |
| Cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities   | \$                           | (61.1)             | \$ | 25.0             | \$ | 209.3             | \$  | —         | \$ | 173.2   |  |  |
| Capital expenditures  |                              | (0.2)              |    | (25.4)           |    | (260.8)           |     |           |    | (286.4) |  |  |
| Dividends received from CyrusOne (equity method investment)   |                              | _                  |    | 2.1              |    |                   |     | _         |    | 2.1     |  |  |
| Proceeds from sale of investment in CyrusOne  |                              |                    |    | 189.7            |    |                   |     |           |    | 189.7   |  |  |
| Distributions received from subsidiaries  |                              | 12.0               |    | anger randok rak |    |                   |     | (12.0)    |    |         |  |  |
| Funding between Parent and subsidiaries, net  |                              | 152.0              |    | (188.0)          |    |                   |     | 36.0      |    | , —     |  |  |
| Other investing activities  |                              | (0.9)              |    |                  |    |                   |     |           |    | (0.9)   |  |  |
| Cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities   |                              | 162.9              |    | (21.6)           |    | (260.8)           |     | 24.0      |    | (95.5)  |  |  |
| Funding between Parent and subsidiaries, net  |                              |                    |    |                  |    | 36.0              |     | (36.0)    |    |         |  |  |
| Distributions paid to Parent  |                              |                    |    | _                |    | (12.0)            |     | 12.0      |    |         |  |  |
| Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt  |                              | 635.0              |    |                  |    |                   |     |           |    | 635.0   |  |  |
| Net increase in corporate credit and receivables facilities with initial maturities less than 90 days |                              |                    |    |                  |    | 71.9              |     |           |    | 71.9    |  |  |
| Repayment of debt   |                              | (710.9)            |    | (3.5)            |    | (44.9)            |     | —         |    | (759.3) |  |  |
| Debt issuance costs   |                              | (10.8)             |    |                  |    | (0.3)             |     | _         |    | (11.1)  |  |  |
| Other financing activities  | _                            | (11.9)             |    |                  |    | ,,-               |     |           | -  | (11.9)  |  |  |
| Cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities   |                              | (98.6)             |    | (3.5)            |    | 50.7              |     | (24.0)    |    | (75.4)  |  |  |
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents  |                              | 3.2                |    | (0.1)            |    | (0.8)             |     | _         |    | 2.3     |  |  |
| Beginning cash and cash equivalents   |                              | 4.6                |    | 0.4              |    | 2.4               |     | —         |    | 7.4     |  |  |
| Ending cash and cash equivalents  | \$                           | 7.8                | \$ | 0.3              | \$ | 1.6               | \$  |           | \$ | 9.7     |  |  |

|   | Year Ended December 31, 2015 |                 |    |          |    |                  |        |        |    |         |  |  |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------|----|----------|----|------------------|--------|--------|----|---------|--|--|
| (dollars in millions)   |                              | arent<br>ssuer) | Gı | arantors | gu | Non-<br>arantors | Elimin | ations |    | Total   |  |  |
| Cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities   | \$                           | (19.3)          | \$ | (86.8)   | \$ | 217.0            | \$     |        | \$ | 110.9   |  |  |
| Capital expenditures  |                              | (0.1)           |    | (22.5)   |    | (261.0)          |        |        |    | (283.6) |  |  |
| Dividends received from CyrusOne (equity method investment)   |                              | 4114700000      |    | 22.2     |    |                  |        |        |    | 22.2    |  |  |
| Proceeds from sale of investment in CyrusOne  |                              |                 |    | 643.9    |    |                  |        |        |    | 643.9   |  |  |
| Distributions received from subsidiaries  |                              | 11.3            |    |          |    |                  |        | (11.3) |    |         |  |  |
| Funding between Parent and subsidiaries, net  |                              |                 |    | (554.3)  |    | 71.9             | 4      | 482.4  |    |         |  |  |
| Other investing activities  |                              | (0.3)           |    | 0.9      |    | 0.1              |        |        |    | 0.7     |  |  |
| Cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities   |                              | 10.9            |    | 90.2     |    | (189.0)          | . 4    | 471.1  |    | 383.2   |  |  |
| Funding between Parent and subsidiaries, net  |                              | 486.4           |    |          |    | (4.0)            | (4     | 182.4) |    |         |  |  |
| Distributions paid to Parent  |                              |                 |    | —        |    | (11.3)           |        | 11.3   |    |         |  |  |
| Net decrease in corporate credit and receivables facilities with initial maturities less than 90 days |                              |                 |    |          |    | (1.6)            |        |        |    | (1.6)   |  |  |
| Repayment of debt   |                              | (518.5)         |    | (3.2)    |    | (10.0)           |        |        |    | (531.7) |  |  |
| Debt issuance costs   |                              | (0.2)           |    |          |    | (0.2)            |        |        |    | (0.4)   |  |  |
| Other financing activities  |                              | (10.9)          |    |          |    |                  |        |        |    | (10.9)  |  |  |
| Cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities   |                              | (43.2)          |    | (3.2)    |    | (27.1)           | (4     | 471.1) |    | (544.6) |  |  |

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|--|-----------|-----|-----|-----------|--------|-----------|
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (51.6)    |     | 0.2 | 0.9       |        | (50.5)    |
| Beginning cash and cash equivalents              | 56.2      |     | 0.2 | 1.5       |        | 57.9      |
| Ending cash and cash equivalents                 | \$<br>4.6 | \$  | 0.4 | \$<br>2.4 | \$<br> | \$<br>7.4 |
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## **Condensed Consolidating Statements of Cash Flows**

|   | Year Ended December 31, 2014 |              |    |           |    |                   |    |            |    |         |  |  |
|---|------------------------------|--------------|----|-----------|----|-------------------|----|------------|----|---------|--|--|
| (dollars in millions)   | Par                          | ent (Issuer) | G  | uarantors | g  | Non-<br>uarantors | El | iminations |    | Total   |  |  |
| Cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities   | \$                           | (56.3)       | \$ | 5.6       | \$ | 225.9             | \$ |            | \$ | 175.2   |  |  |
| Capital expenditures  |                              | (0.2)        |    | (29.6)    |    | (152.5)           |    |            |    | (182.3) |  |  |
| Dividends received from CyrusOne (equity method investment)   |                              |              |    | 28.4      |    |                   |    |            |    | 28.4    |  |  |
| Proceeds from sale of investment in CyrusOne  |                              |              |    | 355.9     |    |                   |    |            |    | 355.9   |  |  |
| Proceeds from sale of wireless spectrum licenses -<br>discontinued operations                         |                              |              |    | 194.4     |    |                   |    |            |    | 194.4   |  |  |
| Distributions received from subsidiaries  |                              | 12.8         |    |           |    |                   |    | (12.8)     |    |         |  |  |
| Funding between Parent and subsidiaries, net  |                              | _            |    | (546.3)   |    | (71.0)            |    | 617.3      |    |         |  |  |
| Other investing activities  |                              | (0.3)        |    | (5.5)     |    | 2.0               |    |            |    | (3.8)   |  |  |
| Cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities   |                              | 12.3         |    | (2.7)     |    | (221.5)           |    | 604.5      |    | 392.6   |  |  |
| Funding between Parent and subsidiaries, net  |                              | 516.2        |    |           |    | 101.1             |    | (617.3)    |    |         |  |  |
| Distributions paid to parent  |                              |              |    |           |    | (12.8)            |    | 12.8       |    |         |  |  |
| Net decrease in corporate credit and receivables facilities with initial maturities less than 90 days |                              | (40.0)       |    | _         |    | (87.0)            |    |            |    | (127.0) |  |  |
| Repayment of debt   |                              | (367.3)      |    | (3.0)     |    | (6.2)             |    |            |    | (376.5) |  |  |
| Debt issuance costs   |                              | (0.7)        |    |           |    | (0.2)             |    | —          |    | (0.9)   |  |  |
| Other financing activities  |                              | (10.1)       |    |           |    |                   |    | —          |    | (10.1)  |  |  |
| Cash flows provided by (used in) financing activities   |                              | 98.1         |    | (3.0)     |    | (5.1)             |    | (604.5)    |    | (514.5) |  |  |
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents  |                              | 54.1         |    | (0.1)     |    | (0.7)             |    |            |    | 53.3    |  |  |
| Beginning cash and cash equivalents   |                              | 2.1          |    | 0.3       |    | 2.2               |    |            |    | 4.6     |  |  |
| Ending cash and cash equivalents  | \$                           | 56.2         | \$ | 0.2       | \$ | 1.5               | \$ |            | \$ | 57.9    |  |  |

# FCC 394 EXHIBIT 5

## EXHIBIT 5

## SECTION IV. TRANSFEREE'S/ASSIGNEE'S TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS

Set forth in an Exhibit a narrative account of the transferee's/assignee's technical qualifications, experience and expertise regarding cable television systems, including, but not limited to, summary information about appropriate management personnel that will be involved in the system's management and operations. The transferee/assignee may, but need not, list a representative sample of cable systems currently or formerly owned or operated.

With headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio, Cincinnati Bell Inc. (NYSE:CBB) ("Cincinnati Bell") provides integrated communications solutions – including local and long distance voice, data, high-speed Internet and video – that keep residential and business customers in Greater Cincinnati and Dayton connected with each other and with the world. In addition, enterprise customers across the United States rely on CBTS, a wholly-owned subsidiary, for efficient, scalable office communications systems and end-to-end IT solutions. Cincinnati Bell and its subsidiaries provide competitive telecommunications services to residential and business customers. Through its Entertainment and Communications segment, the company provides high speed data, video and voice solutions to consumers and businesses over an expanding fiber network and a legacy copper network. Specifically, Cincinnati Bell holds video franchises in Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. Cincinnati Bell cable franchises currently serve over 130,000 customers with revenues exceeding \$125 million annually. Applicant continues to focus on transforming its legacy copper-based telecommunications company into a technology company with state of the art fiber assets servicing customers with data, video, voice and IT solutions to meet their evolving needs, and continues to expand its fiber network as a key initiative.

The franchisee, Hawaiian Telcom Services Company, Inc. ("HTSC"), and its management team will not change as a result of the Transaction. HTSC and its affiliates have served the communications needs of the state of Hawai'i for over one hundred years. Hawaiian Telcom, Inc., the incumbent local exchange carrier of the State of Hawai'i and the sister company of HTSC, was formed in 1883 to provide telephone service in the Islands. HTSC was formed in 2004 in connection with the Carlyle Group's acquisition of Verizon's Hawai'i businesses, in order to provide to the State the non-regulated services not being performed by Hawaiian Telcom, Inc., including the high-speed Internet, directories, and wireless businesses. In 2011, the Director of DCCA granted a nonexclusive cable franchise to HTSC, authorizing the company to deliver digital cable service to all areas on the island of Oahu via IPTV technology. See DCCA Decision and Order No. 352 (June 24, 2011).

As further described in the response to Section II.G of the corresponding DCCA Transfer of Control Application, the Transaction will occur entirely at the holding company level and will not affect the day-to-day operations, billing systems, or operational support systems of HTSC. Under the Combination, Cincinnati Bell and Hawaiian Telcom will retain their separate names and brand identities while sharing best practices and resources as needed to help each other successfully compete. Hawaiian Telcom will continue to be locally managed from Hawai'i and its union labor agreements will be honored. In addition, customers will continue to have local customer support and customers will have the ability to interact with local support personnel as well as obtain support over the telephone and the Internet. Hawaiian Telcom will have two director seats on the combined company board and these seats will be held by Hawai'i residents. Hawai'i will thus be well represented when broader strategic decisions are made.

## **Cincinnati Bell Key Management Team Biographies**

## Leigh R. Fox

## President and Chief Executive Officer, Cincinnati Bell Inc.

Leigh Fox is President and Chief Executive Officer of Cincinnati Bell Inc. Mr. Fox has been with Cincinnati Bell since July of 2001, most recently as President and Chief Operating Officer. In that role, he was responsible for overseeing all aspects of operations, sales and customer care for both the Entertainment & Communications Segment and the IT Services & Hardware Segment. Mr. Fox also served as the company's Chief Financial Officer from 2013 until September 2016, responsible for all aspects of finance, accounting, and treasury. Prior to 2013, Mr. Fox had increasingly larger corporate responsibilities as Chief Administrative Officer, and Senior Vice President of Finance and spent eight years in senior roles within the company's technology services business.

A native of Cincinnati, Mr. Fox holds a bachelor's degree from Miami University and an MBA from the University of Cincinnati. He is on the boards of the USA Regional Chamber and American Red Cross. He is a member of the Cincinnati Regional Business Committee with a focus on education and the Business Leader's Alliance.

## Thomas E. Simpson

## **Chief Operating Officer**

In his role, Tom manages all aspects of operations and development management for Cincinnati Bell and CBTS. Tom is governing operations to constantly improve delivery and optimize our platforms to stay relevant to our customer base. Tom started with CBTS in 2001 and has a passion for using technology to actually enrich day to day life, and has had various roles from pre sales, sales overlay, engineering management, business development, and strategy.

Prior to Cincinnati, Tom grew up in Santa Cruz California where he attended UCSC and Stanford for a MSEE in VLSI engineering. His first job out of high school was onboarding defect management and moving its application to offshore engineering for IBM. He also held engineering or consulting roles for Defense Language Institute, Rand, and Scientific Atlanta.

## Andrew R. Kaiser

## Chief Financial Officer, Cincinnati Bell Inc.

Andy Kaiser is Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for Cincinnati Bell Inc. He reports directly to Leigh Fox, President and Chief Executive Officer of Cincinnati Bell. As CFO, Mr. Kaiser is responsible for Cincinnati Bell's corporate accounting, finance, treasury and tax functions, as well as investor relations, real estate, supply chain management and sourcing functions. Along with his finance responsibilities, Mr. Kaiser is also responsible for managing the company's carrier wholesale network business, with roughly \$130 million in annual sales.

Mr. Kaiser's career with Cincinnati Bell began in July of 2000, holding a variety of finance and accounting positions during his initial five-year tenure, including Director of FP&A. In July of 2005, he left Cincinnati Bell to co-found Howard Roark Consulting, LLC, a Cincinnati, Ohio based management consulting firm with a focus on launching new technology-based ventures. Mr. Kaiser was an original member of the i-wireless, LLC leadership team (the national mobile phone brand of a major food retailer), responsible for launching and growing the business from a start-up to a national wireless provider, and serving as Chief Financial Officer. Since rejoining Cincinnati Bell in January 2014, Mr. Kaiser has served as Vice President – Corporate Finance, leading its data analytics and corporate development functions, and most recently as Vice President – Consumer Marketing and Data Analytics.

Mr. Kaiser holds a bachelor's degree from Wright State University and an MBA from the University of Cincinnati. He serves on the Board of Directors of Cancer Free Kids, a non-profit organization with the mission of eradicating cancer as a life-threatening disease in children by funding promising research that might otherwise go unfunded.

## **Christopher J. Wilson**

## Vice President and General Counsel

Chris Wilson is Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Cincinnati Bell Inc. Responsible for all legal matters pertaining to the company, he reports directly to President and Chief Executive Officer Leigh Fox.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Wilson served as associate general counsel and assistant

corporate secretary for the company's Cincinnati-based operating subsidiaries. Before joining the in-house legal team at Cincinnati Bell, he was a partner at Frost Brown Todd LLP.

Mr. Wilson is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association and Cincinnati Bar Association. Mr. Wilson earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Thomas More College and a law degree from the University of Notre Dame.

## Kevin J. Murray

## Senior Vice President & Chief Information Officer

Kevin Murray is Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer at Cincinnati Bell. He is responsible for Information Technology strategy planning, development and operations for the company. He is also responsible for the company's Enterprise Program Management office and Process Improvement group. Mr. Murray has been employed at Cincinnati Bell since 2001 and has held several positions during his tenure. Prior to his current position, Mr. Murray held technology leadership roles over teams that supported the organization's network operations, its financial systems and the company's wireless subsidiary.

Before joining Cincinnati Bell, Kevin was a Manager with Accenture, a leading global systems consulting firm. While at Accenture he focused on ERP system integration projects for telecommunication and energy clients.

Within Cincinnati Bell, Kevin serves on the Employee Benefits Committee. He is also the former President of the Cincinnati Bell Volunteers. Outside of the company, Kevin is a member of the Greater Cincinnati CIO Roundtable, serves on the Advisory Board of the Cincinnati Hearing, Speech & Deaf Center and serves on the Corporate Advisory Committee of the Cincinnati Chapter of the BDPA.

Kevin is a native of greater Cincinnati and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Miami University.

## Theodore W. Heckmann

## Managing Director, Regulatory & Government Affairs & Assistant Corporate Secretary

In his role, Mr. Heckmann is responsible for all Federal, State and Local government and regulatory matters for Cincinnati Bell. Mr. Heckmann reports directly to the Vice President and General Counsel for Cincinnati Bell Inc. Mr. Heckmann has over 37 years of experience in the Telecommunications and Cable TV Industry Sectors. Mr. Heckmann has held various Finance, Accounting, Government and Regulatory positions within Cincinnati Bell. He assumed his current position on July 1, 2009. Mr. Heckmann graduated from Bowling Green State University

in Bowling Green, Ohio, in 1980 with a B.S. in Accounting, he earned an MBA from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1987 and is a CPA (inactive) in the state of Ohio.

# Al Early Vice President of IT Solutions and Sales, CBTS

Al Early is currently the Vice President of IT Solutions and Sales for CBTS (Cincinnati Bell Technology Solutions) a wholly owned subsidiary of Cincinnati Bell Inc. Upon joining CBTS in January of 2007 Al was charged with starting a Professional Services sales and recruiting practice to compliment some of the other core CBTS offerings. His responsibilities have expanded to include oversight of the Value Added Reseller business, the Project Management Office, the infrastructure and application development services practices, as well as out of territory responsibilities in Columbus, Louisville, Indianapolis, Charlotte/Raleigh and Dallas.

Before joining, CBTS AI spearheaded a similar IT sales and recruiting practice at Definitive Solutions Company (a wholly owned subsidiary of Toys R US at the time) that targeted strategic customers in the retail, insurance and financial verticals. In all, he has over 17 years of experience in the recruiting and IT solutions sector. He also stays very active in the local community serving on the Board of Cancer Free Kids (and also as the Chairman of its Corporate Committee), on the Cincinnati IT Cluster Council, Chairman of the Annual Greater Cincinnati IT Circuit golf outing as well as mentoring underprivileged adults who are looking to create successful, sustaining careers via the Job Works organization. He graduated from Miami University in 1992 with a BA in Diplomacy and Foreign Affairs and currently lives in Cincinnati, Ohio with his wife and three daughters.

# Cora (Cory) Beimesche

## VP of Network & Engineering

Cory started with Cincinnati Bell Technology Solutions in 2011 as the head of the PMO managing all external facing delivery. She has managed video and internet development and operations with Cincinnati Bell since 2013 with roles over product management and most recently Network Operations. Cory has a BA from Xavier University, 12 years as a software developer and then project manager primarily as a consultant working with Fifth Third Bank, the Air Force Research Lab, First Group America, Vertical Solutions Inc, Pomeroy Computer Resources, and Luxottica Retail prior to starting with Cincinnati Bell.

## Patty Kurtz

## Senior Director Video Engineering & Operations

Patty has 21 years' experience in the Telecommunications industry. Prior to assuming her current role as Sr. Director, Video Engineering & Operations, she served as Director Data & IP

Engineering and also in Sr. Product and Market Management roles at Cincinnati Bell. As an independent consultant for 15 years she worked with Cincinnati Bell and Clear Channel. Patty was also Director of Marketing for the Ohio Utilities Protection Service. She has a Marketing Degree from Youngstown State University.

# Richard (Rick) Theobald

# Senior Manager of Video Headend Services

Richard has 32 years of experience in the Cable TV/ Video industry. He has been with Cincinnati Bell for the past eight years, serving five years as a headend technician and three years in his current position as the Senior Manager of Video Headend Services. Richard begin his electronics career in 1983 with a local cable company and after receiving a Master's Technician certificate from the National Cable Television Cooperative became a headend technician. Richard worked as a headend technician with United Video Cablevision for five years before moving into the hospitality industry where he spent 16 years providing VOD and PPV systems to hotels and motels throughout the state of Kentucky.

# Karen Rohrkemper

# VP of Product Strategy

Karen has over 15 years of experience in the telecommunications industry. She began her career with Cincinnati Bell in its wireless subsidiary and ultimately assumed management of the wireless data product suite before managing the Cincinnati Bell Wireless spectrum sale and entity shut down. Currently, Karen has responsibility for the OSP planning, engineering, and construction of the Cincinnati Bell strategic fiber build, network transformation, Connect America Funding builds, as well as consumer and business product management. Karen has a BS from Northern Kentucky University, as well as a Six Sigma Yellow Belt.

## **Emily Schierberg**

# **Director – Video and Applications**

Emily has nearly 18 years of experience in telecommunications with Cincinnati Bell. Most recently, Emily was the Director of Voice of the Customer for Cincinnati Bell and served as the primary advocate for the customers' needs throughout the organization. Prior to that Emily was in product management and managed Cincinnati Bell's video product for 4 years and Cincinnati Bell Wireless' data products for 2 years. Emily recently returned to the Product Strategy organization to focus on Cincinnati Bell's video product and mobile applications. Emily has a BS from Northern Kentucky University and received her MBA from Xavier University.

# Jonathan Bond Senior Product Manager – Video Programming

Jonathan has 13 years in telecommunications. Jonathan initially starting with Cincinnati Bell's wireless subsidiary as a Retail Store Manager and later held a variety of roles in wireless product management and sales distribution. Jonathan was part of the Cincinnati Bell Wireless transition team during the spectrum sale and managed the Verizon Agency relationship afterwards. Currently Jonathan has responsibility for video programming, the channel lineup and programmer relationships. Jonathan has a BA from the University of Cincinnati.

# Alex Napier

# Product Manager-Video

Alex has 18 years' experience in the Telecommunications industry beginning his career with Cincinnati Bell as a Communications Consultant for the Retail Channel in 2005. Alex eventually became a Store Manager before being promoted into a role as an Indirect Channel Sales Manager. Prior to Cincinnati Bell's sale of its wireless spectrum, Alex was the Product Manager for Prepaid Wireless. Alex returned to Cincinnati Bell in 2017 after two years developing a new sales market in Northern California for a national Lifeline provider. In his current role as Product Manager for Video his responsibilities include the planning and development of Video Products and services. Alex is also a Veteran of the Ohio Army National Guard and has served in Kosovo, secured American airports during Operation Noble Eagle after the attacks on 9/11, and assisted in the recovery after Hurricane Katrina.

# HTSC KEY MANAGEMENT TEAM BIOGRAPHIES

## Scott K. Barber

## President and Chief Executive Officer

Scott K. Barber was named President and CEO of Hawaiian Telcom in June 2015. He joined the company as Chief Operating Officer in January 2013, overseeing Sales, Marketing, Customer Service, Customer Care, Technology and Business Development.

Mr. Barber has more than 30 years of experience in the telecommunications industry, which he entered as a Construction – Line Worker at Kerman Telephone Company in California. Over his 12-year career at Kerman Telephone, he oversaw various areas of operations, including engineering, network operations, construction, installation and repair, fleet, safety and building management.

Before joining Hawaiian Telcom, Mr. Barber served as Vice President of Operations for Consolidated Communications in Roseville, California. Prior to that, he was Chief Operating Officer for SureWest Communications, which was acquired by Consolidated Communications in July 2012. Mr. Barber began his career at SureWest in 1994, starting as an Engineering Manager. Over the years he was promoted to executive-level positions in Outside Plant and Network Operations before being named Chief Operating Officer in 2011.

At SureWest, Mr. Barber was instrumental in launching the Internet Protocol (IP) triple play (voice, video and data) over fiber. He spearheaded efforts to roll out new products, including Metro Ethernet, Session Initiation Protocol, Data Center, IP Private Branch Exchange, IP Long Distance, Voice-over-IP, high-definition TV, Whole Home DVR, Caller ID on TV, and 50 megabits-per-second residential high-speed Internet service. He also secured long-term contracts with multiple wireless carriers for data backhaul service to 540 sites. Mr. Barber earned a bachelor's degree in Finance from Regis University.

Committed to giving back to the community, Mr. Barber currently serves on the non-profit boards for Aloha United Way and the Chamber of Commerce of Hawai'i. A former Mayor of the City of Kerman, he previously served on numerous community and industry boards including as President of the Kerman Chamber of Commerce and as Chairman and CEO of the California Communications Association.

# Dan T. Bessey

# Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Dan T. Bessey joined Hawaiian Telcom as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in May 2015. In addition to overseeing all financial operations, including Treasury, Financial Planning and Analysis, Corporate and Regulatory Accounting, Tax and Investor Relations, he is also responsible for developing and implementing financial systems and reporting structures to ensure Hawaiian Telcom is a highly efficient service provider and model of financial integrity.

Prior to joining Hawaiian Telcom, Mr. Bessey served as Chief Financial Officer for Cesca Therapeutics, a publicly traded bio-technology company based in Rancho Cordova, California, where he managed the Finance and Accounting, Business Planning and Forecasting, Corporate Development, Investor Relations and Human Resources functions.

Previously, Mr. Bessey served as Vice President, Chief Financial Officer for SureWest Communications (now part of Consolidated Communications), where he was responsible for multiple functions including Finance and Accounting, Business Planning and Forecasting, Mergers and Acquisitions, Treasury Management, Investor Relations, Human Resources and Information Systems. Over his 17-year career at SureWest, he served as Vice President of Finance, Controller, and Director of Corporate Finance, and successfully developed and implemented long-term business and financial strategies that increased profitability and shareholder return. He began his career in the technology and communications group of Ernst and Young LLP.

Mr. Bessey earned a bachelor's degree in business administration/accountancy from California State University, Sacramento where he graduated magna cum laude.

# John T. Komeiji

# Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel

In his role as Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel, John Komeiji is responsible for Hawaiian Telcom's day-to-day business operations. His Administrative Services Organization includes the External Affairs, Government Affairs, Human Resources, Information Technology Systems & Order Management Systems, Legal, Project Management & Delivery, and Support Services teams. He joined the company in July 2008.

Prior to joining Hawaiian Telcom, Mr. Komeiji served as senior partner at Watanabe Ing & Komeiji LLP. His practice focused on the litigation of complex commercial, personal injury and professional liability matters.

Mr. Komeiji is a past president of the Hawai'i State Bar Association and has served on the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Lawyer Competence. A member of the prestigious American Board of Trial Advocates, he is also a Bencher and a member of the Executive Committee of the American Inns of Court, Aloha Chapter.

He was presented the University of Hawai'i Distinguished Alumni Award in 2011. A former Adjunct Professor of Law at the William S. Richardson School of Law, Mr. Komeiji taught Pretrial Litigation and received the Co-Adjunct Professor of the Year Award in 2002.

He earned a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and a Juris Doctorate from Hastings College of Law.

Mr. Komeiji serves on numerous non-profit boards including the Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific where he is Board Chair, the Hawai'i Medical Service Association where he is Board Vice Chair, and Blood Bank of Hawai'i, where he is Board Vice Chair.

## Kevin T. Paul

## Senior Vice President – Technology

Kevin Paul joined Hawaiian Telcom as Senior Vice President – Technology in August 2011. Mr. Paul is responsible for the architecture, planning, engineering, security and support of Hawaiian Telcom's network. He also oversees the company's Business Development, Customer Care and Network Reliability functions.

Mr. Paul has held leadership technology roles for more than 25 years. Prior to joining Hawaiian Telcom, he served as Vice President of Content Engineering & Development for Level 3 Communications where he managed architecture, engineering, development, test and tier IV support of Level 3's Content Delivery Network and Vyvx video broadcast network.

He joined Level 3 as Vice President, Softswitch Engineering, Development and Deployment in 2000, and also served as Vice President of Network Integration.

Prior to this, Mr. Paul was Director of MCI Worldcom's (now Verizon Business) Call Processing Infrastructure, and also held numerous positions in Systems Engineering including Intelligent Call Center Application Development and Data Network Application Development.

Mr. Paul holds eight patents: six in the area of Fraud Detection and Neural Network technology and two in the area of Content Delivery Networks with Deep Caching Infrastructure.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Computer Science from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Mr. Paul currently serves as a member of the Advisory Council for the College of Engineering at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

## Greg L. Chamberlain

## Vice President – Network Operations

Greg Chamberlain was named Vice President – Network Operations in February 2016. He is responsible for Hawaiian Telcom's Central Office, Dispatch and Field Operations (installation, repair and construction technicians) teams, and the company's Network Support Services Operations Center.

He joined Hawaiian Telcom in June 2013 as Executive Director – Service Architecture and Engineering where his responsibilities included inside and outside plant engineering, network build program and network change management.

Prior to joining Hawaiian Telcom, Mr. Chamberlain served as Executive Director – Network Engineering for SureWest Broadband (now part of Consolidated Communications). He spent more than 10 years with SureWest where he was instrumental in the company's successful deployment of IPTV over fiber. He also held management positions in network operations and engineering at WINfirst (now part of Consolidated Communications) and SBC Communications (now part of AT&T).

Mr. Chamberlain began his career in telecommunications 35 years ago as a service technician for Pacific Bell in Oakland, California. He moved on to become a splicer, then a supervisor and worked his way up the organization into outside plant engineering, focusing on high capacity management and wireless network build-outs, and later network system design and fiber deployment.

Born and raised in California, Mr. Chamberlain earned a bachelor's degree in Physical Geography from the University of California at Berkeley.