

Shenandoah Telecommunications Company Reports First Quarter 2022 Results

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EDINBURG, Va., April 28, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Shenandoah Telecommunications Company ("Shentel") (Nasdaq: SHEN) announced first quarter 2022 financial and operating results.

Highlights

- Revenue grew 7.9% to \$64.4 million over the same period a year ago.
- Broadband data net adds were approximately 3,600 including 2,400 for Glo Fiber.
- Glo Fiber homes and businesses passed grew sequentially 18,000 to approximately 94,000.

"We are pleased with our progress in executing our fiber first broadband strategy with another record quarter for Glo Fiber net adds and passings" said President and CEO, Christopher E. French. "Although top line revenue growth was solid, increases in our operating expenses adversely impacted margins as we improved employee compensation and upgraded our back-office systems. We expect margin improvements in the second half of 2022 as we implement our cost savings initiatives to drive costs out of the business."

Shentel's first-quarter earnings conference call will be webcast at 8:00 a.m. ET on Friday, April 29, 2022. The webcast and related materials will be available on Shentel's Investor Relations website at https://investor.shentel.com/.

Consolidated First Quarter 2022 Results

- Revenue in the first quarter of 2022 grew 7.9% to \$64.4 million, compared with the first quarter of 2021, due to revenue growth of 8.3% in the Broadband segment and 3.9% in the Tower segment.
- Loss from continuing operations per share was \$(0.01) in the first quarter of 2022 compared with income per share from continuing operations of \$0.06 the first quarter of 2021 due primarily to higher stock compensation expense.
- Adjusted EBITDA in the first quarter of 2022 grew 2.4% to \$17.4 million, compared with the first quarter of 2021, due primarily to 18.2% lower Corporate expenses from lower compensation expenses from the 2021 reduction in force and lower professional fees.

Broadband

- Total broadband data Revenue Generating Units ("RGUs") as of March 31, 2022, were 122,753, representing 14.1% year over year growth. Penetration for incumbent cable, Glo Fiber and Beam were 51%, 15% and 6%, respectively, compared to 48%, 16% and 3%, respectively, as of March 31, 2021. Total Glo Fiber and Beam passings grew year over year by approximately 59,200 and 12,400, respectively.
- Broadband revenue in the first quarter of 2022 grew \$4.6 million or 8.3% to \$59.7 million compared with \$55.2 million in the first quarter of 2021, primarily driven by a \$4.0 million or 9.3% increase in Residential and Small and Medium Business ("SMB") revenue on a 14.1% increase in broadband data RGUs.
- Cost of services increased approximately \$2.9 million, or 13.0%, compared with the three months ended March 31, 2021, driven by higher maintenance and compensation expenses. Maintenance increased due to higher cable replacement costs, higher gasoline, field engineering and software costs. Compensation increased due to higher headcount to support the expansion of our Glo Fiber network, salary and wage increases and higher medical benefit costs.
- Selling, general and administrative expense increased \$2.8 million, or 25.8%, compared with the three months ended March 31, 2021, driven primarily by a \$1.0 million increase in compensation, \$0.7 million in software and professional service fees due to upgrades to our ERP, OSS and CRM systems, and \$0.5 million in advertising to support Glo Fiber expansion. Compensation costs increased due primarily to increased headcount to support the expansion of Glo Fiber, salary and wage increases and higher medical benefit costs.
- Depreciation and amortization increased \$1.1 million or 9.5%, compared with the three months ended March 31, 2021, primarily as a result of our network expansion of our Glo Fiber network.

- Broadband Operating income in the first quarter of 2022 was \$8.2 million, compared to \$10.3 million in the first quarter of 2021.
- Broadband Adjusted EBITDA in the first quarter of 2022 decreased 5.4% to \$21.1 million, compared with \$22.3 million for the first quarter of 2021.

Tower

- Tower revenue in the first quarter of 2022 increased 3.9% to \$4.8 million compared with the first quarter of 2021. Tenants increased 5.6% to 468 partially offset by 3.6% decline in average lease revenue per tenant.
- Tower operating income in the first quarter of 2022 was \$2.8 million, compared to \$2.7 million in the first quarter of 2021.
- Tower Adjusted EBITDA in the first quarter of 2022 was consistent with the first quarter of 2021 at \$3.2 million for both periods.

Other Information

- As of March 31, 2022 our cash and cash equivalents totaled \$54.0 million and the availability under our revolving line of credit and delay draw term loans were \$400.0 million, for total available liquidity of \$454.0 million.
- Capital expenditures were \$45.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 compared with \$39.5 million in the
 comparable 2021 period. The \$6.2 million increase in capital expenditures was primarily due to higher spending in the
 Broadband segment driven by the expansion of our Glo Fiber network.

Conference Call and Webcast

Teleconference Information:

Date: April 29, 2022 Time: 8:00 A.M. (ET)

Dial in number: 1-888-695-7639

Password: 2869853

Audio webcast: http://investor.shentel.com/

An audio replay of the call will be available approximately two hours after the call is complete, through May 29, 2022 by calling (855) 859-2056.

About Shenandoah Telecommunications

Shenandoah Telecommunications Company (Shentel) provides broadband services through its high speed, state-of-the-art cable, fiber optic and fixed wireless networks to customers in the Mid-Atlantic United States. The Company's services include: broadband internet, video, and voice; fiber optic Ethernet, wavelength and leasing; and tower colocation leasing. The Company owns an extensive regional network with over 7,600 route miles of fiber and over 220 macro cellular towers. For more information, please visit www.shentel.com.

This release contains forward-looking statements about Shentel regarding, among other things, its business strategy, its prospects and its financial position. These statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "believes," "estimates," "expects," "intends," "may," "will," "should," "could," or "anticipates" or the negative or other variation of these or similar words, or by discussions of strategy or risks and uncertainties. The forward-looking statements are based upon management's beliefs, assumptions and current expectations and may include comments as to Shentel's beliefs and expectations as to future events and trends affecting its business that are necessarily subject to uncertainties, many of which are outside Shentel's control. Although management believes that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, forward-looking statements are not, and should not be relied upon as, a guarantee of future performance or results, nor will they necessarily prove to be accurate indications of the times at which such performance or results will be achieved, and actual results may differ materially from those contained in or implied by the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors. A discussion of other factors that may cause actual results to differ from management's projections, forecasts, estimates and expectations is available in Shentel's fillings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Those factors may include natural disasters, pandemics and outbreaks of contagious diseases and other adverse public health developments, such as COVID-19, changes in general economic conditions including high inflation, increases in costs, changes in regulation and other competitive factors. The forward-looking statements included are made only as of the date of the statement. Shentel undertakes no obligation to revise or update such statements to reflect current events or circumstances after the date hereof, or to reflect the occurrence of unan

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SHENANDOAH TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

(in thousands, except per share amounts)		nths Ended ch 31,
	2022	2021
Service revenue and other	\$ 64,414	\$ 59,691
Operating expenses:		
Cost of services exclusive of depreciation and amortization	26,339	23,424
Selling, general and administrative	23,771	20,153
Restructuring expense	_	618
Depreciation and amortization	14,684	13,266
Total operating expenses	64,794	57,461
Operating income (loss)	(380)	2,230
Other income (expense):		
Other income (expense), net	(170)	1,600
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	(550)	3,830
Income tax expense	53	885
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(603)	2,945
Income from discontinued operations, net of tax	_	48,472
Net income (loss)	\$ (603)	\$ 51,417
Net income (loss) per share, basic and diluted:		
Basic - Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (0.01)	\$ 0.06
Basic - Income from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$ _	\$ 0.97
Basic net income (loss) per share	\$ (0.01)	\$ 1.03
Diluted - Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ (0.01)	\$ 0.06
Diluted - Income from discontinued operations, net of tax	\$ (0.01)	\$ 0.00
Diluted net income (loss) per share	\$ (0.01)	\$ 1.03
Weighted average shares outstanding, basic	50,146	49,947
Weighted average shares outstanding, diluted	50,146	50,081
SHENANDOAH TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (in thousands)		
	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 53,981	\$ 84,344
Other current assets	72,129	
Total current assets	126,110	166,367
Investments	13,284	13,661
Property, plant and equipment, net	581,541	
Intangible assets, net and goodwill	89,633	
Operating lease right-of-use assets	57,130	
Deferred charges and other assets, net	15,553	
Total assets	\$ 883,251	\$ 890,733
Total current liabilities	57,058	67,290
Total other long-term liabilities	181,864	•
Total shareholders' equity	644,329	
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SHENANDOAH TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Total liabilities and shareholders' equity

	March 31,			
		2022		2021
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net income (loss)	\$	(603)	\$	51,417
Income from discontinued operations, net of tax				48,472
Income (loss) from continuing operations		(603)		2,945
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization		14,684		13,266
Stock based compensation expense, net of amount capitalized		3,143		642
Deferred income taxes		(349)		_
Other, net		1,017		(202)
Changes in assets and liabilities:				
Accounts receivable		5,890		1,861
Current income taxes		459		885
Operating lease assets and liabilities, net		80		(260)
Other assets		(1,365)		(5,683)
Accounts payable		(4,130)		(281)
Other deferrals and accruals		(2,760)		(4,037)
Net cash provided by operating activities - continuing operations		16,066		9,136
Net cash provided by operating activities - discontinued operations				75,530
Net cash provided by operating activities		16,066		84,666
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Capital expenditures		(45,693)		(39,482)
Proceeds from sale of assets and other		86		14
Net cash used in investing activities - continuing operations		(45,607)		(39,468)
Net cash used in investing activities - discontinued operations				(882)
Net cash used in investing activities		(45,607)		(40,350)
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Taxes paid for equity award issuances		(603)		(1,486)
Payments for financing arrangements and other		(219)		(496)
Net cash used in financing activities - continuing operations		(822)		(1,982)
Net cash used in financing activities - discontinued operations				(8,549)
Net cash used in financing activities		(822)		(10,531)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(30,363)		33,785
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		84,344		195,397
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$	53,981	\$	229,182

Three Months Ended

Non-GAAP Financial Measures Adjusted EBITDA

The Company defines Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss) from continuing operations calculated in accordance with GAAP, adjusted for the impact of depreciation and amortization, other income (expense), net, interest income, interest expense, income tax expense (benefit), stock compensation expense, transaction costs related to acquisition and disposition events (including professional advisory fees, integration costs, and related compensatory matters), restructuring expense, tax on equity award vesting and exercise events, and other non-comparable items. A reconciliation of net income (loss) from continuing operations, which is the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, to Adjusted EBITDA is provided below herein.

Adjusted EBITDA margin is the Company's calculation of Adjusted EBITDA, divided by revenue calculated in accordance with GAAP.

The Company uses Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin as supplemental measures of performance to evaluate operating effectiveness and assess its ability to increase revenues while controlling expense growth and the scalability of the Company's business growth strategy. The Company believes that the exclusion of the expense and income items eliminated in calculating Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin provides management and investors a useful measure for period-to-period comparisons of the Company's core operating results by excluding items that are not comparable across reporting periods or that do not otherwise relate to the Company's ongoing operations. Accordingly, the Company believes that Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin provide useful information to investors and others in understanding and evaluating the Company's operating results. However, use of Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin as analytical tools has limitations, and investors and others should not consider them in isolation or as substitutes for analysis of our financial results as reported under GAAP. In addition, other companies may calculate Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA margin or similarly titled measures differently, which may reduce their usefulness as comparative measures.

Three Months Ended March 31, 2022

(in thousands)	Br	Broadband		Tower		Corporate & Eliminations		Consolidated	
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	\$	8,127	\$	2,753	\$	(11,483)	\$	(603)	
Depreciation and amortization		12,876		484		1,324		14,684	
Other income, net		54		_		116		170	
Income tax (benefit)		_				53		53	
EBITDA		21,057		3,237		(9,990)		14,304	
Stock-based compensation		_		_		3,143		3,143	
Restructuring charges and other		17				(81)		(64)	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	21,074	\$	3,237	\$	(6,928)	\$	17,383	
Adjusted EBITDA margin		35%		67%		N/A		27%	

Three Months Ended March 31, 2021

(in thousands)	Br	Broadband		Tower		Corporate & Eliminations		Consolidated	
Net income (loss) from continuing operations	\$	10,217	\$	2,702	\$	(9,974)	\$	2,945	
Depreciation and amortization		11,761		481		1,024		13,266	
Other income, net		69		_		(1,669)		(1,600)	
Income tax expense						885		885	
EBITDA		22,047		3,183		(9,734)		15,496	
Stock-based compensation		_		_		642		642	
Restructuring charges and other		220				622		842	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	22,267	\$	3,183	\$	(8,470)	\$	16,980	
Adjusted EBITDA margin		40%		68%		N/A		28%	

Segment Results

Three Months Ended March 31, 2022:

(in thousands)	Bros	Broadband Tower		Corporate & and Tower Eliminations			Consolidated		
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External revenue									
Residential & SMB	\$	46,913	\$	_	\$	_	\$	46,913	
Commercial Fiber		9,062		_		_		9,062	
RLEC & Other		3,689		_		_		3,689	
Tower lease				4,746				4,746	
Service revenue and other		59,664		4,746		_		64,410	
Revenue for service provided to the discontinued Wireless operations		50		101		(147)		4	
Total revenue		59,714		4,847		(147)		64,414	
Operating expenses									
Cost of services		25,168		1,292		(121)		26,339	
Selling, general and administrative		13,489		318		9,964		23,771	
Depreciation and amortization		12,876		484		1,324		14,684	
Total operating expenses		51,533		2,094		11,167		64,794	
Operating income (loss)	\$	8,181	\$	2,753	\$	(11,314)	\$	(380)	

Three Months Ended March 31, 2021:

(in thousands)	Broadband		Tower		Corporate & Eliminations		Consolidated	
External revenue								
Residential & SMB	\$	42,930	\$	_	\$ -	- 5	\$ 42,930	
Commercial Fiber		6,385		_	_	-	6,385	
RLEC & Other		3,631		_	_	-	3,631	
Tower lease				2,150			2,150	
Service revenue and other		52,946		2,150	_	-	55,096	
Revenue for service provided to the discontinued Wireless								
operations		2,208		2,515	(128	<u> </u>	4,595	
Total revenue		55,154		4,665	(128	3)	59,691	

Operating expenses				
Cost of services	22,277	1,248	(101)	23,424
Selling, general and administrative	10,725	234	9,194	20,153
Restructuring expense	105	_	513	618
Depreciation and amortization	11,761	481	1,024	 13,266
Total operating expenses	 44,868	1,963	 10,630	 57,461
Operating income (loss)	\$ 10,286	\$ 2,702	\$ (10,758)	\$ 2,230

Supplemental Information

Broadband Operating Statistics

	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2021
Broadband homes and businesses passed (1)	332,720	259,891
Incumbent Cable	211,442	210,210
Glo Fiber	93,611	34,441
Beam	27,667	15,240
Broadband customer relationships (2)	119,026	115,921
Residential & Small and Medium Business ("SMB") RGUs:		
Broadband Data	122,753	107,569
Incumbent Cable	107,291	101,576
Glo Fiber	13,783	5,524
Beam	1,679	469
Video	49,163	51,989
Voice	36,042	33,322
Total Residential & SMB RGUs (excludes RLEC)	207,958	192,880
Residential & SMB Penetration (3)		
Broadband Data	36.9%	41.4%
Incumbent Cable	50.7%	48.3%
Glo Fiber	14.7%	16.0%
Beam	6.1%	3.1%
Video	14.8%	20.0%
Voice	12.5%	14.6%
Fiber route miles	7,611	6,888
Total fiber miles (4)	564,097	407,710

⁽¹⁾ Homes and businesses are considered passed ("passings") if we can connect them to our network without further extending the distribution system. Passings is an estimate based upon the best available information. Passings will vary among video, broadband data and voice services.

Broadband - Residential and SMB ARPU

Three Months Ended March 31.

	Waich 31,						
	 2022		2021				
Residential and SMB Revenue:	 		_				
Broadband	\$ 28,994	\$	24,585				
Incumbent Cable	25,863		23,465				
Glo Fiber	2,786		1,068				
Beam	345		52				
Video	15,341		15,652				
Voice	2,916		2,899				
Discounts and adjustments	 (338)		(206)				

⁽²⁾ Customer relationships represent the number of billed customers who receive at least one of our services.

⁽³⁾ Penetration is calculated by dividing the number of users by the number of passings or available homes, as appropriate.

⁽⁴⁾ Total fiber miles are measured by taking the number of fiber strands in a cable and multiplying that number by the route distance. For example, a 10 mile route with 144 fiber strands would equal 1,440 fiber miles.

Total Revenue	\$ 46,913	\$ 42,930
Average RGUs:		
Broadband Data	120,648	105,149
Incumbent Cable	106,590	100,117
Glo Fiber	12,493	4,795
Beam	1,565	237
Video	49,445	52,436
Voice	34,836	32,931
ARPU: (1)		
Broadband	\$ 80.11	\$ 77.93
Incumbent Cable	\$ 80.88	\$ 78.12
Glo Fiber	\$ 74.33	\$ 74.24
Beam	\$ 73.48	\$ 73.14
Video	\$ 103.42	\$ 99.50
Voice	\$ 27.90	\$ 29.34

⁽¹⁾ Average Revenue Per RGU calculation = (Residential & SMB Revenue * 1,000) / average RGUs / 3 months

Tower Operating Statistics

	March 31, 2022	March 31, 2021
Macro tower sites	223	223
Tenants (1)	468	443
Average tenants per tower	2.1	2.0

⁽¹⁾ Includes 33 and 236 tenants for our Wireless operations, (reported as a discontinued operation), and Broadband operations, as of March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.



Source: Shenandoah Telecommunications Co