

## 3Q 2015 Earnings Conference Call

October 30, 2015

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## Chris French President and CEO



## Third Quarter 2015 Highlights

#### Net Income

- \$8.0 million at Q3'15 is flat to Q3'14
  - Q3'15 includes \$1.3 million of acquisition expenses and a \$1.6 million depreciation adjustment, net of income taxes
- Adjusted OIBDA increased 10.7% to \$36.8 million

#### Revenue Growth

Revenue grew 3.6% over Q3'14 to \$85.2 million

#### Customer Growth

	<u>9/30/14</u>	<u>9/30/15</u>	<u>Change</u>
Wireless	423,102	448,631	+25,529
Cable (RGUs)	120,466	125,182	+4,716

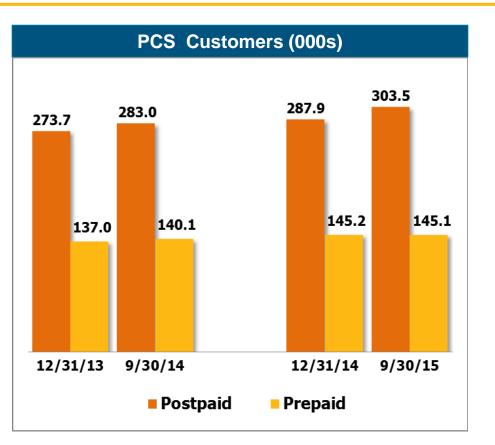


## Wireless Highlights

Postpaid Growth

Postpaid customers up 7.3% over last 12 months

- Prepaid Growth Prepaid customers up 3.6% over last 12 months
- Operating Income Increase Improvement of \$945 thousand, or 6.7%

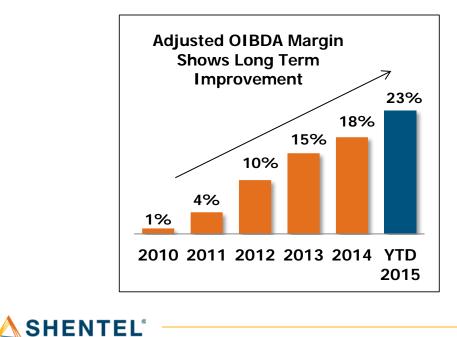


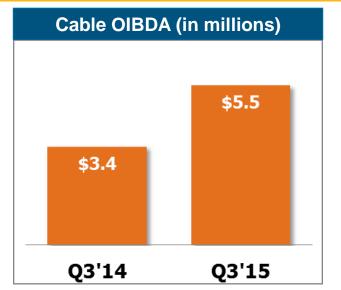


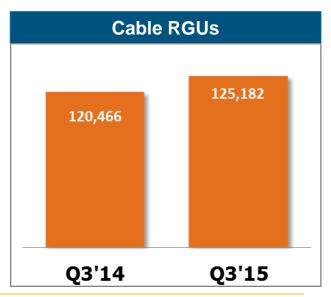
## **Cable Highlights**

#### **Revenue Growth**

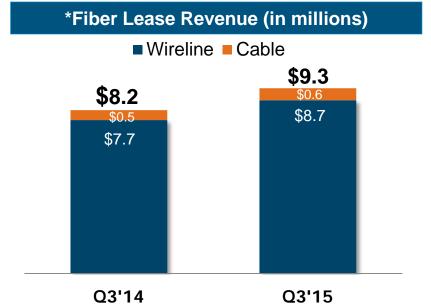
- Operating revenues \$24.4 million, growth of 16.2% over Q3'14
- Q3'15 Adjusted OIBDA \$5.5 million, up 62.0% from Q3'14
- 125,182 RGUs at Q3'15, up 3.9% over Q3'14







- Wireline and Cable -Fiber lease revenues of \$9.3 million, up 13.8% from Q3'14
- 154 towers generated
   \$1.7 million of OIBDA



\*Includes both Affiliate and Non-affiliate revenues

#### Mobile Tower OIBDA (\$ thousands)

(in thousands)	<u>Q3'14</u>	<u>Q3'15</u>
Operating Income	\$1,380	\$1,547
Deprec. and Amort.	391	142
Loss on Asset Disposals	-	-
Share Based Compensation	5	9
Adjusted OIBDA	\$1,776	\$1,698



## **NTELOS Transaction Status**

- Retail Syndication of the credit facilities oversubscribed without any change in terms
- Regulatory Approvals
  - Early termination of Hart-Scott-Rodino review
  - All state regulatory approvals received
  - FCC transfer application is expected to go on public notice soon
- Integration
  - Extended employment offers to nTelos employees
- On track to close in early 2016



# Adele Skolits VP of Finance and CFO



## Profitability

## Consolidated Results (\$ in thousands, except per share amounts)

		For the Quarter Ended:				
	9/30/14		9/30/15		Change	
<b>Operating Income</b>	\$	14,144	\$	15,089	6.7%	
Net Income	\$	8,003	\$	7,996	(0.1%)	
Earnings Per Share:						
Basic	\$	0.33	\$	0.33		
Diluted	\$	0.33	\$	0.33		



## Profitability

#### Adjusted OIBDA (\$ thousands)

	For the Quarter Ended:			
	9/30/14	9/30/15	Change	
Operating Income	14,144	15,089	7%	
Depreciation and				
Amortization	16,731	19,118	14%	
Share Based Compensation	325	469	44%	
(Gain)/Loss on Asset Disposals	2,053	(1)	N.M.	
nTelos acquisition related expenses	-	2,129	N.M.	
Adjusted OIBDA	33,253	36,804	11%	

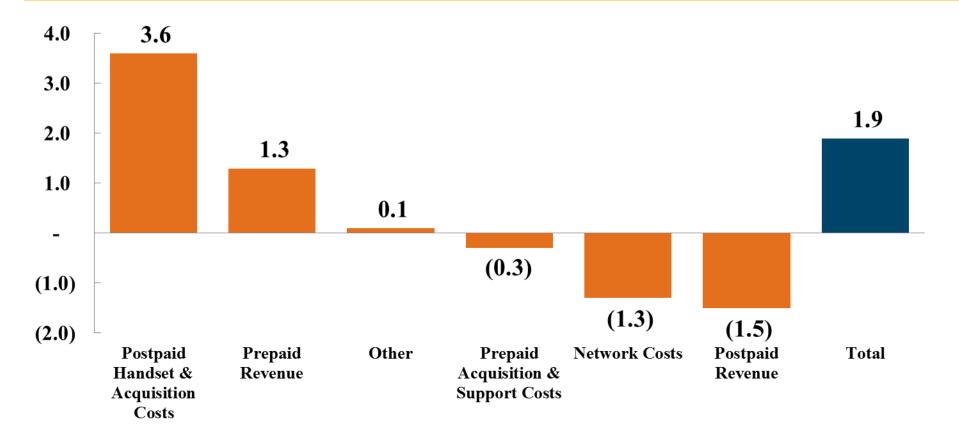


## Adjusted OIBDA by Segment (\$ millions)

	<u>Wireless</u>		<u>Cabl</u>	<u>e</u>	<u>Wireline</u>	
	<u>Q3'14</u>	<u>Q3'15</u>	<u>Q3'14</u>	<u>Q3'15</u>	<u>Q3'14</u>	<u>Q3'15</u>
Operating Income	\$ 17.3	\$ 17.4	\$ (4.1) \$	6 (0.6)	\$ 4.4	\$ 4.0
Depreciation and amortization	7.9	9.6	5.9	5.9	2.9	3.4
Plus (gain) loss on asset sales	-	0.1	1.5	-	0.5	-
Share based compensation	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Adjusted OIBDA	\$25.3	\$27.2	<u>\$ 3.4 9</u>	<u>\$ 5.5</u>	\$7.9	<u>\$ 7.5</u>
Percent Change		7%		62%		-6%
Adjusted OIBDA Margin	48%	53%	16%	22%	50%	43%

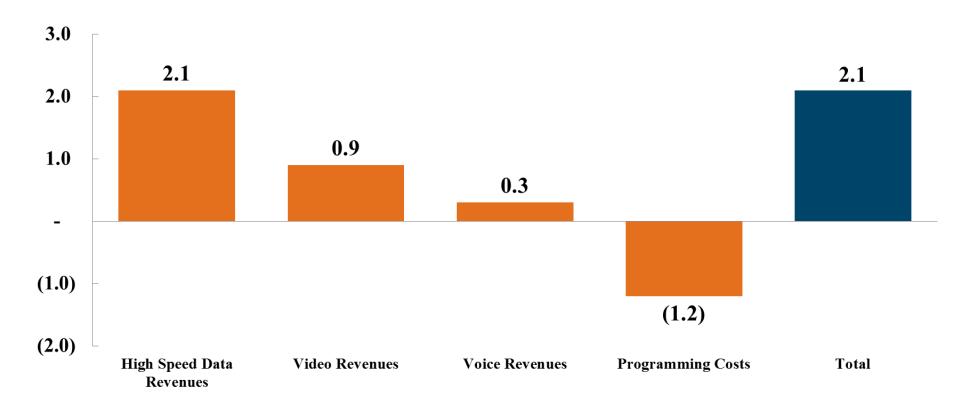


## Wireless Segment – Change in Adjusted OIBDA Q3'15 vs. Q3'14 (\$ millions)





## Cable Segment – Change in Adjusted OIBDA Q3'15 vs. Q3'14 (\$ millions)

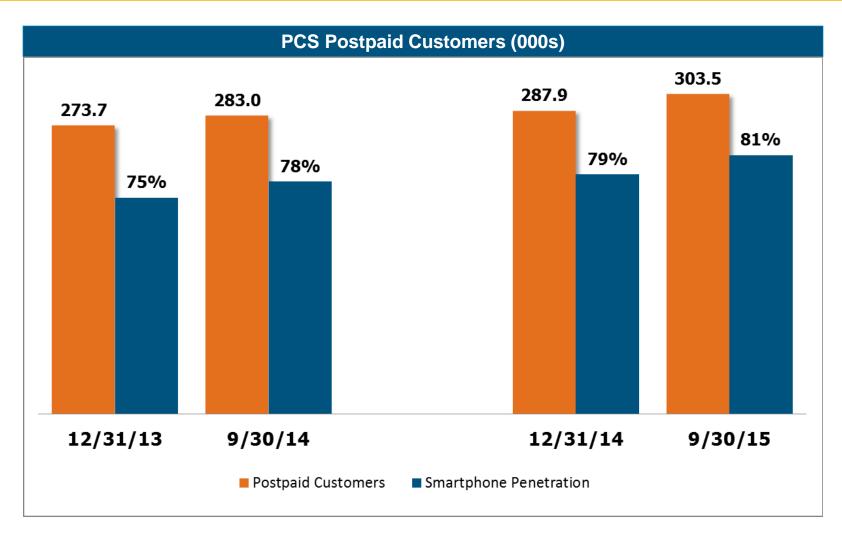




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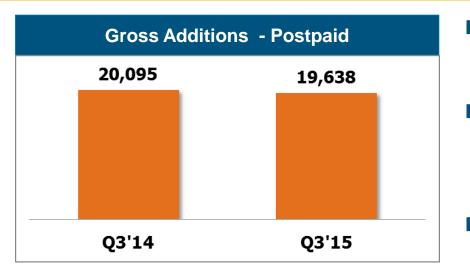


## **Postpaid Customer Growth**

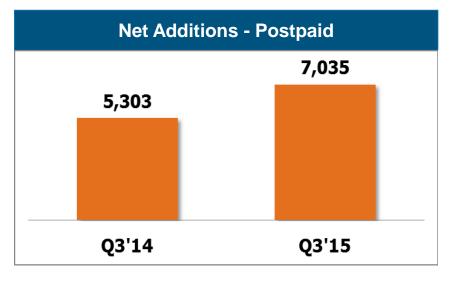


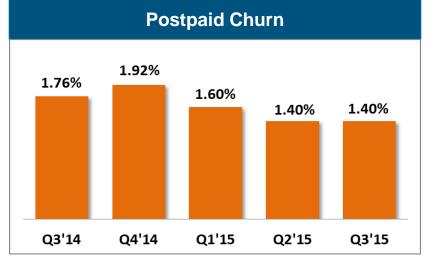


## **Postpaid Customer Additions**

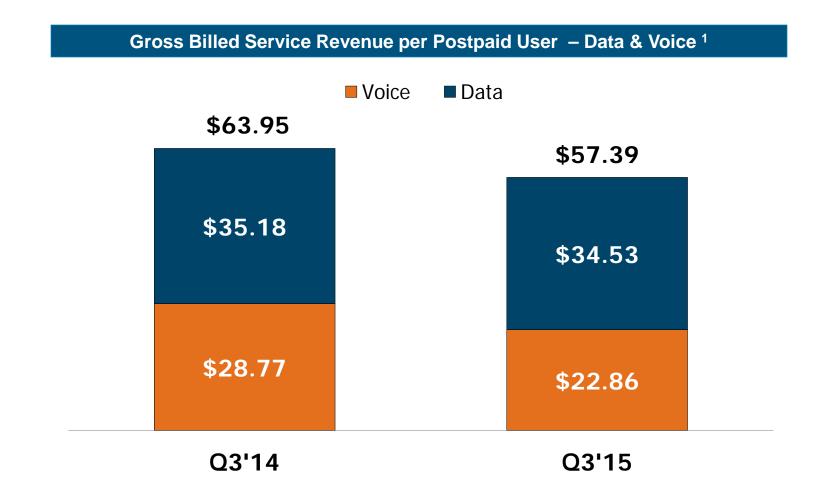


- Net adds of 7,035 in Q3 2015 versus
   5,303 in Q3 2014
- Shentel-controlled channels produced 35% of gross adds in Q3 2015 and 49% in Q3 2014
- Q3 2015 churn of 1.40%, down from
   1.76% in Q3 2014





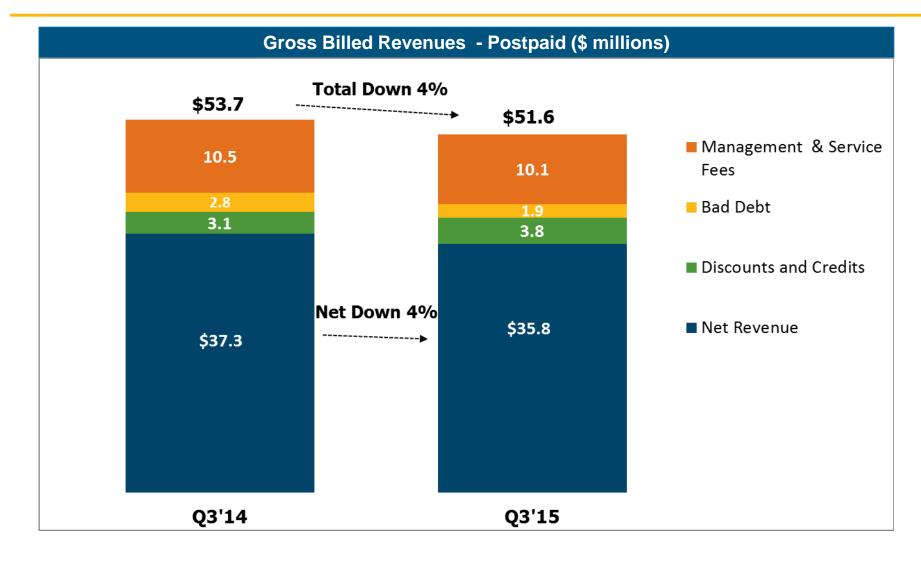
#### Billed Revenue per Customer Down; Data Usage Increasing



<sup>1</sup> – Before Service credits, bad debt, Sprint Nextel fees.

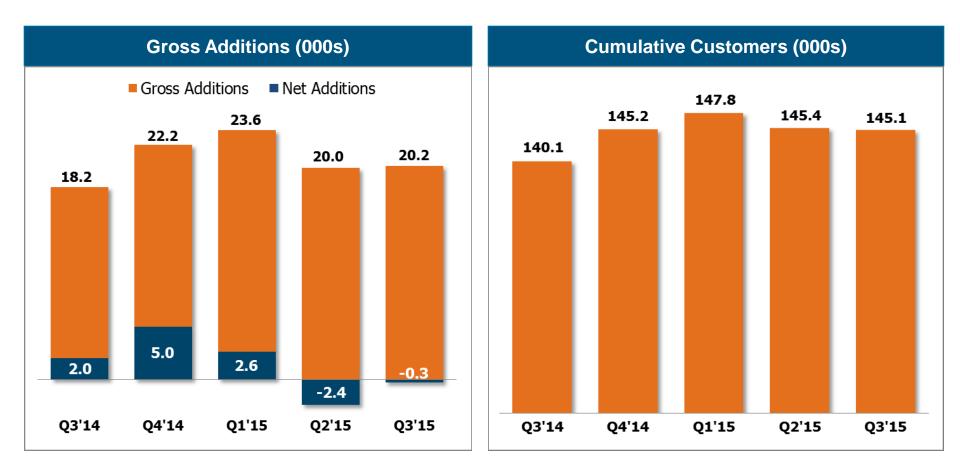


## **PCS** Revenues





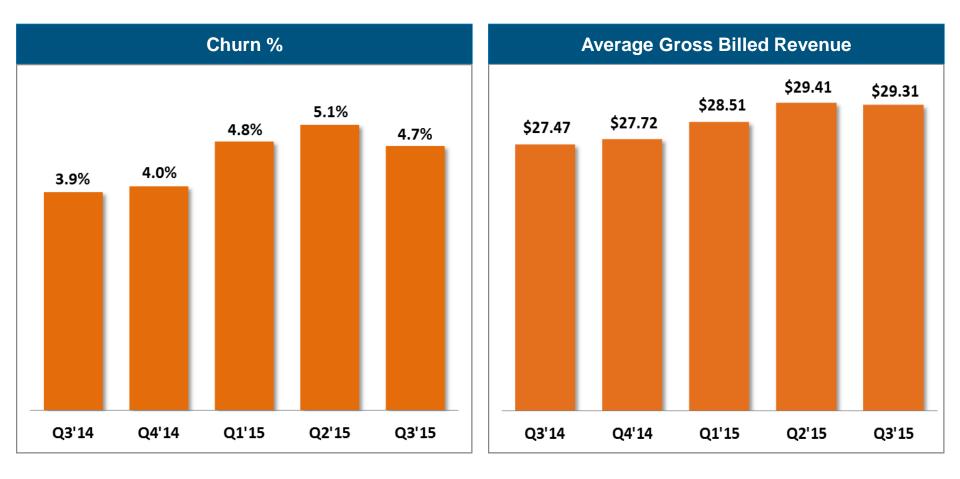
## **PCS Prepaid Statistics**



\*The loss of customers in Q2'14 related to more stringent governmental requirements for customers renewing their eligibility for the government subsidized Assurance program.



## **PCS Prepaid Statistics**



## Network Statistics at 9/30/15

#### 548 Cell Sites

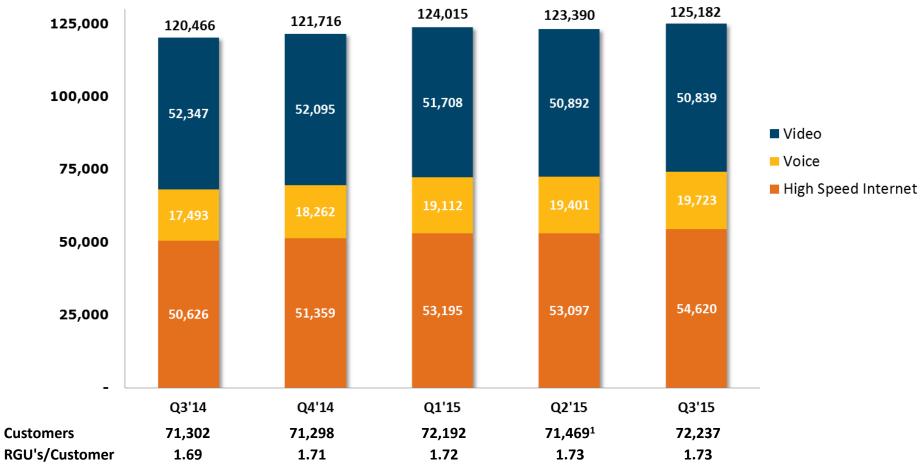
- 93% have a second LTE carrier at 800 MHz
- 187 sites have three carriers, including a second carrier at 1900 MHz

#### Traffic

- 89% of data traffic is on LTE, with 33% on 800 MHz
- Data usage grew 11% in Q3'15
- Average speeds of approximately 4 Mbps
- Average customer uses approximately 4 GB per month
- Dropped calls 0.5%
- Blocked calls 0.3%



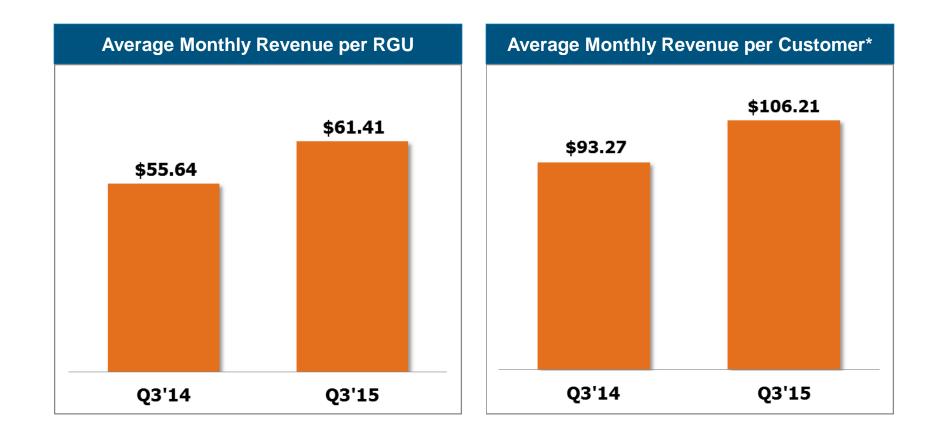
## Cable - RGU Growth by Quarter



1. College students disconnect during summer



## Increasing Average Monthly Cable Revenue



\*Average monthly revenue per video subscriber was \$126.64 and \$150.04 for Q3 2014 and Q3 2015, respectively.



## Key Operational Results – Cable\*

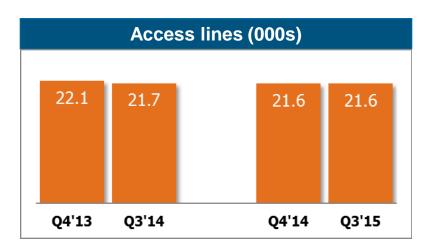
Homes Passed Total Revenue Generating Units Customer Relationships RGUs per Customer Relationship	Q3 2014 171,382 120,466 71,302 1.69	<u>Q3 2015</u> 172,388 125,182 72,237 1.73
Video	50.047	50.000
Revenue generating units Penetration	52,347 30.5%	50,839 29.5%
Digital video penetration	64.8%	29.5% 75.2%
Digital video perietration	04.070	75.270
High-speed Internet		
Available Homes	170,728	172,388
Revenue generating units	50,626	54,620
Penetration	29.7%	31.7%
Voice		
Available Homes	167,991	169,651
Revenue generating units	17,493	19,723
Penetration	10.4%	11.6%

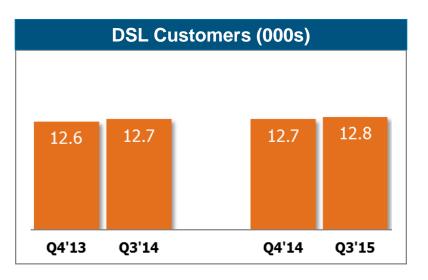
\*Excludes cable operations in Shenandoah County, VA which are included in the Wireline segment.



## Key Operational Results - Wireline

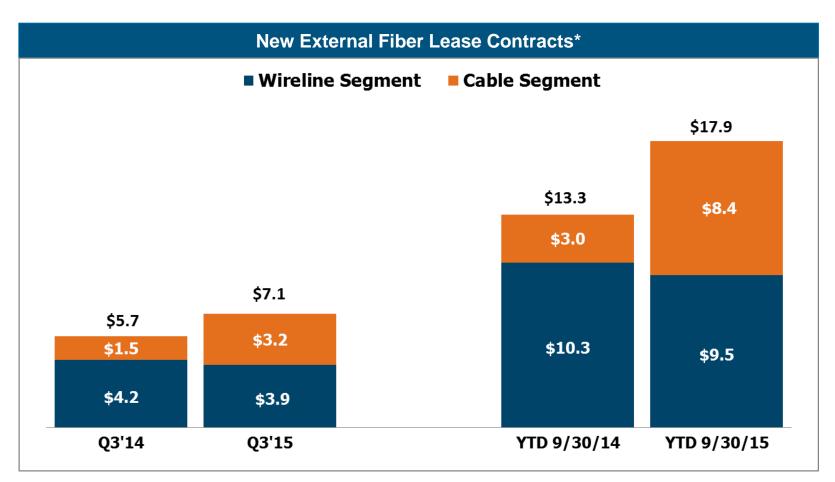
- Access line loss of 0.7% in past 12 months
- Broadband penetration in LEC area at 59.4%
- Total connections at 9/30/15 of 34.4 thousand
- 5,375 video subscribers at 9/30/15
- Effective Q4'15, subscribers will have additional highspeed internet options







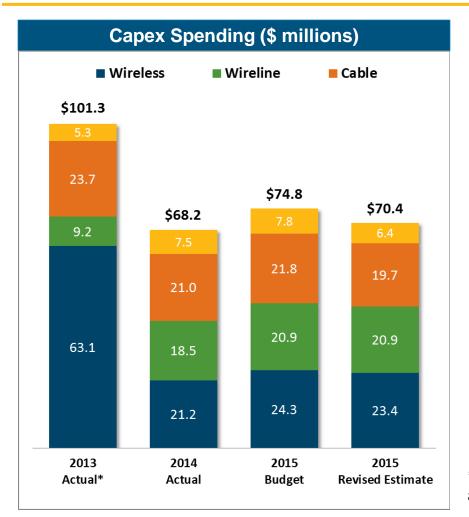
## Wireline and Cable Fiber Sales (\$ millions)



\*Amounts shown represent the total contract value. Contract Terms range from 36 to 120 months.



## Investing in the Future



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- 2015 Capex Budget:
  - 33% Network Capacity
  - 30% Network Maintenance
  - 20% Network Expansion
  - 17% Success-Based

#### 2015 Revised Estimate:

- Cable: \$2.1MM under budget for success-based spending and maintenance line items
- Other: \$1.4MM under budget for IT system enhancements

\* Accounts payable at December 31, 2013 included \$6.5 million associated with PCS Network Vision capital expenditures.

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## Appendix



## Non-GAAP Financial Measures – Billed Revenue per Prepaid & Postpaid Subscriber

Dollars in thousands (except subscribers and revenue per subscriber) 3Q 2015 3Q 2014 Gross billed revenue Wireless segment total operating revenues \$ 52,195 51,636 \$ Equipment revenue (1,573)(1, 104)Tower lease revenue (2,545) (2,610)(11, 418)Gross billed revenue – prepaid (12,760)Prepaid service fee 679 766 Other revenue (64)(129)Wireless service revenue – postpaid 37,274 35,799 Service credits 3,030 3,826 Write-offs 2,832 1,874 Management fee 3,826 3,687 Service fee 6,696 6,453 53,658 51,639 Gross billed revenue - postpaid \$ \$ **Average Prepaid subscribers** 138,576 145,092 **Billed revenue per Prepaid subscriber** 27.47 29.31 \$ \$ **Average Postpaid subscribers** 279,686 299,938

Calculation of Billed revenue per subscriber = Gross billed revenue / Average subscribers / 3 months

63.95

\$

57.39

\$

Billed revenue per Postpaid subscriber



## Postpaid PCS Customers Top Picks Q3 2015

	Top Service Plans – 53% of ■ Gross Adds		<b>Top Devices</b> – New Activations – All Channels			
F	amily Unlimited,		iPhone	39%		
	Talk/Text/Data	21%	Samsung Galaxy S	16%		
	Jnlimited, Talk/Text	18%	LG G Pad	9%		
4	OGB Data Share Pack	7%	LG G3	4%		
1	0GB Data Share Pack	7%	LG G4	3%		

Smartphones made up 81% of the Postpaid base in Q3'15, no change from Q2'15, up from 78% in Q3'14.



### iPhone Statistics – Q3'15

- 39% of Q3 Gross Adds
- 30% of iPhones were sold or upgraded in Shentelcontrolled channels
- 38.3% of 9/30/15 Postpaid customers had the iPhone, up from 37.3% at 6/30/15 and 33.2% at 9/30/14.
- iPhone Base 9/30/15
  - 50% iPhone 6, 6S, 6 Plus
  - 37% iPhone 5, 5C & 5S
  - 13% iPhone 4 & 4S

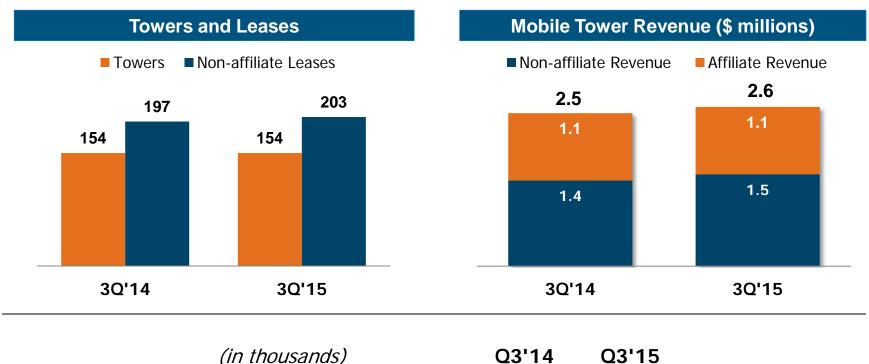


## Non-GAAP Financial Measure – Average Monthly Cable Revenue

Dollars in thousands (except subscribers and revenue per user)						
		<u>Q3 2014</u>		<u>Q3 2015</u>		
Net Service Revenue	\$	17,603	\$	20,493		
Set-top box rentals	Ť	1,772	•	1,952		
FUSC and pass-through fees		346		391		
Video, Internet & Voice Revenue		19,721		22,836		
Other miscellaneous revenue		1,283		1,581		
Total Operating Revenue		21,004		24,417		
Video revenue		11,482		12,419		
Internet revenue		6,686		8,596		
Voice revenue		1,553		1,821		
Video, Internet & Voice Revenue	\$	19,721	\$	22,836		
	\$	19,721	\$	22,836		
Video, Internet & Voice Revenue           Average Subscribers           Video	\$	<b>19,721</b> 51,909	\$	<b>22,836</b> 50,733		
Average Subscribers	\$		\$			
Average Subscribers Video	\$	51,909	\$	50,733		
Average Subscribers Video Internet	\$	51,909 49,336	\$	50,733 53,711		
<u>Average Subscribers</u> Video Internet Voice	\$	51,909 49,336 16,912	\$	50,733 53,711 19,516		
Average Subscribers Video Internet Voice Revenue Generating Units (RGUs)	\$	51,909 49,336 16,912 118,157	\$	50,733 53,711 19,516 123,959		
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