

# Q4 2019 Earnings Conference Call

February 27, 2020

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# **Chris French**

President and CEO

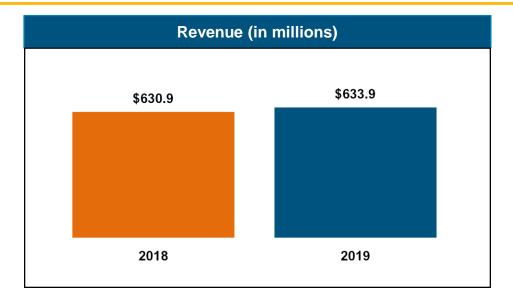


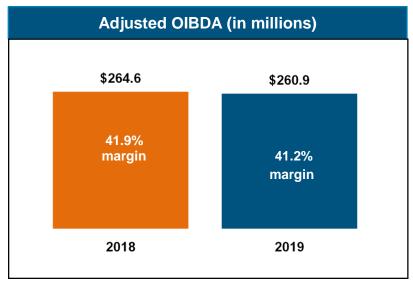
# 2019 Key Accomplishments

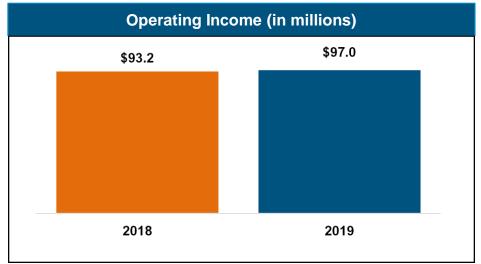
- Completed major network upgrades in our cable footprint (DOCSIS 3.1) and in the south and west regions of our wireless footprint, including Parkersburg WV
- Achieved record wireless postpaid gross adds and net adds
- Launched our FTTH service Glo Fiber within a year from inception
- Acquired licensed spectrum assets and announced plans to launch a fixed wireless broadband service to under-served communities in 2020
- Acquired and integrated Big Sandy Broadband
- ✓ Authorized our first share repurchase program of \$80 million
- Generated a record year of normalized free cash flow

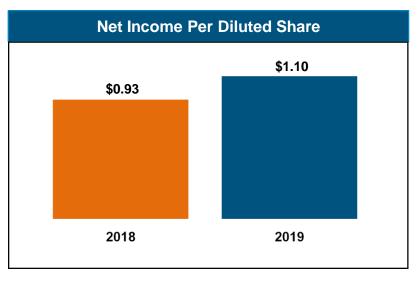


#### 2019 Consolidated Results



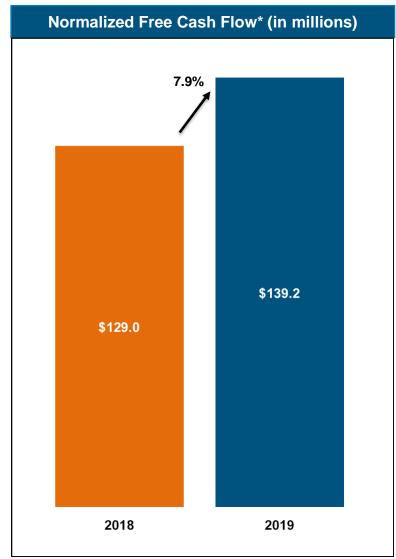


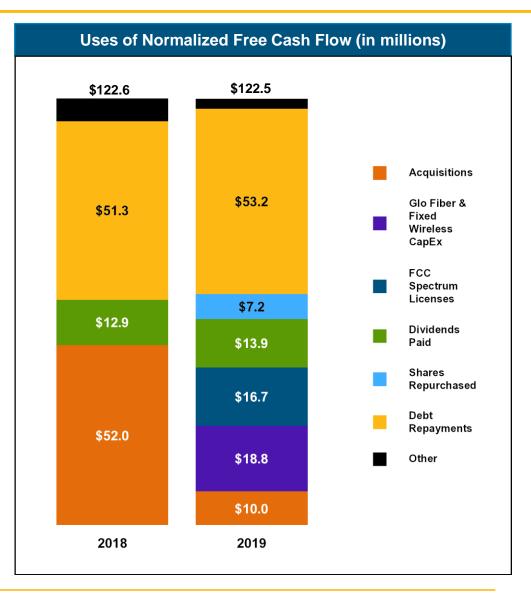






#### Consolidated Normalized Free Cash Flow and Uses







# **Sprint Merger Options**

- Contract options assuming Sprint / T-Mobile merger is closed
  - New T-Mobile may elect an option to purchase the operating assets of our PCS business for 90% of EBV (entire business value)
  - If T-Mobile declines purchase option, Shentel may elect an option to purchase the legacy T-Mobile network and subscribers in our service area and incorporate them into our amended affiliate agreement
  - New T-Mobile may sell or decommission the legacy T-Mobile network and customers in our service area so Shentel becomes the exclusive provider of the new T-Mobile in our service area







# Segment Changes - 2019

| (in thousands) Service & other revenue Equipment Revenue Total external revenue Internal revenue Total revenue |
|--|
| Cost of services Cost of goods sold SG&A   |
| Depreciation & amortization  |
| Operating income (loss)  |
| Share based compensation expense   |
| Depreciation   |
| Amortization of intangible assets  |
| Adjusted OIBDA   |

| Prior Segments     |            |          |                |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------|------------|----------|----------------|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Wireless           | Cable      | Wireline | Corp. & Elims  | Consolidated |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$<br>382,695 \$   | 132,262 \$ | 50,106   | \$             | 565,063      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 67,659             | 980        | 204      |                | 68,843       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 450,354            | 133,242    | 50,310   | _              | 633,906      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6,020              | 6,244      | 26,719   | (38,983)       |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 456,374            | 139,486    | 77,029   | (38,983)       | 633,906      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 135,639            | 62,777     | 36,468   | (36,131)       | 198,753      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 65,148             | 560        | 206      |                | 65,914       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 43,391             | 24,905     | 7,773    | 36,470         | 112,540      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 117,756            | 26,851     | 14,454   | 593            | 159,653      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 94,440             | 24,393     | 18,128   | (39,915)       | 97,046       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                    |            |          | 3,817          | 3,817        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 98,119             | 26,383     | 14,448   | 593            | 139,543      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20,062             | 467        | 6        | _              | 20,535       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$<br>1)212,621 \$ | 51,243 \$  | 32,582   | \$ (35,505) \$ | 260,941      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| _                  | <u> </u>   |          |                |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

| (in thousands)                    |
|-----------------------------------|
| Service & other revenue           |
| Equipment Revenue                 |
| Total external revenue            |
| Internal revenue                  |
| Total revenue                     |
| Cost of services                  |
| Cost of goods sold                |
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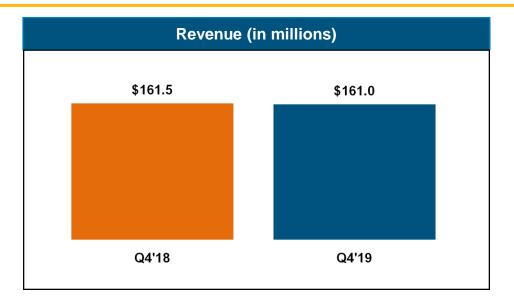
| New Segments     |          |           |               |              |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------|----------|-----------|---------------|--------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Wireless         | Tower    | Broadband | Corp. & Elims | Consolidated |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$<br>375,731 \$ | 6,964 \$ | 182,368   | \$            | 565,063      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 67,659           | _        | 1,184     |               | 68,843       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 443,390          | 6,964    | 183,552   | _             | 633,906      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| _                | 6,020    | 10,392    | (16,412)      | _            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 443,390          | 12,984   | 193,944   | (16,412)      | 633,906      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 131,745          | 3,894    | 76,674    | (13,560)      | 198,753      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 65,148           | _        | 766       |               | 65,914       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 42,225           | 1,166    | 32,679    | 36,470        | 112,540      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 115,731          | 2,025    | 41,304    | 593           | 159,653      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 88,541           | 5,899    | 42,521    | (39,915)      | 97,046       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                  |          |           | 3,817         | 3,817        |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 96,094           | 2,025    | 40,831    | 593           | 139,543      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20,062           | _        | 473       | _             | 20,535       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$<br>204,697 \$ | 7,924 \$ | 2 83,825  | \$ (35,505)\$ | 260,941      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

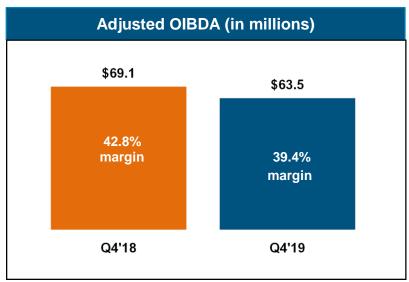
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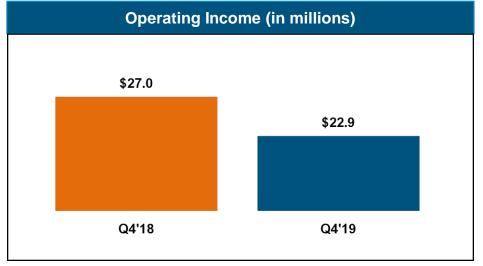


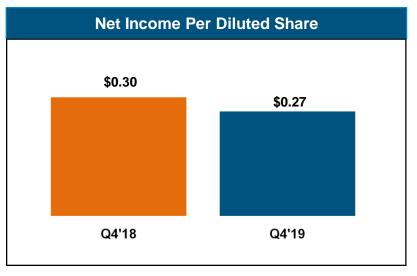
**Adjusted OIBDA** 

### Fourth Quarter 2019 Consolidated Results



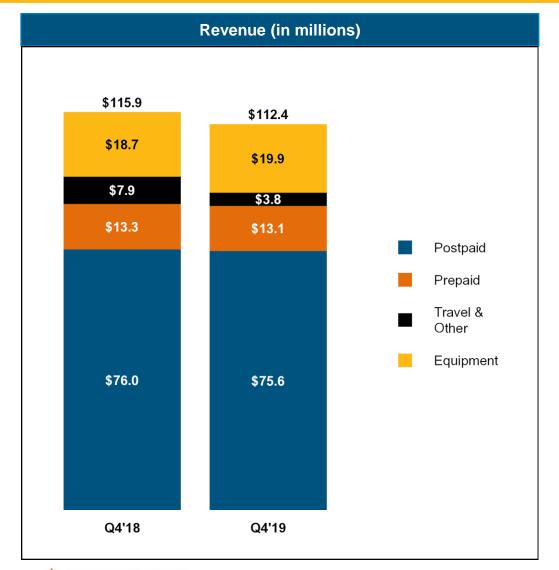


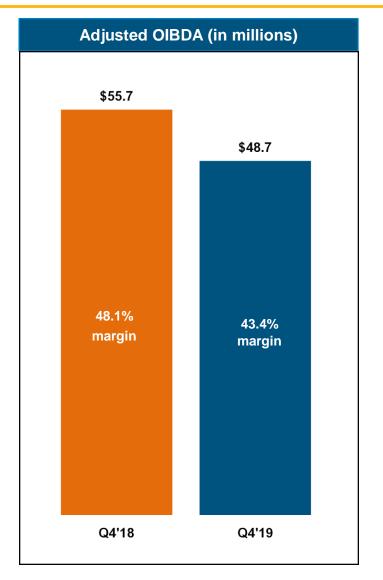






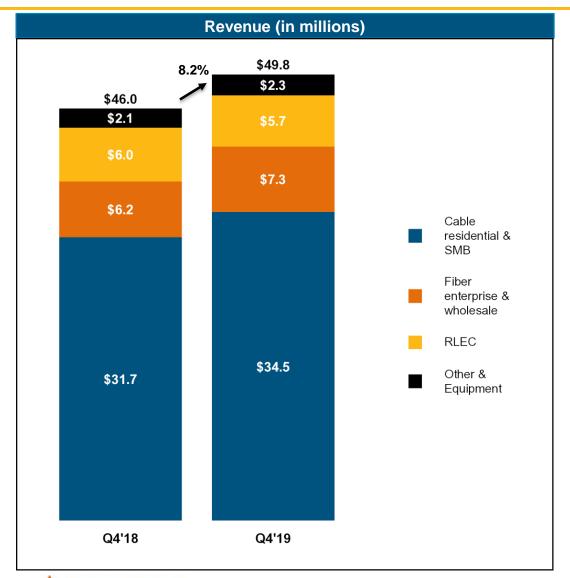
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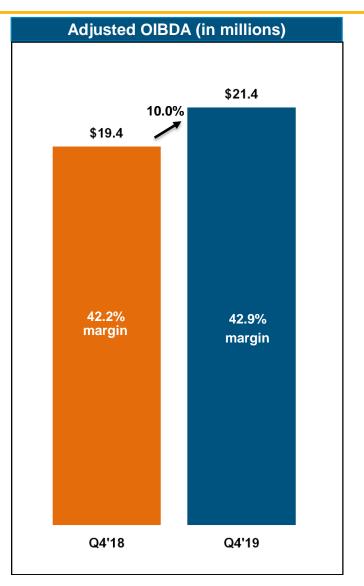






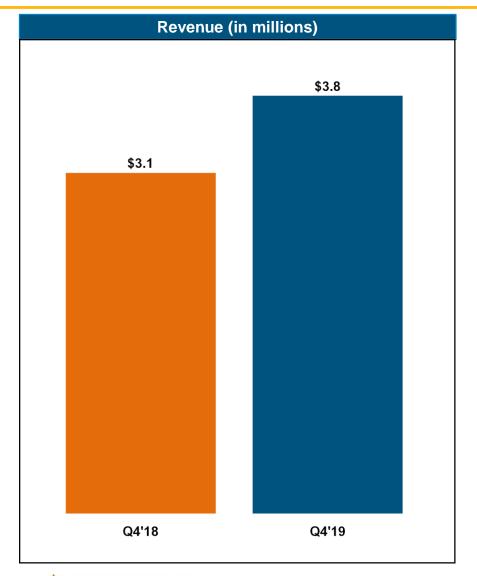
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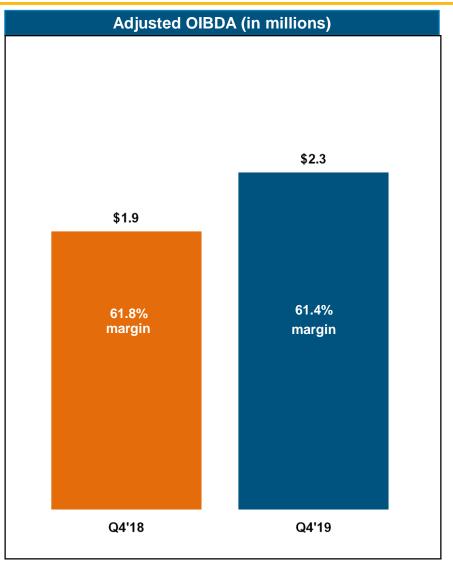






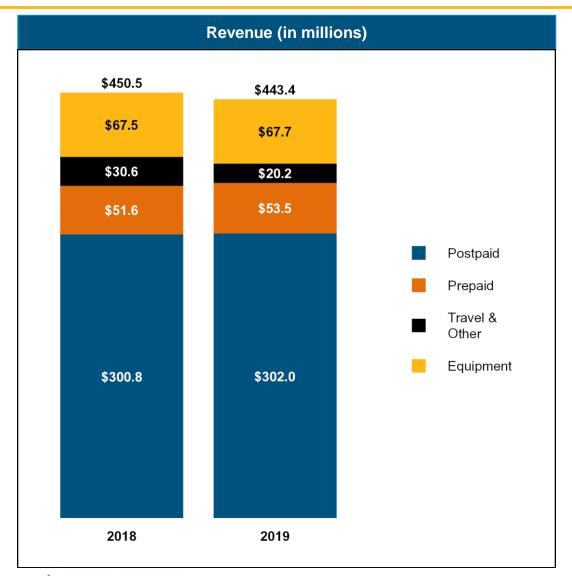
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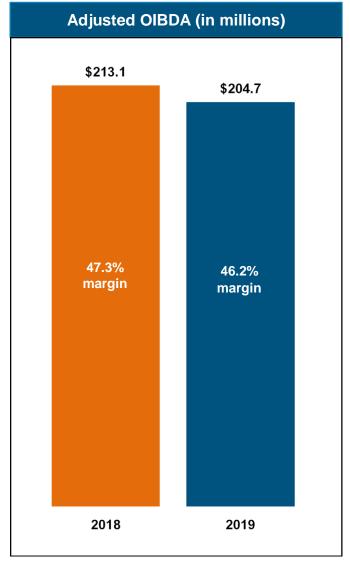






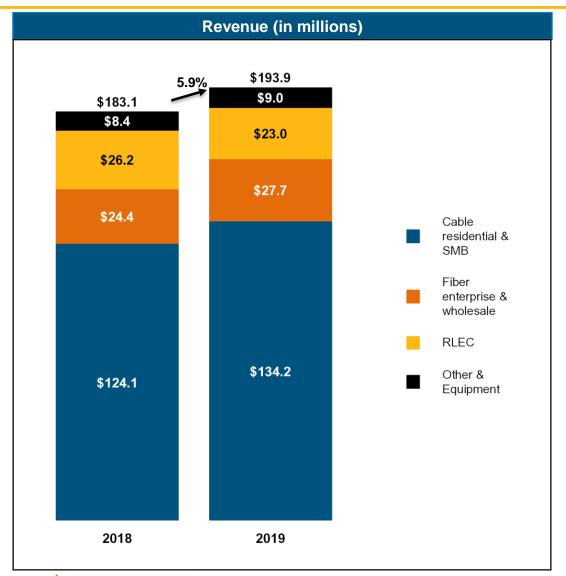
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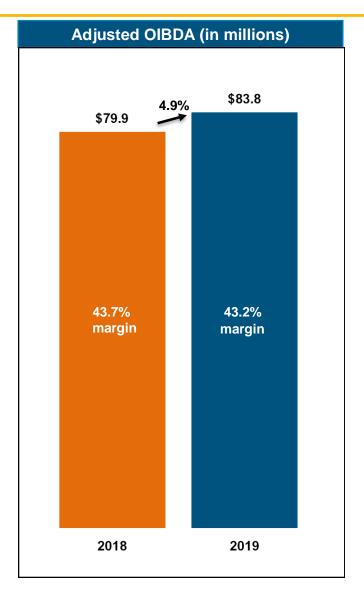






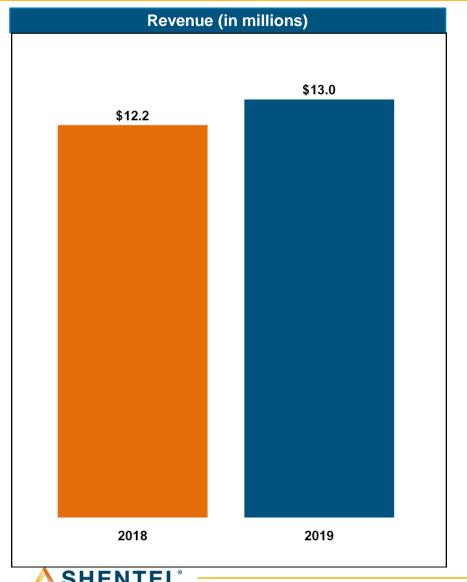
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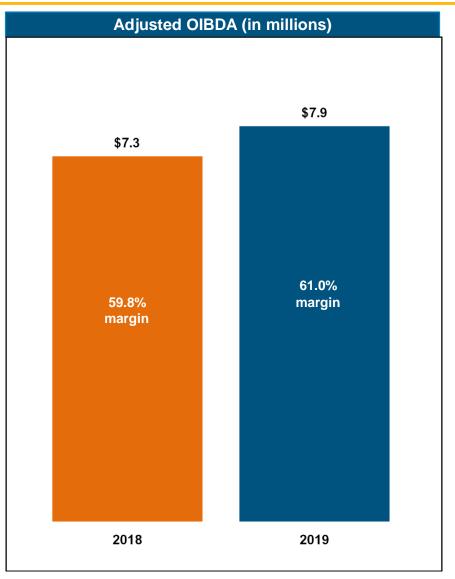




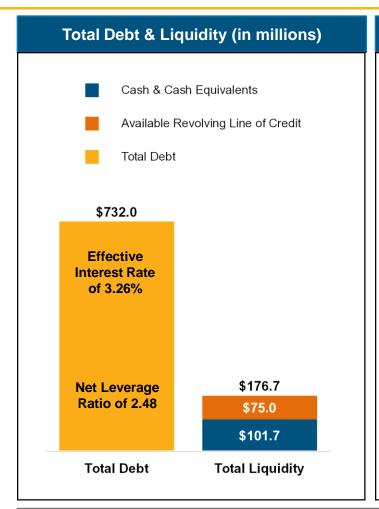


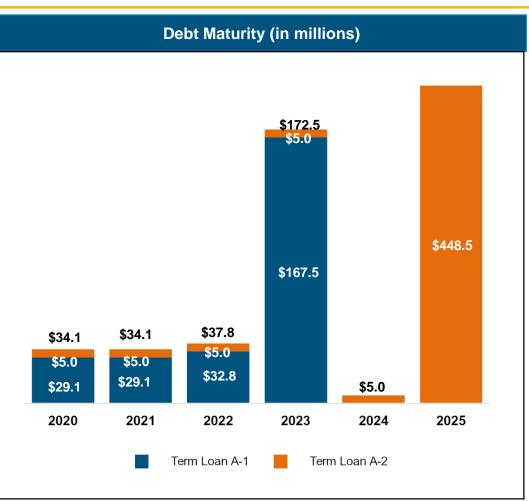
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## Capitalization





Refer to the Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures for the calculation of the net leverage ratio.

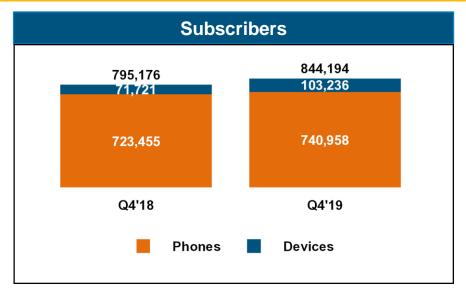


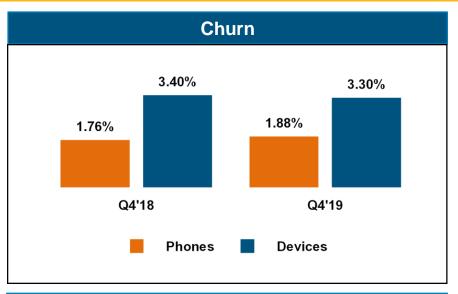
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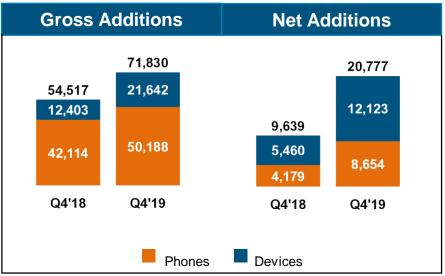
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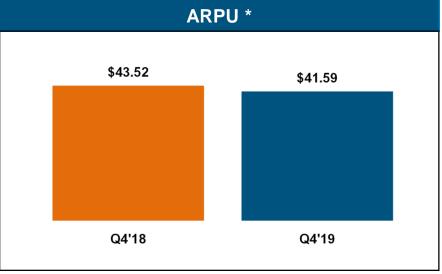


## Wireless - Postpaid Metrics





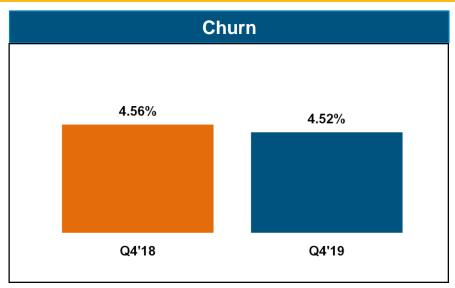


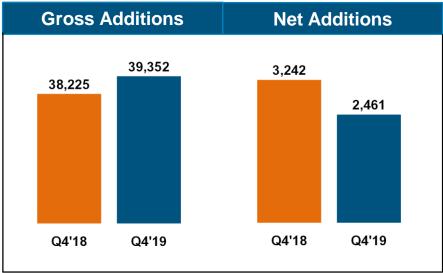


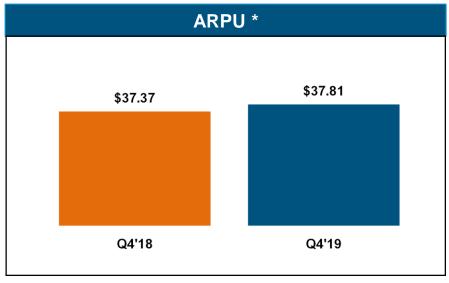


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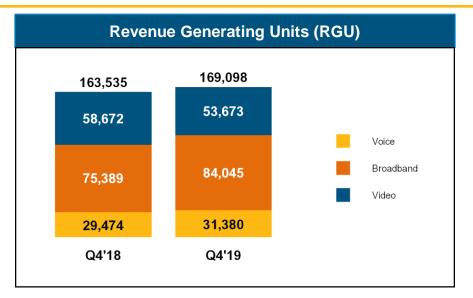


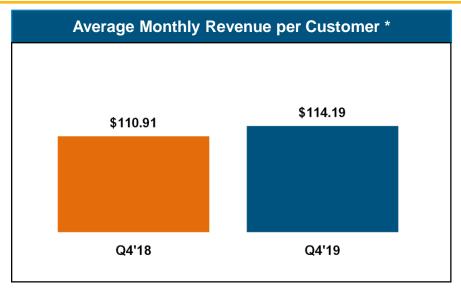


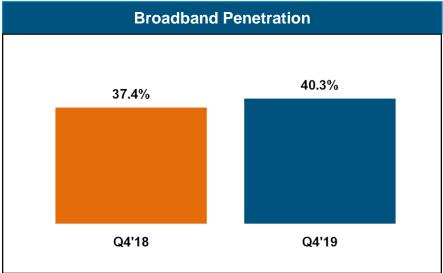


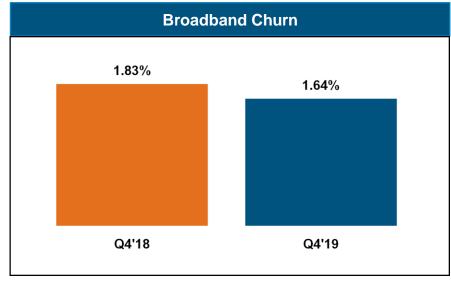


## Broadband - RGUs and Average Revenue



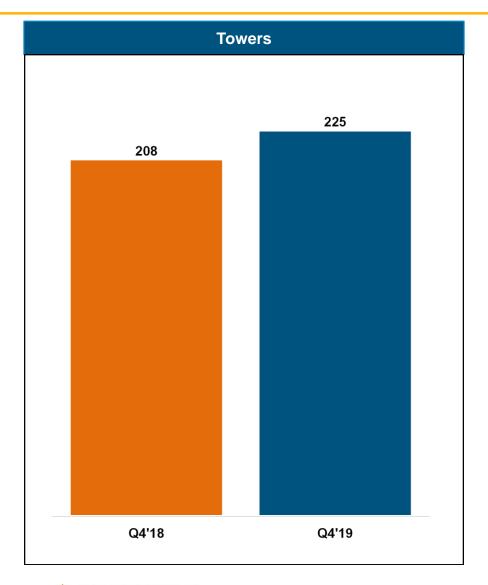


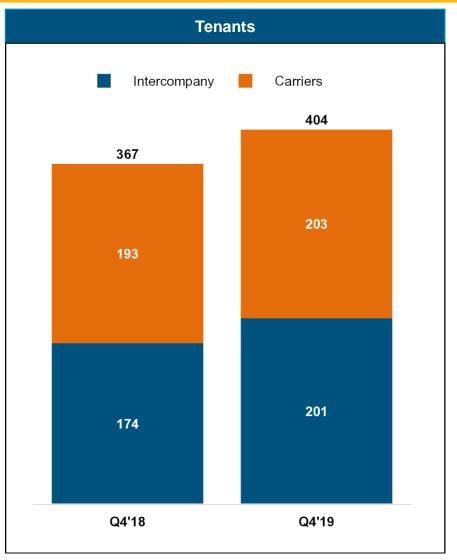




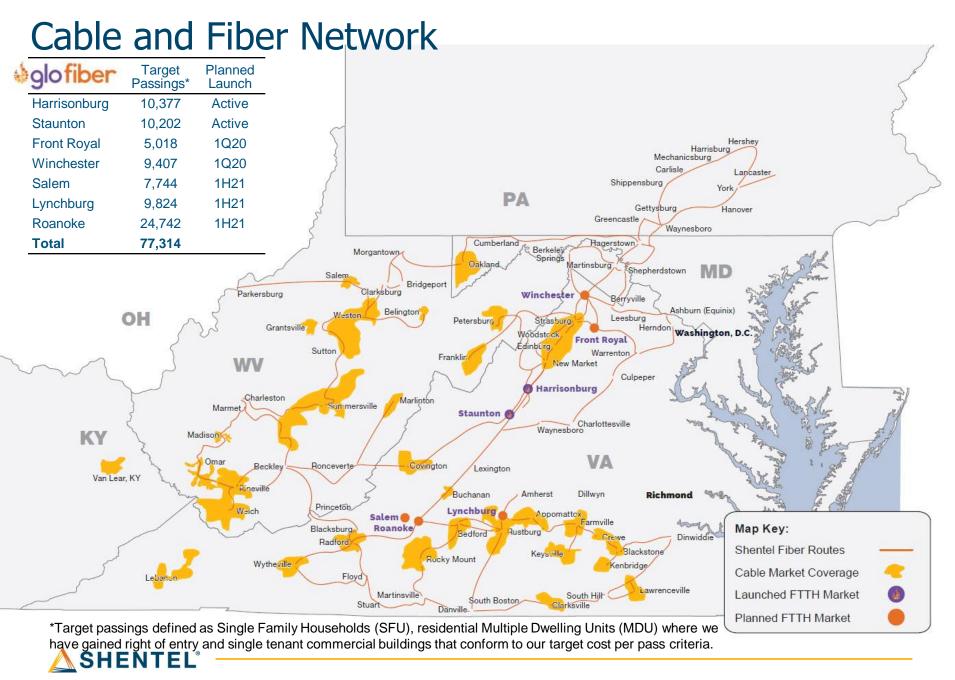
<sup>\*</sup> Refer to the Appendix for a reconciliation of Broadband segment revenue to average revenue per customer relationship.

#### **Tower - Metrics**



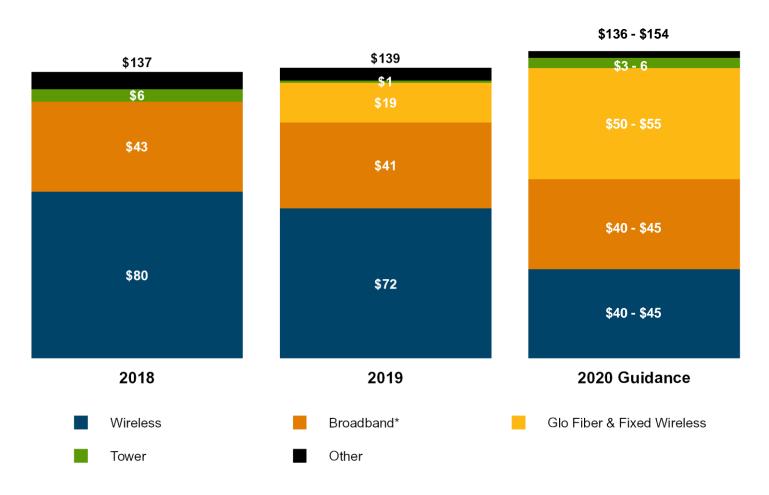






# Capital Expenditures

#### **Capex Spending (\$ in millions)**





# Q&A

# Appendix



#### Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Included in this presentation are certain non-GAAP financial measures that are not determined in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. These financial performance measures are not indicative of cash provided or used by operating activities and exclude the effects of certain operating, capital and financing costs and may differ from comparable information provided by other companies, and they should not be considered in isolation, as an alternative to, or more meaningful than measures of financial performance determined in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Management believes these measures facilitate comparisons of our operating performance from period to period and comparisons of our operating performance to that of our peers and other companies by excluding certain differences. Shentel utilizes these financial performance measures to facilitate internal comparisons of our historical operating performance, which are used by management for business planning purposes, and also facilitates comparisons of our performance relative to that of our competitors. In addition, we believe these measures are widely used by investors and financial analysts as measures of our financial performance over time, and to compare our financial performance with that of other companies in our industry.



#### Adjusted OIBDA by Segment - Quarterly Results

|                 |          |  |                                  |   |  | C  | orporate   |  |   |
|-----------------|----------|--|----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|---|
| ,               | Wireless | В  | roadband                         |   | Tower  | 8  | & Other  | Co   | nsolidated  |
| <del>-</del> \$ | 20,908   | \$   | 9,371                            | \$  | 2,439  | \$   | (9,838)  | \$   | 22,880  |
|                 | 23,110   |  | 11,842                           |   | (113)  |  | 201  |  | 35,040  |
|                 | 4,714    |  | 166                              |   | _  |  | _  |  | 4,880   |
|                 | 48,732   |  | 21,379                           |   | 2,326  |  | (9,637)  |  | 62,800  |
|                 | _        |  | _                                |   | _  |  | 659  |  | 659   |
| \$              | 48,732   | \$   | 21,379                           | \$  | 2,326  | \$   | (8,978)  | \$   | 63,459  |
| \$              | 112,362  | \$   | 49,832                           | \$  | 3,788  |  | (4,985)  | \$   | 160,997   |
|                 | 43.4%    | )  | 42.9%                            | )   | 61.4%  |  | N/A  |  | 39.4%   |
|                 | \$       | \$ 20,908<br>23,110<br>4,714<br>48,732<br>—<br>\$ 48,732<br>\$ 112,362 | \$ 20,908 \$ 23,110 4,714 48,732 | \$ 20,908 \$ 9,371<br>23,110 11,842<br>4,714 166<br>48,732 21,379<br>— —<br>\$ 48,732 \$ 21,379<br>\$ 112,362 \$ 49,832 | \$ 20,908 \$ 9,371 \$ 23,110 11,842 4,714 166 48,732 21,379 — — \$ 48,732 \$ 21,379 \$ \$ 112,362 \$ 49,832 \$ | \$ 20,908       \$ 9,371       \$ 2,439         23,110       11,842       (113)         4,714       166       —         48,732       21,379       2,326         —       —         \$ 48,732       \$ 21,379       \$ 2,326         \$ 2,326       \$ 21,379       \$ 2,326         \$ 112,362       \$ 49,832       \$ 3,788 | \$ 20,908 \$ 9,371 \$ 2,439 \$ 23,110 11,842 (113) 4,714 166 — 48,732 21,379 2,326 — — \$ 48,732 \$ 21,379 \$ 2,326 \$ \$ 112,362 \$ 49,832 \$ 3,788 | \$ 20,908       \$ 9,371       \$ 2,439       \$ (9,838)         23,110       11,842       (113)       201         4,714       166       —       —         48,732       21,379       2,326       (9,637)         —       —       659         \$ 48,732       \$ 21,379       \$ 2,326       \$ (8,978)         \$ 112,362       \$ 49,832       \$ 3,788       (4,985) | \$ 20,908 \$ 9,371 \$ 2,439 \$ (9,838) \$ 23,110 11,842 (113) 201 |

| Three Months Ended December 31, 2018 |             |          |    |          |    |       | С      | orporate |    |            |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|----------|----|----------|----|-------|--------|----------|----|------------|
| (in thousands)                       |             | Wireless | В  | roadband |    | Tower |        | & Other  | Co | nsolidated |
| Operating income (loss)              | <del></del> | 24,957   | \$ | 9,487    | \$ | 1,023 | \$     | (8,473)  | \$ | 26,994     |
| Depreciation                         |             | 25,154   |    | 9,898    |    | 894   |        | 163      |    | 36,109     |
| Amortization of intangible assets    |             | 5,620    |    | 44       |    | _     |        | _        |    | 5,664      |
| OIBDA                                |             | 55,731   |    | 19,429   |    | 1,917 |        | (8,310)  |    | 68,767     |
| Share-based compensation expense     |             | _        |    | _        |    | _     |        | 381      |    | 381        |
| Adjusted OIBDA                       | \$          | 55,731   | \$ | 19,429   | \$ | 1,917 | \$     | (7,929)  | \$ | 69,148     |
| Total revenue                        | \$          | 115,899  | \$ | 46,057   | \$ | 3,100 |        | (3,572)  | \$ | 161,484    |
| Adjusted OIBDA margin                |             | 48.1%    | ó  | 42.2%    | )  | 61.8% | ,<br>D | N/A      |    | 42.8%      |



#### Net Leverage Ratio

| (\$ in thousands)                        | <br>Q4'19     |
|--|---------------|
| Total Debt                               | \$<br>732,040 |
| Cash                                     | <br>101,651   |
| Total Debt less Cash                     | 630,389       |
|  |               |
| Adjusted OIBDA                           | 63,459        |
|  | x4            |
| Adjusted OIBDA (last quarter annualized) | \$<br>253,836 |
|  |               |
| Net leverage ratio                       | 2.48          |



#### Normalized Free Cash Flow & Free Cash Flow

| (\$ in thousands)                               | 2018      | 2019      |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Net Cash Provided by Operations                 | \$265,647 | \$259,145 |
| Less: Capital Expenditures*                     | (136,641) | (119,954) |
| Normalized Free Cash Flow                       | 129,006   | 139,191   |
| Glo Fiber & Fixed Wireless Capital Expenditures |           | (18,838)  |
| Free Cash Flow                                  | \$129,006 | \$120,353 |

Free cash flow and normalized free cash flow are non-GAAP financial measures that, when viewed with our GAAP results, provides a more complete understanding of factors and trends affecting our cash flows. Free cash flow is calculated by subtracting capital expenditures from net cash provided by operating activities. Normalized free cash flow is calculated by subtracting capital expenditures, excluding new services such as Glo Fiber and Fixed Wireless services, from net cash provided by operating activities. We believe they are more conservative measures of our cash flow since purchases of fixed assets are necessary for ongoing operations and expansion. Free cash flow and normalized free cash flow are utilized by our management, investors and analysts to evaluate cash available that may be used to pay scheduled principal payments on our debt obligations and provide further investment in the business.



<sup>\*</sup>Excludes capital expenditures for Glo Fiber & Fixed Wireless

# Wireless Average Revenue per User (ARPU)

| (\$ in thousands, except subscribers and revenue per subscriber amounts) | Q4'18         | Q4'19         |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Postpaid billings  | \$<br>97,005  | \$<br>98,432  |
| Adjustment for write-offs  | 5,861         | 5,372         |
| Postpaid billings excluding write-offs                                   | \$<br>102,866 | \$<br>103,804 |
| Average postpaid subscribers*  | 787,937       | 831,892       |
| Average monthly billed revenue per postpaid subscriber**                 | \$<br>43.52   | \$<br>41.59   |
| Prepaid billings   | \$<br>28,745  | \$<br>30,883  |
| Average prepaid subscribers*   | 256,416       | 272,296       |
| Average monthly billed revenue per prepaid subscriber**                  | \$<br>37.37   | \$<br>37.81   |

<sup>\*</sup> Represents a quarterly average



<sup>\*\*</sup> Average monthly billed revenue per subscriber = (billed revenue excluding write-offs\*1,000) / average subscribers / 3 months

# Broadband - Average Revenue Per Customer

| (\$ in thousands, except customer and per customer amounts) | <br>Q4'18    | Q4'19        |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Cable Residential & SMB Revenue                             | \$<br>31,676 | \$<br>34,484 |
| Average customer relationships                              | 95,201       | 100,659      |
| Average Revenue Per Customer**                              | \$<br>110.91 | \$<br>114.19 |

<sup>\*\*</sup>Average Revenue Per Customer calculation = (Residential & SMB Revenue \* 1,000) / average customer relationships / 3 months



<sup>\*</sup> Represents a quarterly average

#### **Broadband - Cable & Fiber Metrics**

|                                | As of Decem | ber 31, |
|--------------------------------|-------------|---------|
| <del>-</del>                   | 2018        | 2019    |
| Homes passed                   | 201,633     | 208,298 |
| Total revenue generating units | 163,535     | 169,098 |
| Customer relationships         | 95,328      | 100,890 |
| RGUs per customer relationship | 1.72        | 1.68    |
| Video                          |             |         |
| Revenue generating units       | 58,672      | 53,673  |
| Penetration                    | 29.1%       | 25.8%   |
| Broadband                      |             |         |
| Revenue generating units       | 75,389      | 84,045  |
| Penetration                    | 37.4%       | 40.3%   |
| Voice                          |             |         |
| Revenue generating units       | 29,474      | 31,380  |
| Penetration*                   | 15.9%       | 16.2%   |

<sup>\*</sup>Voice penetration based on voice homes passed of 185,133 and 193,444, respectively.



# Consolidated 2019 Quarterly Results

| (in thousands)                    | 1Q               | 2Q         | 3Q         | 4Q         | Full Year |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Service & other revenue           | \$<br>143,231 \$ | 142,059 \$ | 138,832 \$ | 140,941 \$ | 565,063   |
| Equipment Revenue                 | 15,612           | 16,855     | 16,320     | 20,056     | 68,843    |
| Total revenue                     | 158,843          | 158,914    | 155,152    | 160,997    | 633,906   |
| Cost of services                  | 49,518           | 49,497     | 50,164     | 49,574     | 198,753   |
| Cost of goods sold                | 14,637           | 15,874     | 15,825     | 19,578     | 65,914    |
| SG&A                              | 28,722           | 27,170     | 27,178     | 29,470     | 112,540   |
| Depreciation & amortization       | 41,179           | 42,353     | 36,626     | 39,495     | 159,653   |
| Operating Income                  | 24,787           | 24,020     | 25,359     | 22,880     | 97,046    |
| Share-based compensation expense  | 1,714            | 593        | 850        | 659        | 3,817     |
| Depreciation                      | 35,520           | 37,216     | 31,767     | 35,040     | 139,543   |
| Amortization of intangible Assets | 5,659            | 5,136      | 4,860      | 4,880      | 20,535    |
| Adjusted OIBDA                    | \$<br>67,680 \$  | 66,965 \$  | 62,836 \$  | 63,459 \$  | 260,941   |
| Adjusted OIBDA Margin             | 42.6%            | 42.1%      | 40.5%      | 39.4%      | 41.2%     |



# Wireless - 2019 Quarterly Segment Results

| (in thousands)                    | 1Q              | 2Q        | 3Q        | 4Q        | Full Year |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Service & other revenue           | \$<br>97,329 \$ | 94,571 \$ | 91,314 \$ | 92,517 \$ | 375,731   |
| Equipment Revenue                 | 15,291          | 16,548    | 15,975    | 19,845    | 67,659    |
| Total revenue                     | 112,620         | 111,119   | 107,289   | 112,362   | 443,390   |
| Cost of services                  | 32,532          | 32,668    | 33,093    | 33,452    | 131,745   |
| Cost of goods sold                | 14,427          | 15,742    | 15,571    | 19,408    | 65,148    |
| SG&A                              | 11,079          | 10,318    | 9,633     | 11,195    | 42,225    |
| Depreciation & Amortization       | 30,370          | 31,464    | 26,498    | 27,399    | 115,731   |
| Operating Income                  | 24,212          | 20,927    | 22,494    | 20,908    | 88,541    |
| Depreciation                      | 24,752          | 26,448    | 21,784    | 23,110    | 96,094    |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 5,618           | 5,016     | 4,714     | 4,714     | 20,062    |
| Adjusted OIBDA                    | \$<br>54,582 \$ | 52,391 \$ | 48,992 \$ | 48,732 \$ | 204,697   |
| Adjusted OIBDA Margin             | 48.5%           | 47.1%     | 45.7%     | 43.4%     | 46.2%     |



# Broadband - 2019 Quarterly Segment Results

| (in thousands)                    | 1Q              | 2Q        | 3Q        | 4Q        | Full Year |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Service & other revenue           | \$<br>44,138 \$ | 45,737 \$ | 45,667 \$ | 46,826 \$ | 182,368   |
| Equipment Revenue                 | 321             | 307       | 345       | 211       | 1,184     |
| Total external revenue            | 44,459          | 46,044    | 46,012    | 47,037    | 183,552   |
| Internal revenue                  | 2,422           | 2,506     | 2,669     | 2,795     | 10,392    |
| Total revenue                     | 46,881          | 48,550    | 48,681    | 49,832    | 193,944   |
| Cost of services                  | 19,061          | 19,013    | 19,329    | 19,271    | 76,674    |
| Cost of goods sold                | 211             | 131       | 254       | 170       | 766       |
| SG&A                              | 7,569           | 7,524     | 8,574     | 9,012     | 32,679    |
| Depreciation & amortization       | 9,991           | 10,002    | 9,303     | 12,008    | 41,304    |
| Operating income                  | 10,049          | 11,880    | 11,221    | 9,371     | 42,521    |
| Depreciation                      | 9,950           | 9,882     | 9,158     | 11,842    | 40,832    |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 41              | 120       | 145       | 166       | 472       |
| Adjusted OIBDA                    | \$<br>20,040 \$ | 21,882 \$ | 20,524 \$ | 21,379 \$ | 83,825    |
| Adjusted OIBDA Margin             | <br>42.7%       | 45.1%     | 42.2%     | 42.9%     | 43.2%     |



# Tower - 2019 Quarterly Segment Results

| (in thousands)              | 1Q             | 2Q       | 3Q       | 4Q       | Full Year |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Tower lease revenue         | \$<br>1,763 \$ | 1,751 \$ | 1,852 \$ | 1,598 \$ | 6,964     |
| Internal revenue            | <br>1,270      | 1,270    | 1,290    | 2,190    | 6,020     |
| Total revenue               | 3,033          | 3,021    | 3,142    | 3,788    | 12,984    |
| Cost of services            | 945            | 891      | 956      | 1,102    | 3,894     |
| SG&A                        | 283            | 274      | 249      | 360      | 1,166     |
| Depreciation & amortization | <br>679        | 756      | 703      | (113)    | 2,025     |
| Operating Income            | 1,126          | 1,100    | 1,234    | 2,439    | 5,899     |
| Depreciation                | 679            | 756      | 703      | (113)    | 2,025     |
| Adjusted OIBDA              | \$<br>1,805 \$ | 1,856 \$ | 1,937 \$ | 2,326 \$ | 7,924     |
| Adjusted OIBDA Margin       | <br>59.5%      | 61.4%    | 61.6%    | 61.4%    | 61.0%     |

