

# Q3 2018 Earnings Conference Call November 6, 2018

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# Chris French President and CEO



# Third Quarter 2018 Highlights

### Revenue

- \$158.7 million in Q3'18 compared with \$151.8 million in Q3'17.
- Q3'18 includes a \$4.5 million negative impact related to Topic 606.

## Operating Income

\$28.3 million in Q3'18 compared with \$9.5 million in Q3'17.

## Net Income

\$15.5 million in Q3'18 compared with \$3.5 million in Q3'17.

## Adjusted OIBDA

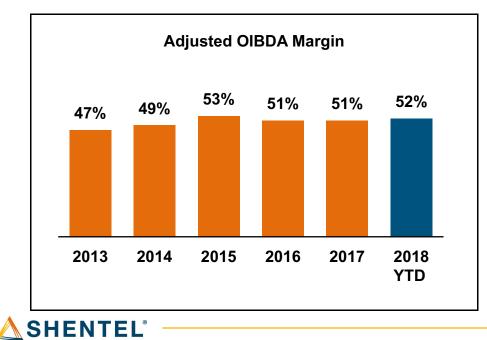
 \$74.1 million, representing a 46.7% Adjusted OIBDA margin, in Q3'18 compared with \$66.9 million and 44.1% in Q3'17.



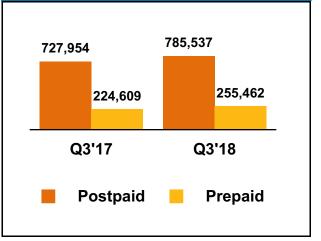
# Wireless Highlights

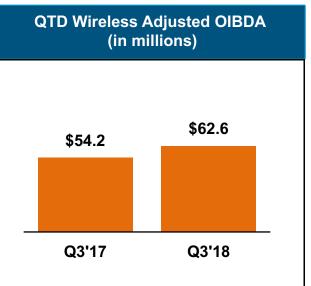
### Continued Growth

- 785,537 Postpaid customers Q3'18, up 7.9% over Q3'17
- 255,462 Prepaid customers Q3'18, up 13.7% over Q3'17
- \$116.1 million of Wireless service revenue in Q3 '18 compared to \$112.5 million in Q3 '17.
- Adjusted OIBDA \$62.6 million, up 15.5% over Q3'17



Wireless PCS Customers

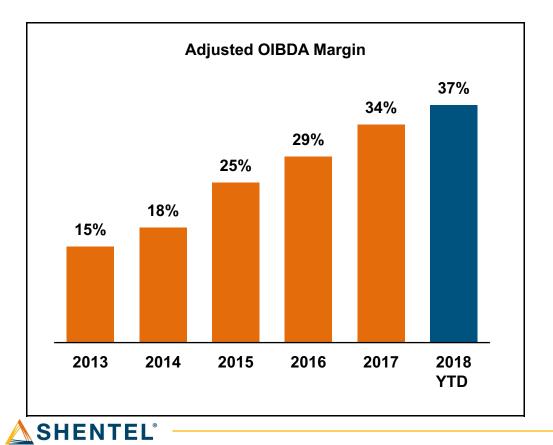


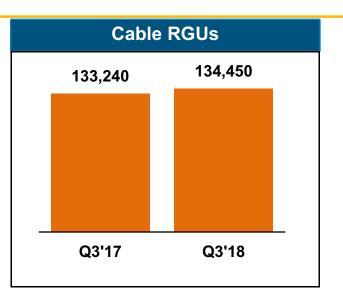


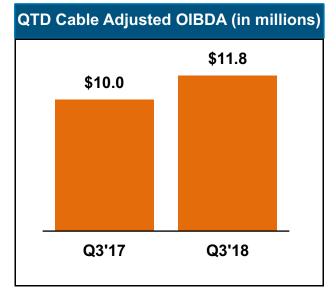
# Cable Highlights

### Continued Growth

- Operating revenue \$32.2 million, up 7.0% over Q3'17
- Adjusted OIBDA \$11.8 million, up 18.0% over Q3'17



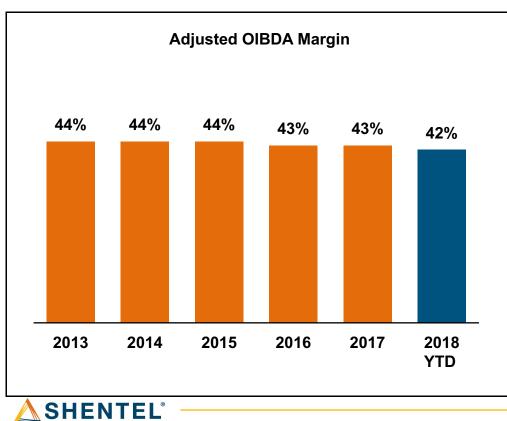


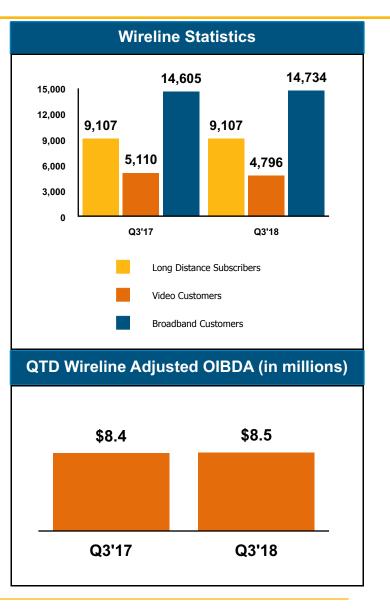


# Wireline Highlights

### Continued Profitability

- Operating revenue \$19.6 million, down 1.2% from Q3'17
- Adjusted OIBDA \$8.5 million, up 0.8% from Q3'17
- 14,734 Broadband Customers at Q3'18, up 0.9% over Q3'17





# Jim Woodward SVP of Finance and CFO



# **Consolidated Quarterly Results**

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

	Three Months Ended:						
		9/30/18		9/30/17	CI	nange (\$)	Change (%)
Operating revenue	\$	158,731	\$	151,782	\$	6,949	4.6 %
Operating expenses	\$	130,402	\$	142,307	\$	(11,905)	(8.4)%
Operating income (loss)	\$	28,329	\$	9,475	\$	18,854	199.0 %
Net income (loss)	\$	15,534	\$	3,534	\$	12,000	339.6 %
Net income (loss) per share							
Basic	\$	0.31	\$	0.07	\$	0.24	342.9 %
Diluted	\$	0.31	\$	0.07	\$	0.24	342.9 %

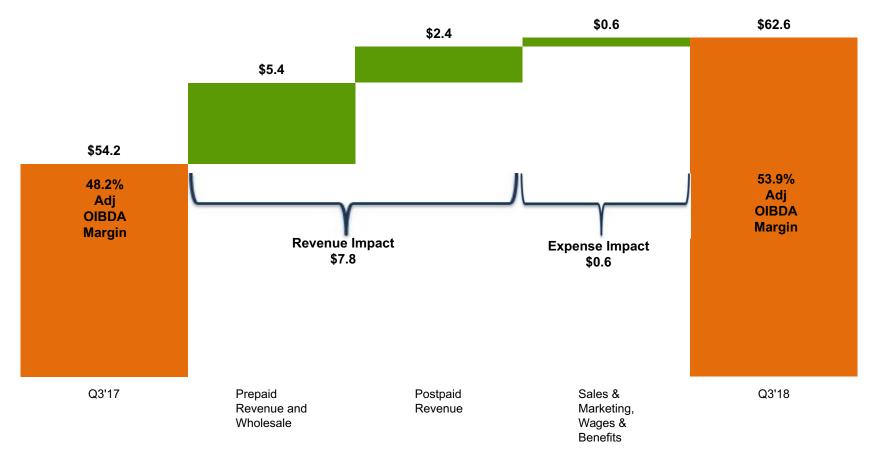


## Adjusted OIBDA by Segment - Quarterly Results

Adjusted OIBDA by Segment										
Three Months Ended September 30, 2018										
(in thousands)	V	Vireless		Cable		Wireline		Other	Cor	nsolidated
Operating income	\$	27,352	\$	5,834	\$	5,122	\$	(9,979)	\$	28,329
Impact of ASC topic 606		(4,868)		(172)		(77)				(5,117)
Depreciation and amortization		30,363		6,102		3,435		128		40,028
Share-based compensation expense				—				1,171		1,171
Benefit received from the waived		9,558		—				—		9,558
Amortization of intangibles netted in rent		197								197
Actuarial (gains) losses on pension plans								(82)		(82)
Adjusted OIBDA		62,602		11,764		8,480		(8,762)		74,084
Waived management fee		(9,558)								(9,558)
Continuing OIBDA	<u>\$</u>	53,044	\$	11,764	\$	8,480	<u>\$</u>	(8,762)	\$	64,526
Adjusted OIBDA Margin		53.9%		36.6%		43.2%		N/A		46.7%
Q3'17 Adjusted OIBDA		54,186		9,971		8,411		(5,664)		66,904
Q3'17 Continuing OIBDA		45,225		9,971		8,411		(5,664)		57,943
% increase (decrease) in Adjusted OIBDA		15.5%		18.0%		0.8%		-		10.7%
% increase (decrease) in Continuing OIBDA		17.3%		-		-		-		11.4%



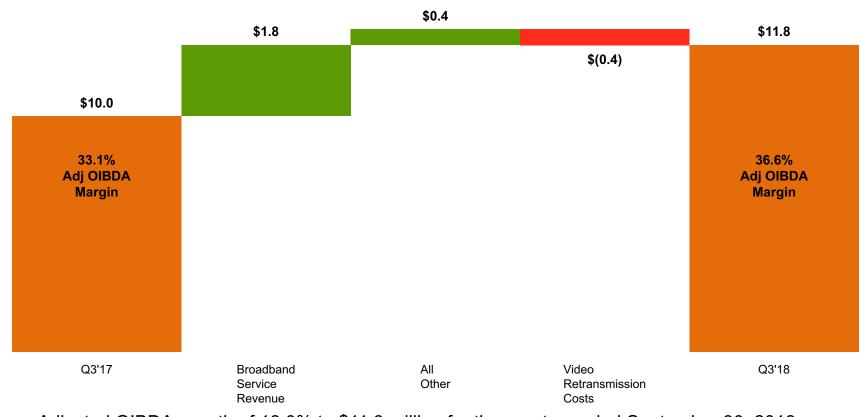
# Wireless Segment – Change in Adjusted OIBDA Q3'18 vs. Q3'17 (millions)



Adjusted OIBDA growth of 15.5% to \$62.6 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2018.

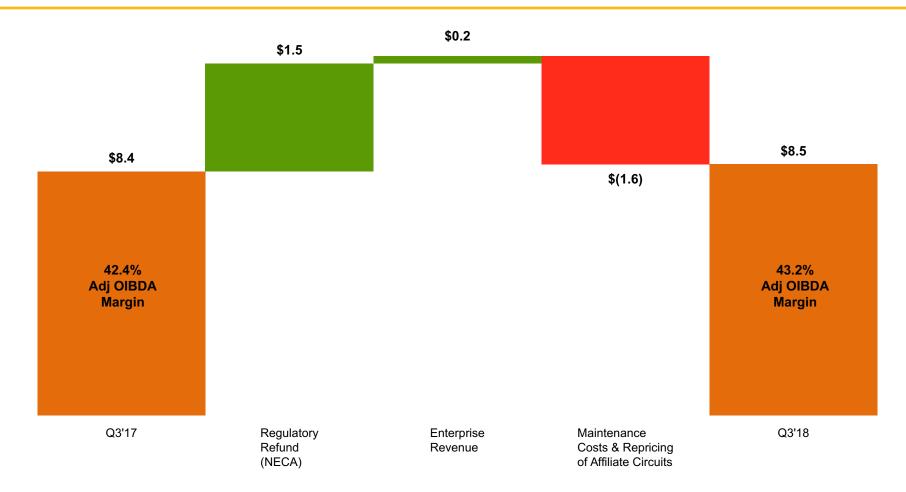
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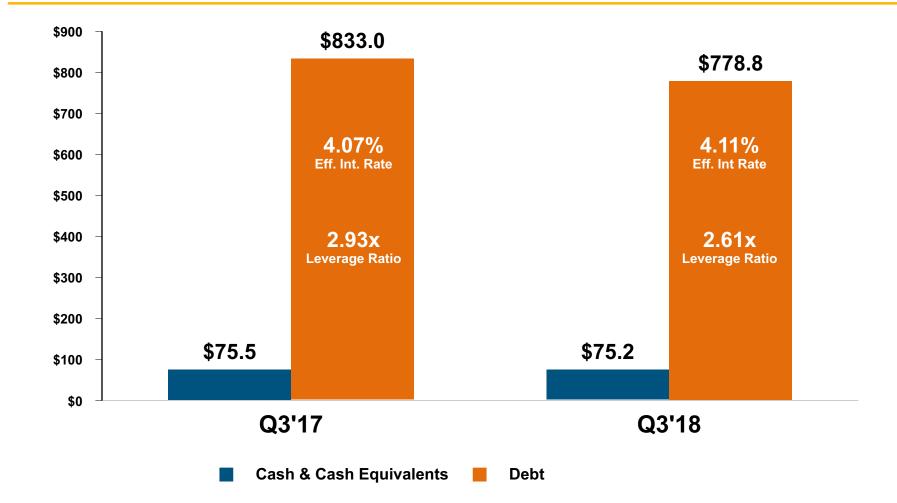
Adjusted OIBDA growth of 18.0% to \$11.8 million for the quarter ended September 30, 2018. **SHENTEL**<sup>®</sup>

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# Capitalization - Q3'18 vs. Q3'17 (millions)

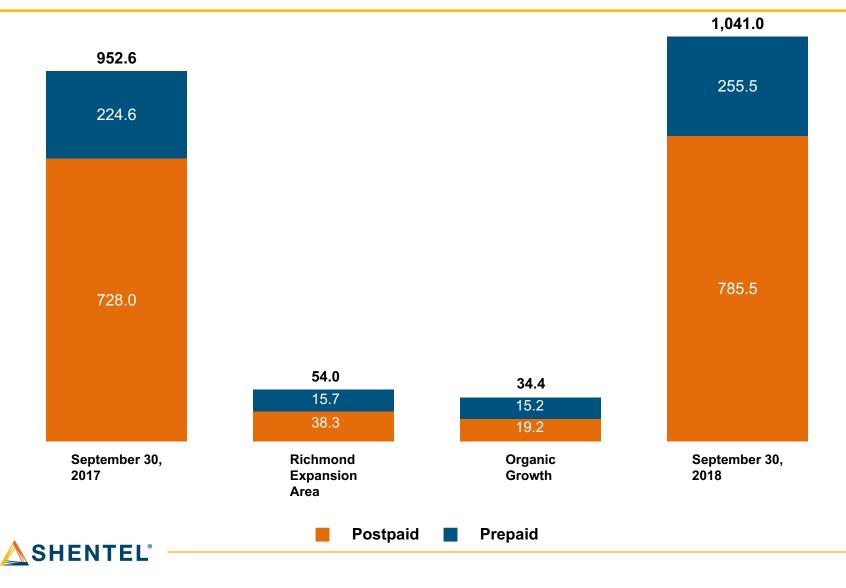




# **Dave Heimbach** EVP and COO

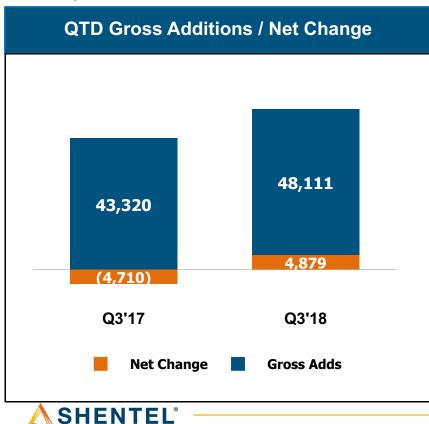


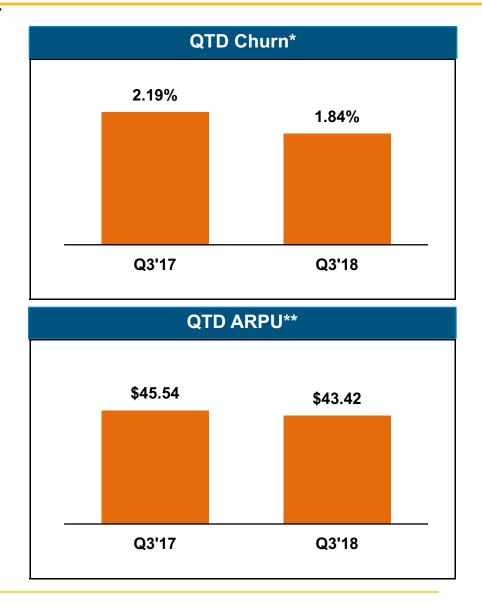
# Wireless Subscriber Changes - Q3'18 Year Over Year (in thousands)



# Wireless - Postpaid Metrics

- Net additions grew 203.6% from net losses in Q3'17 impacted by the migration of former nTelos subscribers to Sprint.
- Churn improved 35 basis points over Q3'17.
- ARPU was impacted by promotional and discount activity.



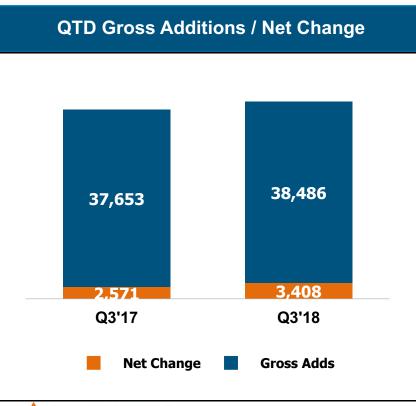


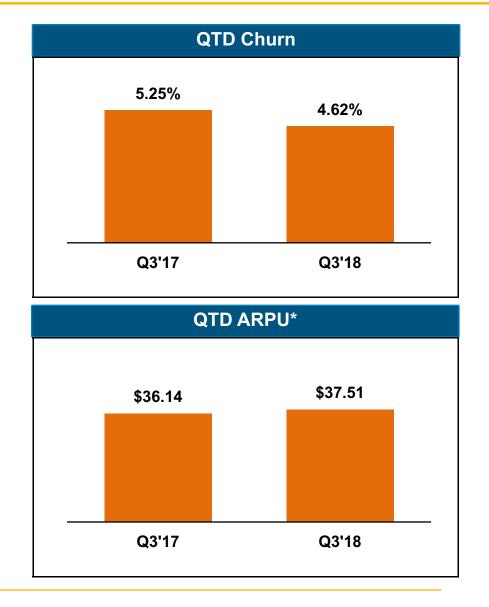
\*For Q3 '17, excluding losses associated with the migration of former former nTelos customers to Sprint total Company churn was 1.85%.

\*\* Refer to the Appendix for a reconciliation of Wireless segment operating revenues to Postpaid ARPU.

# Wireless - Prepaid Metrics

- Net additions up 32.6% over Q3'17.
- Churn improved 63 basis points over Q3'17.
- Continued growth for ARPU.





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\* Refer to the Appendix for a reconciliation of Wireless segment operating revenues to Prepaid ARPU.

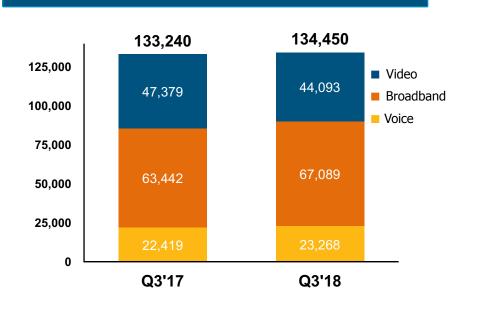
# Cable - RGUs and Average Revenue

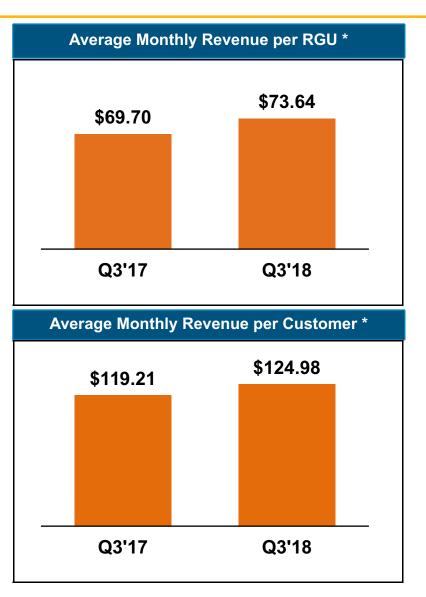
#### Continued Growth

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- Growth in average monthly revenue per RGU primarily due to broadband.
- 3,300+ customers upgraded their speeds in Q3 '18.
- Broadband penetration increased from 34.3% to 36.2%.

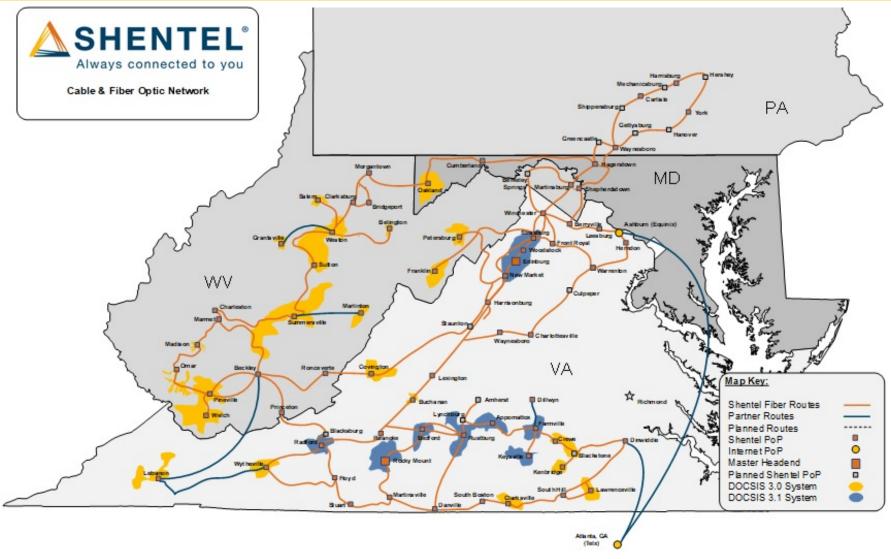
**Revenue Generating Units (RGU)** 





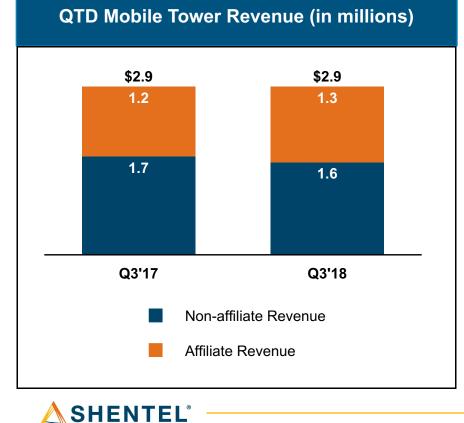
#### \* Refer to the Appendix for a reconciliation of Cable segment operating revenue to average revenue per RGUs and per customer relationship.

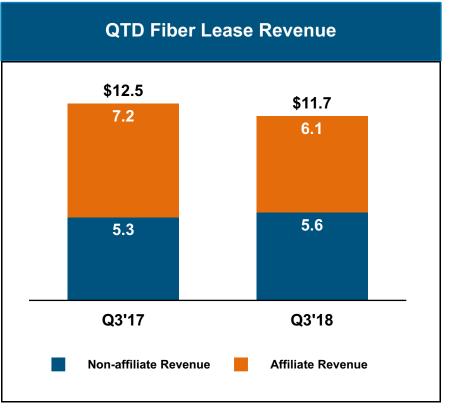
### Cable - Map 53% of homes passed are capable of DOCSIS 3.1



# Fiber and Tower Highlights

- Cable and Wireline non-affiliate fiber lease revenue is up 5.7% from Q3'17
- 193 towers generated \$2.9 million of Tower revenue in Q3'18, consistent with Q3'17.

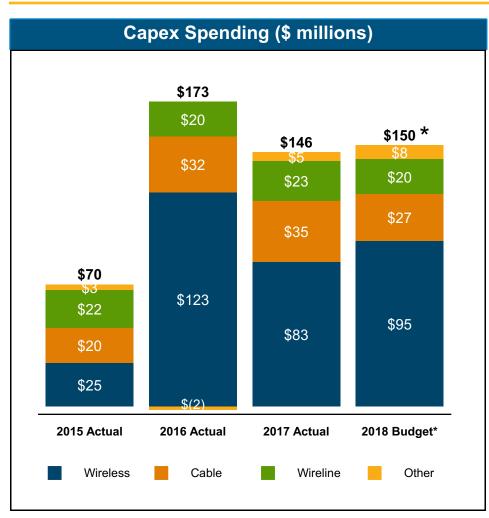




#### **QTD Mobile Tower OIBDA (in millions)**

	C	23'17	Q3'18
Operating income	\$	1.4	\$ 1.2
Deprec. and Amort.		0.5	0.5
Adjusted OIBDA	\$	1.9	\$ 1.7

# Capital Expenditures - Investing in the Future



- 2018 Capex Budget Estimates
  - \* 52% Upgrades and Expansion of Acquired Territories
  - \* 14% Network Maintenance
  - \* 13% Success-Based
  - \* 12% Network Capacity
  - \* 9% Network Expansion
- Actual Capex of \$92.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018.
- We expect Capex to be between \$145 million and \$155 million for 2018.

\* Represents the midpoint of the expected range.





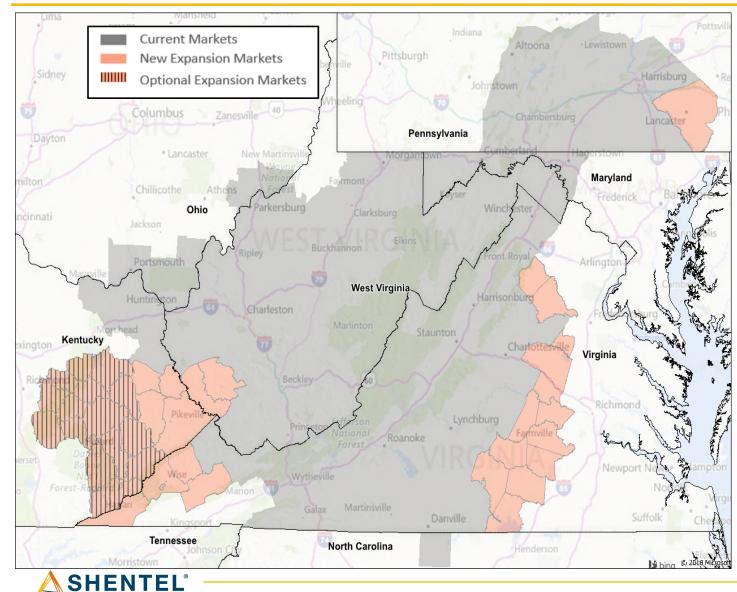


# Appendix



# Wireless Network Expansion

### Effective February 1,2018



#### **New Expansion Markets**

- 1.1 million Market
  POPs
- 0.6 million Covered POPs
- 0.2 million optional expansion POPs
- 54 thousand total subscribers
- 105 CDMA base stations (sites)

(\$ in thousands, except subscribers and revenue per subscriber amounts)	Q3'18	Q3'17
Postpaid billings	\$ 96,813	\$ 94,013
Adjustment for write-offs	5,273	5,407
Postpaid billings excluding write-offs	\$ 102,086	\$ 99,420
Average postpaid subscribers*	 783,734	 727,764
Average monthly billed revenue per postpaid subscriber**	\$ 43.42	\$ 45.54
Prepaid billings	\$ 28,460	\$ 24,155
Average prepaid subscribers*	252,927	222,766
Average monthly billed revenue per prepaid subscriber**	\$ 37.51	\$ 36.14

\* Represents a quarterly average

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



## Wireless - Network Statistics at September 30, 2018

Wireless Network Statistics				
Cell sites				
Sites with 2nd LTE carrier	1,153			
Sites with three carriers, including a				
2nd carrier @ 1900 MHz	526			
Sites with 2.5 GHz LTE	414			
Sites with LTE	1,788			
% of sites with LTE capabilities	98.9%			
Traffic				
% LTE traffic	98.54%			
Data usage increase (Q over Q)	3.38%			
Avg LTE speeds (Mbps)	8.2			
Avg data usage per subscriber (GB)	10.7			
Dropped call rate	0.41%			
Blocked call rate	0.15%			



# Cable - Non-GAAP Financial Measure Average Revenue

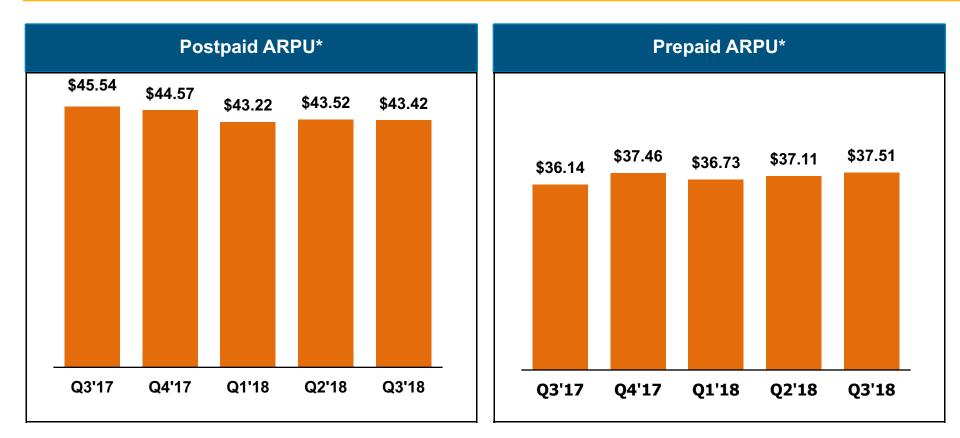
(\$ in thousands, except subscriber and per subscriber amounts)	Q3'18		Q3'17			
Service revenue	\$	26,955	\$	25,246		
Fiber, FUSC, pass-through, and other		2,113		2,074		
Internal revenue		451		430		
Video, broadband and voice revenue		29,519		27,750		
Other miscellaneous revenue	2,663			2,339		
Total operating revenue	\$	32,182	\$	30,089		
Average Subscribers*						
Revenue generating units (RGUs)		133,617		132,704		
Average customer relationships		78,732		77,596		
Average Revenue Per User (ARPU)**						
Revenue generating units (RGUs)	\$	73.64	\$	69.70		
Customer relationships	\$	124.98	\$	119.21		

\* Represents a quarterly average

\*\*ARPU calculation = (video, broadband & voice revenue \* 1,000) / average subscribers / 3 months



## Wireless - ARPU Trend



\*ARPU represents Average Revenue Per Unit. See Appendix for reconciliation of Wireless segment operating revenue to Postpaid ARPU.



## Cable - Metrics

	As of September 30,						
—	2018	2017					
Homes passed	185,119	184,881					
Total revenue generating units	134,450	133,240					
Customer relationships	79,426	77,953					
RGUs per customer relationship	1.69	1.71					
Video							
Revenue generating units	44,093	47,379					
Penetration	23.8%	25.6%					
Digital video penetration	77.8%	76.0%					
Broadband							
Available homes	185,119	184,881					
Revenue generating units	67,089	63,442					
Penetration	36.2%	34.3%					
Voice							
Available homes	185,119	182,350					
Revenue generating units	23,268	22,419					
Penetration	12.6%	12.3%					

