





# Investor Update



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# Strategic and Operational Review

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#### **Business Update**

- Total revenues of \$2.25 billion
  - Consumer revenue was \$1.1 billion in the third quarter compared to \$1.12 billion for the second quarter of 2017.
  - Consumer customer churn improved to 2.08% from 2.24% in Q2 2017 driven by CTF FiOS®.
  - Q3 CTF FiOS broadband gross adds returned to pre-acquisition levels.
  - Combined consumer ARPC of \$80.91 (\$63.99 for Frontier Legacy and \$107.33 for CTF operations).
  - Commercial revenue of \$958 million.
  - Commercial customers of 463,000, reflects improved sequential churn within our small and middle markets customers.
- Adjusted EBITDA\* of \$914 million.
- Total storm impact of \$12 million; operating expenses \$9 million, capital expenditures \$3 million.
- Remain on track to achieve \$350 million cost synergies by end of Q2 2018.



#### Financial Review

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# Key Financial Highlights

(\$ in Millions)	<u>Q2 '17</u>	<u>Q3 '17</u>
Total Revenues	\$2,304	\$2,251
Customer	\$2,106	\$2,060
Regulatory	\$198	\$191
Adjusted Operating Expenses*	\$1,388	\$1,337
Adjusted EBITDA*	\$916	\$914
Adjusted EBITDA Margin*	39.8%	40.6%
CapEx	\$263	\$268
Adjusted Free Cash Flow*	\$205	\$182
Net Loss	(\$662)	(\$38)
Net Cash provided by Operating Activities	\$529	\$356

- Customer revenue trend improved sequentially
- Continued expense discipline
- Stable Adjusted EBITDA reflects benefits of synergies and cost reduction programs
- Net loss of \$38 million



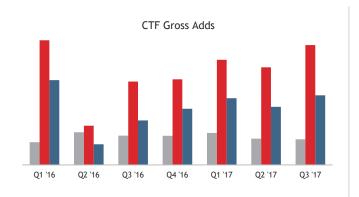
#### Product & Customer Revenue

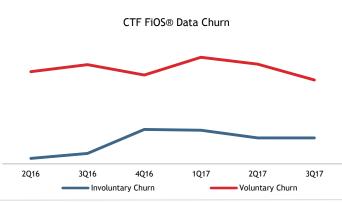
(\$ in Millions)	<u>Q3 '16</u>	<u>Q4 '16</u>	<u>Q1 '17</u>	<u>Q2 '17</u>	<u>Q3 '17</u>
Data & internet services*	\$1,024	\$992	\$968	\$959	\$956
Voice Services	\$809	\$774	\$751	\$724	\$702
Video services	\$392	\$365	\$347	\$329	\$318
Other	\$73	\$58	\$68	\$79	\$84
Total Customer Revenue*	\$2,297	\$2,190	\$2,134	\$2,091	\$2,060
	<u>Q3 '16</u>	<u>Q4 '16</u>	<u>Q1 '17</u>	<u>Q2 '17</u>	<u>Q3 '17</u>
Consumer	\$1,272	\$1,196	\$1,164	\$1,124	\$1,102
Commercial	\$1,047	\$1,014	\$995	\$982	\$958
Partnerships Revenue	(\$22)	(\$20)	(\$25)	(\$15)	\$0
Commercial ex. Partnerships	\$1,025	\$994	\$970	\$967	\$958
Total Customer Revenue*	\$2,297	\$2,190	\$2,134	\$2,091	\$2,060

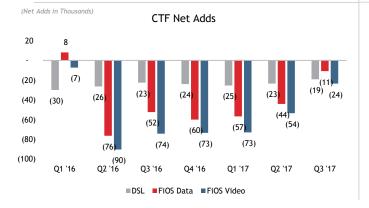
- Data & Internet services revenue trend improved sequentially, led by CTF
- Voice services are following the industry trend of sequential declines
- Consumer Revenue reflects improvement in sequential decline
  - Success of sales and retention initiatives in CTF
  - Stabilizing CTF FIOS customer trends
- Commercial business stabilization
  - Solid trends in the Enterprise and Medium business portions of SME and stable results from carriers
  - Focus for remainder of 2017 and beyond:
    - Targeting fiber-enabled buildings in footprint
    - Implementing new tools for Ethernet in SME and carrier
    - Driving growth with cloud based VoIP and data networking solutions



#### **CTF Business**



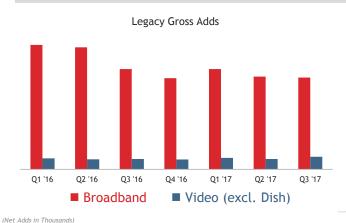


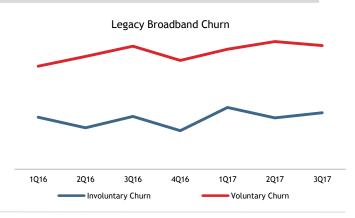


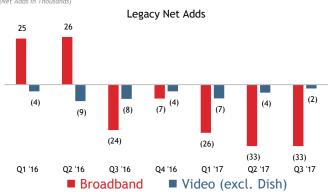
- CTF FiOS gross adds are at the highest level since we acquired the business, and back to preacquisition levels
- Churn improvement continued
- Significant improvement in CTF FIOS net adds
- New sales and retention initiatives are yielding results



# **Legacy Business**







- Legacy gross add and churn trends were largely similar to Q2
- Best video net add results (ex. DISH) since Q4 2015 because of marketing and reduced churn
- Increasing the focus on Legacy Consumer over coming quarters



### **Consumer ARPC Update**







#### Combined



- Consumer ARPC has stabilized over the last few quarters mainly due to lower customer disconnect credits and improvement in A/R aging
- Q3 had one-time benefit of the Mayweather vs. McGregor fight which accounted for \$0.29 of Combined ARPC and \$0.68 of CTF ARPC



### **Capital Spending Update**

• YTD 2017: spend of \$846 million • 2017: \$1.15 billion to \$1.2 billion

#### Growth initiatives comprise more than 80% of YTD capital spending

- Automation initiatives focused on enhancing customer facing process, reducing costs, and driving revenue
- Enhanced commercial sales tool implemented in Q3 to shorten sale cycle thereby increasing revenue and focused network capital spend on expanding Ethernet and VoIP capacity to support commercial sales
- Recent Projects:
  - Completed ~ 26k FTTH builds in new subdivisions YTD with ~13k more planned in Q4
  - Speed upgrades (25Mbps 115Mbps) in CA copper markets for 150k households by 11/30.
- FCC program rules associated with CAF II require companies that accepted the funds to deploy broadband to 40% of the eligible locations by the end of 2017.
  - As of September 30th, Frontier had reached the 40% milestone in nine states and expects to reach the required milestone in our remaining states by year-end. Frontier now enables broadband to 277k locations in its CAF II—eligible areas
  - Investment in CAF II enabled ~39k households in Q3

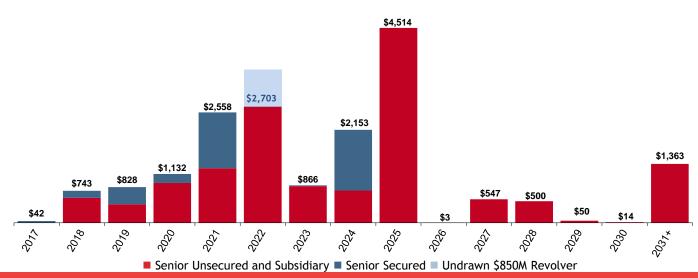


# **Debt Maturity Profile**

- Q3 open-market debt repurchases of \$45 million in total principal amount
- Our near-term maturity profile is manageable, with \$578 million of bonds due in Q4 2018, \$428 million due in 2019, less than \$1 billion due in 2020, and we continue to have an undrawn \$850 million revolver.
- Frontier remains committed to deleveraging the business

(\$ in Millions)

#### Debt Maturities as of September 30, 2017



### **Guidance**

Q4 Adjusted EBITDA*	$\longrightarrow$	\$910 million to \$930 million
Capital expenditures	$\longrightarrow$	\$1.15 billion to \$1.2 billion
Integration	$\longrightarrow$	Opex \$20 million CapEx \$50 million
Storm impact		Opex \$28 million CapEx \$12 million
Net cash tax refund	$\longrightarrow$	\$50 million
Adjusted free cash flow*		\$730 million to \$750 million
Q4 cash pension/OPEB		\$34 million



### Well Positioned to Deliver Significant Value

#### Improving Trends in CTF

- CTF Customer sequential revenue decline improved approximately 50% from Q2
- Improving CTF unit metrics
  - » CTF FiOS broadband gross adds are back to pre-acquisition levels
  - » Steady sequential improvement in CTF FiOS churn

#### **Continued Stability in Commercial**

#### Renewed Focus on Legacy Consumer Business

#### Remain Fully Committed to Plan

- On track for realizing \$350 million in synergies by mid-2018
- Improving Adjusted EBITDA and FCF
- Reducing leverage



# **Appendix**



#### Safe Harbor Statement

#### FORWARD-LOOKING LANGUAGE

This earnings release contains "forward-looking statements," related to future, not past, events, Forward-looking statements address our expected future business and financial performance and financial condition, and contain words such as "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "believe," "seek," "see," "will," "would," or "target." Forward-looking statements by their nature address matters that are, to different degrees, uncertain. For us, particular uncertainties that could cause our actual results to be materially different than those expressed in our forward-looking statements include: competition from cable, wireless and wireline carriers, satellite, and OTT companies, and the risk that we will not respond on a timely or profitable basis; our ability to successfully adjust to changes in the communications industry, including the effects of technological changes and competition on our capital expenditures, products and service offerings; risks related to the operation of properties acquired from Verizon, including our ability to retain or obtain customers in those markets, our ability to realize anticipated cost savings, and our ability to meet commitments made in connection with the acquisition; reductions in revenue from our voice customers that we cannot offset with increases in revenue from broadband and video subscribers and sales of other products and services; our ability to maintain relationships with customers, employees or suppliers; our ability to attract/retain key talent; the impact of regulation and regulatory, investigative and legal proceedings and legal compliance risks; continued reductions in switched access revenues as a result of regulation, competition or technology substitutions; the effects of changes in the availability of federal and state universal service funding or other subsidies to us and our competitors; our ability to effectively manage service quality in our territories and meet mandated service quality metrics; our ability to successfully introduce new product offerings; the effects of changes in accounting policies or practices, including potential future impairment charges with respect to our intangible assets; our ability to effectively manage our operations, operating expenses, capital expenditures, debt service requirements and cash paid for income taxes and liquidity, which may affect payment of dividends on our common and preferred shares; the effects of changes in both general and local economic conditions on the markets that we serve; the effects of increased medical expenses and pension and postemployment expenses; the effects of changes in income tax rates, tax laws, regulations or rulings, or federal or state tax assessments; our ability to successfully renegotiate union contracts; changes in pension plan assumptions, interest rates, regulatory rules and/or the value of our pension plan assets, which could require us to make increased contributions to the pension plan in 2017 and beyond; adverse changes in the credit markets; adverse changes in the ratings given to our debt securities by nationally accredited ratings organizations; the availability and cost of financing in the credit markets; covenants in our indentures and credit gareements that may limit our operational and financial flexibility: the effects of state regulatory cash management practices that could limit our ability to transfer cash among our subsidiaries or dividend funds up to the parent company; the effects of severe weather events or other natural or man-made disasters, which may increase our operating expenses or adversely impact customer revenue; the impact of potential information technology or data security breaches or other disruptions; and the risks and other factors contained in our filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, including our reports on Forms 10-K and 10-Q. Any of the foregoing events, or other events, could cause our results to vary from management's forward-looking statements included in this earnings release. These risks and uncertainties may cause our actual future results to be materially different than those expressed in our forward-looking statements. We have no obligation to update or revise these forward-looking statements and do not undertake to do so.



#### Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Frontier uses certain non-GAAP financial measures in evaluating its performance, including EBITDA, EBITDA margin, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA margin, free cash flow, adjusted free cash flow, adjusted operating expenses, and dividend payout ratio, each of which is described below. Management uses these non-GAAP financial measures internally to (i) assist in analyzing Frontier's underlying financial performance from period to period, (ii) analyze and evaluate strategic and operational decisions, (iii) establish criteria for compensation decisions, and (iv) assist in the understanding of Frontier's ability to generate cash flow and, as a result, to plan for future capital and operational decisions. We believe that the presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures provides useful information to investors regarding our financial condition and results of operations because these measures, when used in conjunction with related GAAP financial measures (i) provide a more comprehensive view of our core operations and ability to generate cash flow, (ii) provide investors with the financial analytical framework upon which management bases financial, operational, compensation, and planning decisions and (iii) present measurements that investors and rating agencies have indicated to management are useful to them in assessing Frontier and its results of operations.

A reconciliation of these measures to the most comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP is included in the accompanying tables. These non-GAAP financial measures are not measures of financial performance or liquidity under GAAP, nor are they alternatives to GAAP measures and they may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

EBITDA is defined as net income (loss) less income tax expense (benefit), interest expense, investment and other income, losses on extinguishment of debt and depreciation and amortization. EBITDA margin is calculated by dividing EBITDA by total revenues.

Adjusted EBITDA is defined as EBITDA, as described above, adjusted to exclude acquisition and integration costs, GAAP pension/OPEB expense (including pension settlement costs), restructuring costs and other charges, stock-based compensation expense, goodwill impairment charges, and certain other items (storm-related costs in the third quarter of 2017). Adjusted EBITDA margin is calculated by dividing adjusted EBITDA by total revenues.

Management uses EBITDA, EBITDA margin, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA margin to assist it in comparing performance

from period to period and as measures of operational performance. We believe that these non-GAAP measures provide useful information for investors in evaluating our operational performance from period to period because they exclude depreciation and amortization expenses related to investments made in prior periods and are determined without regard to capital structure or investment activities. By excluding capital expenditures, debt repayments and dividends, among other factors, these non-GAAP financial measures have certain shortcomings. Management compensates for these shortcomings by utilizing these non-GAAP financial measures in conjunction with the comparable GAAP financial measures.

Adjusted net income (loss) attributable to Frontier common shareholders is defined as net income (loss) attributable to Frontier common shareholders and excludes acquisition and integration costs, restructuring costs and other charges, pension settlement costs, goodwill impairment charges, certain income tax items and the income tax effect of these items, and one-time storm-related costs in Q3 2017 (and which, owing to the timing of the storms, also will be excluded in Q4 of 2017). Adjustments have also been made to exclude the financing costs and related income tax effects associated with the April 1, 2016 Verizon Transaction, including interest expense on debt raised to finance the transaction and preferred dividends paid, in each case prior to our ownership of the CTF Operations. Adjusting for these items allows investors to better understand and analyze our financial performance over the periods presented.

Free cash flow, as used by management in the operation of its business, is defined as net cash provided from operating activities less capital expenditures for business operations and preferred dividends. In determining free cash flow, further adjustments are made to exclude acquisition and integration expense, income taxes, restructuring costs, one-time storm-related costs and capital expenditures, and interest expense on commitment fees, which provides a better comparison of our core operations from period to period. Changes in working capital accounts are excluded from this calculation due to seasonality and specific timing of cash receipts and disbursements between various reporting periods.

Adjusted free cash flow is defined as free cash flow, as described above, adjusted by excluding interest expense, prior to our April 1, 2016 ownership of the CTF Operations, on debt we incurred to finance the Verizon Transaction, and preferred stock dividends paid prior to April 1, 2016. Management uses free cash flow and adjusted free cash flow to assist it in comparing liquidity from period to period and to obtain a more comprehensive view of our core operations and ability to generate cash flow. We believe that these non-GAAP measures are useful to investors in evaluating cash available to service debt and pay dividends. In addition, we believe that adjusted free cash flow provides a useful comparison from period to period because it excludes the impact of financing (debt and preferred stock) raised in connection with the Verizon Transaction during periods prior to our ownership of the CTF Operations. These non-GAAP financial measures have certain shortcomings; they do not represent the residual cash flow available for discretionary expenditures, since items such as debt repayments, changes in working capital, and common stock dividends are not deducted in determining such measures. Management compensates for these shortcomings by utilizing these non-GAAP financial measures in conjunction with the comparable GAAP financial measures.

Dividend payout ratio is calculated by dividing the dividends paid on common stock (as adjusted) by adjusted free cash flow. Dividends paid on common stock has been adjusted to exclude dividends paid on common stock issued in June 2015, from the date of issuance until April 1, 2016, when the proceeds of the issuance were used in the Verizon Transaction that generated adjusted free cash flow from that date. Management uses the dividend payout ratio as a metric to indicate the proportion of our adjusted free cash flow that we used to pay dividends to our common shareholders. We have made adjustments to exclude the impact of financing raised in connection with the Verizon Transaction during periods prior to our ownership of the CTF Operations, which we believe provides a useful comparison from period to period.

Adjusted operating expenses is defined as operating expenses adjusted to exclude depreciation and amortization, acquisition and integration costs, goodwill impairment charges, GAAP pension/OPEB expense (including pension settlement costs), stock-based compensation expense, one-time storm-related costs, and restructuring costs and other charges. Investors have indicated that this non-GAAP measure is useful in evaluating Frontier's performance.

The information in this press release should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and footnotes contained in our documents filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.



### Non-GAAP Financial Measures

(\$ in Millions)													
	Thre	e Months	Trailing 12 Months										
		Q3 '17		23 '16	Q4 '16		Q1 '17		Q2 '17			Q3 '17	
Free Cash Flow													
Net cash provided from operating activities  Add back (subtract):	\$	356	\$	1,302	\$	1,676	\$	2,028	\$	1,864	\$	1,899	
Capital expenditures - Business operations		(268)		(1,146)		(1,259)		(1,367)		(1,280)		(1,145)	
Capital expenditures - Storm-related		3		-		-		-		-		3	
Acquisition and integration costs		1		474		436		300		185		64	
Deferred income taxes		32		166		206		128		289		329	
Income tax benefit		(31)		(286)		(250)		(171)		(333)		(318)	
Dividends on preferred stock		(54)		(214)		(214)		(214)		(214)		(214)	
Non-cash (gains)/losses, net		(2)		(36)		(73)		(61)		(56)		(50)	
Changes in current assets and liabilities		121		66		(54)		72		186		77	
Cash refunded for income taxes		1		35		120		91		91		89	
Restructuring costs and other charges		14		11		91		103		132		135	
Interest expense - commitment fees		-		13		10		-		-		-	
Storm-related costs		9		-		-		-		-		9	
Dividends on preferred stock		-		107		54		-		-		-	
Incremental interest on new debt		-		356		178						-	
Adjusted free cash flow	\$	182	\$	848	\$	921	\$	909	\$	864	\$	878	
Dividends paid on common stock	\$	47	\$	493	\$	493	\$	494	\$	419	\$	342	
Less: dividends on June 2015 common stock issuance	•	-	•	(35)	•	(18)	•	-	•	-	•		
Dividends paid on common stock, as adjusted	\$	47	\$	458	\$	475	\$	494	\$	419	\$	342	
Dividend payout ratio*		26.2%		54.0%		51.6%		54.4%		48.5%		38.9%	



### Frontier Communications - Revenue Breakout

#### Frontier Communications Corporation Consolidated Financial Data

							or the	e quarter end	ed								
			Septer	nber 30, 201	0, 2017 June 30, 20					ne 30, 2017		September 30, 2016					
	Cor	solidated		CTF		Frontier	Co	onsolidated		CTF	Frontier	Co	nsolidated		CTF		Frontier
( <u>\$ in millions</u> )		mount		Operations		Legacy		Amount		Operations	 Legacy		Amount	0	perations		Legacy
Selected Statement of Operations Data Revenue:																	
Data and internet services	\$	956	\$	424	\$	532	\$	974	\$	419	\$ 555	\$	1,045	\$	464	\$	581
Voice services		702		297		405		724		311	413		809		359		450
Video services		318		252		66		329		264	65		392		327		65
Other		84		20		64		79		13	 66		73		8		65
Customer revenue		2,060		993		1,067		2,106		1,007	1,099		2,319		1,158		1,161
Switched access and subsidy		191		48		143		198		52	 146		205		54		151
Total revenue	\$	2,251	\$	1,041	\$	1,210	\$	2,304	\$	1,059	\$ 1,245	\$	2,524	\$	1,212	\$	1,312
Other Financial Data																	
Revenue:																	
Consumer	\$	1,102	\$	570	\$	532	\$	1,124	\$	583	\$ 541	\$	1,272	\$	702	\$	570
Commercial		958		423		535		982		424	558		1,047		456		591
Customer revenue	· · · · · ·	2,060		993		1,067		2,106		1,007	1,099		2,319		1,158		1,161
Switched access and subsidy		191		48		143		198		52	 146		205		54		151
Total revenue	\$	2,251	\$	1,041	\$	1,210	\$	2,304	\$	1,059	\$ 1,245	\$	2,524	\$	1,212	\$	1,312



### Non-GAAP Financial Measures

	For the quarter ended												
	Cons	nber 30, 2017 solidated	Cons	e 30, 2017 solidated	Cons	ch 31, 2017 solidated	Con	nber 31, 2016 solidated	Con	nber 30, 2016 solidated			
( <u>\$ in millions</u> )	A	mount	Aı	mount	Aı	mount	A	mount	Amount				
EBITDA													
Net Loss	\$	(38)	\$	(662)	\$	(75)	\$	(80)	\$	(80)			
Add back (subtract):													
Income tax benefit		(31)		(210)		(39)		(38)		(46)			
Interest expense		381		388		388		386		386			
Investment and other income (loss), net		(2)		-		(3)		(13)		(3)			
Losses (gains) on extinguishment of debt and debt exchanges		(1)		90				-		7			
Operating income		309		(394)		271		255		264			
Depreciation and amortization		539		552		579		562		578			
EBITDA		848		158		850		817		842			
Add back:													
Acquisition and integration costs		1		12		2		49		122			
Pension/OPEB expense		23		25		25		27		28			
Restructuring costs and other charges		14		29		12		80		11			
Stock-based compensation expense		4		3		3		3		6			
Storm-related costs		9		-		-		-		-			
Goodwill impairment		-		670		-		-		-			
Pension settlement costs		15		19		43							
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	914	\$	916	\$	935	\$	976	\$	1,009			
EBITDA margin		37.6%		6.9%		36.1%		33.9%		33.4%			
Adjusted EBITDA margin		40.6%		39.8%		39.7%		40.4%		40.0%			
Adjusted Operating Expenses													
Total operating expenses	\$	1,942	\$	2,698	\$	2,085	\$	2,154	\$	2,260			
Subtract:													
Depreciation and amortization		539		552		579		562		578			
Goodwill impairment		-		670		-		-		-			
Acquisition and integration costs		1		12		2		49		122			
Pension/OPEB expense		23		25		25		27		28			
Restructuring costs and other charges		14		29		12		80		11			
Stock-based compensation expense		4		3		3		3		6			
Storm-related costs		9		-		-		-		-			
Pension settlement costs		15		19		43		-		-			
Adjusted operating expenses	\$	1,337	\$	1,388	\$	1,421	\$	1,433	\$	1,515			

