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May 13, 2009

Frontier Communications

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Management Presenters

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Maggie Wilderotter is Chairman and CEO of Frontier Communications. She joined Frontier in November 2004 as President, CEO and a member of the Board of Directors. Before this, Ms. Wilderotter was Senior Vice President of Worldwide Public Sector at Microsoft and prior to that, President and CEO of Wink Communications Inc.

During her career, Ms. Wilderotter has held various executive positions including, Executive Vice President of National Operations for AT&T Wireless Services Inc.; Chief Executive Officer of AT&T's Aviation Communications Division; and Senior Vice President of McCaw Cellular Communications Inc.

Donald R. Shassian is Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. He joined Frontier in April 2006 as Chief Financial Officer. Before starting with Frontier, Mr. Shassian provided consulting services to various telecommunications companies including AT&T Inc. and Consolidated Communications Inc. Prior to that, Mr. Shassian was Senior Vice President and CFO for Southern New England Telecommunications Corp. (SNET) and responsible for its successful sale and integration into SBC Communications (now AT&T). Mr. Shassian was also with Arthur Andersen for more than 16 years. His last position there was as the Partner-in-Charge of the Telecommunications Industry Practice in North America.

Maggie Wilderotter, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

Donald Shassian, EVP and Chief Financial Officer

Introduction to the New Frontier

Maggie Wilderotter, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

The New Frontier .

TRANSFORMATIONAL TRANSACTION for Frontier

Frontier becomes the largest pure rural provider of voice,
broadband and video services with more than 7 million access lines
in 27 states

Delivers substantial long-term shareholder value

**Improves balance sheet strength; increases financial
and operational flexibility**

**Creates a strong platform for continued growth and
improves the company's overall strategic position**

The New Frontier .

**The combination of Frontier and New Communications Holdings Inc.
(SpinCo), will create one of the nation's leading communications
service providers**

5th largest ILEC in America, predominantly in rural communities

FY 2008 pro forma access lines of 7.0M and revenue of \$6.5B

Compelling transaction for Frontier shareholders

Improves balance sheet strength, FY 2008 pro forma leverage of 2.6x

Attractive and sustainable dividend policy

Free cash flow per share accretive in year 2

Significant opportunity for ongoing value creation

Highly experienced management team

Frontier leadership will run the combined company

Proven ability to integrate acquired properties

Track record in producing best-in-class results

Transaction Rationale

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Rural Profile

SpinCo properties have an average of 37 households per sq. mile

70% of lines in rural areas

Less than 1% of lines in urban areas

Complementary Footprint

Frontier currently has operations in 11 of the 14 states in which SpinCo operates

Attractive Demographics

Properties have a similar profile to Frontier's current footprint

Median income of \$50.1K, 74% home ownership, average age of 48

Upside for Organic Growth

Ability to implement Frontier's proven go-to-market strategy

Local engagement model will improve customer loyalty and drive revenue performance

Ability to Leverage Scale

Leverage scalability of common support functions (e.g. IS, Accounting)

Ability to achieve synergies from operating and capital expenditures

Reasonable Capital Investment

Currently, broadband is only available to ~60% of households

Opportunity to expand broadband deployment

Free Cash Flow Accretive

The transaction drives significant free cash flow per share accretion in year 2 and beyond

Improves Dividend Payout Ratio

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\$0.75 per share dividend after closing

Payout ratio declines based on new dividend policy and increased cash flow

Serving Rural America IS our business

Frontier becomes the largest pure rural communications provider

The New Frontier .

What differentiates this transaction from previous RBOC line purchases?

System Conversion Experience

13 states run on a separate billing platform that comes with SpinCo in the acquisition; Only one state, representing 13% of SpinCo access lines, required to be converted by closing

Deleveraging Transaction

This is a deleveraging transaction. FY 2008 pro forma combined leverage of 2.6x approaching investment grade

Strong Rural Markets

Substantially the same rural profiles as Frontier has today. Predominately rural markets (37 households / sq. mile); less than 1% of the footprint is urban

Track Record of Successful Integrations

Frontier management successfully operates a 2M + access line business, generating \$2.2B of revenue in 24 states. We have successfully integrated Rochester Telephone, Commonwealth Telephone and Global Valley Networks realizing greater than anticipated synergies, and have consolidated 5 billing systems in the past 5 years

FY 2008 Key Metrics

**Frontier
Standalone**

Frontier

Pro Forma

Combined Company Snapshot

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*** New State for Frontier**

Frontier Properties

SpinCo Properties

Revenue:

\$2.2B

\$6.5B

EBITDA (a):

\$1.2B

\$3.1B

Ending Access Lines:

2.3M

7.0M

Number of States:

24

27

Pro Forma

% of

Footprint

Total

West Virginia

761

10.8%

Indiana

723

10.3%

New York

684

9.7%

Illinois

671

9.5%

Ohio

635

9.0%

Washington*

579

8.2%

Michigan

526

7.5%

Pennsylvania

427

6.1%

Wisconsin

343

4.9%

Oregon

323

4.6%

North Carolina*

263

3.7%

Minnesota

211

3.0%

California

168

2.4%

Arizona

152

2.2%

Idaho

133

1.9%

South Carolina*

128

1.8%

Tennessee

79

1.1%

Nevada

60

0.8%

Iowa

45

0.6%

Nebraska

43

0.6%

Alabama

26

0.4%

Utah

22

0.3%

Georgia

19

0.3%

New Mexico

8

0.1%

Montana

8

0.1%

Mississippi

5

0.1%

Florida

4

0.1%

Total

7,045

Pro Forma Access Lines By State

(a) Excludes synergies

Industry Leading Profile

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Source: Company filings and Wall Street research 2008 data.

(a) Reflects Embarq excluding Logistics and Qwest Wireline only.

2008 Revenue (\$B) (a)

2008 EBITDA (\$B) (a)

Total Access Lines (M)

Voice + Broadband Connections (M)

\$2.2

\$3.2

\$6.5

\$8.3

\$13.0

\$0

\$5

\$10

\$15

\$20

Frontier

WIN

Frontier

Pro

Forma

CTL + EQ

Q

2.3

3.0

7.0

7.7

11.6

0

5

10

15

Frontier

WIN

**Frontier
Pro
Forma**

CTL + EQ

Q

2.8

4.0

8.6

9.7

14.4

0

5

10

15

20

Frontier

WIN

Frontier

Pro

Forma

CTL + EQ

Q

\$1.2

\$1.6

\$3.1

\$3.9

\$6.9

\$0

\$2

\$4

\$6

\$8

Frontier

WIN

Frontier

Pro

Forma

CTL + EQ

Q

Operating Strategy

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Leverage Frontier's performance culture

Sales and service focus to drive best in class results

Local engagement model

Local ownership of market performance

Community involvement for competitive advantage

Drive customer acquisition and retention

Deliver a differentiated customer experience

Investment in network infrastructure

Expansion of broadband reach and speed

Support for new product and service offerings for customer
revenue growth

Product quality and reliability

Margin expansion as economies of scale are realized

Scalability of people, systems, processes and functions

Operating Strategy

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**Frontier's 3 P framework provides the building blocks
for successful integration planning and execution**

Migration to Frontier brand

**Simplify/Improve the Customer
Experience**

**Unique marketing campaigns and
incentives to drive market share
and wallet share**

Expanded distribution channels

**Innovative products and service
differentiators**

Pay for performance culture

**Goals and incentives aligned to
business objectives**

Hire and retain athletes

Exceed Financial Targets by:

**Network investments to expand
HSI availability and drive revenue
opportunity**

**Focus on owning small and
medium size businesses**

**Achieve economies of scale
through consolidation and
standardization of systems and
functions**

**Grow customer revenue and keep
existing customers**

People

Product

Profit

Transaction Overview & Financial Highlights

Donald R. Shassian, EVP & Chief Financial Officer

Transaction Overview

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Transaction Structure

Reverse Morris Trust

Simultaneous tax-free spin-off of SpinCo and merger with Frontier

Valuation

SpinCo Enterprise Value: \$8.6B

Implied purchase multiple of 4.5x SpinCo's FY 2008 EBITDA

Financing

Equity consideration based on Frontier's 30 day average share price at
time of close

Subject to a collar of \$7.00 - \$8.50, 66% - 71% VZ stockholder ownership

Fixed number of shares outside the collar

\$3,208M of debt to be raised prior to closing

Proceeds to be paid to Verizon

Governance

Maggie Wilderotter, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

Frontier management leadership

12 member board (Verizon elects 3 new members to Frontier existing board)

Post Closing Dividend Policy

Annual dividend of \$0.75 per share

Estimated Synergies

Revenue upside from broadband, long distance, video and bundles

\$500M of cash OpEx savings (21% of 2008 SpinCo cash OpEx)

Required Approvals

Hart Scott Rodino

Frontier shareholder approval

Verizon IRS ruling

FCC and certain state and local regulatory approvals

Expected Closing

Approximately 12 months

Transaction Summary

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Verizon

Stockholders

Frontier
Stockholders

Verizon

Frontier

(FTR + 4.8M
SpinCo Lines)

32%

\$3,333M

SpinCo pays Verizon
\$3,333M in cash or
debt relief

Verizon distributes
100% of SpinCo to
Verizon shareholders

SpinCo merges with
Frontier; Frontier is
the surviving entity

Parameter

Frontier (a)

SpinCo

Total

Price/Share

\$ 7.75

\$ 7.75

\$ 7.75

Shares Outstanding

312

677

989

Equity Value

\$ 2,421

\$ 5,247

\$ 7,668

Net Debt

4,547

3,333

8,005 (b)

Firm Value

\$ 6,968

\$ 8,580

\$ 15,673

2008 EBITDA (c)

\$ 1,214

\$ 1,918

\$ 3,132

FV/'08 EBITDA

5.7x

4.5x

5.0x

Net Debt/'08 EBITDA

3.8x

1.7x

2.6x

Share price collar of
\$7.00 - \$8.50 per
share; 617 - 750M
shares (66-71%)
Verizon stockholder
ownership

(a)

As of 3/31/09

(b)

Includes \$125 million of financing for integration costs

(c)

FY 2008 Pro forma EBITDA, excludes synergies

Key Financial Characteristics

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2.6x

\$1.44

\$1,423

9

(701)

(364)

(653)

48.0%

3,132

\$6,524

Sub-Total

2008 Statistics

Frontier

SpinCo (b)

Synergies

Total

Revenue

\$2,237

\$4,287

\$6,524

EBITDA

1,214

1,918

\$500

3,632

% EBITDA Margin

54.3%

44.7%

55.7%

Bridge to Free Cash Flow:

Interest Expense

(363)

(290)

0

(653)

Cash Taxes

(79)

(285)

(190)

(554)

Capital Expenditures

(288)

(413)

0

(701)

Other

9

0

0

9

Free Cash Flow

\$493

\$930

\$310

\$1,733

FCF/Share

\$1.58

\$1.37

N/A

\$1.75 (c)

Net Debt / EBITDA

3.8x

1.7x

2.2x

Dividends (\$0.75 / share)

\$742 (c)

Dividend Payout Ratio

43% (c)

(a)

Adjusted to exclude Severance and Early Retirement Costs and Legal Settlement Costs.

(b)

2008 audited financial statements adjusted for certain matters

(c)

Assuming Frontier issues share at the mid-point of the collar

(a)

Ongoing Value Creation

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Our ability to migrate the acquired properties to Frontier's performance metrics offers the potential for significant value creation

Access Line Decline

Long Distances Penetration

HSI Penetration

Satellite TV Penetration

Note: Data is as of 12/31/08.

Substantial Revenue & Cost Saving Opportunities

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Revenue
Opportunity

Increased Broadband availability

**Frontier market approach improves critical
customer metrics**

Access line losses

HSI penetration

Long distance penetration

Video penetration

Synergies

Executive Management

Legal

Information Systems

Finance & Accounting

Increased purchasing power with vendors

**~ \$500M
Annually**

Non-Recurring

Integration Costs

Branding

IT Development

Severance

CapEx ~ \$126M

OpEx ~ \$66M

Integration

Proven track record of successfully integrating acquired properties

Achieved 150% of synergy target for the 2007 Commonwealth acquisition

Frontier has successfully completed financial, business and operational support system conversions over the past 10 years

Proven track record in converting billing systems

Consolidated 5 billing systems into one over the past five years, converting 1.7M access lines

Current billing system is scalable to absorb this acquisition

Integration

Framework for successful RBOC line integration

Frontier has the scale, scope and experience to absorb these operations

Ensure that all key business processes work effectively **at closing**

Integration onto our current billing platform can be accomplished
over time

Key Structure Benefit:

13 states (former GTE operations) will operate on existing systems as a
stand-alone entity at closing

Only 1 state will need to convert to the Frontier platform at closing

Integration planning will commence immediately

Summary Financial Comparison

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Access Lines

2,250K

7,050K

Revenue

\$2,250M

\$6,525M

EBITDA (a)

\$1,200M

\$3,125M

CAPEX

\$290M

\$700M

Net Debt

\$4,547M

\$8,005M

Dividend / Share

\$1.00

\$0.75

Shares Outstanding

312M

989M

Net Leverage

3.8x

2.6x

Payout Ratio

64.6%

43.0%

Note: Data pro forma for the year ended December 31, 2008, except as noted.

(a) FY 2008 EBITDA, before synergies

(b) As of 3/31/09

(c) Subject to collar adjustment.

(b)

Frontier Standalone

Frontier Pro Forma

2008 Statistics

(c)

Closing Conditions

Required Approvals

Frontier shareholder approval

Hart Scott Rodino

FCC approval

Certain state and local regulatory approvals

Verizon IRS revenue ruling

Financing

\$3.2B by closing

Summary

Maggie Wilderotter, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer

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Appendix

Transformational, The New Frontier ..

Delivers substantial long-term shareholder value

Opportunity to grow customer revenue

\$500 million of cash operating expense synergies

Accretive in year 2

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Improves balance sheet strength; increases financial/operational flexibility

Strong Capital Structure, FY 2008 Pro Forma Leverage of 2.6x

Dividend sustainability

Significant cash flow generation

Creates a strong platform for continued consolidation and improves the company's overall strategic position

Scalable people, processes, systems

Acquisition integration competencies

Track record for growth

Solid industry experience and relationships

Access Line Detail

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As of 12/31/08

Frontier

SpinCo

Combined

West Virginia

143,982

617,036

761,018

Indiana

4,647

718,251

722,898

Illinois

97,461

573,321

670,782

Ohio

552

634,153

634,705

Michigan

19,102

507,462

526,564

Wisconsin

62,007

281,350

343,357

Oregon

12,626

309,904

322,530

California

143,871

24,205

168,076

Arizona

145,241

6,297

151,538

Idaho

20,035

113,002

133,037

Nevada

23,701

35,989

59,690

673,225

3,820,970

4,494,195

Washington

-

578,506

578,506

North Carolina

-

263,479

263,479

South Carolina

-

127,718

127,718

-

969,703

969,703

New York

683,880

-

683,880

Pennsylvania

427,489

-

427,489

Minnesota

210,983

-

210,983

Tennessee

79,014

-

79,014

Iowa

44,891

-

44,891

Nebraska

43,106

-

43,106

Alabama

25,980

-

25,980

Utah

21,718

-

21,718

Georgia

19,167

-

19,167

New Mexico

8,001

-

8,001

Montana

7,659

-

7,659

Mississippi

5,474

-

5,474

Florida

3,746

-

3,746

1,581,108

-

1,581,108

2,254,333

4,790,673

7,045,006