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## **Uniti Company Overview**

### **Uniti Leasing**

Owns, Acquires, and Leases Mission-Critical Communications Assets Nationwide to Wholesale Customers on Either an Exclusive or Shared-Tenant Basis

Proprietary Strategy and Advantaged REIT Structure

✓ Key Metrics:

- Annual Revenue of \$874 Million<sup>(1)</sup>
- Annual Adjusted EBITDA of \$847 Million<sup>(1)</sup>
- ~\$8.3 Billion of Capital Deployed<sup>(2)</sup>
- ~\$5.2 Billion of Revenues Under Contract<sup>(3)</sup>
- High Margin, Minimal Working Capital and Capex Requirements<sup>(4)</sup>, Long-Term Leases with Escalators
- Focused on Additional Lease-Up Opportunities on Our National Long-Haul Network

### **Uniti Fiber**

Leading Provider of Lit and Dark Fiber Solutions for Wireless Operators, Carriers, Enterprises, Schools and Government, Including Cell Site Backhaul, Small Cells, Internet Service and Wavelengths, with a Primary Focus in the Southeast

- ✓~25,500 New Fiber Route Miles and ~2.0 Million New Fiber Strand Miles Built Since 2018
- ✓ Key Metrics:
  - Annual Revenue of \$290 Million<sup>(1)</sup>
  - Annual Adjusted EBITDA of \$115 Million<sup>(1)</sup>
  - ~\$1.6 Billion of Capital Deployed<sup>(5)</sup>
  - ~\$1.1 Billion of Revenues Under Contract<sup>(3)</sup>
- ✓~28,600 Customer Connections<sup>(6)</sup>
- Focused on Lease-Up of Tier II & III Markets within Our Southeast Footprint

### National Network of 140,000 Fiber Route Miles and 8.5 Million Fiber Strand Miles

- Note: All information is as of December 31, 2023, unless otherwise noted.
- (1) Based on the mid-point of 2024 Outlook range provided in the Company's Earnings Release dated February 29, 2024.
- (2) Represents purchase price of TPx, CableSouth, and Bluebird, purchase price for fiber acquisition from Lumen Technologies (formerly CenturyLink), the net fair value of the dark fiber IRU and other assets acquired from Windstream as part of our settlement agreement, and Enterprise Value at time of spin-off from Windstream. See Glossary for explanation of Enterprise Value calculation.
- Contracts are subject to termination under certain conditions and/or may not be renewed. Actual Revenues Under Contract could vary materially
- Excludes capital commitments related to the GCI program.
- Represents aggregate purchase price of acquired entities at Uniti Fiber.
- Represents customer connections, both fiber and microwave

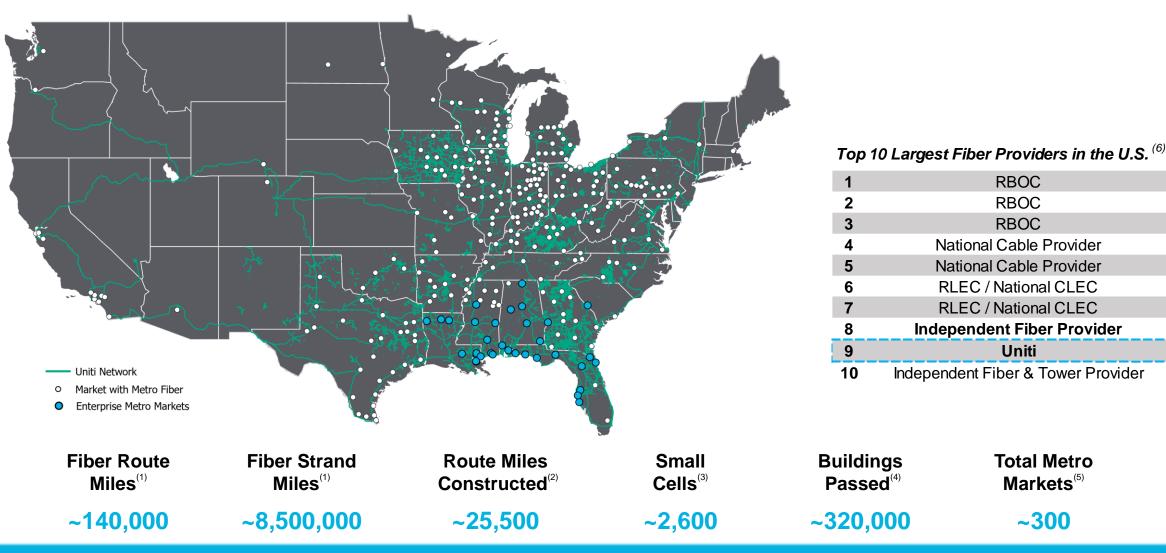
# 2023 Key Accomplishments & 2024 Priorities

- Solid Execution on 2023 Priorities at Both Uniti Fiber and Uniti Leasing
  - 2023 Strategic Fiber Recurring Revenue Up 5% From Prior Year<sup>(1)</sup>
  - 2023 Uniti Fiber Wholesale and Enterprise Recurring Revenue Up 9% and 15%, Respectively, From Prior Year
  - 2023 Uniti Leasing Lease-Up Recurring Revenue Up 20%+ From Prior Year
- Fully Funded Business Plan
  - Successfully Completed \$3.1 Billion of Debt Refinancings in 2023; Results in No Significant Permanent Debt Maturities Until 2027
  - Recently Announced ABS Bridge Financing & Asset Sales Bolster Liquidity and Strengthen Overall Balance Sheet
  - Continued Long Organic Growth Runway Allows Uniti to "Control its Own Destiny" as it Relates to Strategic Initiatives
- Priorities for 2024 Mostly Consistent with Prior Year
  - Disciplined Approach to Any Potential Strategic Transactions
  - Focus on Multi Year Organic Growth Plan

### Focus Remains on Delivering Strong Operating Results and Creating Value for Our Stakeholders



### **Uniti's National Fiber Network**



#### **Robust Demand For Our Portfolio of Mission Critical Communications Infrastructure**

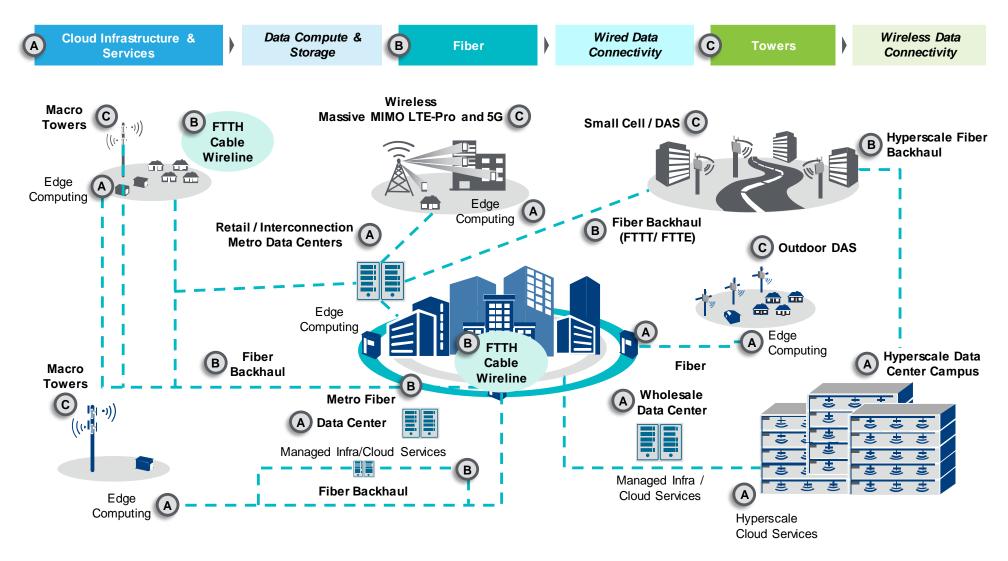
- (1) As of December 31, 2023.
- 2) Represents new fiber route miles constructed at Uniti Fiber since 1/1/2018, and new fiber route miles constructed associated with the Windstream GCI program.
- Includes small cells in service or in backlog.

Represents on-net and near-net buildings passed on Uniti Fiber's network.

(5) Represents the number of markets served by Uniti owned metro fiber or enterprise services.

(6) Source: Kagan and company estimates.

## All Communication Infrastructure End Markets Rely on Fiber

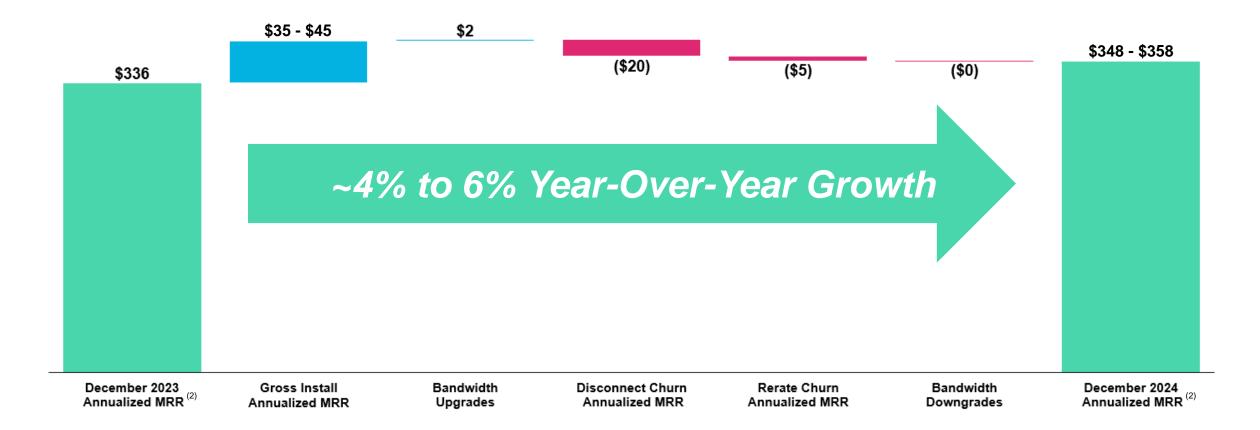


Fiber is the Critical Component to Enabling Today's Communications Infrastructure



# Strategic Fiber Revenue 2024 MRR Growth Outlook (1)

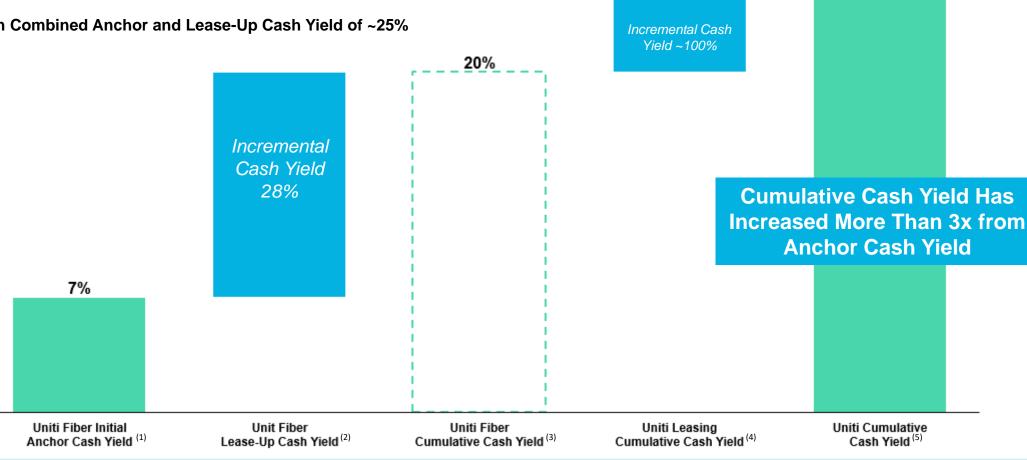
(\$ in millions)



**Continue to Execute on Our Lease-Up Strategy** 

# **Cumulative Uniti Lease-Up**

- Initial Aggregate Cash Yields on Major Wireless Anchor Builds of ~7%
- Cumulative Lease-Up Sold Expected to Generate Incremental Cash Yields of ~37%
- Results in Combined Anchor and Lease-Up Cash Yield of ~25%



#### Lease-up Provides Significant Upside on Fiber Acquired Through Sale Leasebacks and Other Asset Acquisitions

- Calculated as expected annualized recurring cash flow on major wireless anchor builds at Uniti Fiber divided by the related net capital investment on the anchor builds of ~\$205 million
- Calculated as expected annualized recurring cash flow from lease-up sold on major wireless anchor builds from the time the project started through December 31, 2023, divided by the related net capital investment on the lease-up of ~\$349 million (2)
- Represents expected initial cash vield on major wireless anchor builds plus expected incremental vield from lease-up sold to-date

Calculated as expected annualized recurring cash flow from lease-up sold to-date through December 31, 2023 at Uniti Leasing divided by capital spent to acquire fiber assets from Lumen Technologies (formerly CenturyLink), net of upfront customer IRU payments received. Represents expected cumulative cash yield on major wireless anchor builds plus lease-up at Uniti Fiber and reflects capital spent to acquire fiber assets from Lumen Technologies (formerly CenturyLink) and lease-up of those assets at Uniti Leasing.

25%

### **Customer Mix**

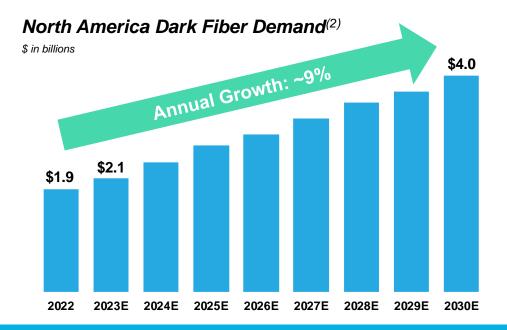


### **Predominantly Wholesale Business with Healthy Mix of Customers**

(1) Based on ending MRR as of December 31, 2023. Excludes MRR from Windstream ILEC master lease and related GCI.
 (1) Includes Enterprise, E-Rate and Government customers at Uniti Fiber.
 (3) Includes wholesale customers at Uniti Fiber, Uniti Leasing Non-Windstream customers, including international and domestic carriers, hyperscalers, cable providers and government entities, and Windstream CLEC master lease.

# **Uniti Leasing National Wholesale Business Overview**

- Strong Market and Growing Demand for High-Capacity Long-Haul Routes
  - Annual North America Wavelength Sales Currently at ~\$2 Billion and Expected to Grow at an Annual Rate of ~7%<sup>(1)</sup>
- Owned National Fiber Network of 140,000 Route Miles and 8.5 Million Strand Miles
  - Significant Amount of Capital and Time Needed to Replicate National Network
  - Only Five Owned National Networks in the U.S. and Only One Other Independent Fiber Provider
- Attractive Anchor and Lease-Up Economics with Meaningful Organic Growth Potential
  - Dark and Lit Network Growth
  - Expansion Opportunities for Uniti



### Uniti Leasing Economics

- Adjusted EBITDA Margin<sup>(3)</sup>: ~97%
- Capital Intensity<sup>(3)</sup>: ~30%
- Average Contract Term Length<sup>(4)</sup>: ~20 Years
- Monthly Churn %: ~0%

### Focus on Wholesale Opportunities Provides Significant Margin Enhancement and AFFO Growth

(1) Source: ReportLink

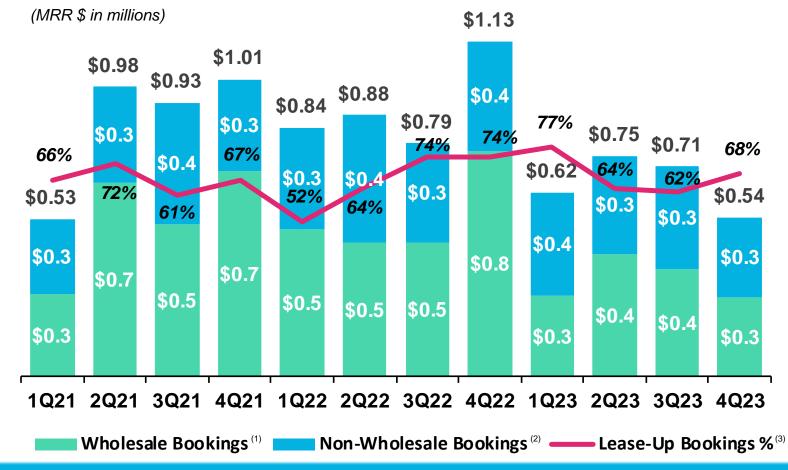
(2) Source: Grand View Research. Represents expected dark fiber annual revenue within North America. Annual Growth rate based on expected constant annual growth rate from 2022 to 2030.

(3) Based on the mid-point of 2024 Outlook range provided in the Company's Earnings Release dated February 29, 2024.

Represents average contract term length for lease-up sold as of December 31, 2023. Excludes contract term remaining under the Windstream Master Lease Agreements. Contracts are subject to termination under certain conditions and/or may not be renewed

### **Consolidated New Sales Bookings**

- 2023 Full Year Consolidated New Sales Bookings MRR of ~\$2.6 Million
- Driven by Continued Lease-Up of Our National Owned Fiber Network



#### Healthy Mix of Both Wholesale and Non-Wholesale Opportunities Driving Robust Growth

Note: Amounts may not foot due to rounding.

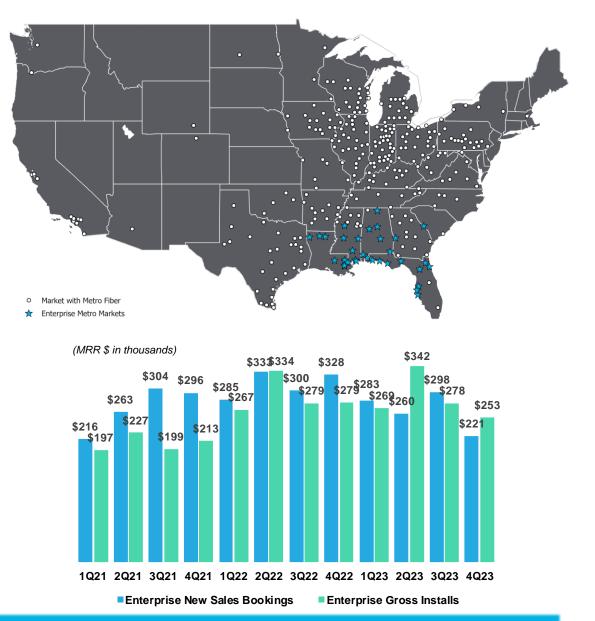
(1) Wholesale Bookings include Uniti Leasing bookings, and wireless and wholesale bookings at Uniti Fiber.

(2) Non-Wholesale Bookings include enterprise, E-Rate and government bookings at Uniti Fiber.

(3) Represents percentage of total bookings that comes from lease-up sold on our major wireless anchor builds and lease-up sold at Uniti Leasing.

### **Metro Business Overview**

- Enterprise New Sales Bookings & Install Activity Remain Strong
  - Enterprise Recurring Revenue Up 16% from Prior Year Fourth Quarter
  - Expect Strong Trends to Continue as We Capture Market Share and Deploy Fiber-Based Lit Services
- 30+ Markets Today with Enterprise Sales Presence
  - Average Market Share of Less than 5% Today
  - Available Fiber in ~300 Metro Markets
  - Expect to Enter Multiple Metro Markets Over the Next Several Years
- Attractive Economics with High Margin Opportunities
  - Typical Payback is About Half of the Contract Term
  - Typical Cash Yields of 50%+



### Enterprise Lease-Up Activity Key Contributor to High Margin Recuring Revenue

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### **Growth Capital Investments Overview**

	2015 - 2022	<b>2023</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	Cumulative
TCI Investment <sup>(2)</sup>	~\$1.1 Billion	~\$168 Million	~\$1.3 Billion
GCI Investment <sup>(3)</sup>	~\$544 Million	~\$250 Million	~\$794 Million
Total Network Investment <sup>(4)</sup>	~\$1.7 Billion	~\$418 Million	~\$2.1 Billion
TCI Revenue <sup>(5)</sup>	~\$190 Million	~\$47 Million	~\$237 Million
Annualized Cash Rent from GCI Investments	~\$44 Million	~\$20 Million	~\$64 Million
% of Copper Network Overbuilt with Fiber <sup>(6)</sup>	~14.4% to ~23.1%	~24.4%	~24.4%
Fiber Route Miles Constructed <sup>(7)</sup>	~20,800	~4,700	~25,500

### GCI Program "Facilitates Future Proofing" of Uniti's Network

(1) As of December 31, 2023.

- (2) Represents tenant capital improvements made by Windstream.
- (3) Represents growth capital investments made by Uniti.
- (4) Represents combined TCI and GCI investments.
- Jniti (5) Represents reported non-cash revenue related to the amortization of tenant capital improvements made by Windstream.
  - (6) Represents the percentage of the copper network that is part of our Master Lease agreements with Windstream that has been overbuilt with fiber from TCI and GCI investments.
  - (7) Represents new fiber route miles constructed at Uniti Fiber since 1/1/2018, and new fiber route miles constructed associated with the Windstream GCI program.

### **Uniti is a Unique Opportunity in Communications Infrastructure**

Highly Valuable and Hard to Replicate National Fiber Network • Fiber is a Mission Critical Asset within Communications Infrastructure

Uniti is the Second Largest Independent Fiber Provider in the Country<sup>(1)</sup>

Attractive Shared Infrastructure with Anchor Plus Lease-up Economics

- Typical Average Lease-Up Yields of 50%+ Resulting in Cumulative Cash Yields of Over 20%
- ~ 7 Years of Average Remaining Contract Term
- ~ \$6.3 Billion of Revenues Under Contract

Proven Execution on Disciplined Growth Strategy

- Low to Mid-Single Digit LTM Consolidated Recurring Revenue and Adjusted EBITDA Growth<sup>(2)</sup>
- ~97% Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA Margins
- Industry Leading Monthly Churn of 0.3%

#### **Substantial Runway for Future Growth**

- National Transport Network with Majority of Fiber Strands Unutilized
- Access to Fiber in ~300 Metro Markets with Enterprise Services Only in 30+ Markets Today



### **Uniti Facts**

S&P SmallCap 600 Company	Uniti Leasing	Uniti Fiber	Small Cells	
~ \$7.1B	~ \$5.2B	~ \$5.2B ~ \$1.1B		
Enterprise Value	Revenues Under Contract <sup>(2)</sup>	Revenues Under Contract <sup>(2)</sup>	Installed or in Backlog	
Annual Revenue <sup>(1)</sup>	Net Leverage <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	Net Secured Leverage <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	Near Term Debt Maturities <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	
~ \$1.2B	<b>6.03x</b>	<b>3.61x</b>	2%	
Fiber Route Miles	Leasing Segment EBITDA Margin	Cumulative Investments <sup>(5)</sup>	Annual Maintenance Capex <sup>(1)</sup>	
~ 140,000	97%	~ \$2.0B	~ \$7M	

#### **First Diversified Communication Infrastructure REIT**

- Note: All information is as of December 31, 2023, unless otherwise noted. Market data as of March 8, 2024.
- (1) Based on the mid-point of 2024 Outlook range provided in the Company's Earnings Release dated February 29, 2024.
- Contracts are subject to termination under certain conditions and/or may not be renewed, so actual revenue under contract could vary materially. (2)
- Net Debt or Net Secured Debt, as applicable, to 4Q23 annualized Adjusted EBITDA. See Appendix for a reconciliation of annualized Adjusted EBITDA to Net Income, the most closely comparable GAAP metric. Excludes settlement payable of \$164 million related to the Windstream settlement agreement. (3)
- (4)
- (5) Reflects debt that matures within the next twelve months.

Uniti Represents purchase price of TPx, CableSouth, and Bluebird transactions, fiber acquisition from Lumen Technologies (formerly CenturyLink), the net fair value of the dark fiber IRU and other assets acquired from Windstream as part of our settlement, and aggregate purchase price of acquired entities at Uniti Fiber.



## **Reconciliation of Uniti Non-GAAP Financial Measures**<sup>(1)</sup>

#### *\$ in Millions*

	Uniti 4Q23
Net income	\$30.7
Depreciation and amortization	79.1
Interest expense	123.1
Income tax benefit	(5.6)
EBITDA	\$227.4
Stock-based compensation	3.1
Adjustments for unconsolidated entities	0.8
Transaction related costs & Other	(0.1)
Adjusted EBITDA	\$231.1
Annualized Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(3)</sup>	\$924.5

(1) Amounts may not foot due to rounding. (2) Annualized Adjusted EBITDA is defined as Adjusted EBITDA multiplied by 4.

# **Reconciliation of Uniti Non-GAAP Financial Measures**<sup>(1)</sup>

#### *\$ in millions*

	2024 Outlook <sup>(2)</sup>			
	Leasing <sup>(2)</sup>	Uniti Fiber <sup>(2)</sup>	Corporate <sup>(2)</sup>	Uniti <sup>(2)</sup>
Net income (loss)	\$661	(\$14)	(\$529)	\$118
Depreciation and amortization	178	137	-	315
Interest expense	-	-	500	500
Income tax expense (benefit)	2	(11)	-	(9)
EBITDA	\$842	\$112	(\$29)	\$924
Stock-based compensation	2	3	8	13
Transaction related costs & Other	3	-	-	3
Adjusted EBITDA	\$847	\$115	(\$22)	\$940

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### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

We refer to EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, Funds From Operations ("FFO") (as defined by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts ("NAREIT")) and Adjusted Funds From Operations ("AFFO") in our analysis of our results of operations, which are not required by, or presented in accordance with, accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP"). While we believe that net income, as defined by GAAP, is the most appropriate earnings measure, we also believe that EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, FFO and AFFO are important non-GAAP supplemental measures of operating performance for a REIT.

We define "EBITDA" as net income, as defined by GAAP, before interest expense, provision for income taxes and depreciation and amortization. We define "Adjusted EBITDA" as EBITDA before stock-based compensation expense and the impact, which may be recurring in nature, of transaction and integration related costs, costs associated with Windstream's bankruptcy, costs associated with litigation claims made against us, and costs associated with the implementation of our enterprise resource planning system, (collectively, "Transaction Related and Other Costs"), costs related to the settlement with Windstream, goodwill impairment charges, executive severance costs, amortization of non-cash rights-of-use assets, the write off of unamortized deferred financing costs, costs incurred as a result of the early repayment of debt, including early tender and redemption premiums and costs associated with the termination of related hedging activities, gains or losses on dispositions, changes in the fair value of contingent consideration and financial instruments, and other similar or infrequent items (although we may not have had such charges in the periods presented). Adjusted EBITDA includes adjustments to reflect the Company's share of Adjusted EBITDA from unconsolidated entities. We believe EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are important supplemental measures to net income because they provide additional information to evaluate our operating performance on an unleveraged basis. In addition, Adjusted EBITDA is calculated similar to defined terms in our material debt agreements used to determine compliance with specific financial covenants. Since EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are not measures calculated in accordance with GAAP, they should not be considered as alternatives to net income determined in accordance with GAAP.

Because the historical cost accounting convention used for real estate assets requires the recognition of depreciation expense except on land, such accounting presentation implies that the value of real estate assets diminishes predictably over time. However, since real estate values have historically risen or fallen with market and other conditions, presentations of operating results for a REIT that uses historical cost accounting for depreciation could be less informative. Thus, NAREIT created FFO as a supplemental measure of operating performance for REITs that excludes historical cost depreciation and amortization, among other items, from net income, as defined by GAAP. FFO is defined by NAREIT as net income attributable to common shareholders computed in accordance with GAAP, excluding gains or losses from real estate dispositions, plus real estate depreciation and amortization and impairment charges, and includes adjustments to reflect the Company's share of FFO from unconsolidated entities. We compute FFO in accordance with NAREIT's definition.

The Company defines AFFO, as FFO excluding (i) Transaction Related and Other Costs; (ii) costs related to the litigation settlement with Windstream, accretion on our settlement obligation, and gains on the prepayment of our settlement obligation as these items are not reflective of ongoing operating performance; (iii) goodwill impairment charges; (iv) certain non-cash revenues and expenses such as stock-based compensation expense, amortization of debt and equity discounts, amortization of deferred financing costs, depreciation and amortization of non-real estate assets, amortization of non-cash revenues, non-cash income taxes, and the amortization of other non-cash revenues to the extent that cash has not been received, such as revenue associated with the amortization of tenant capital improvements; and (v) the impact, which may be recurring in an autor of debt, including early tender and redemption premiums and costs associated with the termination of debt, gains or losses on dispositions, changes in the fair value of contingent consideration and financial instruments and similar or infrequent items less maintenance capital expenditures. AFFO includes adjustments to reflect the Company's share of AFFO from unconsolidated entities. We believe that the use of FFO and AFFO, and their respective per share amounts, combined with the required GAAP presentations, improves the understanding of operating results of REITs among investors and analysts, and makes comparisons of operating results among such companies more meaningful. We consider FFO and AFFO to be useful measures for reviewing comparative operating performance. In particular, we believe AFFO, by excluding certain revenue and expense items, can help investors compare our operating performance between periods and to other REITs on a consistent basis without having to account for differences caused by unanticipated items and events, such as transaction and integration related costs. The Company uses FFO and AFFO, and their respective per share amounts, only a

Further, our computations of EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, FFO and AFFO may not be comparable to that reported by other REITs or companies that do not define FFO in accordance with the current NAREIT definition or that interpret the current NAREIT definition or define EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and AFFO differently than we do.

**4G:** The fourth generation of cellular wireless standards that is widely deployed by cellular operators today with the ability to transport data at rates up to 100 MBPS Internet access for mobile users.

**5G:** The fifth generation of cellular wireless standards that began to be deployed in 2019, with expected wide scale deployment over the next year. 5G has the ability to transport data with low latency and at rates of up to 1 GBPS for both stationary and mobile users.

Adjusted EBITDA: Adjusted EBITDA is defined as EBITDA before stock-based compensation expense and the impact, which may be recurring in nature, of transaction and integration related costs, costs associated with Windstream's bankruptcy, costs associated with litigation claims made against us, and costs associated with the implementation of our new enterprise resource planning system (collectively, "Transaction Related and Other Costs"), the write off of unamortized deferred financing costs, costs incurred as a result of the early repayment of debt, gains or losses on dispositions, changes in the fair value of contingent consideration and financial instruments, and other similar or infrequent items.

**Backbone:** A major fiber optic network that interconnects smaller networks including regional and metropolitan networks. It is the through-portion of a transmission network, as opposed to laterals and spurs which branch off to connect customer locations.

**Bandwidth Infrastructure:** Lit and dark bandwidth provided over fiber networks. These services are commonly used to transport telecom services, such as wireless, data, voice, Internet and video traffic between locations. These locations frequently include cellular towers, network-neutral and network specific data centers, carrier hotels, mobile switching centers, CATV head ends and satellite uplink sites, ILEC central offices, and other key buildings that house telecommunications and computer equipment. Bandwidth Infrastructure services that are lit (i.e. provided by using optronics that "light" the fiber) include Ethernet and Wavelength services. Bandwidth Infrastructure services that are not lit are sold as dark-fiber capacity.

Capital Intensity: Capital expenditures as a percentage of revenue.

**Churn:** Decline in MRR, such as disconnects, bandwidth downgrades, and price reductions. Includes decline in MRR related to lit backhaul sites converting to dark fiber.

Conduit: A pipe, usually made of metal, ceramic or plastic, that protects buried fiber optic cables.



**Core Adjusted EBITDA:** Represents Adjusted EBITDA principally generated from leasing and lit services of the fiber network, as well as Adjusted EBITDA that are ancillary to the fiber network, including managed services. Core Adjusted EBITDA also includes non-recurring Adjusted EBITDA that is related to our core operations, such as equipment sales, certain construction projects, and early termination fees. Core Adjusted EBITDA excludes non-recurring Adjusted EBITDA that is not core to our operations, such as non-core construction projects.

**Core Revenue:** Represents revenue principally generated from leasing and lit services of the fiber network, as well as revenues that are ancillary to the fiber network, including managed services. Core Revenue also includes non-recurring revenue that is related to our core operations, such as equipment sales, certain construction projects, and early termination fees. Core Revenue excludes non-recurring revenue that is not core to our operations, such as non-core construction projects.

**Dark Fiber:** Fiber that has not yet been connected to telecommunications transmission equipment or optronics and, therefore, has not yet been activated or "lit".

Enterprise Value: Net Debt plus fair value of preferred equity plus market value of outstanding common stock and OP units.

**Ethernet:** Ethernet is the standard local area network (LAN) protocol. Ethernet was originally specified to connect devices on a company or home network as well as to a cable modem or DSL modem for Internet access. Due to its ubiquity in the LAN, Ethernet has become a popular transmission protocol in metropolitan, regional and long haul networks as well.

Fiber Optics: Fiber, or fiber optic cables, are thin filaments of glass through which light beams are transmitted over long distances.

**Fiber Strand Miles:** Fiber strand miles are the number of route miles in a network multiplied by the number of fiber strands within each cable on the network. For example, if a ten mile network segment has a 24 count fiber installed, it would represent 10 x 24 or 240 fiber miles.

FTT (Fiber-to-the-Tower): FTT are laterals or spurs that connect cell sites to the wider terrestrial network via fiber optic connections.

**Gross Installs:** MRR related to services that have been installed and are billable in a given period. Includes MRR related to new services installed and bandwidth upgrades.

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Growth Capital Investments ("GCI"): Capital expenditures on long-term, value-accretive fiber and related assets in the ILEC and CLEC territories owned by Uniti and leased to Windstream.

Integration Capex: Capital expenditures made specifically with respect to recent acquisitions that are essential to integrating acquired companies in our business.

Lateral/Spur: An extension from the main or core portion of a network to a customer's premises or other connection point.

Maintenance Capex: Capital expenditures related to maintaining and preserving the existing network and related equipment.

Mbps: A measure of telecommunications transmission speed. One megabit equals one million bits of information.

Mobile Switching Centers: Buildings where wireless service providers house their Internet routers and voice switching equipment.

Monthly Churn Rate: Monthly churn rate is calculated as monthly Churn divided by MRR on the last day of the preceding period.

**MRR (Monthly recurring revenue):** Monthly recurring revenue generated based on the price that the customer is expected to pay over the initial term, including any pricing escalators or discounts. MRR also includes monthly revenue related to the amortization of upfront payments by customers. Our presentation of MRR is not a guarantee of future revenues and should not be viewed as a predictor of future annual revenues.

Net Debt: Principal amount of debt outstanding, less unrestricted cash and cash equivalents.

Net Secured Debt: Principal amount of secured debt outstanding, less unrestricted cash and cash equivalents.

**Net Success-Based Capex:** Success-Based Capex less associated upfront customer payments. Does not include net capital expenditures related to integration, maintenance, and other, such as IT-related capex.

**NOC:** Network operations center is a location that is used to monitor networks, troubleshoot network degradations and outages, and ensure customer network outages and other network degradations are restored.

**Nodes:** Points on a network that can receive, create, or transmit communication services.

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**NRC (non-recurring charge):** Upfront customer payments that are primarily associated with an executed fiber-related contract that utilizes either newly constructed or already owned fiber, and the fiber is intended to be owned by Uniti on a long-term basis.

**Optronics:** Various types of equipment that are commonly used to light fiber. Optronics include systems that are capable of providing Ethernet, Wavelengths, and other service over fiber optic cable.

**Pipeline:** Reflects sales opportunities or transactions we are currently pursuing. Sales pipeline values represent total contract value of the opportunities we are currently pursuing. M&A pipeline values represent estimated purchase price of deals we are currently pursuing. We have not signed an agreement and are not otherwise committed to consummating any of these sales opportunities or transactions and there can be no assurances that any of these sales opportunities or transactions and there can be no assurances that any of these sales opportunities or transactions will be completed. Completed transactions may be realized over several years.

**Recurring Revenue:** Revenue recognized for ongoing services based on the price that the customer is expected to pay over the initial term, including any pricing escalators or discounts. Recurring Revenue also includes revenue related to the amortization of upfront payments by customers. Our presentation of Recurring Revenue is not a guarantee of future revenues and should not be viewed as a predictor of future annual revenues.

**Revenues Under Contract:** Total contract value remaining pursuant to existing contracts, some of which may be past their expiration date and currently on a month to month basis. A portion of these contracts are subject to renewal each year, and there can be no assurances that the contracts will be renewed at all or, if they are renewed, that the renewal will not provide for lower rates.

**Route miles:** Route miles are the length, measured in non-overlapping miles, of a fiber network. Route miles are distinct from fiber strand miles, which is the number of route miles in a network multiplied by the number of fiber strands within each conduit on the network.

Sales Bookings: MRR in a given period relating to orders that have been signed by the customer and accepted by order management.

**Small Cells:** A site where antennae, electronic communications equipment and power are placed on a utility pole, street light pole or other structure that are generally 25 feet from the ground to create a cell with a smaller radius than that of a Cell Site. By reducing the distance between the antennae, electronic communication equipment and mobile user equipment, small cells can transport data at faster speeds than from a Cell Site. Small cells are connected the cellular network by fiber to a close Cell Site.

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**Success-Based Capex:** Gross capital expenditures related to installing existing or anticipated contractual customer service orders. Does not include capital expenditures related to integration, maintenance, and other, such as IT-related capex.

Switch: A switch is an electronic device that selects the path that voice, data, and Internet traffic take or use on a network.

Total Contract Value: Contract MRR multiplied by the term of the contract in months.

**Tower:** A free standing tower made of steel generally 200 to 400 feet above the ground with a triangular base and three to four sides built on leased parcels of land. Most towers can accommodate Multiple Cell Sites (and multiple tenants).

**Transport:** A telecommunication service to move data, Internet, voice, video, or wireless traffic from one location to another.

Wavelength: A channel of light that carries telecommunications traffic through the process of wavelength division multiplexing.

