

3Q24 Financial Earnings

October 30, 2024



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2024 Priorities



Be the **PREMIER** broadband provider

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Be the **TRUSTED** communications and security advisor



Be the **INNOVATIVE** wholesale leader



OPERATIONS & SUPPORT

Be the **unwavering** foundation that aligns, nurtures and enables us to be our best



Prioritize quality and trust.



Do it right the first time, every time.



Give our best in everything we do.

Third Quarter Highlights

Adjusted EBITDAR of \$361M, up 2% year to date⁽¹⁾



Consumer Highlights

- Strong fiber additions of 17K in quarter
- Consumer Broadband ARPU of \$87.26 up slightly y-o-y
- Kinetic consumer service revenue down 2% YTD largely driven by impact of the ACP step-down⁽²⁾

Fiber Build Momentum Continues

- 136K new consumer premises added year to date
- Approximately 1.6 million consumer premises now have access to FTTH services
- 36% coverage of consumer households w achieved by quarter end

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Strong Strategic Revenue Trends

- Continued focus on Strategic & Advanced IP portfolios, which now represent 88% of total Enterprise Market service revenue⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾
- Wholesale had solid performance highlighted by high demand from telecom, cable and content customers

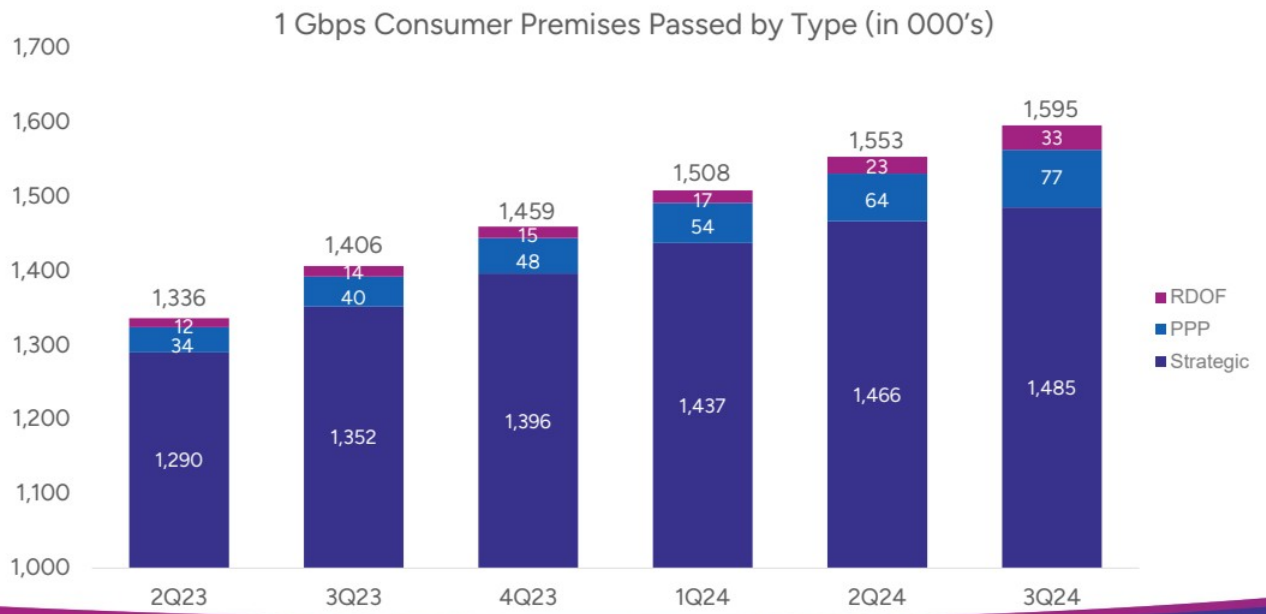
Interconnection Expense Reduction⁽⁴⁾

- Total interconnection expense fell by 16% y-o-y; legacy-TDM related expenses⁽⁵⁾ fell 24% y-o-y
- Of the \$628 million in annualized interconnection expense remaining, \$274 million relates to TDM services⁽⁵⁾

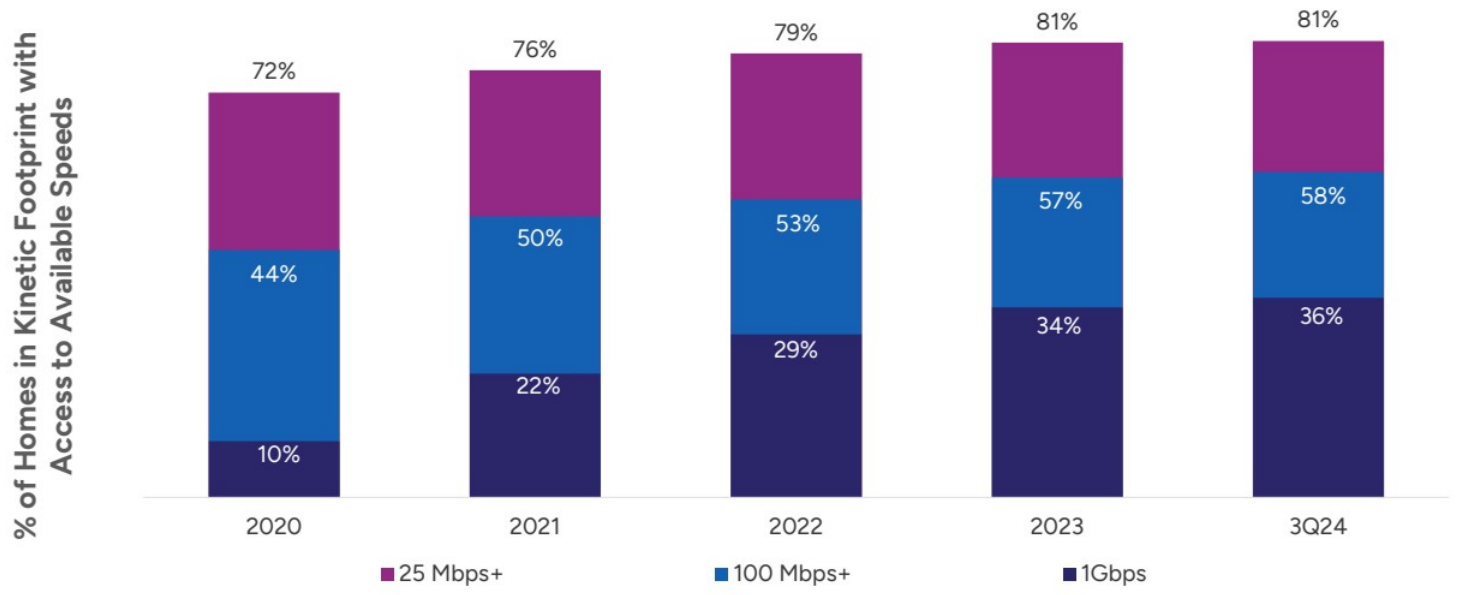
(1) Adjusted EBITDAR excluding gain on sale of IPv4 assets in 1Q24 (2) Step-down of the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) began in 2Q24; Windstream's ACP customer base received ~\$3M in monthly subsidy under this program (3) Excludes End user surcharges; (4) Based on 3Q24 results on an annualized basis (5) Includes TDM expenses as shown on Slide 11, plus Network Facilities (excluding Fiber Expense)

Fiber Broadband Expansion Acceleration

136K 1 Gbps Consumer Premises Constructed Year to Date

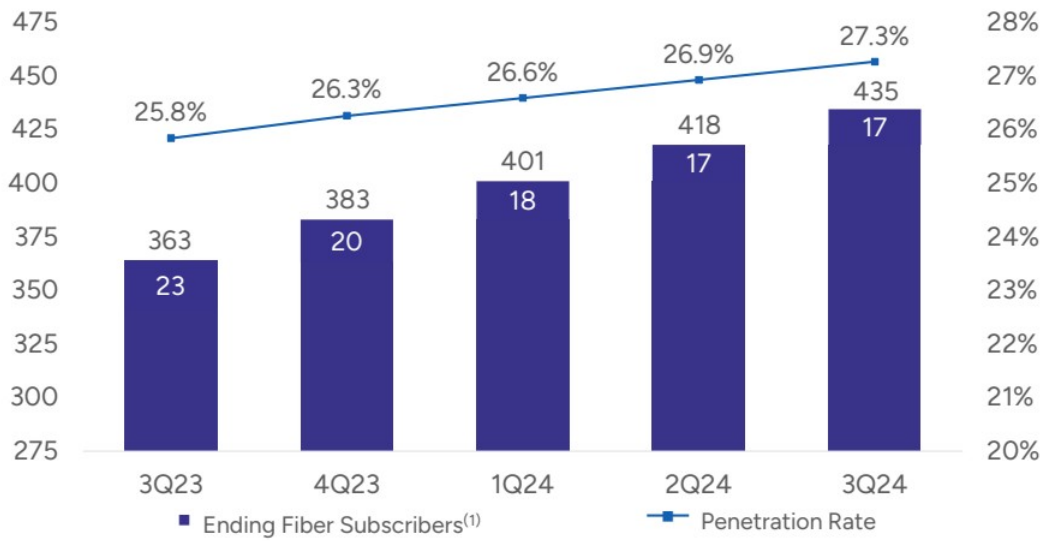


Enhanced Speeds Across All Speed Tiers



Fiber Broadband Adds Continue to Accelerate

Consumer Fiber Subscription Growth Shows Strong Adoption of New 1 Gbps Facilities



Note: Consumer Subscriber counts in 000's

(1) Subscriber counts reflected in the inset represent net additions for the respective period

Ended 3Q with
435K
Consumers on
1G capable facilities
up 17K from 2Q24

27.3%
Penetration

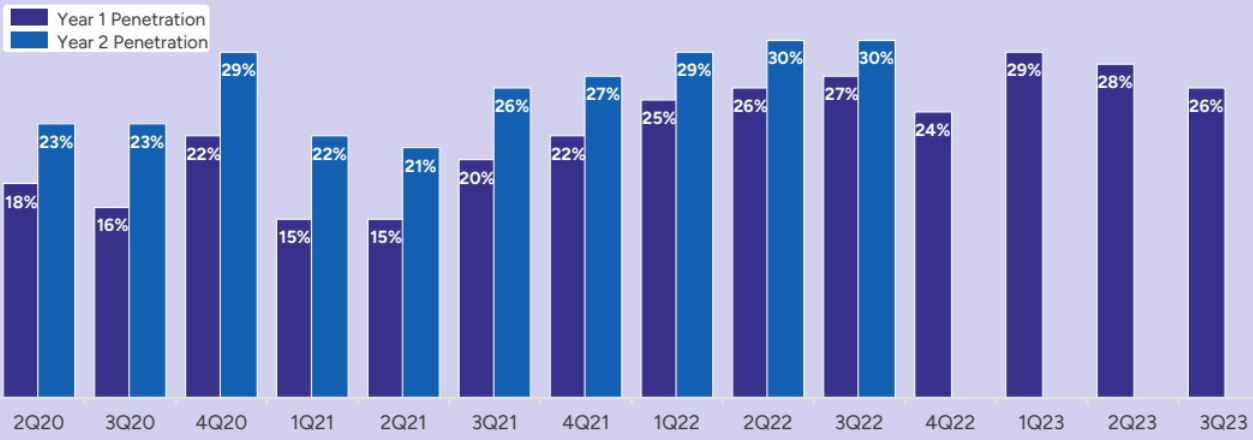
Fiber Cohort Penetration

40%

Target Penetration
Over a 4 Year Period

Newest Fiber Cohorts Are Showing Strong Penetration Early

Year 1 & Year 2 Cohort Penetration



< 1 Year Cohorts



Note: Cohort penetration reflects consumers on 1G capable facilities, within the respective cohort, at the 12-month (Year 1 Penetration) and 24-month (Year 2 Penetration) anniversary of the cohort being launched. 1 Year cohort penetration is shown as of September 30, 2024, reflecting penetration at the 9-, 6- and 3-month mark for cohorts completed in the fourth quarter of 2023, and first and second quarter of 2024, respectively.

3Q24 Financial Results

Unaudited Adjusted Results of Operations (non-GAAP)

Financial Overview <i>(Dollars in Millions)</i>	2023	2023	2023	2024	2024	2024
	Q3	Q4	YE	Q1	Q2	Q3
Revenue and Sales						
Kinetic Market	\$ 530	\$ 540	\$ 2,143	\$ 547	\$ 529	\$ 512
Enterprise Market	346	314	1,369	316	287	279
Wholesale Market	115	103	437	114	100	112
Service Revenue	\$ 991	\$ 958	\$ 3,948	\$ 977	\$ 916	\$ 903
Product & Fiber Sales	11	9	39	24	11	13
Total Revenue and Sales	\$ 1,002	\$ 967	\$ 3,987	\$ 1,001	\$ 926	\$ 916
Expenses						
Direct Segment Expenses	\$ 363	\$ 337	\$ 1,421	\$ 343	\$ 326	\$ 321
Network Access & Facilities	127	118	505	111	109	105
Shared Network & Operations	75	72	302	70	64	66
Information Technology/Shared Corporate	68	60	271	71	65	64
Total Expenses	\$ 632	\$ 588	\$ 2,499	\$ 595	\$ 565	\$ 556
Adjusted EBITDAR ⁽¹⁾	\$ 370	\$ 379	\$ 1,488	\$ 406	\$ 362	\$ 361
Adjusted EBITDAR Margin %	36.9%	39.2%	37.3%	40.6%	39.1%	39.4%

⁽¹⁾ 1Q24 Adjusted EBITDAR excluding gain on sale of IPv4 assets

Significant Interconnection Cost Reductions

TDM Retirement Accelerates Cost Reduction and Improves Customer Experience

Interconnection Expenses (in millions)

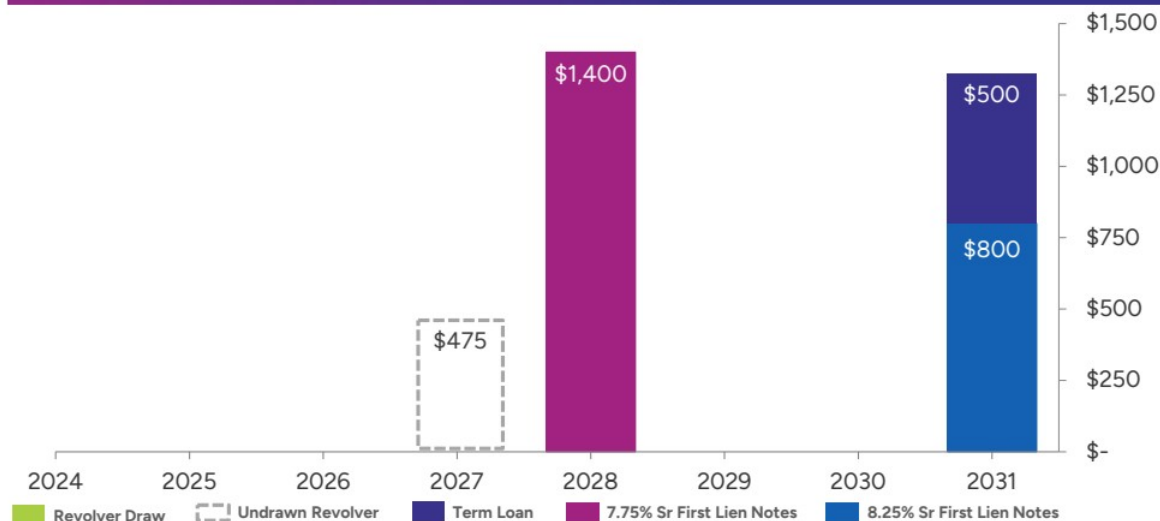
	3Q23		3Q24		YoY Change %
	Annualized		Annualized		
TDM	\$ 64	\$	\$ 32		(51%)
IP/Ethernet	\$ 235	\$	\$ 210		(10%)
Last Mile Access	\$ 299	\$	\$ 242		(19%)
TDM	\$ 38	\$	\$ 9		(77%)
IP/Ethernet	\$ 18	\$	\$ 14		(22%)
Network Access	\$ 56	\$	\$ 23		(59%)
Network Facilities (excluding Fiber Expense)	\$ 59	\$	\$ 38		(35%)
Fiber Expense & Other	\$ 21	\$	\$ 18		(15%)
Network Facilities Expense	\$ 80	\$	\$ 56		(29%)
Enterprise Interconnect and Network Facilities Expense	\$ 435	\$	\$ 321		(26%)
Network Facilities (excluding Fiber Expense)	\$ 198	\$	\$ 195		(2%)
Fiber Expense & Other	\$ 112	\$	\$ 112		(0%)
Kinetic & Wholesale Network Facilities Expense	\$ 310	\$	\$ 307		(1%)
Total Interconnect and Network Facilities Expense	\$ 745	\$	\$ 628		(16%)

(1) Includes TDM expenses as shown, plus Network Facilities (excluding Fiber Expense)

- 3Q24 annualized run-rate of \$628 million in interconnection and network facilities expenses; annualized decline of 16%
- \$274 million of Legacy TDM-related expense⁽¹⁾ including Network Facility expense; annualized decline of 24%
- Continued execution of multi-year program to migrate legacy TDM customers to newer technologies, moving from circuit-level to market-level optimization
- The focus on market-level TDM removal will enable greater reductions in network real estate and colocation expenses

Strong Balance Sheet with No Near-Term Maturities

Debt Maturity as of 3Q 2024 Pro Forma for Recent Financing Transactions



Ended 3Q with
\$373M
 Net Liquidity
 and
2.27x
 Net Debt to
 Adjusted EBITDA

Note: Available capacity under credit facility excludes outstanding letters of credit of \$133.9 million of which \$104.7 million was issued to Universal Service Administrative Company as a condition for Windstream receiving RDOF funding. Effective September 21, 2024, the borrowing capacity under the credit facility decreased from \$500 million to \$475 million.

WIN Fully Owns and Operates Substantial Assets

Kinetic Fully Owned and Operated Metrics		E&W Owned & Operated
Broadband Consumers ⁽¹⁾	Fiber Broadband Consumers ⁽¹⁾	Fiber Route Miles ⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾
208K (20.9%)	115K (31.2%)	81K (75.1%)
Fiber Households Today ⁽¹⁾	Fiber Households – Build Plan ⁽¹⁾	Windstream Owns 100GB POPs ⁽¹⁾
456K (28.6%)	655K (34.5%)	1,358 (100.0%)
Total Consumer Revenues ⁽²⁾	Kinetic Owned Assets ⁽³⁾	E&W Owned Assets ⁽³⁾
\$229M	\$2.5B	\$1.0B

(1) Metric represents number and percentage of Windstream total not associated or encumbered by Uniti Master Lease Agreements as of September 30, 2024

(2) Consumer Revenues for FY 2023 that are not within in-footprint ILEC markets governed by Uniti ILEC Master Lease Agreement

(3) Kinetic and E&W Owned Assets represent net PP&E, excluding CWIP, as of December 31, 2023, for Windstream owned assets

(4) Beginning in 2Q24, the calculation of Fiber Route Miles was modified to align with Uniti disclosures

2024 Financial and Operational Guidance

<i>(all \$ in millions)</i>	2023 Results	2024 Guidance
Adjusted EBITDAR ⁽¹⁾	\$1,488M	Approximately flat y-o-y (adjusted for ACP expiration) ⁽²⁾
Capex, net ⁽³⁾	\$798M	Approximately \$700M
Unlevered Free Cash Flow ⁽⁴⁾	\$155M	Approximately \$140M
Fiber Consumer Customer Additions	96K	75K (lowered from previous: "Similar to 2023")
Fiber Premises Constructed	232K	180K - 200K (lowered from previous: Approximately 200K)

(1) 2024 Adjusted EBITDAR guidance excludes the impact of non-core operating asset sales during the period

(2) Adjusted for expected wind-down of the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) in 2Q 2024. Windstream's ACP customer base currently receives ~\$3M in monthly subsidy under this program

(3) Adjusted Capex, less GCI reimbursements

(4) Total change in cash, excluding cash interest, cash taxes and debt amortization payments

Appendix

Quarterly supplemental schedules (Pro Forma)

Supplemental Financial Information

Windstream Holdings II, LLC ("Windstream", "we", "us", "our", or "the Company") has presented in this Investor Supplement unaudited adjusted results, which excludes depreciation and amortization, straight-line expense under the master leases with Uniti Group, Inc. ("Uniti"), equity-based compensation expense, and certain other costs. We have also presented certain measures of our operating performance, on an adjusted basis, that reflect the impact of the cash payment due under the master leases with Uniti.

We use Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDAR, Adjusted Free Cash Flow and Adjusted Capital Expenditures as key measures of the operational performance of our business. Our management, including the chief operating decision-maker, consistently uses these measures for internal reporting and the evaluation of business objectives, opportunities and performance, and the determination of management compensation. Management believes that Adjusted Free Cash Flow provides investors with useful information about the ability of our core operations to generate cash flow. Because capital spending is necessary to maintain our operational capabilities, we believe that capital expenditures represent a recurring and necessary use of cash. As such, we believe investors should consider our capital spending and payments due under our master leases with Uniti when evaluating the amount of cash provided by our operating activities.

Supplemental Financial Information

WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS II, LLC
 UNAUDITED ADJUSTED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (NON-GAAP)
 QUARTERLY SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
 for the quarterly periods in the years 2024 and 2023
 (In millions)

	2024				2023				
	Total	3rd Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	1st Qtr.	Total	4th Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	1st Qtr.
ADJUSTED RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:									
Revenues and sales:									
Service revenues	\$ 2,795.4	\$ 903.0	\$ 915.7	\$ 976.7	\$ 3,948.0	\$ 957.8	\$ 990.8	\$ 980.0	\$ 1,019.4
Product and fiber sales	47.8	13.3	10.6	23.9	38.7	8.7	11.2	10.9	7.9
Total revenues and sales	2,843.2	916.3	926.3	1,000.6	3,986.7	966.5	1,002.0	990.9	1,027.3
Costs and expenses:									
Cost of services	1,203.0	392.2	398.9	411.9	1,758.7	408.4	441.9	446.0	462.4
Cost of sales	35.7	10.6	8.7	16.4	40.3	8.3	11.1	11.1	9.8
Selling, general and administrative	475.9	152.8	156.9	166.2	699.8	171.0	179.4	174.1	175.3
Costs and expenses	1,714.6	555.6	564.5	594.5	2,498.8	587.7	632.4	631.2	647.5
Adjusted EBITDAR, excluding gain on sale of operating assets	1,128.6	360.7	361.8	406.1	1,487.9	378.8	369.6	359.7	379.8
Gain on sale of operating assets (see note below)	103.2	-	-	103.2	-	-	-	-	-
Adjusted EBITDAR (A)	1,231.8	360.7	361.8	509.3	1,487.9	378.8	369.6	359.7	379.8
Cash payment under master leases with Uniti	(506.4)	(169.2)	(168.9)	(168.3)	(672.2)	(168.3)	(168.4)	(168.0)	(167.5)
Cash received from Uniti per settlement agreement	73.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	98.0	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5
Adjusted EBITDA (B)	\$ 798.9	\$ 216.0	\$ 217.4	\$ 365.5	\$ 913.7	\$ 235.0	\$ 225.7	\$ 216.2	\$ 236.8
Margins (C):									
Adjusted EBITDAR margin, excluding gain on sale of operating assets	39.7%	39.4%	39.1%	40.6%	37.3%	39.2%	36.9%	36.3%	37.0%
Adjusted EBITDAR margin	43.3%	39.4%	39.1%	50.9%	37.3%	39.2%	36.9%	36.3%	37.0%
Adjusted EBITDA margin	28.1%	23.6%	23.5%	36.5%	22.9%	24.3%	22.5%	21.8%	23.1%
Adjusted Capital Expenditures	\$ 664.5	\$ 214.6	\$ 204.1	\$ 245.8	\$ 1,048.4	\$ 233.6	\$ 265.8	\$ 245.9	\$ 303.1
Adjusted Free Cash Flow (D)	\$ 137.6	\$ (60.0)	\$ 36.6	\$ 161.0	\$ (132.0)	\$ (14.9)	\$ (51.4)	\$ 16.5	\$ (82.2)

Note: In March 2024, the Company sold certain of its unused IPv4 addresses for \$104.3 million and received \$103.5 million in cash, net of broker fees. Including other transaction-related expenses, the Company recognized a pretax gain of \$103.2 million from the sale.

- (A) Adjusted EBITDAR is earnings before interest expense, income taxes and depreciation and amortization and is calculated as operating income (loss) excluding depreciation and amortization, straight-line expense under the master leases with Uniti, equity-based compensation expense, and certain other costs.
- (B) Adjusted EBITDA is Adjusted EBITDAR after the cash payment due under the master leases with Uniti excluding additional rent paid for growth capital expenditures funded by Uniti and increased for cash received from Uniti per the settlement agreement.
- (C) Margins are calculated by dividing the respective profitability measures by total revenues and sales.
- (D) Adjusted Free Cash Flow is Adjusted EBITDA less adjusted capital expenditures, additional rent paid for growth capital expenditures funded by Uniti and cash paid for interest on long-term debt obligations plus funding received from Uniti for growth capital expenditures and adjusted for cash (paid) refunded for income taxes, net.

See page 23 for computations of Adjusted EBITDAR, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Free Cash Flow and Adjusted Capital Expenditures.

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QUARTERLY SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
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(In millions)

	As of
	9/30/2024
Debt Leverage Ratio:	
Long-term debt, including current maturities (E)	\$ 2,355.9
Add: Capital lease obligations	21.4
Less: Cash and cash equivalents	(32.1)
Net debt	<u>\$ 2,345.2</u>
	Twelve
	Months Ended
	9/30/2024
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 1,033.9
Net leverage ratio (F) - computed as (1)/(2)	<u>2.27x</u>
Available liquidity as of September 30, 2024:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 32.1
Available capacity under credit facility (G)	341.1
Available liquidity	<u>\$ 373.2</u>

(E) Long-term debt, including current maturities excluding unamortized debt discount.

(F) The net leverage ratio is computed by dividing net debt by Adjusted EBITDA.

(G) Effective September 21, 2024, the borrowing capacity under the credit facility decreased from \$500.0 million to \$475.0 million. Available capacity under credit facility excludes outstanding letters of credit of \$133.9 million which \$104.7 million was issued to Universal Service Administrative Company as a condition for Windstream receiving Rural Digital Opportunity Fund ("RDOF") funding.

Supplemental Financial Information

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 QUARTERLY SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION - REVENUE AND ADJUSTED EBITDAR SUPPLEMENT
 for the quarterly periods in the years 2024 and 2023
 (In millions)

	2024				2023				
	Total	3rd Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	1st Qtr.	Total	4th Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	1st Qtr.
Revenues and sales:									
Kinetic Market	\$ 1,587.6	\$ 511.6	\$ 528.9	\$ 547.1	\$ 2,142.8	\$ 540.3	\$ 530.0	\$ 536.6	\$ 535.9
Enterprise Market	881.8	279.1	287.0	315.7	1,368.6	314.1	345.6	337.9	371.0
Wholesale Market	326.0	112.3	99.8	113.9	436.6	103.4	115.2	105.5	112.5
Total service revenues	2,795.4	903.0	915.7	976.7	3,948.0	957.8	990.8	980.0	1,019.4
Product and fiber sales	47.8	13.3	10.6	23.9	38.7	8.7	11.2	10.9	7.9
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Costs and expenses:									
Direct segment expenses	\$ 990.6	\$ 321.3	\$ 326.2	\$ 343.1	\$ 1,421.5	\$ 337.1	\$ 362.8	\$ 358.1	\$ 363.5
Network access and facilities	324.9	105.1	109.0	110.8	505.1	118.0	126.8	128.8	131.5
Shared network and operations	199.4	65.7	64.2	69.5	301.5	72.2	74.6	75.3	79.4
Information technology and shared corporate	199.7	63.5	65.1	71.1	270.7	60.4	68.2	69.0	73.1
Total costs and expenses	1,714.6	555.6	564.5	594.5	2,498.8	587.7	632.4	631.2	647.5
Adjusted EBITDAR, excluding gain on sale of operating assets	1,128.6	360.7	361.8	406.1	1,487.9	378.8	369.6	359.7	379.8
Gain on sale of operating assets	103.2	-	-	103.2	-	-	-	-	-
Adjusted EBITDAR	\$ 1,231.8	\$ 360.7	\$ 361.8	\$ 509.3	\$ 1,487.9	\$ 378.8	\$ 369.6	\$ 359.7	\$ 379.8
Adjusted EBITDAR margin, excluding gain on sale of operating assets	39.7%	39.4%	39.1%	40.6%	37.3%	39.2%	36.9%	36.3%	37.0%
Adjusted EBITDAR margin	43.3%	39.4%	39.1%	50.9%	37.3%	39.2%	36.9%	36.3%	37.0%

Note: The above supplemental information presents our business unit revenues and sales segmented between markets in which we are the incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC") and provide services to customers over network facilities operated by us (Kinetic) and those markets in which we are a competitive local exchange carrier ("CLEC") and provide services over network facilities primarily leased from other carriers (Enterprise and Wholesale). Accordingly, certain ILEC-related revenues included in Enterprise and Wholesale services revenues presented on page 20 have been reclassified and included in Kinetic service revenues presented above. This supplemental information has been presented solely for additional insight into and analysis of our operations and is not reflective of how management assesses operating performance or allocates resources to our business segments.

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WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS II, LLC
 QUARTERLY SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION - BUSINESS SEGMENTS
 for the quarterly periods in the years 2024 and 2023
 (In millions)

	2024				2023				
	Total	3rd Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	1st Qtr.	Total	4th Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	1st Qtr.
Kinetic									
Revenues and sales:									
Broadband bundles	\$ 894.0	\$ 290.0	\$ 299.2	\$ 304.8	\$ 1,207.6	\$ 303.3	\$ 300.8	\$ 303.9	\$ 299.6
Voice and other	44.3	13.6	14.8	15.9	70.5	16.8	17.7	17.6	18.4
Consumer	938.3	303.6	314.0	320.7	1,278.1	320.1	318.5	321.5	318.0
Small business	125.7	40.6	41.8	43.3	168.2	42.7	42.6	41.2	41.7
RDOF funding	39.3	13.1	13.1	13.1	52.4	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1
State USF	44.0	14.4	14.7	14.9	62.5	15.2	15.3	16.0	16.0
End user surcharges	39.8	12.7	13.0	14.1	58.3	15.6	12.9	13.7	16.1
Service revenues	1,187.1	384.4	396.6	406.1	1,619.5	406.7	402.4	405.5	404.9
Product sales	22.1	6.7	7.9	7.5	30.2	6.4	7.7	8.6	7.5
Total revenues and sales	1,209.2	391.1	404.5	413.6	1,649.7	413.1	410.1	414.1	412.4
Costs and expenses	474.2	159.7	157.0	157.5	627.6	153.5	166.1	157.6	150.4
Kinetic direct margin	\$ 735.0	\$ 231.4	\$ 247.5	\$ 256.1	\$ 1,022.1	\$ 259.6	\$ 244.0	\$ 256.5	\$ 262.0
Kinetic direct margin %	60.8%	59.2%	61.2%	61.9%	62.0%	62.8%	59.5%	61.9%	63.5%
Enterprise									
Revenues and sales:									
Strategic and Advanced IP (A)	\$ 865.3	\$ 276.5	\$ 287.7	\$ 301.1	\$ 1,198.2	\$ 296.0	\$ 302.5	\$ 297.6	\$ 302.1
TDM/Other (B)	114.9	34.8	32.9	47.2	303.2	49.8	76.7	74.3	102.4
End user surcharges	41.5	13.0	13.4	15.1	60.4	15.7	14.3	14.0	16.4
Service revenues	1,021.7	324.3	334.0	363.4	1,561.8	361.5	393.5	385.9	420.9
Product sales	1.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	3.4	1.4	1.3	0.3	0.4
Total revenues and sales	1,022.9	324.7	334.4	363.8	1,565.2	362.9	394.8	386.2	421.3
Costs and expenses	442.3	138.4	147.7	156.2	710.9	164.0	175.9	179.3	191.7
Enterprise direct margin	\$ 580.6	\$ 186.3	\$ 186.7	\$ 207.6	\$ 854.3	\$ 198.9	\$ 218.9	\$ 206.9	\$ 229.6
Enterprise direct margin %	56.8%	57.4%	55.8%	57.1%	54.6%	54.8%	55.4%	53.6%	54.5%
Wholesale									
Revenues and sales:									
Service revenues	\$ 586.6	\$ 194.3	\$ 185.1	\$ 207.2	\$ 766.7	\$ 189.6	\$ 194.9	\$ 188.6	\$ 193.6
Fiber sales	24.5	6.2	2.3	16.0	5.1	0.9	2.2	2.0	-
Total revenues and sales	611.1	200.5	187.4	223.2	771.8	190.5	197.1	190.6	193.6
Costs and expenses	74.1	23.2	21.5	29.4	83.0	19.6	20.8	21.2	21.4
Wholesale direct margin	\$ 537.0	\$ 177.3	\$ 165.9	\$ 193.8	\$ 688.8	\$ 170.9	\$ 176.3	\$ 169.4	\$ 172.2
Wholesale direct margin %	87.9%	88.4%	88.5%	86.8%	89.2%	89.7%	89.4%	88.9%	88.9%

(A) Strategic revenues consist of recurring Secure Access Service Edge ("SASE"), Unified Communications as a Service ("UCaaS"), OfficeSuite UCC, and associated network access products and services. SASE includes both Software Defined Wide Area Network ("SD-WAN") and Security Service Edge ("SSE"). Advanced IP revenues consist of recurring dynamic Internet protocol, dedicated Internet access, multi-protocol label switching services, integrated voice and data, long distance and managed services.

(B) TDM revenues consist of time-division multiplexing ("TDM") voice and data services. Other revenues include usage-based long-distance revenues and resale revenues as well as all non-recurring revenues.

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 for the quarterly periods in the years 2024 and 2023
 (In millions)

	2024				2023				
	Total	3rd Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	1st Qtr.	Total	4th Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	1st Qtr.
Total segment revenues and expenses									
Revenues and sales:									
Service revenues	\$ 2,795.4	\$ 903.0	\$ 915.7	\$ 976.7	\$ 3,948.0	\$ 957.8	\$ 990.8	\$ 980.0	\$ 1,019.4
Product and fiber sales	47.8	13.3	10.6	23.9	38.7	8.7	11.2	10.9	7.9
Total segment revenues and sales	2,843.2	916.3	926.3	1,000.6	3,986.7	966.5	1,002.0	990.9	1,027.3
Total segment costs and expenses	990.6	321.3	326.2	343.1	1,421.5	337.1	362.8	358.1	363.5
Segment direct margin	\$ 1,852.6	\$ 595.0	\$ 600.1	\$ 657.5	\$ 2,565.2	\$ 629.4	\$ 639.2	\$ 632.8	\$ 663.8
Segment direct margin %	65.2%	64.9%	64.8%	65.7%	64.3%	65.1%	63.8%	63.9%	64.6%
Consolidated revenues and sales									
Service revenues	\$ 2,795.4	\$ 903.0	\$ 915.7	\$ 976.7	\$ 3,948.0	\$ 957.8	\$ 990.8	\$ 980.0	\$ 1,019.4
Product and fiber sales	47.8	13.3	10.6	23.9	38.7	8.7	11.2	10.9	7.9
Consolidated revenues and sales	\$ 2,843.2	\$ 916.3	\$ 926.3	\$ 1,000.6	\$ 3,986.7	\$ 966.5	\$ 1,002.0	\$ 990.9	\$ 1,027.3
Consolidated costs and expenses									
Segment costs and expenses	\$ 990.6	\$ 321.3	\$ 326.2	\$ 343.1	\$ 1,421.5	\$ 337.1	\$ 362.8	\$ 358.1	\$ 363.5
Shared expenses: (C)									
Network access and facilities	324.9	105.1	109.0	110.8	505.1	118.0	126.8	128.8	131.5
Shared network and operations	199.4	65.7	64.2	69.5	301.5	72.2	74.6	75.3	79.4
Information technology and shared corporate	199.7	63.5	65.1	71.1	270.7	60.4	68.2	69.0	73.1
Shared expenses	724.0	234.3	238.3	251.4	1,077.3	250.6	269.6	273.1	284.0
Consolidated costs and expenses	\$ 1,714.6	\$ 555.6	\$ 564.5	\$ 594.5	\$ 2,498.8	\$ 587.7	\$ 632.4	\$ 631.2	\$ 647.5
Consolidated									
Adjusted EBITDAR, excluding gain on sale of operating assets	\$ 1,128.6	\$ 360.7	\$ 361.8	\$ 406.1	\$ 1,487.9	\$ 378.8	\$ 369.6	\$ 359.7	\$ 379.8
Gain on sale of operating assets	103.2	-	-	103.2	-	-	-	-	-
Adjusted EBITDAR	\$ 1,231.8	\$ 360.7	\$ 361.8	\$ 509.3	\$ 1,487.9	\$ 378.8	\$ 369.6	\$ 359.7	\$ 379.8
Adjusted EBITDAR margin, excluding gain on sale of operating assets	39.7%	39.4%	39.1%	40.6%	37.3%	39.2%	36.9%	36.3%	37.0%
Adjusted EBITDAR margin	43.3%	39.4%	39.1%	50.9%	37.3%	39.2%	36.9%	36.3%	37.0%

(C) Shared expenses are not allocated to the segments and primarily consist of service delivery, customer support, engineering, network operations, information technology, accounting and finance, legal, and other corporate management activities that are centrally managed and are not monitored by management at a segment level.

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 for the quarterly periods in the years 2024 and 2023
 (Units in thousands, Dollars in millions, except per unit amounts)

	2024				2023				
	Total	3rd Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	1st Qtr.	Total	4th Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	1st Qtr.
Kinetic Operating Metrics:									
Next Gen consumer broadband customers	435.0	435.0	418.3	401.1	383.2	383.2	363.4	340.3	315.9
<i>Net customer additions</i>	51.8	16.7	17.2	17.9	96.0	19.8	23.1	24.4	28.7
DSL consumer broadband customers	666.5	666.5	695.7	722.9	752.4	752.4	784.0	814.7	846.8
<i>Net customer losses</i>	(85.9)	(29.2)	(27.2)	(29.5)	(126.1)	(31.6)	(30.7)	(32.1)	(31.7)
Total consumer broadband customers	1,101.5	1,101.5	1,114.0	1,124.0	1,135.6	1,135.6	1,147.4	1,155.0	1,162.7
<i>Net customer losses</i>	(34.1)	(12.5)	(10.0)	(11.6)	(30.1)	(11.8)	(7.6)	(7.7)	(3.0)
<i>Average revenue per consumer broadband customer per month</i>	\$ 88.81	\$ 87.26	\$ 89.13	\$ 89.93	\$ 87.46	\$ 88.57	\$ 87.10	\$ 87.41	\$ 85.78
Next Gen premises passed - Consumer	1,595	1,595	1,553	1,508	1,459	1,459	1,406	1,336	1,294
Service Revenues Used in Average Revenue Per Month Computations Above (per page 3):									
Broadband bundle revenues	\$ 894.0	\$ 290.0	\$ 299.2	\$ 304.8	\$ 1,207.6	\$ 303.3	\$ 300.8	\$ 303.9	\$ 299.6
Adjusted Capital Expenditures:									
Total capital expenditures	\$ 664.6	\$ 214.6	\$ 204.1	\$ 245.9	\$ 1,058.4	\$ 237.0	\$ 267.3	\$ 248.9	\$ 305.2
Reimbursement for cost to remove equipment (A)	(0.1)	-	-	(0.1)	(8.6)	(3.4)	(1.5)	(2.4)	(1.3)
Start-up construction equipment capital expenditures (B)	-	-	-	-	(1.4)	-	-	(0.6)	(0.8)
Adjusted Capital Expenditures	\$ 664.5	\$ 214.6	\$ 204.1	\$ 245.8	\$ 1,048.4	\$ 233.6	\$ 265.8	\$ 245.9	\$ 303.1
Adjusted Capital Expenditures by Segment:									
Kinetic	\$ 357.4	\$ 121.3	\$ 108.9	\$ 127.2	\$ 528.0	\$ 122.1	\$ 137.3	\$ 120.2	\$ 148.4
Enterprise	38.0	10.0	11.6	16.4	74.7	14.8	17.8	18.9	23.2
Wholesale	75.8	21.6	21.7	32.5	122.4	25.6	30.9	33.5	32.4
Shared network, information technology and operations	193.3	61.7	61.9	69.7	323.3	71.1	79.8	73.3	99.1
Adjusted Capital Expenditures	664.5	214.6	204.1	245.8	1,048.4	233.6	265.8	245.9	303.1
Less: Unit funding of growth capital expenditures	(230.8)	(34.2)	(65.3)	(131.3)	(250.0)	(16.5)	(74.8)	(91.2)	(67.5)
Adjusted Capital Expenditures, Net	\$ 433.7	\$ 180.4	\$ 138.8	\$ 114.5	\$ 798.4	\$ 217.1	\$ 191.0	\$ 154.7	\$ 235.6
Capital Expenditures Intensity % (C)	16%	21%	16%	12%	22%	25%	21%	17%	26%

(A) Reimbursement from the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") for the cost to remove from our network certain equipment purchased from a Chinese manufacturer that we were required to remove by FCC order. Windstream completed the removal of this equipment in the first quarter of 2023.

(B) Consists of non-recurring capital expenditures for construction equipment to support the Company's internal engineering and fiber construction organization.

(C) Calculated as Adjusted Capital Expenditures, net, as a percentage of total revenue excluding switched access and end user surcharges, and Enterprise TDM/Other revenue.

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 for the quarterly periods in the years 2024 and 2023
 (In millions)

	2024				2023				
	Total	3rd Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	1st Qtr.	Total	4th Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	1st Qtr.
ADJUSTED FREE CASH FLOW:									
Operating income (loss)	\$ 74.2	\$ (37.3)	\$ (21.6)	\$ 133.1	\$ (47.8)	\$ (29.1)	\$ (8.5)	\$ (12.1)	\$ 1.9
Depreciation and amortization expense	612.6	204.1	200.8	207.7	790.8	192.9	202.7	199.5	195.7
EBITDA	686.8	166.8	179.2	340.8	743.0	163.8	194.2	187.4	197.6
Adjustments:									
Straight-line expense under master leases with Uniti	521.1	174.9	173.9	172.3	677.1	171.1	170.1	168.7	167.2
Cash payment under master leases with Uniti	(506.4)	(169.2)	(168.9)	(168.3)	(672.2)	(168.3)	(168.4)	(168.0)	(167.5)
Cash received from Uniti per settlement agreement	73.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	98.0	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5
Net (gain) loss on asset retirements and dispositions	(29.1)	2.3	(9.7)	(21.7)	(1.8)	6.7	(2.9)	(5.2)	(0.4)
Other costs (A)	48.9	15.5	16.9	16.5	56.6	28.9	6.7	7.2	13.8
Equity-based compensation	4.1	1.2	1.5	1.4	13.0	8.3	1.5	1.6	1.6
Adjusted EBITDA	798.9	216.0	217.4	365.5	913.7	235.0	225.7	216.2	236.8
Adjusted Capital Expenditures	(664.5)	(214.6)	(204.1)	(245.8)	(1,048.4)	(233.6)	(265.8)	(245.9)	(303.1)
Additional rent paid for growth capital expenditures funded by Uniti	(38.9)	(14.6)	(13.0)	(11.3)	(32.0)	(9.9)	(8.4)	(7.3)	(6.4)
Cash paid for interest on long-term debt obligations	(180.8)	(77.7)	(23.9)	(79.2)	(203.7)	(22.6)	(76.1)	(28.2)	(76.8)
Uniti funding of growth capital expenditures	230.8	34.2	65.3	131.3	250.0	16.5	74.8	91.2	67.5
Cash (paid) received for income taxes, net	(7.9)	(3.3)	(5.1)	0.5	(11.6)	(0.3)	(1.6)	(9.5)	(0.2)
Adjusted Free Cash Flow	\$ 137.6	\$ (60.0)	\$ 36.6	\$ 161.0	\$ (132.0)	\$ (14.9)	\$ (51.4)	\$ 16.5	\$ (82.2)
COMPUTATION OF ADJUSTED EBITDA:									
Operating income (loss)	\$ 74.2	\$ (37.3)	\$ (21.6)	\$ 133.1	\$ (47.8)	\$ (29.1)	\$ (8.5)	\$ (12.1)	\$ 1.9
Depreciation and amortization expense	612.6	204.1	200.8	207.7	790.8	192.9	202.7	199.5	195.7
Straight-line expense under master leases with Uniti	521.1	174.9	173.9	172.3	677.1	171.1	170.1	168.7	167.2
Gain on sale of operating assets	(103.2)	-	-	(103.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Net (gain) loss on asset retirements and dispositions	(29.1)	2.3	(9.7)	(21.7)	(1.8)	6.7	(2.9)	(5.2)	(0.4)
Other costs (A)	48.9	15.5	16.9	16.5	56.6	28.9	6.7	7.2	13.8
Equity-based compensation	4.1	1.2	1.5	1.4	13.0	8.3	1.5	1.6	1.6
Adjusted EBITDAR, excluding gain on sale of operating assets	1,128.6	360.7	361.8	406.1	1,487.9	378.8	369.6	359.7	379.8
Gain on sale of operating assets	103.2	-	-	103.2	-	-	-	-	-
Adjusted EBITDAR	1,231.8	360.7	361.8	509.3	1,487.9	378.8	369.6	359.7	379.8
Cash payment under master leases with Uniti	(506.4)	(169.2)	(168.9)	(168.3)	(672.2)	(168.3)	(168.4)	(168.0)	(167.5)
Cash received from Uniti per settlement agreement	73.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	98.0	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 798.9	\$ 216.0	\$ 217.4	\$ 365.5	\$ 913.7	\$ 235.0	\$ 225.7	\$ 216.2	\$ 236.8
(A) Other costs for the periods presented consist of the following:									
	2024				2023				
	Total	3rd Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	1st Qtr.	Total	4th Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	1st Qtr.
Merger costs (1)	\$ 21.8	\$ 7.0	\$ 10.1	\$ 4.7	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cost initiatives (2)	0.2	0.1	-	0.1	12.9	4.3	1.3	3.4	3.9
Severance and benefit costs	26.9	8.4	6.8	11.7	43.7	24.6	5.4	3.8	9.9
Other costs	48.9	15.5	16.9	16.5	56.6	28.9	6.7	7.2	13.8

(1) Costs related to our pending merger with Uniti consisting of legal, accounting and consulting fees.

(2) Cost initiatives include lease termination costs, professional and consulting fees, and other miscellaneous expenses incurred in completing certain cost optimization projects.

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Additional Information and Where to Find It

In connection with the contemplated merger (the "Merger"), New Uniti has filed a registration statement on Form S-4 with the SEC that contains a proxy statement/prospectus and other documents, which has not yet become effective. Once effective, the Uniti will mail the proxy statement/prospectus contained in the Form S-4 to its stockholders. This communication is not a substitute for any registration statement, proxy statement/prospectus or other documents that may be filed with the SEC in connection with the Merger.

THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE MERGER CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT UNITI, WINDSTREAM, NEW UNITI, THE MERGER AND RELATED MATTERS. INVESTORS SHOULD READ THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY, AS WELL AS ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND SUCH DOCUMENTS, BEFORE THEY MAKE ANY DECISION WITH RESPECT TO THE MERGER. The proxy statement/prospectus, any amendments or supplements thereto and all other documents filed with the SEC in connection with the Merger will be available free of charge on the SEC's website (at www.sec.gov). Copies of documents filed with the SEC by Uniti will be made available free of charge on the Company's investor relations website (at <https://investor.uniti.com/financial-information/sec-filings>).

Participants in the Solicitation

Uniti, Windstream and their respective directors and certain of their executive officers and other employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Uniti's stockholders in connection with the Merger. Information about Uniti's directors and executive officers is set forth in the sections titled "Proposal No. 1 Election of Directors" and "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" included in Uniti's proxy statement for its 2024 annual meeting of stockholders, which was filed with the SEC on April 11, 2024 (and which is available at <https://www.sec.gov/Archives/edgar/data/1620280/000110465924046100/0001104659-24-046100-index.htm>), the section titled "Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance" included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, which was filed with the SEC on February 29, 2024 (and which is available at <https://www.sec.gov/ix?doc=/Archives/edgar/data/1620280/000162828024008054/unit-20231231.htm>), and subsequent statements of beneficial ownership on file with the SEC and other filings made from time to time with the SEC. Additional information regarding the persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be deemed participants in the solicitation of Uniti stockholders in connection with the Merger, including a description of their direct or indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, is set forth in the proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials filed by New Uniti with the SEC. These documents can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above.

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Examples of forward-looking statements in this communication (made at the date of this communication unless otherwise indicated) include, among others, statements regarding the Merger and the future performance of New Uniti (together with Windstream and Uniti, the "Merged Group"), the perceived and potential synergies and other benefits of the Merger, and expectations around the financial impact of the Merger on the Merged Group's financials. In addition, this communication contains statements concerning the intentions, beliefs and expectations, plans, strategies and objectives of the directors and management of Uniti and Windstream for Uniti and Windstream, respectively, and the Merged Group, the anticipated timing for and outcome and effects of the Merger (including expected benefits to shareholders of Uniti), expectations for the ongoing development and growth potential of the Merged Group and the future operation of Uniti, Windstream and the Merged Group.

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