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### **Presenters**



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# Before we get into the numbers, let us explain where we are coming from

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# WALL STREET MYTHS ABOUT MSOs TODAY

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#### CONTRIBUTION vs. FREE CASH FLOW

#### WALL STREET MYTH #1

The \$40 of <u>Contribution</u> per video sub equals profit, so video sub counts still matter a lot to MSO value.

#### REALITY

All MSO Expenses and Capex are variable.

There is no meaningful video <u>Free Cash Flow</u> left. MSOs are successfully harvesting video subs.

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#### **VIDEO vs. NON-VIDEO LINKAGE**

#### **WALL STREET MYTH #2**

Video is a necessary gateway product for MSOs.

#### REALITY

- Non-video subs (HSD-only) have a 26% CAGR while video subs losses accelerate.
- Business revenue (also non-video) has a 21% CAGR.

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### **SCALE vs. FOCUS**

#### WALL STREET MYTH #3

Economy-of-scale is the only MSO strategy that works.

#### REALITY

There is no relationship between MSO expense per unit and size, because there are plenty of other successful strategies that substitute focus for scale.

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#### **CONTENT vs. DISTRIBUTION**

#### **WALL STREET MYTH #4**

Bundled content providers have nearly unlimited and unending leverage over distributors.

#### REALITY

See MYTH #1. Little MSO video <u>free cash flow</u> means little programmer leverage. Passing through the full increases <u>is</u> accelerating the video cliff.

# A hypothetical model with a shift from Product A to Product B helps demonstrate important points

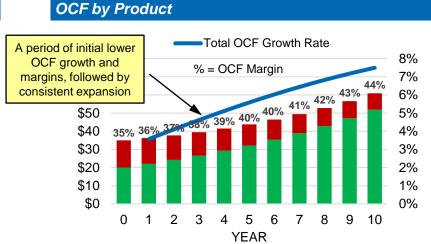
**Product A** dominates revenues today, but is failing and has modest OCF margins **Product B** is smaller, but has rapid growth and twice the OCF margin

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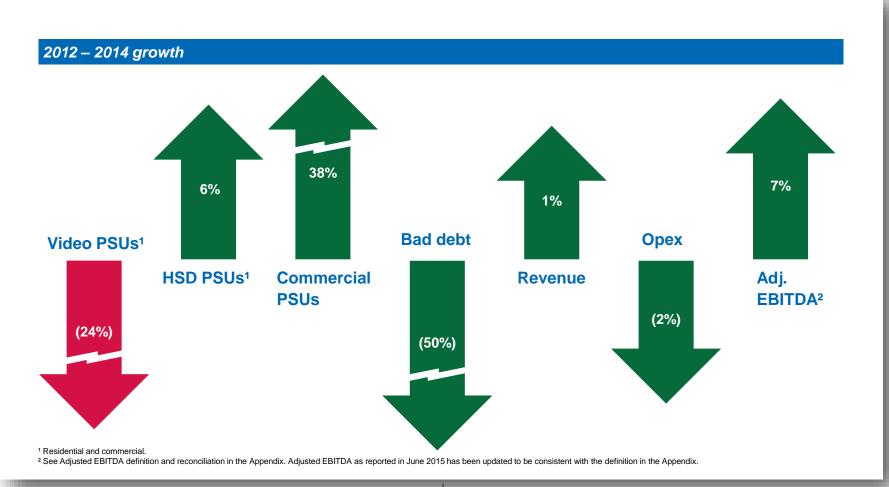
	YEAR 10		
PRODUCT A	PRODUCT B	TOTAL	CAGR
\$36 (26%)	\$104 (74%)	\$140	3%
-5%	+10%		
25%	50%	35%	
\$9 (15%)	\$52 (85%)	\$61	6%

The numbers in this hypothetical model do not match Cable ONE's revenues, margins, or growth rates.

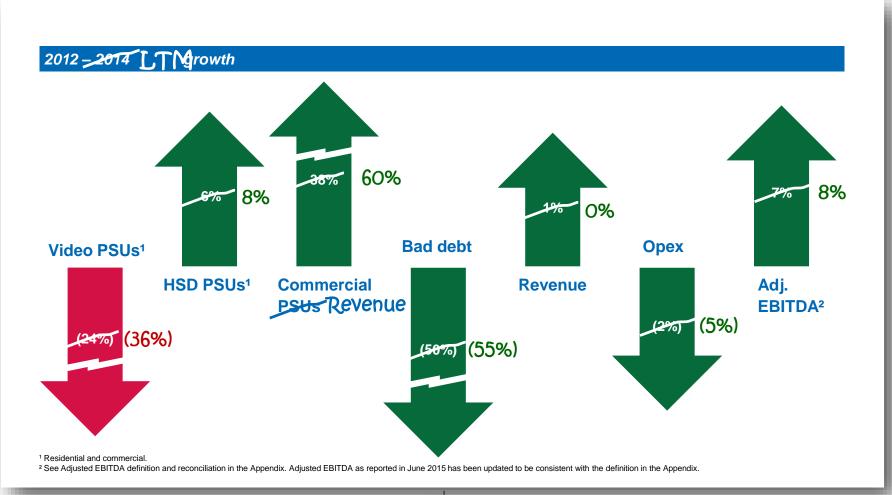




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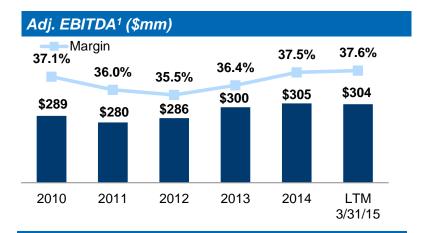


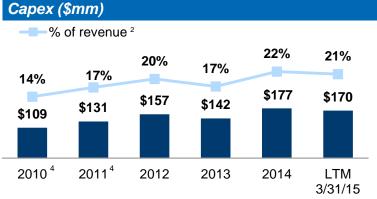
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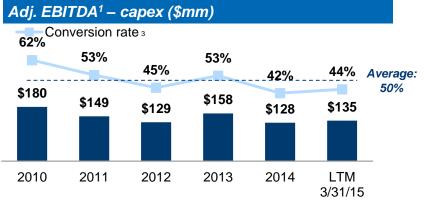


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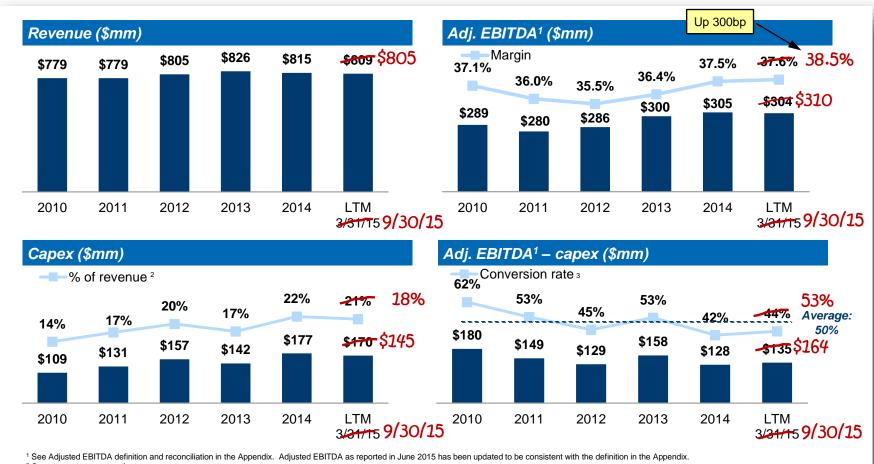
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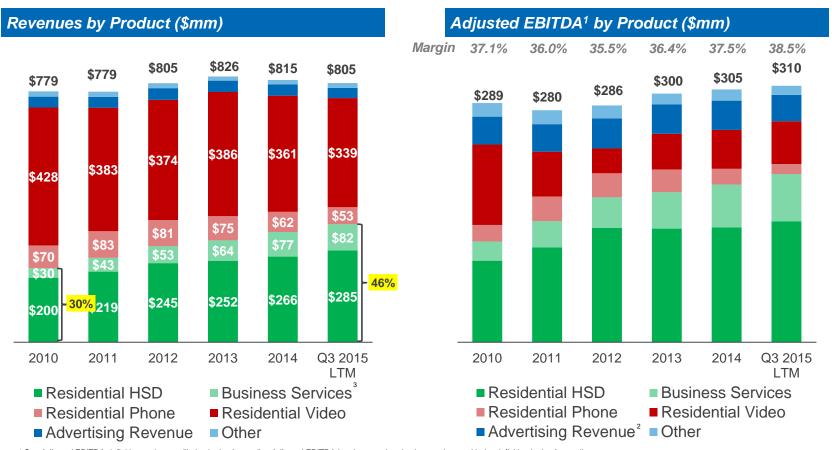


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# As predicted by our hypothetical model, Residential Data and Business Services start to dominate Adjusted EBITDA

Total Revenues are slack while declining products still dominate, but overall margins expand in the Residential Data and Business Services direction



<sup>1</sup> See Adjusted EBITDA definition and reconciliation in the Appendix. Adjusted EBITDA has been updated to be consistent with the definition in the Appendix.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Costs are not allocated to Advertising Sales.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Business Services Revenue includes approximately \$2 Million, \$3 Million, and \$4 Million of Commercial Revenue (fiber revenue) in 2012, 2013, and 2014, respectively, that was classified as Other Revenue in the Form 10

# A more detailed look at the last quarter versus a year ago shows we are passing through the inflection point

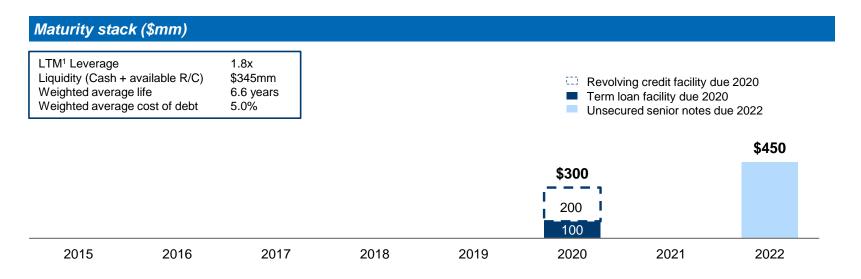
#### (Unaudited and in '000s)

Three Months Ended September 30, 2015 2014 \$ Change % Change **REVENUES** -\$5,979 Residential Video \$81,209 \$87,188 -6.9% Residential Data \$73,074 \$66,296 \$6,778 10.2% \$15,150 -\$3,200 Residential Phone \$11,950 -21.1% \$2,957 15.2% \$22,436 \$19,479 **Business Services Advertising Sales** \$7,271 \$8,631 -\$1,360 -15.8% \$2,943 -\$668 -22.7% Other \$2,275 -\$1,472 Total Revenue \$198,215 \$199,687 -0.7% **Operating Expenses** \$120,791 \$126,815 -\$6,024 -4.8% Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> \$77,424 \$72,872 \$4,552 6.2% +260bp Margin 39.1% 36.5% **Capital Spending** \$31,418 \$52,290 -\$20,872 -39.9% Share of Revenue 15.9% 26.2% Free Cash Flow<sup>2</sup> \$25,424 \$46,006 \$20,582 123.5%

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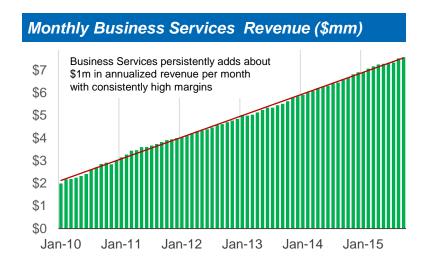
# Our abundant liquidity, low leverage and meaningful free cash flow has us looking for attractive investment scenarios

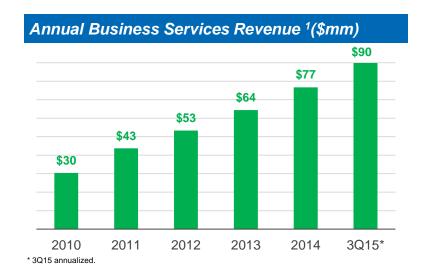


Debt by tranche (\$mm)				
	<u>Amount</u>	Pricing	Maturity	LTM Leverage <sup>1</sup>
Cash as of September 30, 2015	\$145			
Revolving credit facility (\$200mm)	0	L + 150 bps	Jun-2020	
Senior secured term loan A	100	L + 150 bps	Jun-2020	0.3x
Senior unsecured notes	450	5.75%	Jun-2022	1.5x
Total debt Net debt	\$550 \$405			1.8x 1.3x

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Based on LTM 9/30/15 Adjusted EBITDA of \$310 million. See Adjusted EBITDA definition and reconciliation in the Appendix.

# Business Services offer high growth, high margins and years of opportunity





#### LTM Revenues and shares (\$mm)

	Revenue	Share
Data	\$40	46%
Video	\$20	23%
Voice	\$17	20%
Enterprise	\$9	10%
Total	\$85	100%

#### In-market Opportunity Estimates

#### SMB ~ 31% Market Share Estimate

16% penetration of voice market share 32% of penetration of data market share

#### **ENTERPRISE ~8% Market Share Estimate**

\$101M of spend available within 500 ft. of plant \$77M fiber opportunity

\$24M advance voice services opportunity

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# Heavy investments in the Residential Data business are starting to pay off

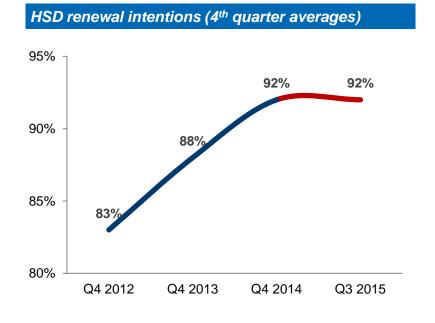
#### Heavy HSD Investments (2013-2016)

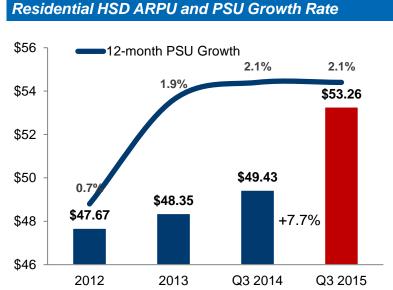
- Completing all-digital conversion
- Replacing all CMTS
- Increasing channel bonding from 4 to 32
- Doubling the number of nodes

#### **Significant Customer Benefits**

- Spring 2015 Increased top speed to 100M
- Fall 2015 Increased standard speed to 100M
- Fall 2015 Increase top speed to 200M
- 2016 Increase top speed to 1G GigaONE

#### Slide from Cable ONE Equity Road Show Presentation – June, 2015 <u>Updated</u> for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2015





Source: Company filings, Significance Inc. (a market research firm for Fortune 500 companies)

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### **Appendix**

- Use of Non-GAAP Financial Metrics
- Reconciliation of Net Income to Adjusted EBITDA
- Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Free Cash Flow

### **Use of Non-GAAP Financial Metrics**

The Company uses certain measures that are not defined by Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) to evaluate various aspects of its business. Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA Margin (labeled "Margin" in this presentation) and Free Cash Flow are non-GAAP financial measures and should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for, net income or cash flows from operating activities reported in accordance with GAAP. These terms, as defined by Cable ONE, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies. Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin are reconciled to net income, and Free Cash Flow is reconciled to net cash provided by operating activities in this Appendix.

"Adjusted EBITDA" is defined as net income plus net interest expense, provision for income taxes, depreciation and amortization, equity-based and cash-based compensation expense, (gain) loss on deferred compensation, (gain) loss on disposal of fixed assets, other (income) expense, net and other unusual operating expenses, as defined in this Appendix. As such, it eliminates the significant non-cash depreciation and amortization expense that results from the capital-intensive nature of the Company's business as well as other non-cash or special items and is unaffected by the Company's capital structure or investment activities. This measure is limited in that it does not reflect the periodic costs of certain capitalized tangible and intangible assets used in generating revenues and the cash cost of financing. These costs are evaluated through other financial measures.

"Adjusted EBITDA Margin" is defined as Adjusted EBITDA divided by total revenues.

"Free Cash Flow" is defined as net cash provided by operating activities excluding the impact of capital expenditures, interest expense, provision for income taxes, changes in operating assets and liabilities and other unusual operating expenses, as defined in this Appendix. In addition, as further discussed below, "Free Cash Flow" is equal to Adjusted EBITDA less capital expenditures.

The Company uses Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA Margin and Free Cash Flow to assess its performance and its ability to fund operations and make additional investments with internally-generated funds. In addition, Adjusted EBITDA generally correlates to the leverage ratio calculation under the Company's credit facilities and outstanding 5.75% senior unsecured notes due 2022 to determine compliance with the covenants contained in the facilities and notes. For the purpose of calculating compliance with leverage covenants, the Company uses a measure similar to Adjusted EBITDA.

The Company believes Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin are appropriate measures for evaluating itself. Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA Margin and similar measures with similar titles are common performance measures used by investors, analysts and peers to compare performance in the Company's industry, although the Company's measures of Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin may not be directly comparable to similar measures reported by other companies.

The Company believes that Free Cash Flow is useful as it is one of several indicators of the Company's ability to service debt, make investments and/or return capital to its shareholders. The Company also believes that Free Cash Flow is one of several benchmarks used by investors, analysts and peers for comparison of performance in the Company's industry, although its measure of Free Cash Flow may not be directly comparable to similar measures reported by other companies. The closest equivalent GAAP financial metric to Free Cash Flow is net cash provided by operating activities, as set forth in this Appendix. The Company believes Free Cash Flow is a useful metric because it also equals Adjusted EBITDA, less capital expenditures, showing the Company's performance while taking into account cash outflows.

# **Reconciliation of Net Income to Adjusted EBITDA**

#### (\$mm)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	LTM 1Q15	LTM 3Q15
REVENUES	\$779	\$779	\$805	\$826	\$815	\$809	\$805
NET INCOME	\$96	\$98	\$94	\$105	\$147	\$146	\$91
Plus: Interest expense, net	-	-	-	-	- j	0	10
Provision for income taxes	62	53	56	60	91	89	56
Depreciation and amortization	125	127	127	126	134	137	140
Equity-based compensation expense	2	3	3	3	2	2	7
Cash-based compensation expense	2	2	1	2	(0)	(0)	0
(Gain) loss on deferred compensation	1	(0)	2	3	2	2	0
Other (income) expense, net	0	0	0	0	(74)	(74)	(0)
Other (gain) loss	(0)	(2)	4	3	1	1	2
Billing system implementation costs	-	-	-	-	2	2	5
	4000	4000	4000	4000	400= 1	40	40.55
ADJUSTED EBITDA	\$289	\$280	\$286	\$300	\$305	\$304	\$310
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	37.1%	36.0%	35.5%	36.4%	37.5%	37.6%	38.5%

# **Reconciliation of Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities to Free Cash Flow**

#### (\$mm)

	Q3 2015	Q3 2014	\$ Change	% Change
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$77	\$38	\$40	106%
Capital expenditures	-31	-52	21	-40%
Billing system implementation costs	1	1	0	-14%
Interest expense	8	0	8	NM
Pre-spin performance-based compensation expense	0	0	0	-100%
(Gain) loss on deferred compensation	0	1	-1	-166%
Other (income) expense, net	0	0	0	NM
Provision for income taxes	12	43	-31	-72%
Benefit (provision) for deferred income taxes	12	-2	14	NM
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	-32	-7	-24	NM
Free Cash Flow	\$46	\$21	\$25	124%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$77	\$73	\$5	6%
Less: Capital expenditures	-31	-52	21	-40%
Free Cash Flow	\$46	\$21	\$25	124%

