# **Investor Update**

Third Quarter 2013





### Safe Harbor Statement

#### Forward-Looking Language

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We note the following as a partial list: the effects of greater than anticipated competition from cable, wireless and other wireline carriers that could require us to implement new pricing, marketing strategies or new product or service offerings and the risk that we will not respond on a timely or profitable basis; reductions in the number of our voice customers that we cannot offset with increases in broadband subscribers and sales of other products and services; our ability to maintain relationships with customers, employees or suppliers; the effects of ongoing changes in the regulation of the communications industry as a result of federal and state legislation and regulation, or changes in the enforcement or interpretation of such legislation and regulation; the effects of any unfavorable outcome with respect to any current or future legal, governmental or regulatory proceedings, audits or disputes; the effects of changes in the availability of federal and state universal service funding or other subsidies to us and our competitors; our ability to adjust successfully to changes in the communications industry and to implement strategies for growth; continued reductions in switched access revenues as a result of regulation, competition or technology substitutions; our ability to effectively manage service quality in our territories and meet mandated service quality metrics; our ability to successfully introduce new product offerings, including our ability to offer bundled service packages on terms that are both profitable to us and attractive to customers; the effects of changes in accounting policies or practices adopted voluntarily or as required by generally accepted accounting principles or regulations; our ability to effectively manage our operations, operating expenses and capital expenditures, and to repay, reduce or refinance our debt; the effects of changes in both general and local economic conditions on the markets that we serve, which can affect demand for our products and services, customer purchasing decisions, collectability of revenues and required levels of capital expenditures related to new construction of residences and businesses: the effects of technological changes and competition on our capital expenditures, products and service offerings, including the lack of assurance that our network improvements in speed and capacity will be sufficient to meet or exceed the capabilities and quality of competing networks; the effects of increased medical (including as a result of the impact of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act), pension and postemployment expenses, such as retiree medical and severance costs, and related funding requirements; the effects of changes in income tax rates, tax laws, regulations or rulings, or federal or state tax assessments; our ability to successfully renegotiate union contracts; changes in pension plan assumptions and/or the value of our pension plan assets, which could require us to make increased contributions to the pension plan in 2014 and beyond; the effects of economic downturns, including customer bankruptcies and home foreclosures, which could result in difficulty in collection of revenues and loss of customers; adverse changes in the credit markets or in the ratings given to our debt securities by nationally accredited ratings organizations, which could limit or restrict the availability, or increase the cost, of financing; our cash flow from operations, amount of capital expenditures, debt service requirements, cash paid for income taxes and liquidity may affect our payment of dividends on our common shares; the effects of state regulatory cash management practices that could limit our ability to transfer cash among our subsidiaries or dividend funds up to the parent company; and the effects of severe weather events such as hurricanes, tornadoes, ice storms or other natural or man-made disasters. These and other uncertainties related to our business are described in greater detail in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our reports on Forms 10-K and 10-Q, and the foregoing information should be read in conjunction with these filings. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements or to make any other forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise unless required to do so by securities laws.



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

The Company uses certain non-GAAP financial measures in evaluating its performance. These include non-GAAP adjusted net income attributable to common shareholders of Frontier, free cash flow, or "operating cash flow," which we define as operating income plus depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA"), and Adjusted EBITDA; a reconciliation of the differences among EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA and free cash flow and the most comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP is included in the appendix. The non-GAAP financial measures are by definition not measures of financial performance under GAAP and are not alternatives to operating income or net income reflected in the statement of operations or to cash flow as reflected in the statement of cash flows and are not necessarily indicative of cash available to fund all cash flow needs. The non-GAAP financial measures used by the Company may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

The Company believes that the presentation of non-GAAP financial measures provides useful information to investors regarding the Company's financial condition and results of operations because these measures, when used in conjunction with related GAAP financial measures, (i) together provide a more comprehensive view of the Company's core operations and ability to generate cash flow, (ii) provide investors with the financial analytical framework upon which management bases financial, operational, compensation and planning decisions and, (iii) presents measurements that investors and rating agencies have indicated to management are useful to them in assessing the Company and its results of operations. In addition, the Company believes that free cash flow, EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA, as the Company defines them, can assist in comparing performance from period to period, without taking into account factors affecting cash flow reflected in the statement of cash flows, including changes in working capital and the timing of purchases and payments.

The Company has shown adjustments to its financial presentations to exclude certain costs because investors have indicated to management that such adjustments are useful to them in assessing the Company and its results of operations. These adjustments are detailed in the Appendix for the reconciliation of free cash flow. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA.

Management uses these non-GAAP financial measures to (i) assist in analyzing the Company's underlying financial performance from period to period, (ii) evaluate the financial performance of its business units, (iii) analyze and evaluate strategic and operational decisions, (iv) establish criteria for compensation decisions, and (v) assist management in understanding the Company's ability to generate cash flow and, as a result, to plan for future capital and operational decisions. Management uses these non-GAAP financial measures in conjunction with related GAAP financial measures. These non-GAAP financial measures have certain shortcomings. In particular, free cash flow does not represent the residual cash flow available for discretionary expenditures, since items such as debt repayments and dividends are not deducted in determining such measure. EBITDA has similar shortcomings as interest, income taxes, capital expenditures, debt repayments and dividends are not deducted in determining this measure. Management compensates for the shortcomings of these measures by utilizing them in conjunction with their comparable GAAP financial measures. The information in this document should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and footnotes contained in our documents filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Note: Unless noted otherwise, throughout this presentation all prior period Revenues and Adjusted EBITDA exclude Mohave Cellular Limited Partnership results, which was sold on April 1, 2013. Numbers are rounded and may not sum.



# Earnings Call Agenda

Strategic Overview Maggie Wilderotter, Chairman and CEO

Operational Results Dan McCarthy, President and COO

Financial Results John Jureller, EVP and CFO

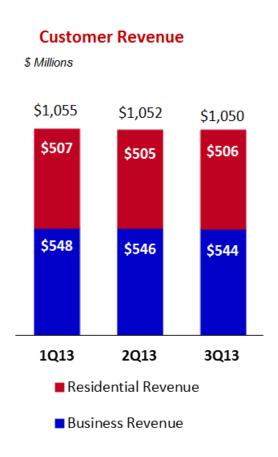
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# Strategic and Operating Achievements

### Third Quarter Results

- Revenue improvement quarter over quarter in Residential segment
- Net broadband additions of 26,805
- Net customer losses stable
- Positive broad-based customer response to bundles and pricing
- Local engagement strategy is delivering results

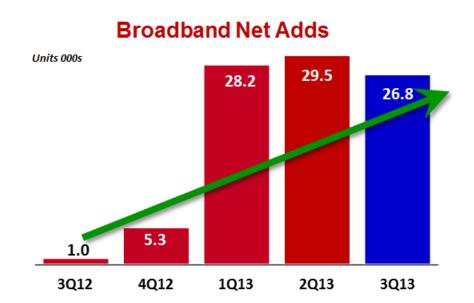




# **Key Strategic and Operating Objectives**

#### Lead with Broadband

- Driving Broadband penetration higher remains Frontier's greatest opportunity
- 84% of all customer gross adds include broadband
- Improved network reach & speed





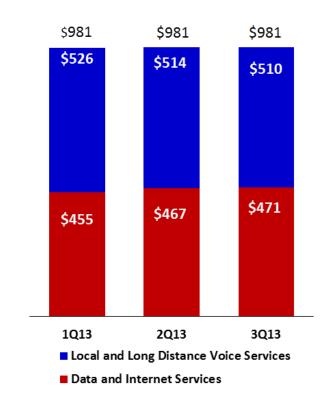
# **Key Strategic and Operating Objectives**

#### **Drive Revenue Growth**

#### **Data, Internet and Voice Services Revenue**

\$ Millions

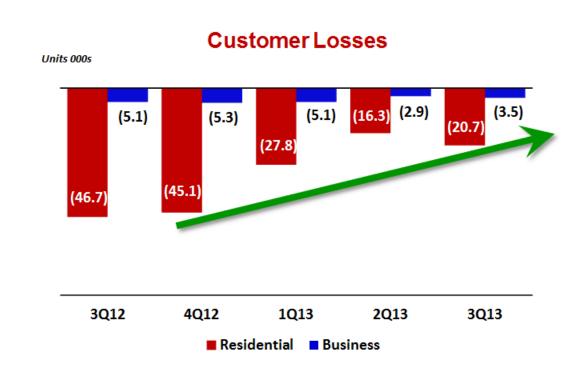
- Continued Broadband market share gains
- Everyday pricing and bundles continue to have traction
- Sequential increases in data and internet services revenue offset declines in voice services in Q3





# **Keep Customers Keep Customers**

- Improving rate of customer losses:
  - Residential improved 56% as compared to sequential loss in Q3 2012
  - Business improved 31% as compared to sequential loss in Q3 2012

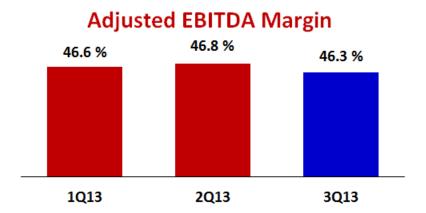




# **Key Strategic and Operating Objectives**

### Simplification & Cost Savings

- Further process simplification and systems automation projects underway
- Disciplined cost management to maintain strong margins





# **Operational Review**

#### Residential



# (1.6)% (1.5)% (1.0)% (0.6)% (0.7)% 3Q12 4Q12 1Q13 2Q13 3Q13

#### **Year-over-Year Residential Customers**



- Sequential increase in data revenue offset sequential declines in voice revenue
- Broadband unit growth and Residential customer losses improved year-to-year;
   Q3 seasonality for vacation home disconnects was expected
- Frontier Secure offerings continue to drive incremental revenue & ARPC
- About 30% of Broadband gross adds obtained through alternate channels
- Substantial market opportunity:
  - Average Residential Broadband market share in low-20's
  - Growing opportunity to migrate customers to higher speed tiers



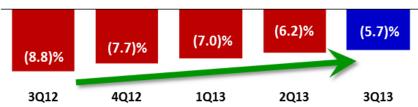
# **Operational Review**

#### **Business & Wholesale**



# (1.7)% (1.8)% (1.8)% (1.0)% (1.3)% 3Q12 4Q12 1Q13 2Q13 3Q13

#### **Year-over-Year Business Customers**



- Achieved revenue stability in Business, excluding wireless backhaul
- New small business bundles have been well received in our markets
- Continued progress with Gigabit Ethernet expansion and sales
- Alternate channel expansion, including distributors continues
- Nearing end of wireless backhaul transition



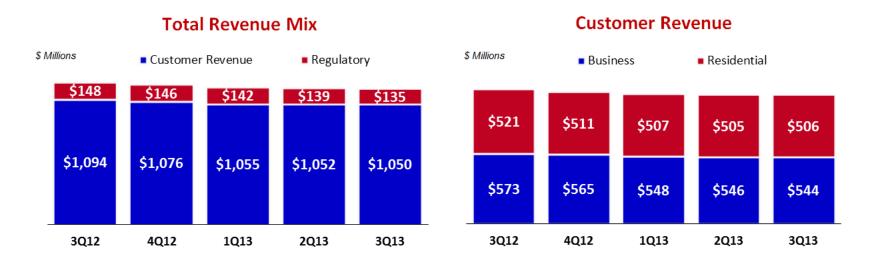
### **Operational Review**

### **Progress with Network**

- Turned up over 87,000 new Broadband Households YTD 2013
  - Expect to complete 55,000 from Federal CAF subsidy by year-end
  - Awaiting FCC response on application for \$71.5 million in CAF 1 Phase 2 funds
- Gigabit Ethernet availability expanded to 86% of Central Offices
- Over 20% of Broadband gross additions were above basic speed tier in Q3
- WiFi expansion continues
- Large opportunity to upgrade customers to higher speed tiers for both Business and Residential Broadband
- Broadband speeds continue to increase:
  - 45% of HHs are capable of 20 Mbps or more
  - Nearing 60% of HHs being capable of 12 Mbps



### Revenues

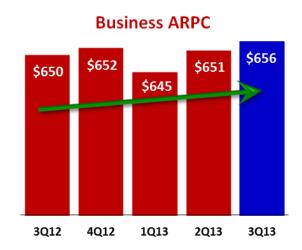


- Customer Revenue declined 0.2% sequentially
- Broadband unit improvement driving Residential performance
- Residential increased 0.1% sequentially
  - Increase in Data revenue offsetting secular headwinds in Voice revenue
- Business declined 0.4% sequentially



### Residential and Business ARPC





- Residential ARPC +1.4% year-overyear
- Business ARPC +1.0% year-overyear



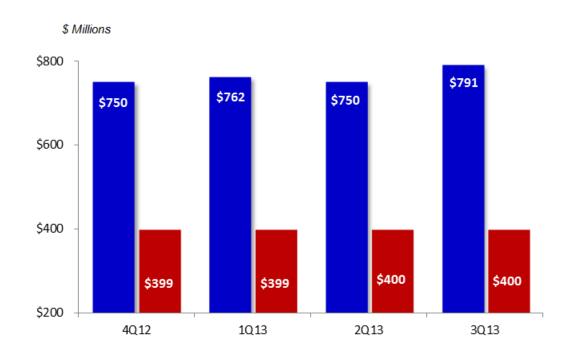
# **Operating Expenses**

### **Cost Saving Reduction Initiative**

\$ Millions	4Q12	1Q13	2Q13	3Q13
Total Reported Cash Operating Expenses	\$658	\$643	\$633	\$636
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	46.4 %	46.6 %	46.8 %	46.3 %



# Cash Flow / Dividend Payout



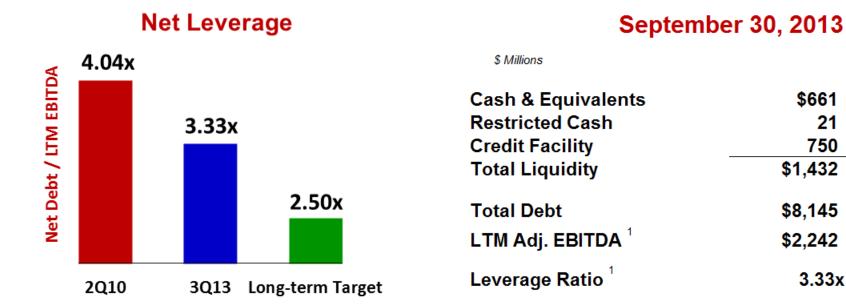
- Q3 and trailing four quarter cash flows remain strong
- Q3 2013 Dividend payout ratio was 43%

- Trailing 4 Quarters Net Cash provided by Operating Activities Total CapEx 1
- Annualized Dividend

Notes: (1) Includes Integration Expenses and Capital Expenditures



# **Credit and Liquidity**



- Leverage (Net Debt / Adj EBITDA) for 3Q13 at 3.33x
- \$1.43B of liquidity at the end of Q3

Notes: (1) Calculation excludes non-current restricted cash of \$11.6 million. LTM Adj. EBITDA includes results of Mohave partnership.



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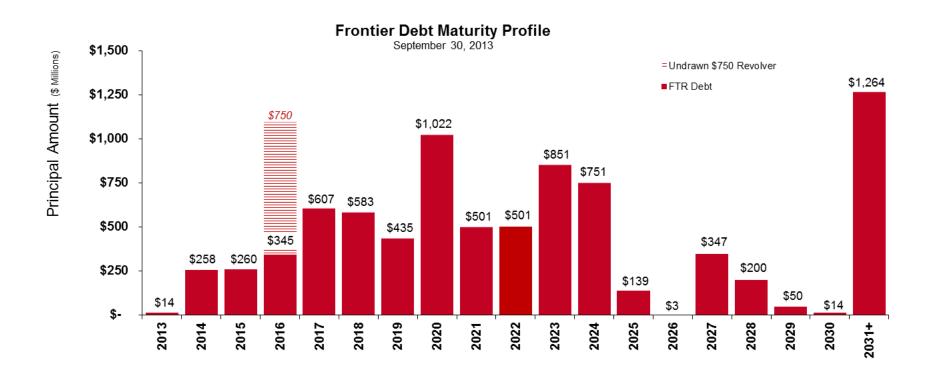
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### **Debt Profile**

- \$258 million current and \$7.9 billion long-term debt outstanding
- \$750 million Revolving Credit Facility commitment through November 2016





### **Guidance Reaffirmed**

	2013					
\$ Millions	Low	High				
Free Cash Flow	\$825	\$925				
Capital Expenditures	\$625	\$675				
Cash Taxes	\$125	<b>\$150</b>				



**Appendix** 





### **Non-GAAP** Reconciliation

### **Quarterly Revenue**

\$ Millions	3Q12	% Chg	4Q12	% Chg	1Q13	% Chg	2Q13	% Chg	3Q13
Residential Revenue Excluding Mohave partnership	\$521	(1.8)%	\$511	(0.8)%	\$507	(0.3)%	\$505	0.1 %	\$506
Business Revenue	<u>573</u>	(1.4)%	<u>565</u>	(2.9)%	<u>548</u>	(0.4)%	<u>546</u>	(0.4)%	<u>544</u>
Total Customer Revenue	\$1,094	(1.6)%	\$1,076	(1.9)%	\$1,055	(0.3)%	\$1,052	(0.2)%	\$1,050
Regulatory Revenue	<u>148</u>	(1.4)%	<u>146</u>	(2.6)%	<u>142</u>	(2.5)%	<u>139</u>	(2.5)%	<u>135</u>
Total Revenue Excluding Mohave partnership	\$1,242	(1.6)%	\$1,222	(2.0)%	\$1,198	(0.6)%	\$1,191	(0.4)%	\$1,185
Mohave partnership Revenue	\$11		\$11		\$8		-		-
Reported Total Revenue	<u>\$1,252</u>	(1.6)%	<u>\$1,233</u>	(2.2)%	<u>\$1,205</u>	(1.2)%	<u>\$1,191</u>	(0.4)%	<u>\$1,185</u>



### **Non-GAAP** Reconciliation

Three Months Ended:	Actual September 3 2012		Actual December 31, 2012		Actual March 31, 2013		Actual June 30, 2013		Actual September 30, 2013	
\$ Millions										
Operating Cash Flow										
Operating income	\$	275	\$	236	\$	251	\$	266	\$	206
Add back:										
Depreciation and amortization		298		304		304		298		286
Operating cash flow (EBITDA)	\$	574	\$	540	\$	554	\$	564	\$	492
Add back:										
Non-cash pension/OPEB costs		(4)		4		5		4		14
Pension settlement costs		-		-		-		-		40
Severance costs		7		17		2		4		3
Integration costs		4		14		-		-		-
Subtract:										
Gain on Sale of Mohave partnership interest		-		-		-		15		-
Operating income, as adjusted	\$	283	\$	270	\$	258	\$	259	\$	263
Operating cash flow, as adjusted (Adjusted EBITDA)	\$	581	\$	574	\$	562	\$	557	\$	549
Add back:										
Interest and dividend income		0		1		2		0		0
Stock-based compensation		5		4		4		5		4
Subtract:										
Cash paid (received) for income taxes (refunds)		4		1		1		83		(1)
Capital expenditures - Business operations		195		177		189		138		158
Interest expense		172		179		171		167		164
Free cash flow	\$	215	\$	222	\$	206	\$	176	\$	232

Note: Adjusted EBITDA, less Mohave partnership Adjusted EBITDA of \$7 million, \$7 million and \$4 million results in Adjusted EBITDA excluding the Mohave partnership of \$574 million, \$567 million and \$558 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012, December 31, 2012 and March 31,2013, respectively.



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