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Additional Information

In connection with the proposed combination, CenturyLink filed a registration statement on Form S-4 with the SEC (Registration Statement No. 333-215121), which was declared effective by the SEC on February 13, 2017. CenturyLink and Level 3 have filed a joint proxy statement/prospectus and will file other relevant documents concerning the proposed transaction with the SEC. CenturyLink and Level 3 began mailing the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus to their respective security holders on or about February 13, 2017. The definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus, dated as of February 13, 2017, contains important information about CenturyLink, Level 3, the proposed combination and related matters. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED COMBINATION OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE DEFINITIVE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS CAREFULLY BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION. Investors and security holders may obtain the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus and the filings that are incorporated by reference in the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus, as well as other filings containing information about CenturyLink and Level 3, free of charge, at the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. Investors and security holders may also obtain these documents free of charge by directing a request to CenturyLink, 100 CenturyLink Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71203, Attention: Corporate Secretary, or to Level 3, 1025 Eldorado Boulevard, Broomfield, Colorado 80021, Attention: Investor Relations.

- ➔ Reaffirmed Full Year 2017 financial outlook

- ➔ Adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾ grew to \$744 million

- ➔ Reached our Target Leverage Ratio⁽²⁾ of 3.0x

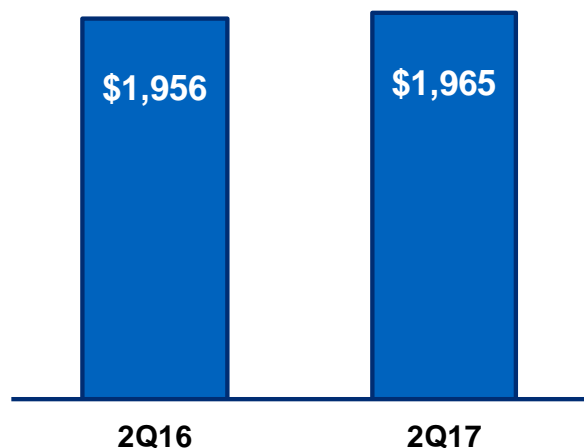
- ➔ Generated Free Cash Flow⁽¹⁾ of \$236 million

(1) 2Q17 Adjusted EBITDA results exclude \$22 million of acquisition-related expenses and Free Cash Flow excludes \$3 million of cash acquisition-related expenses

(2) Excludes acquisition-related expenses of \$57 million in LTM Adjusted EBITDA

CNS Revenue

(\$ in millions)



2Q17 CNS Revenue Performance

Revenue	Constant Currency YoY%	YoY%
Total CNS	0.8%	0.5%
Enterprise	3.4%	3.1%
Enterprise _(ex UK Gov't)	3.6%	3.4%
Wholesale	(6.0%)	(6.5%)
North America	0.1%	0.1%
Enterprise	2.6%	2.6%
Wholesale	(6.3%)	(6.3%)
EMEA	(2.5%)	(7.9%)
Enterprise	0.4%	(4.5%)
Wholesale	(6.0%)	(9.8%)
UK Government	(9.0%)	(22%)
Latin America	11%	14%
Enterprise	16%	19%
Wholesale	(3.0%)	(2.7%)

1.2% 2Q17 CNS Revenue Churn⁽¹⁾

(1) Level 3 measures revenue churn as disconnects of Core Network Services (CNS) monthly recurring revenue as a percentage of CNS revenue. This calculation excludes churn from customers who disconnected existing service in a particular location but replaced it with new services in the same location. The calculation also excludes usage.

Revenue by Customer Spend

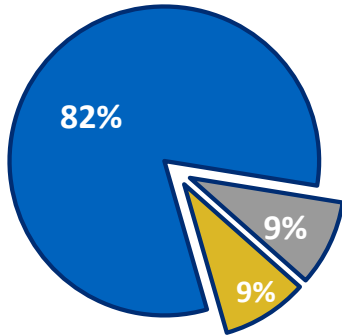
Customer	2Q17 \$ in MM	% of 2Q17 CNS Revenue	% of Customers	2Q17/1Q17 CNS Revenue Change %
Global Accounts	\$199	17%	0.3%	(0.2%)
\$20K and up per month	\$702	59%	7%	(0.2%)
\$2K to \$20K per month	\$225	19%	28%	(0.3%)
Less than \$2K per month	\$66	5%	65%	5.9%
Total	\$1,192	100%	100%	0.1%

Continued focus on customer experience initiatives and retention

Note: Percentages may not foot due to rounding

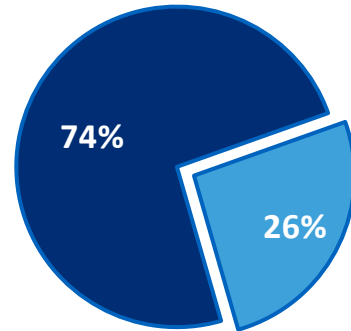
2Q17 Revenue Mix

CNS Revenue by Region



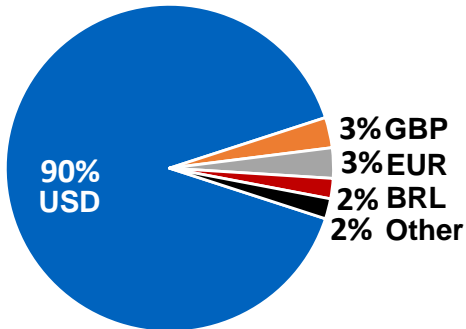
■ North America ■ EMEA ■ Latin America

CNS Revenue by Customer Type

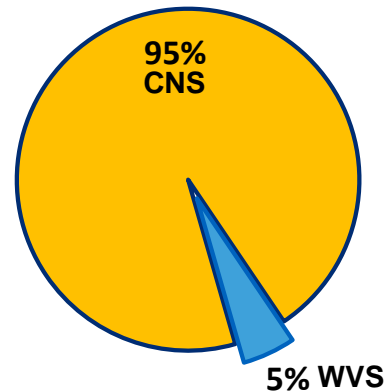


■ Enterprise ■ Wholesale

Total Revenue by Currency



Total Revenue Mix

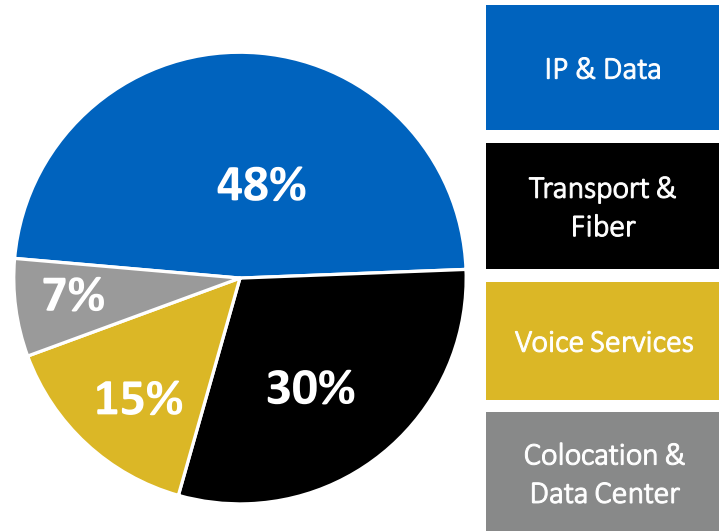


2Q17 CNS Services Revenue

CNS Revenue by Service Type

IP & Data Services \$940M	2.9% Constant Currency
	2.7% As Reported
Transport & Fiber \$590M	3.0% Constant Currency
	2.6% As Reported
Voice Services \$289M	(3.7%) Constant Currency
	(4.3%) As Reported
Colocation & Data Center \$146M	(11%) Constant Currency
	(11%) As Reported

CNS Revenue by Service Type

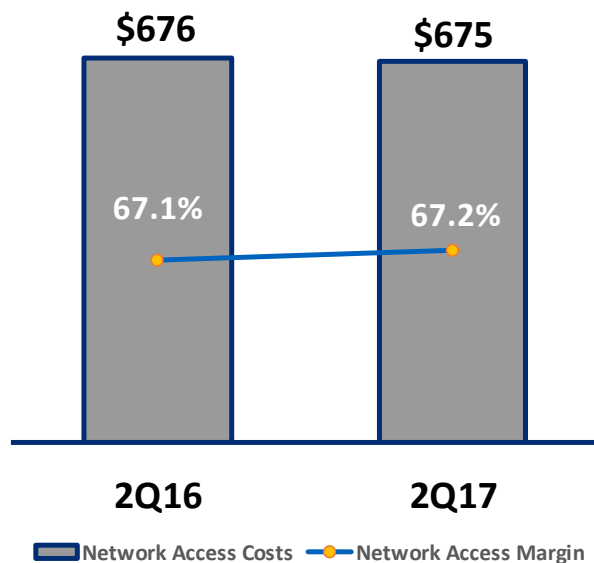


Note: Growth rates are on a Year-over-Year basis.

Network Access Costs & Operating Expenses

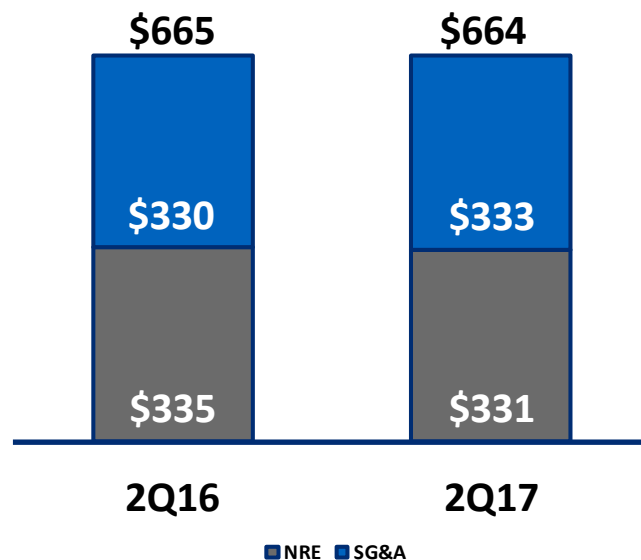
Network Access Costs & Margin

(\$ in millions)



Network Related Expenses (NRE) and SG&A⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾

(\$ in millions)

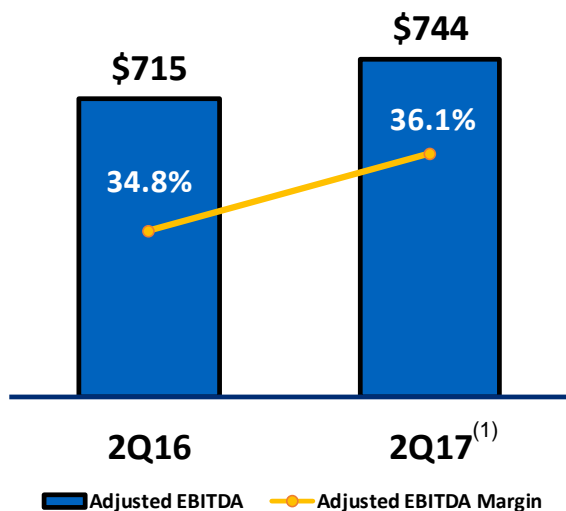


(1) Excludes non-cash compensation expense of \$4 million and \$6 million in NRE and \$27 million and \$33 million in SG&A for 2Q16 and 2Q17, respectively
 (2) 2Q17 NRE and SG&A. expenses include \$22 million of acquisition-related expenses

Adjusted EBITDA & Free Cash Flow

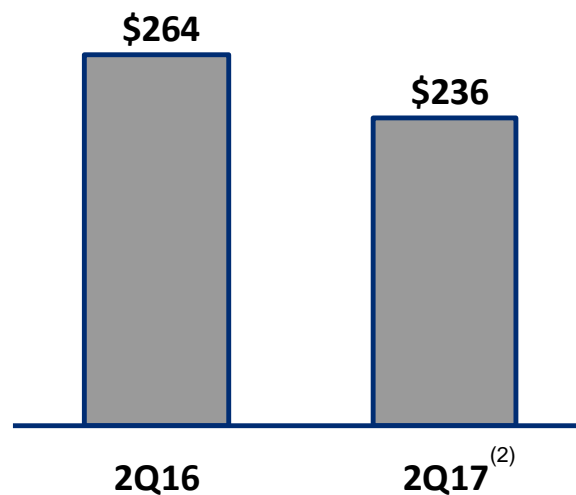
Adjusted EBITDA

(\$ in millions)



Free Cash Flow

(\$ in millions)



Net Debt to Adjusted EBITDA Ratio⁽³⁾

3.0x

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(2) 2Q17 results exclude \$3 million of cash acquisition-related expenses

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2017 Business Outlook

	Outlook Metric
Adjusted EBITDA	\$2.94 to \$3.00 billion
Free Cash Flow	\$1.10 to \$1.16 billion
GAAP Interest Expense	\$540 million
Cash Interest Expense	\$520 million
Capital Expenditures	16% of Total Revenue
Depreciation & Amortization	\$1.35 billion
Cash Income Tax	\$40 million
Non-Cash Compensation	\$170 million
Full Year Income Tax Rate	Approximately 38%

Appendix

Revenue Metrics

CNS Revenue by Geography

- 82% North America
- 9% EMEA
- 9% Latin America

CNS Revenue by Product Group

- 48% IP & Data
- 30% Transport & Fiber
- 15% Voice Services
- 7% Colocation & Data Center

CNS vs. WVS Revenue

- 95% CNS
- 5% WVS

CNS Revenue by Channel

- 74% Enterprise
- 26% Wholesale

Total Revenue by Currency

- 90% USD
- 3% GBP
- 3% EUR
- 2% BRL
- 2% All Other Currencies

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Capital Expenditures as a Percent of Total Revenue

- 16%

CNS Revenue Churn

- 1.2% (monthly)

Operational Metrics

Customers

- Total: ~47,000
- 96% Enterprise
- 4% Wholesale

Headcount

- Total Employees: ~12,500
- QBHC: ~1,150

On-Net Buildings

- Total: 47,900
- 78% North America
- 17% Latin America
- 5% EMEA

Financial Metrics

Shares Outstanding

- 361 million

U.S. Federal NOL Balance

- \$9.0 billion as of 12/31/16

Net Debt to Adjusted EBITDA ratio

(Excluding acquisition-related expenses)

- 3.0x

Non-GAAP Reconciliation

Schedule to Reconcile to Non-GAAP Financial Metrics

Pursuant to Regulation G, the company is hereby providing definitions of non-GAAP financial metrics and reconciliations to the most directly comparable GAAP measures.

The following describes and reconciles those financial measures as reported under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP) with those financial measures as adjusted by the items detailed below and presented in the accompanying news release. These calculations are not prepared in accordance with GAAP and should not be viewed as alternatives to GAAP. In keeping with its historical financial reporting practices, the company believes that the supplemental presentation of these calculations provides meaningful non-GAAP financial measures to help investors understand and compare business trends among different reporting periods on a consistent basis.

In addition, measures referred to in the accompanying news release as being calculated “on a constant currency basis” or “in constant currency terms” are non-GAAP metrics intended to present the relevant information assuming a constant exchange rate between the two periods being compared. Such metrics are calculated by applying the currency exchange rates used in the preparation of the prior period financial results to the subsequent period results.

Schedule to Reconcile to Non-GAAP Financial Metrics



Core Network Services Revenue includes revenue from colocation and datacenter services, transport and fiber, IP and data services, and voice services (local and enterprise).

Network Access Costs includes leased capacity, right-of-way costs, access charges, satellite transponder lease costs and other third party costs directly attributable to providing access to customer locations from the Level 3 network, but excludes Network Related Expenses, and depreciation and amortization. Network Access Costs do not include any employee expenses or impairment expenses; these expenses are allocated to Network Related Expenses or Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.

Network Related Expenses includes certain expenses associated with the delivery of services to customers and the operation and maintenance of the Level 3 network, such as facility rent, utilities, maintenance and other costs, each related to the operation of its communications network, as well as salaries, wages and related benefits (including non-cash stock-based compensation expenses) associated with personnel who are responsible for the delivery of services, operation and maintenance of its communications network, and accretion expense on asset retirement obligations, but excludes depreciation and amortization.

Network Access Margin (\$) is defined as total Revenue less Network Access Costs from the Consolidated Statements of Income, and excludes Network Related Expenses.

Network Access Margin (%) is defined as Network Access Margin (\$) divided by total Revenue. Management believes that network access margin is a relevant metric to provide to investors, as it is a metric that management uses to measure the margin available to the company after it pays third party network services costs; in essence, a measure of the efficiency of the company's network.

Schedule to Reconcile to Non-GAAP Financial Metrics

Adjusted EBITDA is defined as net income (loss) from the Consolidated Statements of Income before income taxes, total other income (expense), non-cash impairment charges, depreciation and amortization and non-cash stock compensation expense.

Adjusted EBITDA Margin is defined as Adjusted EBITDA divided by total Revenue.

Management believes that Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin are relevant and useful metrics to provide to investors, as they are an important part of the company's internal reporting and are key measures used by Management to evaluate profitability and operating performance of the company and to make resource allocation decisions. Management believes such measures are especially important in a capital-intensive industry such as telecommunications. Management also uses Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin to compare the company's performance to that of its competitors and to eliminate certain non-cash and non-operating items in order to consistently measure from period to period its ability to fund capital expenditures, fund growth, service debt and determine bonuses. Adjusted EBITDA excludes non-cash impairment charges and non-cash stock compensation expense because of the non-cash nature of these items. Adjusted EBITDA also excludes interest income, interest expense and income taxes because these items are associated with the company's capitalization and tax structures. Adjusted EBITDA also excludes depreciation and amortization expense because these non-cash expenses primarily reflect the impact of historical capital investments, as opposed to the cash impacts of capital expenditures made in recent periods, which may be evaluated through cash flow measures. Adjusted EBITDA excludes the gain (or loss) on extinguishment and modification of debt and other, net because these items are not related to the primary operations of the company.

There are limitations to using Adjusted EBITDA as a financial measure, including the difficulty associated with comparing companies that use similar performance measures whose calculations may differ from the company's calculations. Additionally, this financial measure does not include certain significant items such as interest income, interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, non-cash impairment charges, non-cash stock compensation expense, the gain (or loss) on extinguishment and modification of debt and net other income (expense). Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin should not be considered a substitute for other measures of financial performance reported in accordance with GAAP.

Schedule to Reconcile to Non-GAAP Financial Metrics

Debt is defined as total gross debt, including capital leases from the Footnotes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Net Debt to Last Twelve Months (LTM) Adjusted EBITDA Ratio is defined as Debt, reduced by cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities divided by LTM Adjusted EBITDA Excluding Acquisition-Related Expenses.

Unlevered Cash Flow is defined as net cash provided by (used in) operating activities less capital expenditures, plus cash interest paid and less interest income all as disclosed in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows or the Consolidated Statements of Income. Management believes that Unlevered Cash Flow is a relevant metric to provide to investors, as it is an indicator of the operational strength and performance of the company and, measured over time, provides management and investors with a sense of the underlying business' growth pattern and ability to generate cash. Unlevered Cash Flow excludes cash used for acquisitions and debt service and the impact of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents balances.

There are material limitations to using Unlevered Cash Flow to measure the company's cash performance as it excludes certain material items such as payments on and repurchases of long-term debt, interest income, cash interest expense and cash used to fund acquisitions. Comparisons of Level 3's Unlevered Cash Flow to that of some of its competitors may be of limited usefulness since Level 3 does not currently pay a significant amount of income taxes due to net operating loss carryforwards, and therefore, generates higher cash flow than a comparable business that does pay income taxes. Additionally, this financial measure is subject to variability quarter over quarter as a result of the timing of payments related to accounts receivable and accounts payable and capital expenditures. Unlevered Cash Flow should not be used as a substitute for net change in cash and cash equivalents in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

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Free Cash Flow is defined as net cash provided by (used in) operating activities less capital expenditures as disclosed in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. Management believes that Free Cash Flow is a relevant metric to provide to investors, as it is an indicator of the company's ability to generate cash to service its debt. Free Cash Flow excludes cash used for acquisitions, principal repayments and the impact of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents balances.

There are material limitations to using Free Cash Flow to measure the company's performance as it excludes certain material items such as principal payments on and repurchases of long-term debt and cash used to fund acquisitions. Comparisons of Level 3's Free Cash Flow to that of some of its competitors may be of limited usefulness since Level 3 does not currently pay a significant amount of income taxes due to net operating loss carryforwards, and therefore, generates higher cash flow than a comparable business that does pay income taxes. Additionally, this financial measure is subject to variability quarter over quarter as a result of the timing of payments related to interest expense, accounts receivable and accounts payable and capital expenditures. Free Cash Flow should not be used as a substitute for net change in cash and cash equivalents on the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

Outlook

In order to provide our outlook with respect to non-GAAP metrics, we are required to indicate a range for GAAP measures that are components of the reconciliation of the non-GAAP metric. The provision of these ranges is in no way meant to indicate that the company is explicitly or implicitly providing an outlook on those GAAP components of the reconciliation. In order to reconcile the non-GAAP financial metric to GAAP, the company has to use ranges for the GAAP components that arithmetically add up to the non-GAAP financial metric. While the company feels reasonably comfortable about the outlook for its non-GAAP financial metrics, it fully expects that the ranges used for the GAAP components will vary from actual results. We will consider our outlook of non-GAAP financial metrics to be accurate if the specific non-GAAP metric is met or exceeded, even if the GAAP components of the reconciliation are different from those provided in an earlier reconciliation.

Schedule to Reconcile to Non-GAAP Financial Metrics



Level 3 Communications, Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries Constant Currency

CNS Revenue (\$ in millions)	2Q17	2Q16 FX 2Q17 Constant Currency	2Q16 ⁽²⁾	2Q17/ 2Q16 %Change	2Q16 FX 2Q17 Constant Currency/ 2Q16 %Change ⁽³⁾
North America	\$ 1,607	\$ 1,607	\$ 1,605	0.1 %	0.1 %
Wholesale	\$ 415	\$ 415	\$ 443	(6.3)%	(6.3)%
Enterprise	\$ 1,192	\$ 1,192	\$ 1,162	2.6 %	2.6 %
EMEA	\$ 176	\$ 186	\$ 191	(7.9)%	(2.5)%
Wholesale	\$ 55	\$ 58	\$ 61	(9.8)%	(6.0)%
Enterprise	\$ 107	\$ 112	\$ 112	(4.5)%	0.4 %
UK Government	\$ 14	\$ 16	\$ 18	(22.2)%	(9.0)%
Latin America	\$ 182	\$ 178	\$ 160	13.8 %	11.3 %
Wholesale	\$ 36	\$ 35	\$ 37	(2.7)%	(3.0)%
Enterprise	\$ 146	\$ 143	\$ 123	18.7 %	15.5 %
Total CNS Revenue	\$ 1,965	\$ 1,971	\$ 1,956	0.5 %	0.8 %
Wholesale	\$ 506	\$ 508	\$ 541	(6.5)%	(6.0)%
Enterprise ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,459	\$ 1,463	\$ 1,415	3.1 %	3.4 %
Total CNS Revenue	\$ 1,965	\$ 1,971	\$ 1,956	0.5 %	0.8 %
Wholesale Voice Services	96	96	100	(4.0)%	(3.7)%
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 2,061</u>	<u>\$ 2,067</u>	<u>\$ 2,056</u>	0.2 %	0.6 %
EMEA CNS Total w/o UK Govt	\$ 162	\$ 170	\$ 173	(6.4)%	(1.9)%
Total CNS w/o UK Govt	\$ 1,951	\$ 1,955	\$ 1,938	0.7 %	0.9 %
Enterprise w/o UK Govt	\$ 1,445	\$ 1,447	\$ 1,397	3.4 %	3.6 %

⁽¹⁾ Includes UK Government

⁽²⁾ The 2016 results have been adjusted to reflect changes made to customer assignments between the wholesale and enterprise channels as of the beginning of 2017.

⁽³⁾ Percentages are calculated using whole numbers. Minor differences may exist due to rounding.

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Level 3 Communications, Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries

(\$ in millions)

	2Q16 ⁽¹⁾	2Q17	2Q16 FX 2Q17 Constant Currency	2Q17/ 2Q16 %Change	2Q16 FX 2Q17 Constant Currency/ 2Q16 %Change ⁽²⁾
Core Network Services Revenue					
Colocation and Datacenter Services	\$ 164	\$ 146	\$ 146	(11.0)%	(10.8)%
Transport and Fiber	575	590	592	2.6 %	3.0 %
IP and Data Services	915	940	942	2.7 %	2.9 %
Voice Services (Local and Enterprise)	302	289	291	(4.3)%	(3.7)%
Total Core Network Services	\$ 1,956	\$ 1,965	\$ 1,971	0.5 %	0.8 %
Wholesale Voice Services	100	96	96	(4.0)%	(3.7)%
Total Revenue	\$ 2,056	\$ 2,061	\$ 2,067	0.2 %	0.6 %

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Adjusted EBITDA

(\$ in millions)	2Q16	2Q17
Net Income	\$ 156	\$ 154
Income Tax Expense	34	69
Total Other Expense	184	130
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	310	330
Non-Cash Compensation Expense	31	39
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 715	\$ 722
Add back: Acquisition-Related Expenses	—	22
Adjusted EBITDA Excluding Acquisition-Related Expenses	\$ 715	\$ 744
Total Revenue	\$ 2,056	\$ 2,061
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	34.8 %	35.0 %
Adjusted EBITDA Excluding Acquisition-Related Expenses Margin	34.8 %	36.1 %

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Level 3 Communications, Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries

Cash Flows

(\$ in millions)	2Q16	2Q17	1H16	1H17
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 631	\$ 561	\$ 1,141	\$ 1,100
Capital Expenditures	(367)	(328)	(664)	(696)
Free Cash Flow	\$ 264	\$ 233	\$ 477	\$ 404
Cash Interest Paid	133	129	245	282
Interest Income	(1)	(3)	(2)	(5)
Unlevered Cash Flow	\$ 396	\$ 359	\$ 720	\$ 681
Free Cash Flow	\$ 264	\$ 233	\$ 477	\$ 404
Add back: Cash Acquisition-Related Expenses	—	3	—	5
Free Cash Flow Excluding Cash Acquisition-Related Expenses	\$ 264	\$ 236	\$ 477	\$ 409
Unlevered Cash Flow	\$ 396	\$ 359	\$ 720	\$ 681
Add back: Cash Acquisition-Related Expenses	—	3	—	5
Unlevered Cash Flow Excluding Cash Acquisition-Related Expenses	\$ 396	\$ 362	\$ 720	\$ 686

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Level 3 Communications, Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries

LTM Adjusted EBITDA

(\$ in millions)	3Q16	4Q16	1Q17	2Q17	Total: LTM
Total Revenue	\$ 2,033	\$ 2,032	\$ 2,048	\$ 2,061	\$ 8,174
Network Access Costs	(675)	(680)	(691)	(675)	(2,721)
Network Related Expenses	(337)	(332)	(336)	(337)	(1,342)
Selling, General and Administrative Expenses	(348)	(346)	(364)	(366)	(1,424)
Add back: Non-Cash Compensation Expenses	43	35	48	39	165
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 716	\$ 709	\$ 705	\$ 722	\$ 2,852
Add back: Acquisition-Related Expenses	—	15	20	22	57
Adjusted EBITDA Excluding Acquisition-Related Expenses	\$ 716	\$ 724	\$ 725	\$ 744	\$ 2,909

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Level 3 Communications, Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries

Net Debt to LTM Adjusted EBITDA ratio as of June 30, 2017

(\$ in millions)

Debt	\$	11,007
Cash and Cash Equivalents		(1,056)
Marketable Securities		(1,127)
Net Debt	\$	<u>8,824</u>
Adjusted EBITDA Excluding Acquisition-Related Expenses(1)	\$	<u>2,909</u>
Net Debt to LTM Adjusted EBITDA Ratio		<u>3.0</u>

(1) Please refer to the computation on Slide 25.

Schedule to Reconcile to Non-GAAP Financial Metrics

Level 3 Communications, Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries

Outlook

Adjusted EBITDA Outlook

Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2017

(\$ in millions)	Range	
	Low	High
Net Income	\$ 500	\$ 590
Income Tax Expense	330	360
Total Other Expense	570	550
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	1,360	1,340
Non-Cash Compensation Expense	180	160
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 2,940	\$ 3,000

Free Cash Flow Outlook

Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2017

(\$ in millions)	Range	
	Low	High
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 2,420	\$ 2,520
Capital Expenditures	(1,320)	(1,360)
Free Cash Flow	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,160