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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000
OR
[ ] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM $\qquad$ T0 $\qquad$ .

COMMISSION FILE NUMBERS:
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CC V holdings, LLC*
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS AVALON CABLE, LLC)
CC V HOLDINGS FINANCE, INC.*
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS AVALON CABLE HOLDINGS FINANCE, INC.)
(Exact names of Registrants as specified in their charters)

DELAWARE
DELAWARE
(State or other jurisdiction of
Incorporation or organization)
12444 POWERSCOURT DRIVE -- SUITE 100
St. Louis, Missouri
13-4029965
13-4029969
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification Numbers)
63131
(Zip code)
(Address of principal executive offices)
(314) 965-0555
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: None
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or $15(\mathrm{~d})$ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes X No [ ].

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of the Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ or any amendment to this Form 10-K. X

State the aggregate market value of the voting equity securities held by non-affiliates of the Registrants:

All of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of CC $V$ Holdings Finance, Inc. are held by CC V Holdings, LLC. All of the limited liability company membership interests of CC $\vee$ Holdings, LLC are held by Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, a reporting company under the Exchange Act. There is no public trading market for any of the aforementioned limited liability company membership interests or shares of capital stock.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE
The following documents are incorporated into this Report by reference: None

* CC V Holdings, LLC and CC V Holdings Finance, Inc. meet the conditions set forth in General Instruction $\mathrm{I}(1)(\mathrm{a})$ and (b) to the Form 10-K and are therefore filing with the reduced disclosure format.

> CC V HOLDINGS, LLC
> CC $\vee$ HOLDINGS FINANCE, INC.

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## ITEM 1. BUSINESS

## ORGANIZATION AND OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE

On November 15, 1999, Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC (Charter Holdco) acquired all of the equity interests of Avalon Cable, LLC (now known as CC V Holdings, LLC or CC V Holdings) and Avalon Cable Holdings Finance, Inc (now known as CC V Holdings Finance, Inc.) in a purchase transaction followed by a restructuring (the "Charter Acquisition"). Effective January 1, 2000, these acquired interests were transferred to Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Holdco. Charter Communications Holdings, LLC is a reporting company under the Exchange Act.

CC V Holdings Finance, Inc. was formed for the sole purpose of facilitating financings associated with the acquisitions of various cable operating companies. It conducts no other activities.

In December 2000, Charter Holdings contributed all of its equity interests in CC VIII, LLC (formerly known as Bresnan Communications Group LLC) to CC V Holdings, resulting in CC V Holdings becoming the parent of Bresnan. We accounted for the contribution of Bresnan to CC V Holdings as a reorganization of entities under common control in a manner similar to a pooling of interests. Accordingly, the accounts of Bresnan are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date Bresnan was acquired by Charter Holdco (February 15, 2000).

The consolidated financial statements of CC V Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries include the amounts of CC V Holdings, its wholly owned subsidiaries, and the accounts of Bresnan since the date of the Charter Holdco acquisition.

We are managed by Charter Communications, Inc (CCI). We pay management fees to CCI, and to the extent CCI has secured certain management services from its affiliate, Charter Investment, Inc., the management fees we pay are paid directly to Charter Investment. See also Item 5. Market for Registrants' Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters. Our principal executive offices are located at 12444 Powerscourt Drive - Suite 100, St. Louis, Missouri, 63131. Our telephone number is (314) 965-0555.

## GENERAL

We own and operate cable television systems. In certain systems, we urrently offer a full array of traditional analog cable television services and advanced bandwidth services such as digital television, interactive video programming, Internet access through television-based service, and high speed cable modems. Our subscribers are located in Michigan, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, Connecticut, New York and Wisconsin. As of December 31, 2000, our systems passed approximately 1,499,400 homes and served approximately 966,400 customers.

Our ultimate objective is to increase operating cash flow by increasing the customer base and the amount of cash flow per customer. We intend to achieve this objective by offering an array of advanced products and services, focusing on the customer, employing innovative marketing techniques, and building and operating a technologically advanced broadband network.

At December 31, 2000, approximately $60 \%$ of our customers were served by systems with at least 550 megahertz bandwidth capacity. As a result of our rebuild efforts, by year-end 2003, we expect that $100 \%$ and $60 \%$ of our customers will be served by systems with a minimum bandwidth of 550 megahertz and 750 megahertz, respectively. We expect to spend approximately $\$ 395$ million from 2001 to 2003 in related activities. A minimum bandwidth of 550 megahertz or greater allows us to:

- offer advanced products and services (such as digital television, high-speed Internet access and other interactive services);
increase channel capacity up to 82 analog channels, and add even more channels and services when our bandwidth is used for digital signal transmission;
- in many systems, permit two-way communications, so that Internet
access does not require a separate telephone line and our system
can provide telephone services.
- improve picture quality and service reliability; and
- realize operating efficiencies from a reduced number
of headends.

Building out systems to a minimum bandwidth of 750 megahertz or more will permit two-way communication in all cases.

## CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Annual Report includes forward-looking statements regarding, among other things, our plans, strategies and prospects, both business and financial. Although we believe that our plans, intentions and expectations reflected in or suggested by these forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot assure you that we will achieve or realize these plans, intentions or expectations. Forward-looking statements are inherently subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Many of the forward-looking statements contained in this Annual Report may be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as "believe," expect," "anticipate," "should," "planned," "will," "may," "intend," "estimate," and "potential," among others. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements we make in this Annual Report are set forth in this Annual Report and in other reports or documents that we file from time to time with the SEC and include, but are not limited to:

- Our plans to offer advanced products and services;
- Our anticipated capital expenditures for our upgrades and new equipment and facilities;
- Our beliefs regarding the effects of governmental regulation on our business;
- Our ability to effectively compete in a highly competitive and changing environment;
- Our ability to fund anticipated capital expenditures and any future acquisitions
- Our ability to obtain equipment, inventory, and programming as needed and at a reasonable price.

All forward-looking statements attributable to us or a person acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement.

## ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

Our principal physical assets consist of a cable television distribution plant and equipment, including signal receiving, encoding and decoding devices headend reception facilities, distribution systems and customer drop equipment for each of our cable television systems.

Our cable television plant and related equipment are generally attached to utility poles under pole rental agreements with local public utilities and telephone companies, and in certain locations, are buried in underground ducts or trenches.

We believe that our properties are in good operating condition and are suitable for our business operations.

## ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

In connection with the our acquisition of Mercom, Inc., former Mercom shareholders holding 731,894 Mercom common shares (approximately $15.3 \%$ of all outstanding Mercom common shares) gave notice of their election to exercise appraisal rights as provided by Delaware law. On July 2, 1999, former Mercom shareholders holding 535,501 shares of Mercom common stock filed a petition for appraisal of stock in the Delaware Chancery Court. With respect to 209,893 of the total number of shares for which we received notice, the notice provided to us was received from beneficial holders of Mercom shares who were not holders of record. We believe that the notice with respect to these shares did not comply with Delaware law and is ineffective.

We cannot predict at this time the effect of the elections to exercise appraisal rights on us since we do not know the extent to which these former Mercom shareholders will continue to pursue appraisal rights under Delaware law or choose to abandon these efforts and seek to accept the consideration payable in the Mercom merger. If these former shareholders continue to pursue their appraisal rights and if a Delaware court were to find that the fair value of the Mercom common shares, exclusive of any element of
value arising from the acquisition of Mercom, exceeded $\$ 12.00$ per share, we would have to pay the additional amount for each Mercom common share subject to the appraisal proceedings together with a fair rate of interest. We could be ordered by the Delaware court also to pay reasonable attorney's fees and the fees and expenses of experts for the shareholders. In addition, we would have to pay our own litigation costs. We have already provided for the consideration of $\$ 12.00$ per Mercom common share due under the terms of the merger with Mercom with respect to these shares but have not provided for any additional amounts or costs. We can provide no assurance as to what a Delaware court would find in any appraisal proceeding or when this matter will be resolved. Accordingly, we cannot provide assurance that the ultimate outcome would have no material adverse impact on our consolidated financial condition or our results of operations.

We are involved from time to time in routine legal matters and other claims incidental to our business. We believe that the resolutions of such matters, taking into account established reserves and insurance, will not have a material adverse impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED SHAREHOLDER MATTERS
There is no established trading market for the equity interests in CC V Holdings or CC V Holdings Finance, Inc. Charter Communications Holdings, LLC owns all of the limited liability company membership interests of CC V Holdings. CC V Holdings owns all of the outstanding capital stock of CC V Holdings Finance, Inc.

Effective with the Charter Transaction, we record distributions when management fees charged to us exceed expenses incurred on our behalf. For the year ended December 31, 2000 and the period from November 15, 1999 to December 31, 1999, distributions totaled $\$ 0$ and approximately $\$ .3$ million, respectively. Our ability to pay distributions is limited under the terms of covenants in the indentures governing the outstanding senior discount notes and the credit agreement.

ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS
The following table summarizes amounts and the percentage of total revenues for certain items for the periods indicated (dollars in thousands); for discussion of comparability of the years and periods presented, see "Comparison of Results":

|  | YEAR ENDED |  |  |  | PERIOD VEMBER 15, DECEMBER | 1999 то 1999 | PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1999 TO NOVEMBER 14, 1999 |  |  | FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | AMOUNT | \% |  | AMOUNT | \% |  | AMOUNT | \% |  | AMOUNT | \% |
| Revenues: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Basic services. | \$ | 301,136 | 71.5 | \$ | 11,281 | 81.0 | \$ | 76,721 | 81.3 | \$ | 14,976 | 82.3 |
| Premium services |  | 25,475 | 6.0 |  | 1,008 | 7.2 |  | 7,088 | 7.5 |  | 1,468 | 8.1 |
| Pay-per-view. |  | 1,934 | 0.5 |  | 135 | 1.0 |  | - | - |  | - | - |
| Digital... |  | 10,519 | 2.5 |  | - | - |  | - | - |  | - | - |
| Advertising sales |  | 31, 839 | 7.6 |  | 345 | 2.5 |  | - | - |  | - | - |
| Data services. |  | 11, 076 | 2.6 |  | - | - |  | - ${ }^{-}$ | - |  | - | - |
| Other. |  | 39,169 | 9.3 |  | 1,161 | 8.3 |  | 10,574 | 11.2 |  | 1,743 | 9.6 |
|  |  | 421,148 | 100.0 |  | 13,930 | 100.0 |  | 94,383 | 100.0 |  | 18,187 | 100.0 |
| Operating expenses: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operating, general and administrative..... |  | 219,269 | 52.1 |  | 8,281 | 59.4 |  | 53,089 | 56.3 |  | 10,722 | 58.9 |
| Depreciation and amortization.......... |  | 326,509 | 77.5 |  | 7,822 | 56.2 |  | 39,943 | 42.3 |  | 8,183 | 45.0 |
| Corporate expense charges-related parties. |  | 6,762 | 1.6 |  | 501 | 3.6 |  | - | - |  | - | - |
| Income (loss) from operations............ |  | $(131,392)$ | (31.2) |  | $(2,674)$ | (19.2) |  | 1,351 | 1.4 |  | (718) | (3.9) |
| Interest income............................. |  | (212 | 0.1 |  | $(2,674)$ | (19.2) |  | 764 | 0.8 |  | 173 | 0.9 |
| Interest expense. |  | $(107,926)$ | (25.6) |  | $(7,537)$ | (54.1) |  | $(40,162)$ | (42.5) |  | $(8,223)$ | (45.2) |
| Other expense, net |  | (237) | (0.1) |  | - | - |  | - | - |  | (65) | (0.4) |
| Loss before income taxes............. |  | (239, 343 ) | ------ |  | $(10,211)$ | (73.3) |  | $(38,047)$ | (40.3) |  | ----- $(8,833)$ | (48.6) |
| Provision (benefit) for income taxes. |  | ( | - |  | , | - |  | $(13,936)$ | (14.8) |  | 186 | 1.0 |
| Loss before minority interest and extraordinary loss on early |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| extinguishment of debt........................ |  | $\begin{array}{r} (239,343) \\ (11,038) \end{array}$ | (56.8) $(2.6)$ |  | $(10,211)$ | (73.3) |  | $(24,111)$ 4,499 | $(25.5)$ 4.7 |  | $(9,019)$ $(398)$ | (49.6) $(2.2)$ |
| Loss before extraordinary loss on early extinguishment of debt....................... |  | $(250,381)$ | (59.4) |  | $(10,211)$ | (73.3) |  | $(19,612)$ | (20.8) |  | $(9,417)$ | (51.8) |
| Extraordinary loss on early extinguishment of debt....................... |  | - | - |  | - | - |  | - | - |  | $(5,965)$ | (32.8) |
| Net Loss. |  | $(250,381)$ | (59.4) |  | $(10,211)$ | (73.3) | \$ | $(19,612)$ | (20.8) | \$ | $(15,382)$ | (84.6) |

Other financial and operational data is as follows for the periods indicated (dollars in thousands, except Average Monthly Revenue per Basic Customer):

AS OF AND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000
\$ 194, 880
201, 879
1,499,400 966,400 64.5\%
\$ 36.32

AS OF AND
FOR THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 15, 1999 TO DECEMBER 31, 1999

AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

| $\$$ | 7,400 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 7,465 |  |
| 377,500 |  |
| 232,100 |  |
|  | $61.5 \%$ |
|  |  |
| $\$ \quad 34.89$ |  |

\$ 7,400
\$ 5,148
7,465
5,649
401, 200
255,100 63.6\%
\$ 36.40
\$ 34.89

EBITDA (a).
Adjusted EBITDA (b)
Homes Passed (at period end) (c)
Basic Customers (at period end) (d)
Basic Penetration (at period end) (e) Average Monthly Revenue per Basic

Customer (f)
taxes, depreciation and amortization. EBITDA is presented because it is a widely accepted financial indicator of a cable company's ability to service indebtedness. However, EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to income from operations or to cash flows from operating, investing or financing activities, as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. EBITDA should also not be construed as an indication of a company's operating performance or as a measure of liquidity. In addition, because adjusted EBITDA is not calculated identically by all companies, the presentation here may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies. Management's discretionary use of funds depicted by EBITDA may be limited by working capital, debt service and capital expenditure requirements and by restrictions related to legal requirements, commitments and uncertainties.
(b) Adjusted EBITDA means EBITDA before corporate expense charges and other expense. Adjusted EBITDA is presented because it is a widely accepted financial indicator of a cable company's ability to service indebtednes. However, adjusted EBITDA should not be considered as an alternative to income from operations or to cash flows from operating, investing or financing activities, as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Adjusted EBITDA should also not be construed as an indication of a company's operating performance or as a measure of liquidity. In addition, because adjusted EBITDA is not calculated identically by all companies, the presentation here may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies. Management's discretionary use of funds depicted by adjusted EBITDA may be limited by working capital, debt service and capital expenditure requirements and by restrictions related to legal requirements, commitments and uncertainties.
(c) Homes passed are the number of living units, such as single residence homes, apartments and condominium units, passed by the cable distribution network in a given cable system service area.
(d) Basic customers are customers who receive basic cable service.
(e) Basic penetration represents basic customers as a percentage of homes passed.
(f) Average monthly revenue per basic customer represents revenues divided by the number of months in the period divided by the number of basic customers at period end.

## COMPARISON OF RESULTS

As a result of the Charter Acquisition and the combination with Bresnan, the financial results for the periods presented above are not comparable. We accounted for the contribution of Bresnan as a reorganization of entities under common control in a manner similar to a pooling of interests. Accordingly, the results of operations of Bresnan have been included in the CC V Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries financial statements from the date of acquisition, February 15, 2000. In addition, in 1999 prior to the Charter Acquisition, Avalon Michigan Holdings acquired the minority interest of Mercom and eight cable systems. These transactions further complicate any comparison of the above results. For the following discussion only, not for purposes of providing a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, the results for the period from January 1, 1999 to November 14, 1999 have been combined with those for the period from November 15, 1999 to December 31, 1999.

REVENUES. Revenues increased $\$ 312.8$ million to $\$ 421.1$ million for the year ended December 31, 2000, from $\$ 108.3$ million for the year ended December 31, 1999. This increase in revenues primarily resulted from the combination with Bresnan. Increases in digital subscriptions and data services revenue also contributed to the increase.

OPERATING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES. Operating, general and administrative expenses increased $\$ 157.9$ million to $\$ 219.3$ million for the year ended December 31, 2000, from $\$ 61.4$ million for the year ended December 31, 1999. This increase was primarily due to the combination with Bresnan, as well as continued inflationary increases in license fees paid for programming coupled with an increased number of channels available to subscribers.

DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION EXPENSE. Depreciation and amortization expense increased $\$ 278.7$ million to $\$ 326.5$ million for the year ended December 31, 2000, from $\$ 47.8$ million for the year ended December 31, 1999. This increase resulted from the acquired Bresnan franchises and property, plant and equipment as well as the Charter Acquisition and the application of purchase accounting, which significantly increased the carrying value of franchises.

CORPORATE EXPENSE CHARGES - RELATED PARTIES. These charges for the year ended December 31, 2000, and the period from November 15, 1999 to December 1999 represent costs incurred by Charter Investment, Inc. and Charter Communications, Inc. on our behalf.

INTEREST EXPENSE. Interest expense increased $\$ 60.2$ million to $\$ 107.9$ million for the year ended December 31, 2000, from $\$ 47.7$ million for the year ended December 31, 1999. This increase was due to a net increase in debt outstanding. An increase of $\$ 713$ million of debt acquired through the Bresnan acquisition was partially offset by a repurchases of $\$ 150.0$ million of our 9.375\% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2008, pursuant to a change in control offer and purchases in the open market and $\$ 16.3$ million of $11.375 \%$ Senior Discount Notes in the open market.

BENEFIT FROM INCOME TAXES. Prior to the Charter Acquisition, we filed a consolidated income tax return and recorded a tax benefit at our statutory tax rate. After the Charter Acquisition, we and most of our subsidiaries are now limited liability companies, therefore, all income taxes are the responsibility of our equity member and are not provided for in our financial statements. Certain subsidiaries or corporations are subject to income taxes but have no operations and, therefore, no material income tax liabilities or assets.

MINORITY INTEREST. Minority interest represents the accretion of the preferred membership units in an indirect subsidiary of Charter Holdings issued to certain Bresnan sellers. These membership units are exchangeable on a one-for-one basis for shares of Class A common stock of Charter Communications, Inc.

NET LOSS. Net loss increased by $\$ 220.6$ million for the year ended December 31, 2000, compared to the year ended December 31, 1999, as a result of the combination of factors described above.

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

## INTEREST RATE HEDGE AGREEMENTS

We manage fluctuations in interest rates by using interest rate hedge agreements, as required by certain of our debt agreements. Interest rate caps are accounted for as hedges of debt obligations, and accordingly, the net settlement amounts are recorded as adjustments to interest expense in the period incurred. Premiums paid for interest rate caps are deferred, included in other assets, and are amortized over the original term of the interest rate agreement as an adjustment to interest expense.

Our interest rate cap agreements are used to lock in a maximum interest rate should variable rates rise, but enable us to otherwise pay lower monthly rates.

Our participation in interest rate hedging transactions involves instruments that have a close correlation with our debt, thereby managing our risk. Interest rate hedge agreements have been designated for hedging purposes and are not held or issued for speculative purposes. Management believes that the sellers of the interest rate hedge agreements will be able to meet their obligations under the agreements. We have policies regarding the financial stability and credit standing of the major counterparties. Nonperformance by the counterparties is not anticipated nor would it have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

The following summarizes the contract terms and fair values of financial instruments subject to interest rate risk on December 31, 2000 (dollars in thousands):


The notional amount of the interest rate cap as presented in the above table is used to measure interest to be paid or received and does not represent the amount of exposure to credit loss. The estimated fair value approximates the proceeds to settle the outstanding contract. Interest rates on variable debt are estimated using the average implied forward London Interbank Offering Rate rates for the year of maturity based on the yield curve in effect at December 31, 2000.

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Our consolidated financial statements, predecessor financial statements, the related notes thereto, and the reports of independent auditors are included in this Form 10-K beginning on page $\mathrm{F}-1$.

Separate financial statements for CC V Holdings Finance, Inc., have not been presented as this entity had no operations and substantially no assets or equity. Accordingly, management has determined that such financial statements are not material.

ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

The Registrant filed a report on Form 8-K dated January 28, 2000 (amended on February 24, 2000), which announced a change in principal independent accountants from Pricewaterhousecoopers LLP to Arthur Andersen LLP.
(a) The following documents are filed as part of this report:

1. Financial Statements: A listing of the financial statements, notes and reports of independent auditors required by Item 8 begins on page F-1 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.
2. Financial Statement Schedules: All schedules are omitted because they are not required, not applicable, or the information is given in the financial statements or notes thereto.
3. Exhibits (listed by numbers corresponding to the Exhibit Table of Item 601 in Regulation S-K):

## EXHIBIT

NUMBER DESCRIPTION

| 2.2 | Securities Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 13, 1999, by and |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | between Avalon Cable Holdings, LLC, Avalon Investors, L.L.C., |
|  | Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc., CC V Holdings, LLC |
| (formerly known as Avalon Cable LLC), Charter Communications |  |
|  | Holdings LLC and Charter Communications, Inc.(1) |

Blackstone BC Capital Partners LP, Blackstone BC Offshore Capital Partners L.P., Blackstone Family Media, III LP (as assignee of Blackstone Family Investment III L.P.). TCID of Michigan, Inc. and TCI Bresnan LLC (Incorporated by reference to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on February 29, 2000 (File No. 333-83887))
(1) Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-75453) filed by CC Michigan, LLC (formerly known as Avalon Cable of Michigan LLC), CC New England, LLC (formerly known as Avalon Cable of New England LLC), Avalon Cable Finance, Inc. and Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. on May 28, 1999.
(2) Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-75415) filed by CC V Holdings, LLC (formerly known as Avalon Cable LLC), CC V Holdings Finance, Inc. (formerly known as Avalon Cable Holdings Finance, Inc.), Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc. and Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. on May 28, 1999.
(3) Incorporated by reference to the report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. (File No. 333-83887) filed on November 29, 1999.
(4) Incorporated by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Charter Communications, Inc. (File No. 000-27927) filed on March 28, 2000.
(5) Incorporated by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of CC V Holdings, LLC and CC V Holdings Finance, Inc. (File Nos. 333-75415 and 333-75415-03, respectively) filed on March 30, 2000.

* Filed herewith
(b) Reports on Form 8-K

No reports on Form 8-K were filed during the fourth quarter of 2000.
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED WITH REPORTS FILED PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(D) OF THE ACT BY REGISTRANTS WHICH HAVE NOT REGISTERED SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THE ACT.

No annual reports or proxy materials were sent to the Registrants' security holders during fiscal year 2000.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or $15(\mathrm{~d})$ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunder duly authorized.

CC V holdings, LLC

Dated March 29, 2001

Dated March 29, 2001

By: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC
its Manager
By: /s/ JERALD L. KENT
Name: Jerald L. Kent
Title: President, Chief Executive Officer
CC V HOLDINGS FINANCE, INC.
By: /s/ JERALD L. KENT
Name: Jerald L. Kent
Title: President, Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/ JERALD L. KENT
March 29, 2001
Name: Jerald L. Kent
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer of Charter Communications, Inc. (Manager); CC V Holdings, LLC; and CC V Holdings Finance, Inc.

By: /s/ KENT D. KALKWARF
March 29, 2001
Name: Kent D. Kalkwarf
Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer) of Charter Communications, Inc. (Manager); CC V Holdings, LLC; and CC V Holdings Finance, Inc.

## CC V HOLDINGS, LLC

CC $V$ HOLDINGS FINANCE, INC.

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We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of CC V Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in member's equity and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2000, for the period from November 15, 1999, through December 31, 1999, and for the period from January 1, 1999, through November 14, 1999. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of CC V Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2000, the period from November 15, 1999, through December 31, 1999, and for the period from January 1, 1999, through November 14, 1999, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

As discussed in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements, substantially all of CC V Holdings, LLC was acquired by Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC as of November 15, 1999, in a business combination accounted for as a purchase. As a result of the application of purchase accounting, the consolidated financial statements of CC V Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, and for the Successor Period November 15, 1999, through December 31, 1999), are presented on a different cost basis than financial statements presented for the Predecessor Period (January 1, 1999, through November 14, 1999), and accordingly, are not directly comparable.
/s/ ARTHUR ANDERSEN LLP
St. Louis, Missouri,
February 8, 2001

## CC V HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

## ONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(dollars in thousands)


The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements.

CC V HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (dollars in thousands)


The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements

CC V HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBER'S EQUITY

 (dollars in thousands)|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements.

## CC V HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(dollars in thousands)

|  | SUCCESSOR |  | PREDECESSOR |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { YEAR ENDED } \\ & \text { DECEMBER 31, } \\ & 2000 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { PERIOD FROM } \\ \text { NOVEMBER 15, } \\ 1999, \\ \text { THROUGH } \\ \text { DECEMBER 31, } \\ 1999 \end{gathered}$ | PERIOD FROM <br> JANUARY 1, 1999, THROUGH NOVEMBER 14, 1999 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |
| Net loss | \$ (250, 381 ) | \$ $(10,211)$ | \$ $(19,612)$ |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities-- |  |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization ........................... | 326,509 | 7,822 | 39,943 |
| Deferred income taxes | -- | -- | $(16,969)$ |
| Minority interest | 11,038 | -- | 4,499 |
| Noncash interest expense | 13,550 | 1,855 | 11,764 |
| Net change in certain assets and liabilities, net of effects from acq |  |  |  |
| Accounts receivable | $(22,902)$ | 782 | $(1,182)$ |
| Prepaid expenses and other | (103) | 76 | (409) |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 113,654 | $(3,399)$ | 15,285 |
| Receivables from and payables to related parties, including deferred management fees | $(25,280)$ | 4,971 | (4, ${ }^{--}$ |
| Other operating activities ............................................. | 8,477 | (469) | $(4,987)$ |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 174,562 | 1,427 | 28,332 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |
| Additions to property, plant and equipment | $(260,501)$ | (2,042) | $(13,683)$ |
| Payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired | $(13,196)$ | - - | $(47,237)$ |
| Other investing activities | $(5,176)$ | -- | $(11,414)$ |
| Net cash used in investing activities | $(278,873)$ | $(2,042)$ | $(72,334)$ |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |
| Borrowings of long-term debt | 329,000 | 5,000 | 39,428 |
| Repayments of long-term debt | $(574,539)$ | -- | (20) |
| Borrowings from related party .. | 369,684 | -- | -- |
| Payment of deferred financing costs |  | $(2,000)$ | -- |
| Distributions ...................... | $(16,317)$ | (273) | -- |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 107,828 | 2,727 | 39,408 |
| NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS | 3,517 | 2,112 | $(4,594)$ |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year/period | 6,806 | 4,694 | 9,288 |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year/period | \$ 10,323 | \$ 6,806 | \$ 4,694 |
| CASH PAID FOR INTEREST | \$ 65,391 | \$ 2,551 | \$ 30,429 |
| CASH PAID FOR TAXES | \$ -- | \$ | \$ 283 |
| NONCASH TRANSACTION: |  |  |  |
| Contribution from parent for bond redemption | 161,772 | -- | -- |
| Contribution from parent for acquisition | 1,455,518 | -- | -- |
|  | 629,488 | -- | -- |
| Increase in member's equity resulting from the application of purchase accounting |  |  |  |
|  | -- | 383,308 | -- |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated statements.

## 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

## Organization and Basis of Presentation

On November 15, 1999, Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC (Charter Holdco), a direct subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc. (Charter), acquired all of the equity interests of Avalon Cable, LLC (now known as CC V Holdings, LLC or CC V Holdings, or the Company) and Avalon Cable Holdings Finance, Inc. (now known as CC V Holdings Finance, Inc.) in a purchase transaction for an aggregate purchase price of $\$ 832.0$ million, including assumed debt of $\$ 273.4$ million followed by a restructuring (the "Charter Acquisition"). Effective January 1, 2000, these interests acquired were transferred to Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (Charter Holdings), a wholly owned subsidiary of Charter Holdco.

As a result of the Charter Acquisition, the Company applied purchase accounting in the preparation of the accompanying consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, CC V Holdings increased its member's equity to $\$ 383.3$ million to reflect the amount paid in the Charter Acquisition and has allocated that amount to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their relative fair values, including amounts assigned to franchises of $\$ 727.7$ million.

As a result of the Charter Acquisition and the application of purchase accounting, financial information in the accompanying consolidated financial statements and notes thereto as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, and for the year ended December 31, 2000, and the period from November 15, 1999, through December 31, 1999 (the "Successor Period") are presented on a different cost basis than the financial information for the period from January 1, 1999, through November 14, 1999, (the "Predecessor Period") and therefore, such information is not comparable.

Effective in December 2000, Charter Holdings contributed all of its equity interests in CC VIII, LLC (Bresnan) to CC V Holdings, resulting in CC V Holdings becoming the parent of Bresnan. The Company accounted for the contribution of Bresnan to CC $V$ Holdings reorganization of entities under common control in a manner similar to a pooling of interests. Accordingly, the accounts of Bresnan are included in the consolidated financial statements from February 15, 2000, the date Bresnan was acquired by Charter Holdco.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of CC V Holdings, its wholly owned subsidiaries, and the accounts of Bresnan since February 15, 2000 (the date acquired by Charter Holdco). CC $V$ Holdings is a Delaware limited liability company. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

As of December 31, 2000, the Company owns and operates cable systems serving approximately 966,400 (unaudited) customers. The Company currently offers a full array of traditional analog cable services and advanced bandwidth services such as digital television, interactive video programming, Internet access through television-based service, dial-up telephone modems and high speed cable modems, and video-on-demand. The Company operates primarily in the states of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin and in the New England area.

Cash and Cash Equivalents
The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. These investments are carried at cost, which approximates market value.

Property, Plant and Equipment
Property, plant and equipment is recorded at cost, including all direct and certain indirect costs associated with the construction of
cable transmission and distribution facilities, and the cost of new customer installations. The costs of disconnecting a customer are charged to expense in the period incurred. Expenditures for repairs and maintenance are charged to expense as incurred, while equipment replacement and betterments are capitalized.

Depreciation for the Successor Period is provided on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets as follows:


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Buildings and leasehold improvements.
5-15 years
Vehicles and equipment
3-5 years
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Depreciation for the Predecessor Period was provided on the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets as follows:


## Franchises

Costs incurred in obtaining and renewing cable franchises are deferred and amortized over the lives of the franchises. Costs relating to unsuccessful franchise applications are charged to expense when it is determined that the efforts to obtain the franchise will not be successful. Franchise rights acquired through the purchase of cable systems, including the Charter Acquisition, represent management's estimate of fair value and are generally amortized using the straight-line method over a period of 15 years. The period of 15 years is management's best estimate of the useful lives of the franchises and assumes substantially all of those franchises that expire during the period will be renewed by the Company. Accumulated amortization was $\$ 212.3$ million and $\$ 6.0$ million at December 31, 2000 and 1999. Amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 2000, for the period from November 15, 1999, through December 31, 1999 and for the period from January 1, 1999, through November 14, 1999, was $\$ 210.1$ million, $\$ 6.0$ million and $\$ 30.0$ million, respectively.

## Other Assets

Costs related to borrowings are deferred and amortized to interest expense using the effective interest method over the terms of the related borrowings. As of December 31, 2000 and 1999, other assets include $\$ 4.0$ million and $\$ 2.0$ million, respectively, of deferred financing costs, net of accumulated amortization of $\$ 569$ and $\$ 17$, respectively.

The Company capitalizes incremental and direct contract acquisition and origination costs associated with obtaining new customers by analogy to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 91, Accounting for Nonrefundable Fees and Costs Associated with Originating or Acquiring Loans and Initial Costs of Leases as permitted by Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) No. 101, Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements. Costs capitalized are only those that are realizable from future revenues. The Company capitalizes third party incremental costs associated with obtaining new customers as well as internal salaries and benefits for personnel directly involved in customer origination and set up. Costs related to unsuccessful efforts and indirect costs are expensed as incurred. Capitalized costs are charged to expense generally over periods from one to twelve months. As of December 31, 2000, the unamortized portion of the deferred costs totaled $\$ 417$.

## Impairment of Assets

If facts and circumstances indicate that a long-lived asset may be impaired, the carrying value is reviewed. If a review indicates that the carrying value of such asset is not recoverable based on projected undiscounted cash flows related to the asset over its remaining life, the carrying value of such asset is reduced to its estimated fair value.

## Revenues

Revenues from basic, premium, pay-per-view, digital and data services are recognized when the related services are provided.

Installation revenues are recognized to the extent of direct selling costs incurred. The remainder, if any, is deferred and amortized to income over the estimated average period that customers are expected to remain connected to the cable system. As of December 31, 2000 and 1999, no installation revenue has been deferred, as direct selling costs have exceeded installation revenue.

Advertising sales are recognized in the period that the advertisements are exhibited.

Local governmental authorities impose franchise fees on the Company ranging up to a federally mandated maximum of $5.0 \%$ of gross revenues. Such fees are collected on a monthly basis, from the Company's customers and are periodically remitted to local franchise authorities. Franchise fees collected and paid are reported as revenues and expenses.

## Other Long-Term Liabilities

The Company receives upfront payments from certain programmers to launch and promote new cable channels. Revenue is recognized to the extent of the fair value of the advertising services provided to promote the new channel. Such revenue is classified as advertising revenue. The remaining portion is deferred and amortized as an offset to programming expense over the respective terms of the program agreements, which range from one to 20 years. The unamortized portion of the deferred launch payments received is included in other long-term liabilities.

## Interest Rate Hedge Agreements

The Company manages fluctuations in interest rates by using interest rate hedge agreements, as required by certain of its debt agreements. Interest rate caps are accounted for as hedges of debt obligations, and accordingly, the net settlement amounts are recorded as adjustments to interest expense in the period incurred. Premiums paid for interest rate caps are deferred, included in other assets, and are amortized over the original term of the interest rate agreement as an adjustment to interest expense.

Interest rate caps are entered into by the Company to reduce the impact of rising interest rates on floating rate debt.

The Company's participation in interest rate hedging transactions involves instruments that have a close correlation with its debt, thereby managing its risk. Interest rate hedge agreements have been designated for hedging purposes and are not held or issued for speculative purposes.

## Income Taxes

Prior to the Charter Acquisition, the Company filed a consolidated income tax return. The tax benefit of $\$ 13.9$ million in the accompanying consolidated statement of operations for the period from January 1, 1999, through November 14, 1999, is recorded at $37 \%$. This approximates the statutory tax rate of the Company

Beginning November 15, 1999, the Company and all subsidiaries are limited liability companies such that all income taxes are the responsibility of the equity member of the Company and are not provided for in the accompanying consolidated financial statements. In addition, certain subsidiaries or corporations are subject to income taxes but have no operations and, therefore, no material income tax liabilities or assets.

Segments
In accordance with SFAS No. 131, Disclosure about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information, segments have been identified based upon management responsibility. The individual segments have been aggregated into one reportable segment, cable services.

Use of Estimates
The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## 2. ACQUISITIONS:

In February 2000, Charter Holdings acquired certain cable systems for $\$ 13.0$ million and contributed those assets to the Company, increasing equity by $\$ 13.0$ million. The systems acquired serve approximately 6,000 (unaudited) customers located in Minnesota at December 31, 2000. In September 2000, Bresnan acquired cable systems for a purchase price of $\$ 13.2$ million. These systems acquired serve approximately 7,100 (unaudited) customers located in Minnesota at December 31,2000 . These acquisitions were accounted for using the purchase method of accounting, and, accordingly, results of operations of the acquired systems have been included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition. The purchase price was allocated to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their fair values, including amounts assigned to franchises of $\$ 21.5$ million.

In February 2000, Charter Holdco acquired the cable systems of Bresnan and immediately transferred its equity in these cable systems to Charter Holdings the "Bresnan Acquisition"). In December 2000, Charter Holdings contributed all of its equity interests in Bresnan to CC V Holdings (the "Bresnan/Avalon Combination"), increasing equity by $\$ 1.4$ billion (See Note 1). Charter Holdco acquired these cable systems for a purchase price of approximately $\$ 1.1$ billion, net of cash acquired, excluding debt assumed of $\$ 963.0$ million and equity issued by Charter Holdco and preferred equity issued by a subsidiary of Charter Holdings of $\$ 384.6$ million and $\$ 629.5$ million. In connection with the Bresnan/Avalon Combination, the company with the preferred equity became a subsidiary of the Company. Charter Holdco allocated the purchase price to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their relative fair values, including amounts assigned to franchises of $\$ 2.8$ billion.

The allocation of the purchase prices for the 2000 acquisitions are based, in part, on preliminary information, which is subject to adjustment upon obtaining complete valuation information. Management believes that finalization of the purchase prices and allocations will not have a material impact on the consolidated results of operations or financial position of the Company.

On March 26, 1999, Avalon Michigan Holdings acquired the minority interest of Mercom Inc. (Mercom) for $\$ 21.9$ million. In addition, the Company acquired eight cable systems for an aggregate purchase price of $\$ 25.4$ million in 1999. These eight acquisitions, which were completed during the Predecessor Period, were accounted for using the purchase method of accounting and, accordingly, results of operations of the acquired systems have been included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements from the dates of acquisition. The purchase prices were allocated to tangible and intangible assets based on estimated fair market values at the dates of acquisition. The excess of the consideration paid over the estimated fair market values of the net assets acquired was $\$ 12.9$ million and was amortized using the straight-line method over 15 years during the Predecessor Period. All goodwill was eliminated as a result of the Charter Acquisition.

Unaudited pro forma operating results as though the 1999 and 2000 acquisitions discussed above, including the Charter Acquisition and the Bresnan/Avalon Combination, had occurred on January 1, 1999, with adjustments to give effect to amortization of franchises, interest expense and certain other adjustments are as follows:


The unaudited pro forma financial information has been presented for comparative purposes and does not purport to be indicative of the results of operations had these transactions been completed as of the assumed date or which may be obtained in the future.

## . ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS:

Activity in the allowance for doubtful accounts is summarized as follows for the year ended December 31:

4. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT:

Property, plant and equipment consists of the following at December 31:

| Buildings and leasehold improvements |  |  |  |
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Vehicles and equipment

Less--Accumulated depreciation

Depreciation expense for assets owned by the Company for the year ended December 31, 2000, for the period from November 15, 1999, through December 31, 1999, and for the period from January 1, 1999, through November 14, 1999, was $\$ 115.7$ million, $\$ 1.8$ million, and $\$ 10.3$ million, respectively.

During the year ended December 31, 2000, the Company reduced the estimated useful lives of certain depreciable assets expected to have reduced lives as a result of the rebuild and upgrade of the Company's cable distribution systems. As a result, the above depreciation expense balance for 2000 includes an additional $\$ 37.4$ million of depreciation.
5. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES:

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consist of the following at December 31:

| Capital expenditures |
| :---: |
| Accrued interest |
| Accrued programming |
| Franchises fees. |
| Other.......... | Franchises fees

. LONG-TERM DEBT:
The Company has outstanding the following borrowings on long-term debt arrangements at December 31:
CC Michigan, LLC and New England, LLC (Avalon

CC VIII Operating, LLC (Bresnan)
9.375\% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2008
11.875\% Senior Discount Notes due 2008 other

Less--Unamortized net discount

## Avalon Credit Facilities

The Avalon Credit Facilities have maximum borrowings of $\$ 300.0$ million, consisting of a revolving facility in the amount of $\$ 175.0$ million that matures May 15, 2008, and a Term B loan in the amount of $\$ 125.0$ million that matures on November 15, 2008. The Avalon Credit Facilities also provide for, at the options of the lenders, supplemental credit facilities in the amounts of $\$ 75$ million available until December 31, 2003. Amounts under the Avalon Credit Facilities bear interest at the Base Rate or the Eurodollar rate, as defined, plus a margin up to $2.75 \%$ ( $8.19 \%$ to $9.5 \%$ as of December 31,2000 and $7.995 \%$ to $8.870 \%$ as of December 31, 1999). A quarterly commitment fee of between $0.250 \%$ and $0.375 \%$ per annum is payable on the unborrowed balance.

In connection with Charter Holdco's acquisition of Bresnan in February 2000, the existing Bresnan credit agreement (the "Bresnan Credit Facilities") was amended and restated to provide for borrowings of up to $\$ 900.0$ million, consisting of three term facilities, one with a principal amount of $\$ 403.0$ million that matures June 30, 2007 (Term A), and one with a principal amount of $\$ 297.0$ million that matures February 2, 2008 (Term B). The Bresnan Credit Facilities also provide for a $\$ 200.0$ million revolving credit facility that may not have a maturity date earlier than six calendar months after the maturity date of the Term B loan facility. Amounts under the Bresnan Credit Facilities bear interest at the Base Rate or Eurodollar rate, as defined, plus a margin of up to $2.5 \%$ ( $8.44 \%$ to $9.30 \%$ as of December 31, 2000). A quarterly commitment fee of between $0.25 \%$ and $0.375 \%$ per annum is payable on the unborrowed balance. As of December 31, 2000, unused availability was $\$ 188.0$ million.

In connection with the Bresnan/Avalon Combination in January 2001, all amounts due under the Avalon credit facilities were repaid using borrowings from the Bresnan credit facilities and the Avalon credit facilities were terminated. In addition, the Bresnan credit facilities were amended and restated to, among other things, increase borrowing availability by $\$ 550.0$ million.

## Avalon Senior Notes

Prior to the Charter Acquisition, the predecessor company issued 11.875\% Senior Discount Notes due 2008 (the "Avalon $11.875 \%$ Notes") and $9.375 \%$ Senior Subordinated Notes due 2008 (the "Avalon 9.375\% Notes"). This debt was assumed by the Company. After December 1, 2003, cash interest on the Avalon 11.875\% Notes will be payable semiannually on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing June 1, 2004.

In January 2000, the Company, through change of control offers and purchases in the open market, completed the repurchase of the Avalon $9.375 \%$ Notes with a total outstanding principal amount of $\$ 150.0$ million for a total of $\$ 153.7$ million. Also in January 2000, Charter Holdings repurchased a portion of the Avalon $11.875 \%$ Notes with a total outstanding principal amount of $\$ 16.3$ million for a total of $\$ 10.5$ million. The repurchase of the Avalon $9.375 \%$ Notes and the Avalon $11.875 \%$ Notes was funded by a portion of the cash proceeds from the issuance of notes with a principal amount of $\$ 1.5$ billion by Charter Holdings in January 2000 (the January 2000 Charter Holdings Notes). The repayment of the debt was contributed to the Company and recorded as a capital contribution of $\$ 161.8$ million. The unamortized discount related to the Avalon $11.875 \%$ Notes was $\$ 48.1$ million as of December 31, 2000, and $\$ 66.8$ million as of December 31, 1999.

The indentures governing the debt and credit agreements require issuers of the debt and/or its subsidiaries to comply with various financial and other covenants, including the maintenance of certain operating and financial ratios These debt and credit instruments also contain substantial limitations on, or prohibitions of distributions, additional indebtedness, liens, asset sales and certain other items. As a result of limitations and prohibitions of distributions, substantially all of the net assets of the consolidated subsidiaries are restricted for distribution to Charter Holdings, Charter Holdco and Charter.

## Bresnan Notes

In connection with Charter Holdco's acquisition of Bresnan in February 2000, Charter Holdco assumed Bresnan's outstanding $\$ 170.0$ million in principal amount of $8 \%$ senior notes due 2009 and $\$ 275.0$ million in principal amount at maturity of $9.25 \%$ senior discount notes due 2009 with an accreted value of $\$ 192.2$ million. In March 2000, Charter Holdings, through change of control offers and purchases in the open market, completed the repurchase of all of the outstanding Bresnan notes for a total of $\$ 369.7$ million, using a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the January 2000 Charter Holdings Notes. The funds were loaned from Charter Holdings to Bresnan and are recorded as loans payable-related parties on the accompanying consolidated balance sheet.

Based upon outstanding indebtedness at December 31, 2000, the amortization of term, and scheduled reductions in available borrowings of the revolving credit facility, aggregate future principal payments on the total borrowings under all debt agreements at December 31, 2000, are as follows:


## 7. FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS:

The carrying and fair values of the Company's significant financial instruments as of December 31 are as follows:

|  | 2000 |  | 1999 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | CARRYING VALUE | FAIR VALUE | CARRYING VALUE | FAIR VALUE |
| Debt: |  |  |  |  |
| CC Michigan, LLC and CC New England, LLC (Avalon) | \$213, 000 | \$213, 000 | \$170, 000 | \$170,000 |
| CC VIII Operating, LLC (Bresnan) | 712,000 | 712,000 | -- |  |
| 11.875\% Senior Discount Notes | 131,673 | 119,534 | 129,212 | 129,212 |
| Loans Payable - Related Parties | 369,684 | 369,673 | -- |  |
| 9.375\% Senior Subordinated Notes | -- | -- | 151,500 | 151,500 |
| Other | 1,551 | 1,551 | 500 | 500 |


| 2000 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CARRYING | NOTIONAL | FAIR |
| VALUE | AMOUNT | VALUE |


| 1999 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CARRYING | NOTIONAL | FAIR |
| VALUE | AMOUNT | VALUE |

Interest Rate Hedge Agreement:
cap........................................... -- 15,000
15,000
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The carrying amount of the senior credit facilities approximates fair value as the outstanding borrowings bear interest at market rates. The fair values of the $9.375 \%$ Senior Subordinated Notes and $11.875 \%$ Senior Discount Notes are based on quoted market prices.

The interest pay rate for the interest rate cap agreement was 9.0\% at December 31, 2000 and 1999.

The notional amount of the interest rate hedge agreement does not represent amounts exchanged by the parties and, thus, is not a measure of the Company's exposure through its use of the interest rate hedge agreement. The amounts exchanged are determined by reference to the notional amount and the other terms of the contract

The fair value of the interest rate hedge agreement generally reflects the estimated amount that the Company would receive (excluding accrued interest) to terminate the contract on the reporting date, thereby taking into account the current unrealized gains or losses of the open contract. Dealer quotations were used to determine the fair value of the Company's interest rate hedge agreement.

Management believes that the seller of the interest rate hedge agreement will be able to meet its obligations under the agreement. In addition, the interest rate hedge agreement is with certain of the participating banks under the Company's Senior Credit Facilities thereby reducing the exposure to credit loss. The Company has policies regarding the financial stability and credit standing of the major counterparties. Nonperformance by the counterparties is not anticipated nor would it have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

## 8. MINORITY INTEREST:

Minority interest represents preferred membership units issued by a subsidiary in connection with the acquisition of Bresnan by Charter Holdco. The preferred membership units are exchangeable on a one-for-one basis for shares of Class A common stock of Charter and accrete at a rate of $2 \%$ per year.
9. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:

Shareholders' equity for the predecessor period is as follows:

|  | COMMON STOCK | $\begin{aligned} & \text { ADDITIONAL } \\ & \text { PAID-IN } \\ & \text { CAPITAL } \end{aligned}$ | ACCUMULATED DEFICIT | TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BALANCE, January 1, 1999. | \$ | \$ 35,000 | \$ (8,918) | \$ 26,082 |
| Net loss. | -- |  | $(19,612)$ | $(19,612)$ |
| BALANCE, November 14, 1999 | \$ | \$ 35,000 | \$ 28,530 ) | \$ 6,470 |

10. REVENUES

Revenues consist of the following:

|  | SUCCESSOR |  | PREDECESSOR |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { YEAR ENDED } \\ \text { DECEMBER 31, } \\ 2000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PERIOD FROM } \\ & \text { NOVEMBER 15, } \\ & 1999, \\ & \text { THROUGH } \\ & \text { DECEMBER 31, } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1999, THROUGH NOVEMBER 14, 1999 |
| Basic | \$301, 136 | \$ 11, 281 | \$ 76,721 |
| Premium | 25,475 | 1,008 | 7,088 |
| Pay-per-view | 1,934 | 135 | -- |
| Digital | 10,519 | - - | -- |
| Advertising sales | 31,839 | 345 |  |
| Data services | 11, 076 | -- | -- |
| Other | 39,169 | 1,161 | 10,574 |
|  | \$421,148 | \$ 13,930 | \$ 94,383 |

11. OPERATING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:

Operating, general and administrative expenses consist of the following:

|  | SUCCESSOR |  | PREDECESSOR |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { YEAR ENDED } \\ \text { DECEMBER 31, } \\ 2000 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PERIOD FROM } \\ & \text { NOVEMBER 15, } \\ & 1999, \\ & \text { THROUGH } \\ & \text { DECEMBER 31, } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { PERIOD FROM } \\ & \text { JANUARY 1, } \\ & 1999, \\ & \text { THROUGH } \\ & \text { NOVEMBER 14, } \\ & 1999 \end{aligned}$ |
| Programming | \$ 99,565 | \$ 3,597 | \$ 24,927 |
| General and administrative | 67,134 | 1,991 | 10,968 |
| Service | 23,335 | 2,377 | 16,311 |
| Marketing | 10,368 | 298 | 883 |
| Advertising sales | 8,021 | 17 | -- |
| Other | 10,846 | 1 | -- |
|  | \$219, 269 | \$ 8,281 | \$ 53,089 |

## 12. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

Charter Investment, Inc. (Charter Investment) and Charter, an entity controlled by Paul G. Allen, provide management services to the Company including centralized customer billing services, data processing and related support, benefits administration and coordination of insurance coverage and self- insurance programs for medical, dental and workers' compensation claims. Certain costs for these services are billed and charged directly to the Company and are included in operating costs. These costs are allocated based on the number of basic customers. Such costs totaled $\$ 7.1$ million for the year ended December 31, 2000. All other costs incurred by

Charter Investment and Charter on behalf of the Company are recorded as expenses in the accompanying consolidated financial statements and are included in corporate expense charges-related parties. Management fees are stipulated in the management agreements between Charter Investment, Charter and the company. To the extent management fees charged to the Company are greater (less) than the corporate expenses incurred by Charter Investment and Charter, the Company records distributions to (capital contributions from) Charter Investment and Charter. For the year ended December 31, 2000, the management fee charged to the Company approximated the corporate expenses incurred by Charter Investment and Charter on behalf of the Company. The Company's senior credit facilities prohibit payments of management fees in excess of $3.5 \%$ of revenues until repayment of the outstanding indebtedness. Any amount in excess of $3.5 \%$ of revenue owed to Charter Investment or Charter based on the management agreement would be recorded as deferred management fees-related parties. Management believes that costs incurred by Charter Investment and Charter on the Company's behalf and included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements are not materially different than costs the Company would have incurred as a stand-alone entity.

The Company pays costs on behalf of Charter Investment and Charter. These costs are reimbursed by Charter Investment and Charter and are recorded as receivables from related parties in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Charter, Mr. Allen and certain affiliates of Mr. Allen own equity interests warrants to purchase equity interest in various entities that provide services or programming to the Company, including High Speed Access Corp. (High Speed Access), WorldGate, Wink Communications, Inc. (Wink), ZDTV, LLC (ZDTV), USA Networks, Inc. (USA Networks) and Oxygen Media, Inc. (Oxygen Media). In addition, certain officers or directors of Charter also serve as directors of High Speed Access Corp. and USA Networks.

Certain of the Company's cable subscribers receive cable modem-based Internet access through High Speed Access and TV-based Internet access through WorldGate. For the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999, revenues attributable to these services were less than $1 \%$ of total revenues.

The Company receives or will receive programming and certain interactive features embedded into the programming for broadcast via its cable systems from Wink, ZDTV, USA Networks, and Oxygen Media. The Company pays a fee for the programming service generally based on the number of customers receiving the service. Such fees for the year ended December 31, 2000, and 1999, were less than $1 \%$ of total operating expenses. In addition, the Company receives commissions from USA Networks for home shopping sales generated by its customers. Such revenues for the year ended December 31, 2000, and 1999, were less than $1 \%$ of total revenues.

During the year ended December 31, 2000, the Company distributed \$16.3 million to Charter Holdings that was used by Charter Holdings to meet its interest obligations related to the Charter Holdings notes.

## 13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

## Leases

The Company leases certain facilities and equipment under noncancellable operating leases. Leases and rental costs charged to expense for the year ended December 31, 2000, for the period from November 15, 1999, through December 31, 1999, and for the period from January 1, 1999, through November 14, 1999, were $\$ 1.8$ million, $\$ 0.2$ million and $\$ 1.5$ million respectively. As of December 31, 2000, future minimum lease payments are as follows:


The Company also rents utility poles in its operations. Generally, pole rentals are cancelable on short notice, but the Company anticipates that such rentals will recur. Rent expense incurred for pole rental attachments for the year ended December 31, 2000, was $\$ 2.8$ million.

Regulation in the Cable Industry
The cable industry is subject to extensive regulation at the federal, local and, in some instances, state levels. The Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 (the "1984 Cable Act"), the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of

1992 (the "1992 Cable Act" and together with the 1984 Cable Act, the "Cable Acts"), and the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Telecom Act"), establish a national policy to guide the development and regulation of cable systems. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has principal responsibility for implementing the policies of the Cable Acts. Many aspects of such regulation are currently the subject of judicial proceedings and administrative or legislative proposals. Legislation and regulations continue to change, and the Company cannot predict the impact of future developments on the cable industry.

The 1992 Cable Act and the FCC's rules implementing that act generally have increased the administrative and operational expenses of cable systems and have resulted in additional regulatory oversight by the FCC and local or state franchise authorities. The Cable Acts and the corresponding FCC regulations have established rate regulations.

The 1992 Cable Act permits certified local franchising authorities to order refunds of basic service tier rates paid in the previous twelve-month period determined to be in excess of the maximum permitted rates. During 2000 and 1999, the amount refunded by the Company has been insignificant. The Company may be required to refund additional amounts in the future.

The Company believes that it has complied in all material respects with the provisions of the 1992 Cable Act, including the rate setting provisions promulgated by the FCC. However, in jurisdictions that have chosen not to certify, refunds covering the previous twelve-month period may be ordered upon certification if the Company is unable to justify its basic rates. As of December 31, 2000, approximately $19.8 \%$ of the Company's local franchising authorities are certified to regulate basic tier rates. The Company is unable to estimate at this time the amount of refunds, if any, that may be payable by the Company in the event certain of its rates are successfully challenged by franchising authorities or found to be unreasonable by the FCC. The Company does not believe that the amount of any such refunds would have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position or results of operations of the Company.

The 1996 Telecom Act, among other things, immediately deregulated the rates for certain small cable operators and in certain limited circumstances rates on the basic service tier, and as of March 31, 1999, deregulated rates on the cable programming service tier (CPST). The FCC has taken the position that it will still adjudicate pending CPST complaints but will strictly limit its review, and possible refund orders, to the time period predating the sunset date, March 31, 1999. The Company does not believe any adjudications regarding its pre-sunset complaints will have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

A number of states subject cable systems to the jurisdiction of centralized state governmental agencies, some of which impose regulation of a character similar to that of a public utility. State governmental agencies are required to follow FCC rules when prescribing rate regulation, and thus, state regulation of cable rates is not allowed to be more restrictive than the federal or local regulation.

## Litigation

In connection with the Company's acquisition of Mercom, former Mercom shareholders holding 731,894 Mercom common shares (approximately $15.3 \%$ of all outstanding Mercom common shares) gave notice of their election to exercise appraisal rights as provided by Delaware law. On July 2, 1999, former Mercom shareholders holding 535,501 shares of Mercom common stock filed a petition for appraisal of stock in the Delaware Chancery Court. With respect to 209, 893 of the total number of shares for which the Company received notice, the notice provided to the Company was received from beneficial holders of Mercom shares who were not holders of record. The Company believes that the notice with respect to these shares did not comply with Delaware law and is ineffective.

The Company cannot predict at this time the effect of the elections to exercise appraisal rights on the Company since the Company does not know the extent to which these former Mercom shareholders will continue to pursue appraisal rights under Delaware law or choose to abandon these efforts and seek to accept the consideration payable in the Mercom merger. If these former Mercom shareholders continue to pursue their appraisal rights and if a Delaware court were to find that the fair value of the Mercom common shares, exclusive of any element of value arising from our acquisition of Mercom, exceeded $\$ 12.00$ per share, the Company would have to pay the additional amount for each Mercom common share subject to the appraisal proceedings together with a fair rate of interest. The Company could be ordered by the Delaware court also to pay reasonable attorneys' fees and the fees and expenses of experts for the shareholders. In addition, the Company would have to pay their own litigation costs. The Company has already provided for the consideration of $\$ 12.00$ per Mercom common share due under the terms of the merger with Mercom with respect to these shares but has not provided for any additional amounts or costs. The Company can provide no assurance as to what a Delaware court would find in any appraisal proceeding or when this matter will be resolved. Accordingly, the Company cannot

The Company is party to lawsuits and claims that arose in the ordinary course of conducting its business. In the opinion of management, after consulting with legal counsel, the outcome of these lawsuits and claims will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position or results of operations.

## 14. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

Avalon Michigan and Bresnan had qualified savings plans under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Plan"). In connection with the Charter Acquisition and the Bresnan Acquisition, the Plans' assets were frozen as of the dates of acquisitions, and employees became fully vested. The Company's employees with two months of service are eligible to participate in the charter Communications, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the "Charter Plan"). Employees that qualify for participation in the Charter Plan can contribute up to $15 \%$ of their salary, on a before tax basis, subject to a maximum contribution limit as determined by the Internal Revenue Service. The Company matches $50 \%$ of the first $5 \%$ of participant contributions. The Company made contributions to the $401(\mathrm{k}) \mathrm{Plan}$ totaling $\$ 0.7$ million for the year ended December 31, 2000.

Eligible employees of the Company participate in the Charter Communications Holding Company Option Plan. The option plan provides for grants of options to employees, officers and directors of the Company. Options are granted with an exercise price equal the estimated fair value of the underlying membership units and vest over five years from the grant date, commencing 15 months after the date of the grant. Options not exercised accumulate and are exercisable, in whole or in part, in any subsequent period, but not later than ten years from the date of grant. The Company uses the intrinsic value method prescribed by Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, to account for the option plans. Accordingly, no compensation expense was recorded for the year ended December 31, 2000, for the period from November 15, 1999, through December 31, 1999 and for the period from January 1, 1999 through November 14, 1999.

## 15. RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS:

SFAS No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, as amended by SFAS No. 137, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities - Deferral of the Effective Date of FASB Statement No. 133, and SFAS No. 138, Accounting for Certain Derivative Instruments and Certain Hedging Activities, is effective for the Company as of January 1, 2001. SFAS No. 133 establishes accounting and reporting standards requiring that every derivative instrument (including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts) be recorded in the balance sheet as either an asset or liability measured at its fair value and that changes in the derivative's fair value be recognized currently in earnings unless specific hedge accounting criteria are met. Special accounting for qualifying hedges allows a derivative's gains and losses to offset related results on the hedged item in the income statement, and requires that a company must formally document, designate and assess the effectiveness of transactions that receive hedge accounting. Adoption of these new accounting standards will not impact the consolidated financial statements of the Company.

The Common Member and Manager
Bresnan Communications Group LLC:
We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Bresnan Communications Group LLC and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 1999 and February 14, 2000, and the related consolidated statements of operations and members' equity (deficit) and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 1999 and for the period ended February 14, 2000. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Bresnan Communications Group LLC's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Bresnan Communications Group LLC, as of December 31, 1999 and February 14, 2000, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the year ended December 31, 1999 and the period ended February 14, 2000, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

## BRESNAN COMMUNICATIONS GROUP LLC

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

| $\begin{gathered} \text { DECEMBER 31, } \\ 1999 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { FEBRUARY } \\ 2000 \end{array}$ |
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## BRESNAN COMMUNICATIONS GROUP LLC

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

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See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND FEBRUARY 14, 2000
(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

## (1) BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Bresnan Communications Group LLC and its subsidiaries ("BCG" or the "Company") are wholly owned by Bresnan Communications Company Limited Partnership, a Michigan limited partnership ("BCCLP"). BCG is a Delaware limited liability company formed on August 5, 1998 for the purpose of acting as co-issuer with its wholly-owned subsidiary, Bresnan Capital Corporation ("BCC"), of $\$ 170,000$ aggregate principal amount at maturity of $8 \%$ Senior Notes and $\$ 275,000$ aggregate principal amount at maturity of $9.25 \%$ Senior Discount Notes, both due in 2009 (collectively the "Notes"). Also, at this time, BTC borrowed approximately $\$ 508,000$ of $\$ 650,000$ available under a new credit facility (the "Senior Credit Facility"). (See Note 4, Debt.) Prior to the issuance of the Notes on February 2, 1999, BCCLP completed the terms of a contribution agreement dated June 3, 1998, as amended, whereby certain affiliates of AT\&T Broadband and Internet Services, formerly Tele-Communications, Inc. ("TCI"), contributed certain cable television systems along with assumed TCI debt of approximately $\$ 708,854$ to BCCLP which was repaid with the proceeds of the Notes and the Senior Credit Facility. In addition, Blackstone BC Capital Partners L.P. ("Blackstone") and affiliates contributed $\$ 136,500$ to BCCLP. Upon completion of the Notes offering on February 2, 1999 BCCLP contributed all of its assets and liabilities to BCG, which formed a wholly owned subsidiary, Bresnan Telecommunications Company LLC ("BTC"), into which it contributed all of its assets and certain liabilities. The above noted contributed assets and liabilities were accounted for at predecessor cost because of the common ownership and control of TCI and have been reflected in the accompanying financial statements in a manner similar to a pooling of interests.

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of BCG and those of its wholly owned subsidiary, BTC, subsequent to the aforementioned formation transaction.

The Company owns and operates cable television systems in small- and medium-sized communities in the midwestern United States.

Prior to the transactions noted above, TCI and William J. Bresnan and certain entities which he controls (collectively, the "Bresnan Entities"), held $78.4 \%$ and $21.6 \%$ interests, respectively, in BCCLP. As of February 2, 1999, TCI, Blackstone and the Bresnan Entities held 50.00\%, $39.79 \%$ and $10.21 \%$ interests, respectively. On February 14, 2000, these interests were sold to Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC. (See Note 8, Sale of the Company.)
(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(a) Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents consist of investments which are readily convertible into cash and have maturities of three months or less at the time of acquisition.
(b) Trade and Other Receivables

Receivables are reflected net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. Such allowance at December 31, 1999 and February 14, 2000 was not significant.
(c) Property and Equipment

Property and equipment is stated at cost, including acquisition costs allocated to tangible assets acquired. Construction costs, including interest during construction and applicable

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS <br> DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND FEBRUARY 14, 2000 <br> (AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS) -- (CONTINUED

overhead, are capitalized. During the year ended December 31, 1999 and the period ended February 14, 2000, interest capitalized was \$1,027 and \$137, respectively

Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis using estimated useful lives of 3 to 15 years for distribution systems and 3 to 40 years for support equipment and buildings.

Repairs and maintenance are charged to operations, and renewals and additions are capitalized. At the time of ordinary retirements, sales or other dispositions of property, the original cost and cost of removal of such property are charged to accumulated depreciation, and salvage, if any, is credited thereto. Gains or losses are only recognized in connection with the sales of properties in their entirety.
(d) Franchise Costs

Franchise costs represent the difference between the cost of acquiring cable television systems and amounts allocated to their tangible assets. Such amounts are generally amortized on a straight-line basis over 40 years. Costs incurred in negotiating and renewing franchise agreements are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the franchise, generally 10 to 20 years.
(e) Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

Management periodically reviews the carrying amounts of property and equipment and identifiable intangible assets to determine whether current events or circumstances warrant adjustments to such carrying amounts. If an impairment adjustment is deemed necessary, such loss is measured by the amount that the carrying value of such assets exceeds their fair value. Considerable management judgment is necessary to estimate the fair value of assets. Accordingly, actual results could vary significantly from such estimates. Assets to be disposed of are carried at the lower of their financial statement carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell.
(f) Financial Instruments

The Company has entered into fixed interest rate exchange agreements ("Interest Rate Swaps") which are used to manage interest rate risk arising from its financial liabilities. Such Interest Rate Swaps are accounted for as a hedge; accordingly, amounts receivable or payable under the Interest Rate Swaps are recognized as adjustments to interest expense. These instruments are not used for trading purposes.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board recently issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" ("SFAS 133"), which is effective for all fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2000. SFAS 133 establishes accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments and hedging activities by requiring that all derivative instruments be reported as assets or liabilities and measured at their fair values. Under SFAS 133, changes in the fair values of derivative instruments are recognized immediately in earnings unless those instruments qualify as hedges of the (1) fair values of existing assets, liabilities, or firm commitments, (2) variability of cash flows of forecasted transactions, or (3) foreign currency exposures of net investments in foreign operations. Although management has not completed its assessment of the impact of SFAS 133 on its combined results of operations and financial position, management estimates that the impact of SFAS 133 will not be material.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS <br> DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND FEBRUARY 14, 2000 <br> (AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS) -- (CONTINUED) 

(g) Income Taxes

The majority of BCG's net assets were historically held in partnerships. In addition, BCG has been formed as a limited liability company, to be treated for tax purposes as a flow-through entity. Accordingly, no provision has been made for income tax expense or benefit in the accompanying combined financial statements as the earnings or losses of Bresnan Communications Group LLC will be reported in the respective tax returns of BCG's members. (See Note 5, Income Taxes).
(h) Revenue Recognition

Cable revenue for customer fees, equipment rental, advertising, pay-per-view programming and revenue sharing agreements is recognized in the period that services are delivered. Installation revenue is recognized in the period the installation services are provided to the extent of direct selling and installation costs. Any remaining amount is deferred and recognized over the estimated average period that customers are expected to remain connected to the cable distribution system.
(i) Statement of Cash Flows

Except for acquisition transactions described in Note 3, transactions effected through Members' equity (deficit) have been considered constructive cash receipts and payments for purposes of the statement of cash flows.
(j) Advertising Costs

All advertising costs are expensed as incurred.
(k) Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.
(l) Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In December 1999 the SEC released Staff Accounting Bulletin ("SAB") No. 101, "Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements," which provides guidance on the recognition, presentation and disclosure of revenue in financial statements filed with the SEC. Subsequently, the SEC released SAB 101A, which delayed the implementation date of SAB 101 for registrants with fiscal years beginning between December 16, 1999 and March 15, 2000. The Company has not yet assessed the impact, if any, that SAB 101 might have on its financial position or results of operations.
(3) ACQUISITIONS AND SYSTEM DISPOSITIONS

In 1999, BCG acquired three cable systems that were accounted for under the purchase method. The purchase prices were allocated to the assets acquired in relation to their fair values as increases to property and equipment of $\$ 24,098$ and franchise costs of $\$ 54,582$. In connection
with two of the acquisitions, the aforementioned third party intermediary disbursed $\$ 46,999$ of cash to complete the reinvestment in certain identified assets for income tax purposes

Also, in 1999, BCG disposed of cable systems for gross proceeds of $\$ 4,956$, which resulted in a gain of $\$ 556$.

In 2000, BCG purchased two cable systems for a total of $\$ 36,177$. The purchase prices were allocated to the assets acquired in relation to their fair values as increase to property and equipment of $\$ 8,581$ and franchise costs of \$27,596.

The results of operations of these cable television systems have been included in the accompanying combined statements of operations from their dates of acquisition or their disposition, as applicable. Pro forma information on the acquisitions and dispositions has not been presented because the effects were not significant.
(4) DEBT

Debt is summarized for December 31, 1999 and February 14, 2000 as follows:

|  | 1999 | 2000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (AMOUNTS IN | THOUSANDS ) |
| Senior Credit Facility(a) | \$534, 200 | \$599,900 |
| Senior Notes Payable(b) | 170, 000 | 170, 000 |
| Senior Discount Notes Payable(b) | 190, 132 | 192, 222 |
| Other debt | 1,275 | 1,170 |
|  | \$895, 607 | \$963, 292 |

(a) The Senior Credit Facility represents borrowings under a $\$ 650,000$ senior reducing revolving credit and term loan facility as documented in the loan agreement as of February 2, 1999. The Senior Credit Facility has a current available commitment of $\$ 650,000$ of which $\$ 599,900$ is outstanding at February 14, 2000. The Senior Credit Facility provides for three tranches, a revolving loan tranche for $\$ 150,000$ (the "Revolving Loan"), a term loan tranche of $\$ 328,000$ (the "A Term Loan" and together with the Revolving Loan, "Facility $A$ ") and a term loan tranche of \$172,000 (the "Facility B").

The commitments under the Senior Credit Facility will reduce commencing with the quarter ending March 31, 2002. Facility A permanently reduces in quarterly amounts ranging from $2.5 \%$ to $7.5 \%$ of the Facility A amount starting March 31, 2002 and matures approximately eight and one half years after February 2, 1999. Facility $B$ is also to be repaid in quarterly installments of .25\% of the Facility B amount beginning in March 2002 and matures approximately nine years after February 2, 1999, on which date all remaining amounts of Facility $B$ will be due and payable. Additional reductions of the Senior Credit Facility will also be required upon certain asset sales, subject to the right of the Company and its subsidiaries to reinvest asset sale proceeds under certain circumstances. The interest rate options include a LIBOR option and a Prime Rate option plus applicable margin rates based on the Company's total leverage ratio, as defined. The rate applicable to balances outstanding at February 14, 2000 ranged from $7.28 \%$ to $8.50 \%$. Covenants of the Senior Credit Facility require, among other conditions, the maintenance of specific levels of the ratio of cash flows to future debt and interest expense and certain limitations on additional
investments, indebtedness, capital expenditures, asset sales and affiliate transactions. In addition, the Company is required to pay a commitment fee on the unused revolver portion of Facility $A$ which will accrue at a rate ranging from . $25 \%$ to $.375 \%$ per annum, depending on the Company's total leverage ratio, as defined.
(b) On February 2, 1999, the Company issued \$170,000 aggregate principal amount senior notes payable (the "Senior Notes"). In addition, on the same date, the Company issued $\$ 275,000$ aggregate principal amount at maturity of senior discount notes, (the "Senior Discount Notes") for approximately \$175,021 gross proceeds (collectively the "Notes").

The Senior Notes are unsecured and will mature on February 1, 2009. The Senior Notes bear interest at $8 \%$ per annum payable semi-annually on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 1999.

The Senior Discount Notes are unsecured and will mature on February 1, 2009. The Senior Discount Notes were issued at a discount to their aggregate principal amount at maturity and will accrete at a rate of approximately 9.25\% per annum, compounded semi-annually, to an aggregate principal amount of $\$ 275,000$ on February 1, 2004. Subsequent to February 1, 2004, the Senior Discount Notes will bear interest at a rate of $9.25 \%$ per annum payable semi-annually in arrears on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 2004

The Company may elect, upon not less than 60 days prior notice, to commence the accrual of interest on all outstanding Senior Discount Notes on or after February 1, 2002, in which case the outstanding principal amount at maturity of each Senior Discount Note will on such commencement date be reduced to the accreted value of such Senior Discount Note as of such date and interest shall be payable with respect to the Senior Discount Notes on each February and August 1 thereafter.

The Company may not redeem the Notes prior to February 1, 2004 except that prior to February 1, 2002, the Company may redeem up to $35 \%$ of the Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes at redemption prices equal to $108 \%$ and $109.25 \%$ of the applicable principal amount and accreted value, respectively, with proceeds of an equity offering. Subsequent to February 1, 2004, the Company may redeem the Notes at redemption prices declining annually from approximately $104 \%$ of the principal amount or accreted value.

Bresnan Communications Group LLC and its wholly owned subsidiary Bresnan Capital Corporation are the sole obligors of the Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes. Bresnan Communications Group LLC has no other assets or liabilities other than its investment in its wholly owned subsidiary Bresnan Telecommunications Company LLC. Bresnan Capital Corporation has no other assets or liabilities.

Upon change of control of the Company, the holders of the notes have the right to require the Company to purchase the outstanding notes at a price equal to $101 \%$ of the principal amount or accreted value plus accrued and unpaid interest. (See Note 8 "Sale of the Company"). Subsequent to the period end, the Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes were repaid by the Company at a price equal to $101 \%$ of the principal amount or accreted value plus accrued and unpaid interest.

The Company entered into interest rate swap agreements to effectively fix or set maximum interest rates on a portion of its floating rate long-term debt. The Company is exposed to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the counterparties to the interest rate swap agreements.

At February 14, 2000, such interest rate swap agreements effectively fixed or set a maximum LIBOR base interest rates between $8.0 \%$ and $8.02 \%$ on an aggregate notional principal amount of $\$ 50,000$, which rates would become effective upon the occurrence of certain events. The effect of the interest rate swap on interest expense for the period ended February 14, 2000 was not significant. The expiration dates of the interest rate swaps ranges from April 1, 2000 to April 3, 2000. The difference between the fair market value and book value of long-term debt and the interest rate swaps at December 31, 1999 and February 14, 2000 is not significant.
(5) INCOME TAXES

Taxable earnings differ from those reported in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations due primarily to differences in depreciation and amortization methods and estimated useful lives under regulations prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service. At February 14, 2000, the financial statement carrying amount of the Company's assets exceeded its tax basis by approximately $\$ 396$ million.

## (6) TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

BCG and its predecessor purchased, at TCI's cost, substantially all of its pay television and other programming from affiliates of TCI. Charges for such programming were $\$ 62,502$ and $\$ 8,535$ for the year ended December 31, 1999 and the period ended February 14, 2000, respectively, and are included in programming expenses in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Prior to February 2, 1999, certain affiliates of the partners of BCCLP provided administrative services to $B C G$ and assumed managerial responsibility of BCG's cable television system operations and construction. As compensation for these services, BCG paid a monthly fee calculated pursuant to certain agreed upon formulas. Subsequent to the TCI Transaction on February 2, 1999, certain affiliates of a partner of BCCLP provide administrative services and have assumed managerial responsibilities of BCG. As compensation for these services BCG pays a quarterly fee equal to approximately $3 \%$ of gross revenues. Such aggregate charges totaled \$10,498 and \$1,389 and have been included in selling, general and administrative expenses for year ended December 31, 1999 and the period ended February 14, 2000, respectively.

## 7) COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the 1992 Cable Act") imposed certain rate regulations on the cable television industry. Under the 1992 Cable Act, all cable systems are subject to rate regulation, unless they face "effective competition," as defined by the 1992 Cable Act and expanded in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Act"), in their local franchise area.

Although the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC") has established regulations required by the 1992 Cable Act, local government units (commonly referred to as local franchising authorities) are primarily responsible for administering the regulation of a cable system's basic service tier ("BST"). The FCC itself directly administered rate regulation of any cable programming service tier ("CPST"). The FCC's authority to regulate CPST rates expired on March 31, 1999. The FCC has taken the position that it will still adjudicate CPST complaints filed after this sunset date (but no later than 180 days after the last CPST rate increase imposed
prior to March 31, 1999), and will strictly limit its review (and possible refund orders) to the time period predating the sunset date.

Under the FCC's rate regulations, most cable systems were required to reduce their BST and CPST rates in 1993 and 1994, and have since had their rate increases governed by a complicated price structure that allows for the recovery of inflation and certain associated costs, as well as providing some incentive for expanding channel carriage. Operators also have the opportunity to bypass this "benchmark" regulatory structure in favor of the traditional "cost-ofservice" regulation in cases where the latter methodology appears favorable Premium cable service offered on a per-channel or per-program basis remain unregulated, as do affirmatively marketed packages consisting entirely of new programming product.

The management of BCG believes that it has complied in all material respects with the provisions of the 1992 Cable Act and the 1996 Act, including its rate setting provisions. If, as a result of the review process, a system cannot substantiate its rates, it could be required to retroactively reduce its rates to the appropriate benchmark and refund the excess portion of rates received. Any refunds of the excess portion of CPST rates would be retroactive to the date of complaint. Any refunds of the excess portion of BST or equipment rates would be retroactive to one year prior to the implementation of the rate reductions

Certain plaintiffs have filed or threatened separate class action complaints against certain of the systems of BCG, alleging that the systems' practice of assessing an administrative fee to the subscribers whose payments are delinquent constitutes an invalid liquidated damage provision and a breach of contract, and violates local consumer protection statutes. Plaintiffs seek recovery of all late fees paid to the subject systems as a class purporting to consist of all subscribers who were assessed such fees during the applicable limitation period, plus attorney fees and costs.

BCG has additional contingent liabilities related to legal proceedings and other matters arising in the ordinary course of business. Although it is possible that BCG may incur losses upon conclusion of these matters and the matters referred to above, an estimate of any loss or range of loss cannot presently be made. Based upon the facts available, management believes that, although no assurance can be given as to the outcome of these actions, the ultimate disposition should not have material adverse effect upon the combined financial condition of BCG.

The Company entered into a letter of intent with a cable operator pursuant to which the Company acquires a small cable television system in Minnesota. The transaction would result in a net cost of approximately $\$ 13,000$ and will be funded by cash flow from operations and additional borrowings.

BCG leases business offices, has entered into pole attachment agreements and uses certain equipment under lease arrangements. Rental expense under such arrangements amounted to $\$ 3,547$ and $\$ 405$ during the year ended December 31, 1999 and the period ended February 14, 2000, respectively.

Future minimum lease payments under noncancelable operating leases are estimated to approximate $\$ 2,240$ per year for each of the next five years.

It is expected that, in the normal course of business, expiring leases will be renewed or replaced by leases on the same or similar properties.
(8) SALE OF THE COMPANY

In June 1999, the Partners of BCCLP entered into an agreement to sell all of their partnership interests in BCCLP to Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC for a purchase price of approximately $\$ 3.1$ billion in cash and equity instruments of Charter and its subsidiaries (including the Company) which will be reduced by the assumption of BCCLP's debt at closing. In conjunction with the sale of the partnership interests, Charter assumed the Company's outstanding indebtedness under the Senior Credit Facility (See Note 4, Debt.) The accompanying financial statements do not reflect the effect of the adjustments, if any, resulting from the sale of the partnership's interests on February 14, 2000.

The Common Member and Manager
BRESNAN COMMUNICATIONS GROUP LLC:
We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Bresnan Communications Group LLC and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 1998 and 1999, and the related consolidated statements of operations and members' equity (deficit) and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 1999. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Bresnan Communications Group LLC's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Bresnan Communications Group LLC, as of December 31, 1998 and 1999, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 1999, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

| ASSETS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash and cash equivalents. | \$ 6,636 | \$ 5,995 |
| Restricted cash (note 3). | 47,199 | 290 |
| Trade and other receivables, net | 8,874 | 9,006 |
| Property and equipment, at cost: |  |  |
| Land and buildings. | 4,123 | 6,879 |
| Distribution systems. | 443,114 | 534,812 |
| Support equipment | 50,178 | 62,283 |
|  | 497,415 | 603,974 |
| Less accumulated depreciation. | 190,752 | 228,868 |
|  | 306,663 | 375,106 |
| Franchise costs, net. | 291,103 | 328,068 |
| Other assets, net of amortization. | 3,961 | 19,038 |
| Total assets. | \$664,436 | \$737,503 |
| LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT) |  |  |
| Accounts payable. | \$ 3,193 | \$ 18,900 |
| Accrued expenses. | 13,395 | 35,613 |
| Accrued interest | 21,835 | 11,748 |
| Debt. | 232,617 | 895,607 |
| Other liabilities | 11,648 | 10,020 |
| Total Liabilities. | 282,688 | 971,888 |
| Members' equity (deficit) | 381, 748 | $(234,385)$ |
| Commitments and contingencies |  |  |
| Total liabilities and members' equity (deficit) | \$664,436 | \$737,503 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT) YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997, 1998 AND 1999

|  | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS) |  |  |
| REVENUE | \$247,108 | \$ 261,964 | \$ 283, 574 |
| Operating costs and expenses: |  |  |  |
| Programming (note 6) | 53,857 | 63,686 | 72,355 |
| Operating. | 31,906 | 28,496 | 31,624 |
| Selling, general and administrative (note 6) | 50,572 | 56,634 | 67,351 |
| Organizational and divestiture costs. | -- | 1,934 | 5,281 |
| Depreciation and amortization. | 53,249 | 54,308 | 59,752 |
|  | 189,584 | 205,058 | 236,363 |
| Operating income. | 57,524 | 56,906 | 47,211 |
| OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): |  |  |  |
| Interest expense: |  |  |  |
| Related party (note 4) | $(1,892)$ | $(1,872)$ | (152) |
| Other. | $(16,823)$ | $(16,424)$ | $(67,139)$ |
| Gain on sale of cable television systems | -- | 27,027 | 556 |
| Other, net. | (978) | (273) | (900) |
|  | $(19,693)$ | 8,458 | $(67,635)$ |
| Net earnings (loss) | 37,831 | 65,364 | $(20,424)$ |
| MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT): |  |  |  |
| Beginning of year..... | 347,188 | 359,098 | 381,748 |
| Operating expense allocations and charges (notes 4 and 6) | 60,389 | 71,648 | - - |
| Net assets of acquired system (note 3). | 33,635 | -- | -- |
| Capital contributions by members. | -- | -- | 136,500 |
| Capital distributions to members. | -- | (114, ${ }^{--}$ | $(732,209)$ |
| Cash transfers, net. | $(119,945)$ | $(114,362)$ | -- |
| End of year | \$359, 098 | \$ 381, 748 | \$ 234,385 ) |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

## BRESNAN COMMUNICATIONS GROUP LLC

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997, 1998 AND 1999

| 1997 | 1998 | 1999 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
|  | (AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS) |  |


| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Net earnings (loss). | \$ 37, 831 | \$ 65,364 | \$ (20,424) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash |  |  |  |
| provided by operating activities: |  |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization. | 53,249 | 54,308 | 59,752 |
| Amortization of debt discount and deferred |  |  |  |
| financing costs. | 1,629 | 534 | 18,683 |
| Gain on sale of cable television systems | -- | $(27,027)$ | (556) |
| Other noncash charges. | 2,141 | 452 |  |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net effects of acquisitions: |  |  |  |
| Change in receivables. | $(3,413)$ | 2,826 | 621 |
| Change in other assets | 164 | -- | 429 |
| Change in accounts payable, accrued expenses, accrued interest and other liabilities.... | 2,305 | 6,141 | 25,457 |
| Other, net | $(1,358)$ | (237) | -- |
| Net cash provided by operating Activities | 92,548 | 102,361 | 83,962 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |
| Capital expended for property and equipment and for franchise costs. | $(35,282)$ | $(58,728)$ | $(90,879)$ |
| Cash paid in acquisitions | -- | $(30,298)$ | $(78,680)$ |
| Cash received in disposals | 1,179 | 58,949 | 4,956 |
| Change in restricted cash. | -- | $(47,199)$ | 46,999 |
| Net cash used in investing activities. | $(34,103)$ | $(77,276)$ | $(117,604)$ |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |
| Borrowings under note agreement | 31,300 | 49,400 | 597,530 |
| Proceeds from Senior Notes. | -- | -- | 170,000 |
| Proceeds from Senior Discount Notes | -- | -- | 175,021 |
| Repayments under note agreement | $(24,364)$ | $(30,953)$ | $(294,672)$ |
| Deferred finance costs paid. | $(2,121)$ | $(1,139)$ | $(19,169)$ |
| Contributions by members. | --- | --- | 136,500 |
| Distributions to members. | $(59,556)$ | $(42,714)$ | $(732,209)$ |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities. | $(54,741)$ | $(25,406)$ | 33,001 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash. | 3,704 | (321) | (641) |
| CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS: |  |  |  |
| Beginning of year | 3,253 | 6,957 | 6,636 |
| End of year. | \$ 6,957 | \$ 6,636 | \$ 5,995 |
| Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information -- |  |  |  |
| Cash paid during the year for interest. | \$ 16,971 | \$ 16,792 | \$ 58,695 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

## (AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

## (1) BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Bresnan Communications Group LLC and its subsidiaries ("BCG" or the "Company") are wholly owned by Bresnan Communications Company Limited Partnership, a Michigan limited partnership ("BCCLP"). BCG is a Delaware limited liability corporation formed on August 5, 1998 for the purpose of acting as co-issuer with its wholly-owned subsidiary, Bresnan Capital Corporation ("BCC"), of $\$ 170,000$ aggregate principal amount at maturity of $8 \%$ Senior Notes and $\$ 275,000$ aggregate principal amount at maturity of $9.25 \%$ Senior Discount Notes, both due in 2009 (collectively the "Notes"). Also, at this time, BTC borrowed approximately $\$ 508,000$ of $\$ 650,000$ available under a new credit facility (the "Senior Credit Facility"). (See Note 4, Debt.) Prior to the issuance of the Notes on February 2, 1999, BCCLP completed the terms of a contribution agreement dated June 3, 1998, as amended, whereby certain affiliates of AT\&T Broadband and Internet Services, formerly Tele-Communications, Inc. ("TCI"), contributed certain cable television systems along with assumed TCI debt of approximately $\$ 708,854$ to BCCLP which was repaid with the proceeds of the Notes and the Senior Credit Facility. In addition, Blackstone BC Capital Partners L.P. ("Blackstone") and affiliates contributed $\$ 136,500$ to BCCLP. Upon completion of the Notes offering on February 2, 1999 BCCLP contributed all of its assets and liabilities to BCG, which formed a wholly owned subsidiary, Bresnan Telecommunications Company LLC ("BTC"), into which it contributed all of its assets and certain liabilities. The above noted contributed assets and liabilities were accounted for at predecessor cost because of the common ownership and control of TCI and have been reflected in the accompanying financial statements in a manner similar to a pooling of interests.

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of BCG and those of its wholly owned subsidiary, BTC, subsequent to the aforementioned formation transaction.

The Company owns and operates cable television systems in small- and medium-sized communities in the midwestern United States.

Prior to the transactions noted above, TCI and William J. Bresnan and certain entities which he controls (collectively, the "Bresnan Entities"), held 78.4\% and $21.6 \%$ interests, respectively, in BCCLP. As of February 2, 1999, TCI, Blackstone and the Bresnan Entities held $50.00 \%, 39.79 \%$ and $10.21 \%$ interests, respectively. Subsequent to December 31, 1999, these interests were sold to Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC. (See Note 8, Sale of the Company.)
(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES
(A) CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash equivalents consist of investments which are readily convertible into cash and have maturities of three months or less at the time of acquisition.
(B) TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Receivables are reflected net of an allowance for doubtful accounts. Such allowance at December 31, 1998 and 1999 was not significant.
(C) PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment is stated at cost, including acquisition costs allocated to tangible assets acquired. Construction costs, including interest during construction and applicable overhead, are capitalized. During 1997, 1998 and 1999, interest capitalized was \$324,000, \$47,000 and \$1,027,000 respectively.

Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis using estimated useful lives of 3 to 15 years for distribution systems and 3 to 40 years for support equipment and buildings.

Repairs and maintenance are charged to operations, and renewals and additions are capitalized. At the time of ordinary retirements, sales or other dispositions of property, the original cost and cost of removal of such property are charged to accumulated depreciation, and salvage, if any, is credited thereto. Gains or losses are only recognized in connection with the sales of properties in their entirety.

## (D) FRANCHISE COSTS

Franchise costs represent the difference between the cost of acquiring cable television systems and amounts allocated to their tangible assets. Such amounts are generally amortized on a straight-line basis over 40 years. Costs incurred in negotiating and renewing franchise agreements are amortized on a straight-line basis over the life of the franchise, generally 10 to 20 years.
(E) IMPAIRMENT OF LONG-LIVED ASSETS

Management periodically reviews the carrying amounts of property and equipment and identifiable intangible assets to determine whether current events or circumstances warrant adjustments to such carrying amounts. If an impairment adjustment is deemed necessary, such loss is measured by the amount that the carrying value of such assets exceeds their fair value. Considerable management judgment is necessary to estimate the fair value of assets. Accordingly, actual results could vary significantly from such estimates. Assets to be disposed of are carried at the lower of their financial statement carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell.

## (F) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company has entered into fixed interest rate exchange agreements ("Interest Rate Swaps") which are used to manage interest rate risk arising from its financial liabilities. Such Interest Rate Swaps are accounted for as a hedge; accordingly, amounts receivable or payable under the Interest Rate Swaps are recognized as adjustments to interest expense. These instruments are not used for trading purposes.

The Financial Accounting Standards Board recently issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities" ("SFAS 133"), which is effective for all fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2000. SFAS 133 establishes accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments and hedging activities by requiring that all derivative instruments be reported as assets or liabilities and measured at their fair values. Under SFAS 133, changes in the fair values of derivative instruments are recognized immediately in earnings unless those instruments qualify as hedges of the (1) fair values of existing assets, liabilities, or firm commitments, (2) variability of cash flows of forecasted transactions, or (3) foreign currency exposures of net investments in foreign operations.

Although management has not completed its assessment of the impact of SFAS 133 on its combined results of operations and financial position, management estimates that the impact of SFAS 133 will not be material.
(G) INCOME TAXES

The majority of BCG's net assets were historically held in partnerships. In addition, BCG has been formed as a limited liability company, to be treated for tax purposes as a flow-through entity. Accordingly, no provision has been made for income tax expense or benefit in the accompanying combined financial statements as the earnings or losses of Bresnan Communications Group LLC will be reported in the respective tax returns of BCG's members. (See Note 5, Income Taxes).
(H) REVENUE RECOGNITION

Cable revenue for customer fees, equipment rental, advertising, pay-per-view programming and revenue sharing agreements is recognized in the period that services are delivered. Installation revenue is recognized in the period the installation services are provided to the extent of direct selling and installation costs. Any remaining amount is deferred and recognized over the estimated average period that customers are expected to remain connected to the cable distribution system.
(I) STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Except for acquisition transactions described in Note 3, transactions effected through Members' equity (deficit) have been considered constructive cash receipts and payments for purposes of the statement of cash flows.
(J) ADVERTISING COSTS

All advertising costs are expensed as incurred.
(K) RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain of the prior year comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the presentation adopted in the current year.
(L) ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.
(3) ACQUISITIONS AND SYSTEM DISPOSITIONS

In 1998, the Company acquired two cable systems which were accounted for under the purchase method. The purchase prices were allocated to the assets acquired in relation to their fair values as increases in property and equipment of $\$ 7,099$ and franchise costs of $\$ 21,651$.

During 1998, the Company also disposed of two cable systems for gross proceeds of $\$ 58,949$, which resulted in gain on sale of cable television systems of $\$ 27,027$. In connection with
one of the dispositions, a third party intermediary received $\$ 47,199$ of cash that was designated to be reinvested in certain identified assets for income tax purposes and accordingly recognized as restricted cash on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet at December 31, 1998 and 1999.

In 1999, BCG acquired three cable systems that were accounted for under the purchase method. The purchase prices were allocated to the assets acquired in relation to their fair values as increases to property and equipment of $\$ 24,098$ and franchise costs of $\$ 54,582$. In connection with two of the acquisitions, the aforementioned third party intermediary disbursed $\$ 46,999$ of cash to complete the reinvestment in certain identified assets for income tax purposes.

Finally, in 1999, BCG disposed of cable systems for gross proceeds of $\$ 4,956$, which resulted in a gain of $\$ 556$.

The results of operations of these cable television systems have been included in the accompanying combined statements of operations from their dates of acquisition or their disposition, as applicable. Pro forma information on the acquisitions and dispositions has not been presented because the effects were not significant.
(4) DEBT

Debt is summarized as follows:

| DECEMBER 31, |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1998 | 1999 |
| (AMOUNTS IN | THOUSANDS) |
| \$ | \$534, 200 |
| -- | 170, 000 |
| -- | 190,132 |
| 209, 000 | - - |
| 22,100 | -- |
| 1,517 | 1,275 |
| \$232, 617 | \$895, 607 |

(a) The Senior Credit Facility represents borrowings under a $\$ 650,000$ senior reducing revolving credit and term loan facility as documented in the loan agreement as of February 2, 1999. The Senior Credit Facility has a current available commitment of $\$ 650,000$ of which $\$ 534,200$ is outstanding at December 31, 1999. The Senior Credit Facility provides for three tranches, a revolving loan tranche for $\$ 150,000$ (the "Revolving Loan"), a term loan tranche of $\$ 328,000$ (the "A Term Loan" and together with the Revolving Loan, "Facility $\mathrm{A}^{\prime \prime}$ ) and a term loan tranche of $\$ 172,000$ (the "Facility B").

The commitments under the Senior Credit Facility will reduce commencing with the quarter ending March 31, 2002. Facility A permanently reduces in quarterly amounts ranging from $2.5 \%$ to $7.5 \%$ of the Facility A amount starting March 31, 2002 and matures approximately eight and one half years after February 2, 1999. Facility $B$ is also to be repaid in quarterly installments of $.25 \%$ of the Facility $B$ amount beginning in March 2002 and matures approximately nine years after February 2, 1999, on which date all remaining amounts of Facility $B$ will be due and payable. Additional reductions of the Senior Credit Facility will also be required upon certain asset sales, subject to the right of the Company and its subsidiaries to reinvest asset sale proceeds under certain circumstances. The interest rate options
include a LIBOR option and a Prime Rate option plus applicable margin rates based on the Company's total leverage ratio, as defined. The rate applicable to balances outstanding at December 31, 1999 ranged from $7.57 \%$ to $9.00 \%$. Covenants of the Senior Credit Facility require, among other conditions, the maintenance of specific levels of the ratio of cash flows to future debt and interest expense and certain limitations on additional investments, indebtedness, capital expenditures, asset sales and affiliate transactions. In addition, the Company is required to pay a commitment fee on the unused revolver portion of Facility A which will accrue at a rate ranging from . $25 \%$ to . $375 \%$ per annum, depending on the Company's total leverage ratio, as defined.
(b) On February 2, 1999, the Company issued \$170,000 aggregate principal amount senior notes payable (the "Senior Notes"). In addition, on the same date, the Company issued $\$ 275,000$ aggregate principal amount at maturity of senior discount notes, (the "Senior Discount Notes") for approximately \$175,021 gross proceeds (collectively the "Notes").

The Senior Notes are unsecured and will mature on February 1, 2009. The Senior Notes bear interest at 8\% per annum payable semi-annually on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 1999.

The Senior Discount Notes are unsecured and will mature on February 1, 2009. The Senior Discount Notes were issued at a discount to their aggregate principal amount at maturity and will accrete at a rate of approximately 9.25\% per annum, compounded semi-annually, to an aggregate principal amount of $\$ 275,000$ on February 1, 2004. Subsequent to February 1, 2004, the Senior Discount Notes will bear interest at a rate of $9.25 \%$ per annum payable semi-annually in arrears on February 1 and August 1 of each year, commencing August 1, 2004

The Company may elect, upon not less than 60 days prior notice, to commence the accrual of interest on all outstanding Senior Discount Notes on or after February 1, 2002, in which case the outstanding principal amount at maturity of each Senior Discount Note will on such commencement date be reduced to the accreted value of such Senior Discount Note as of such date and interest shall be payable with respect to the Senior Discount Notes on each February and August 1 thereafter.

The Company may not redeem the Notes prior to February 1, 2004 except that prior to February 1, 2002, the Company may redeem up to $35 \%$ of the Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes at redemption prices equal to $108 \%$ and $109.25 \%$ of the applicable principal amount and accreted value, respectively, with proceeds of an equity offering. Subsequent to February 1, 2004, the Company may redeem the Notes at redemption prices declining annually from approximately $104 \%$ of the principal amount or accreted value.

Bresnan Communications Group LLC and its wholly owned subsidiary Bresnan Capital Corporation are the sole obligors of the Senior Notes and Senior Discount Notes. Bresnan Communications Group LLC has no other assets or liabilities other than its investment in its wholly owned subsidiary Bresnan Telecommunications Company LLC. Bresnan Capital Corporation has no other assets or liabilities.

Upon change of control of the Company, the holders of the notes have the right to require the Company to purchase the outstanding notes at a price equal to $101 \%$ of the principal amount or accreted value plus accrued and unpaid interest. (See Note 8 "Sale of the Company").
(c) The notes payable to banks represented borrowings under a $\$ 250,000$ senior unsecured reducing revolving credit and term loan facility (the "Bank Facility") as documented in the loan agreement as amended and restated as of August 5, 1998. The Bank Facility called for a current available commitment of $\$ 250,000$ of which $\$ 209,000$ was outstanding at December 31, 1998. The rates applicable to balances outstanding at December 31, 1998 ranged from $6.815 \%$ to $8.000 \%$. The Bank Facility was repaid on February 2, 1999. (See Note 1, Basis of Presentation.)
(d) The note payable to a partner was comprised of a $\$ 25,000$ subordinated note of which $\$ 22,100$ was outstanding at December 31, 1998. The note, dated May 12, 1988, was junior and subordinate to the Bank Facility. Interest was provided for at the prime rate (as defined) and was payable quarterly, to the extent allowed under the bank subordination agreement, or at the maturity date of the note, which was the earlier of April 30, 2001 or the first business day following the full repayment of the entire amount due under the notes payable to banks. The interest rate at December 31, 1998 was $7.75 \%$. This note was repaid on February 2, 1999. (See Note 1, Basis of Presentation.)

The Company entered into interest rate swap agreements to effectively fix or set maximum interest rates on a portion of its floating rate long-term debt. The Company is exposed to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the counterparties to the interest rate swap agreements.

At December 31, 1999, such interest rate swap agreements effectively fixed or set a maximum LIBOR base interest rates between $8.0 \%$ and $8.02 \%$ on an aggregate notional principal amount of $\$ 50,000$, which rates would become effective upon the occurrence of certain events. The effect of the interest rate swap on interest expense for the twelve months ended December 31, 1999 was not significant. The expiration dates of the interest rate swaps ranges from April 1, 2000 to April 3, 2000. The difference between the fair market value and book value of long-term debt and the interest rate swaps at December 31, 1998 and 1999 is not significant.
(5) INCOME TAXES

Taxable earnings differ from those reported in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations due primarily to differences in depreciation and amortization methods and estimated useful lives under regulations prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service. At December 31, 1999, the financial statement carrying amount of the Company's assets exceeded its tax basis by approximately $\$ 431$ million.
(6) TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

BCG and its predecessor purchased, at TCI's cost, substantially all of its pay television and other programming from affiliates of TCI. Charges for such programming were $\$ 48,588$, $\$ 58,562$ and $\$ 62,502$ for the years ended December 31, 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively, and are included in programming expenses in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Prior to February 2, 1999, certain affiliates of the partners of BCCLP provided administrative services to BCG and assumed managerial responsibility of BCG's cable television system operations and construction. As compensation for these services, BCG paid a monthly fee calculated pursuant to certain agreed upon formulas. Subsequent to the TCI Transaction on February 2, 1999, certain affiliates of a partner of BCCLP provide administrative services and have assumed managerial responsibilities of BCG. As compensation for these services BCG pays
a quarterly fee equal to approximately $3 \%$ of gross revenues. Such aggregate charges totaled \$11,801, \$13,086 and \$10,498 and have been included in selling, general and administrative expenses for years ended December 31, 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively

## (7) COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the "1992 Cable Act") imposed certain rate regulations on the cable television industry. Under the 1992 Cable Act, all cable systems are subject to rate regulation, unless they face "effective competition," as defined by the 1992 Cable Act and expanded in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Act"), in their local franchise area.

Although the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC") has established regulations required by the 1992 Cable Act, local government units (commonly referred to as local franchising authorities) are primarily responsible for administering the regulation of a cable system's basic service tier ("BST"). The FCC itself directly administered rate regulation of any cable programming service tier ("CPST"). The FCC's authority to regulate CPST rates expired on March 31, 1999. The FCC has taken the position that it will still adjudicate CPST complaints filed after this sunset date (but no later than 180 days after the last CPST rate increase imposed prior to March 31, 1999), and will strictly limit its review (and possible refund orders) to the time period predating the sunset date.

Under the FCC's rate regulations, most cable systems were required to reduce their BST and CPST rates in 1993 and 1994, and have since had their rate increases governed by a complicated price structure that allows for the recovery of inflation and certain associated costs, as well as providing some incentive for expanding channel carriage. Operators also have the opportunity to bypass this "benchmark" regulatory structure in favor of the traditional "cost-ofservice" regulation in cases where the latter methodology appears favorable. Premium cable service offered on a per-channel or per-program basis remain unregulated, as do affirmatively marketed packages consisting entirely of new programming product.

The management of BCG believes that it has complied in all material respects with the provisions of the 1992 Cable Act and the 1996 Act, including its rate setting provisions. If, as a result of the review process, a system cannot substantiate its rates, it could be required to retroactively reduce its rates to the appropriate benchmark and refund the excess portion of rates received. Any refunds of the excess portion of CPST rates would be retroactive to the date of complaint. Any refunds of the excess portion of BST or equipment rates would be retroactive to one year prior to the implementation of the rate reductions.

Certain plaintiffs have filed or threatened separate class action complaints against certain of the systems of BCG, alleging that the systems' practice of assessing an administrative fee to the subscribers whose payments are delinquent constitutes an invalid liquidated damage provision and a breach of contract, and violates local consumer protection statutes. Plaintiffs seek recovery of all late fees paid to the subject systems as a class purporting to consist of all subscribers who were assessed such fees during the applicable limitation period, plus attorney fees and costs.

BCG has additional contingent liabilities related to legal proceedings and other matters arising in the ordinary course of business. Although it is possible that BCG may incur losses upon conclusion of these matters and the matters referred to above, an estimate of any loss or range of loss cannot presently be made. Based upon the facts available, management believes that, although no assurance can be given as to the outcome of these actions, the ultimate disposition should not have material adverse effect upon the combined financial condition of BCG.

On January 12, 2000, the Company also purchased two cable systems from one operator. The system in Wisconsin was a stock purchase and the system in Minnesota was an asset purchase. The total purchase price of these transactions was approximately $\$ 36,232$, funded by cash flow from operations and additional borrowings.

The Company also entered into a letter of intent with a cable operator pursuant to which the Company acquires a small cable television system in Minnesota. The transaction would result in a net cost of approximately \$13,000 and will be funded by cash flow from operations and additional borrowings.

BCG leases business offices, has entered into pole attachment agreements and uses certain equipment under lease arrangements. Rental expense under such arrangements amounted to $\$ 3,221, \$ 2,833$ and $\$ 3,547$ during the years ended December 31, 1997, 1998 and 1999, respectively.

Future minimum lease payments under noncancelable operating leases are estimated to approximate $\$ 2,240$ per year for each of the next five years.

It is expected that, in the normal course of business, expiring leases will be renewed or replaced by leases on the same or similar properties.
(8) SALE OF THE COMPANY

In June 1999, the Partners of BCCLP entered into an agreement to sell all of their partnership interests in BCCLP to Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC for a purchase price of approximately $\$ 3.1$ billion in cash and equity instruments of Charter and its subsidiaries (including the Company) which will be reduced by the assumption of BCCLP's debt at closing. In conjunction with the sale of the partnership interests, Charter assumed the Company's outstanding indebtedness under the Senior Credit Facility (See Note 4, Debt.) The accompanying financial statements do not reflect the effect of the adjustments, if any, resulting from the sale of the partnership's interests.

To the Board of Managers
of Avalon Cable LLC
In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in members' interest and cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Avalon Cable LLC and its subsidiaries (the "Company") at December 31, 1997 and 1998 and the results of their operations, changes in members' interest and their cash flows for the period from September 4, 1997 (inception), through December 31, 1997 and for the year ended December 31, 1998 in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards which require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for the opinion expressed above.

New York, New York
March 30, 1999, except for Note 12, as to which the date is May 13, 1999

## AVALON CABLE LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31,


| ASSETS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CURRENT ASSETS: |  |  |
| Cash | \$ 9,288 | \$ -- |
| Subscriber receivables, less allowance for doubtful accounts of $\$ 943$. | 5,862 | - - |
| Accounts receivable-affiliate. | 124 | -- |
| Deferred income taxes | 479 | -- |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets. | 580 | 504 |
| Total current assets | 16,333 | 504 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 111, 421 | -- |
| Intangible assets, net........... | 462, 117 | -- |
| Other assets | 227 | -- |
| Total assets | \$590, 098 | \$504 |
| LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' INTEREST |  |  |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES: |  |  |
| Current portion of notes payable. | \$ 20 | \$ -- |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 11,646 | -- |
| Accounts payable, net-affiliate | 2,023 | 500 |
| Advance billings and customer deposits...................... | 3,171 | -- |
| Total current liabilities | 16,860 | 500 |
| Note payable, net of current portion | 402,949 | -- |
| Note payable-affiliate. | 3,341 | -- |
| Deferred income taxes. | 1,841 | -- |
| Total liabilities | 424, 991 | 500 |
| Minority interest | 13,855 | -- |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 10) |  |  |
| MEMBERS' INTEREST: |  |  |
| Members' capital. | 166,630 | -- |
| Accumulated earnings (deficit)............................. | $(15,378)$ | 4 |
| Total member's interest | 151, 252 | 4 |
| Total liabilities and member's interest | \$590, 098 | \$504 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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## AVALON CABLE LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

|  |  | FOR THE PERIOD FROM |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | THE YEAR | SEPTEMBER 4, 1997 |
|  | ENDED | (INCEPTION) THROUGH |
| DECEMB | ER 31, 1998 | DECEMBER 31, 1997 |
|  | (DOLLARS | THOUSANDS) |



## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' INTEREST

FROM THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 4, 1997 (INCEPTION) THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998

| CLASS A |  | CLASS B-1 |  | ACCUMULATED EARNINGS (DEFICIT) | TOTAL MEMBERS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| UNITS | \$ | UNITS | \$ |  |  |
|  |  | THOUS |  | HARE DATA) |  |


| Net income for the period from |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| September 4, 1997 through December 31, 1997 | -- | \$ | -- | \$ | \$ 4 | \$ |
| Issuance of Class A units.. | 45, 000 | 45,000 | -- | -- | -- | 45,000 |
| Issuance of Class $B-1$ units in consideration for Avalon Cable of New England LLC. $\qquad$ | - - | - - | 64,696 | 4,345 | -- | 4,345 |
| Contribution of assets and |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| liabilities of Avalon Cable of Michigan Inc. | -- | -- | 510,994 | 117,285 | -- | 117,285 |
| Net loss for the year ended December 31, 1998 | -- | -- | - - | - - | $(15,382)$ | $(15,382)$ |
| Balance at December 31, 1998. | 45,000 | \$45, 000 | 575,690 | \$121,630 | \$(15, 378 ) | \$151, 252 |

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## statements.

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FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 4, 1997 (INCEPTION) THROUGH
FOR THE YEAR
ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 1998

DECEMBER 31, 1997
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

| 8,183 | -- |
| ---: | :---: |
| 1,010 | -- |
| 5,965 | -- |
| 75 | -- |
| 398 | -- |
| 1,083 | - |
| $(1,679)$ | -- |
| $(124)$ | -- |
| $(76)$ | $(4)$ |
| 4,863 | -- |
| 1,523 | -- |
| 1,684 | - |
| $(227)$ | -- |
| ----- | -- |
| 7,296 | ---- |

Net income (loss)
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities
Depreciation and amortization...................................
Deferred income taxes, net.
Extraordinary loss on extinguishment of debt.
Provision for loss on accounts receivable
Minority interest in consolidated entity.
Accretion of senior discount notes.
Changes in operating assets and liabilities Increase in
subscriber receivables
Increase in accounts receivable-affiliates
Increase in prepaid expenses and other current asse....
Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses.......
Increase in accounts payable-affiliates...................
Increase in advance billings and customer deposits.
Change in Other, net
Net cash provided by operating activities
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:
Capital expenditures...................
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired
Net cash used in investing activities
\$ $(15,382)$
$(11,468)$
$(554,402)$
$(554,402)$
$(565,870)$
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:
Proceeds from issuance of credit facility
Principal payment on credit facility.
265,888
$(125,013)$
150, 000
3,341
110, 411
600
$(3,995)$
166,630
567,862
9,288
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Increase in cash
Cash, beginning of period
Cash, end of period
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:
Cash paid during the period for interest.
,183
010
75 398
1,083
679)
(76)

523
, 684
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Proceeds from issuance of senior subordinated debt.
Proceeds from issuance of note payable-affiliate
Proceeds from issuance of senior discount notes.
Proceeds from other notes payable
Payments for debt issuance costs.
Contribution by members.
Net cash provided by financing activities
\$ 9,288
=========
\$ 3,480
\$==

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## statements.

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(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

## 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

Avalon Cable LLC ("Avalon"), and its wholly owned subsidiaries Avalon Cable Holdings Finance, Inc. ("Avalon Holdings Finance") and Avalon Cable of Michigan LLC ("Avalon Michigan"), were formed in October 1998, pursuant to the laws of the State of Delaware, as a wholly owned subsidiary of Avalon Cable of New England Holdings, Inc. ("Avalon New England Holdings").

On November 6, 1998, Avalon New England Holdings contributed its 100\% interest in Avalon Cable of New England LLC ("Avalon New England") to Avalon in exchange for a membership interest in Avalon. This contribution was between entities under common control and was accounted for similar to a pooling-of-interests. Under this pooling-of-interests method, the results of operations for Avalon include the results of operations from the date of inception (September 4, 1997) of Avalon New England. On that same date, Avalon received $\$ 63,000$ from affiliated entities, which was comprised of (i) a $\$ 45,000$ capital contribution by Avalon Investors, LLC ("Avalon Investors") and (ii) a $\$ 18,000$ promissory note from Avalon Cable Holdings LLC ("Avalon Holdings"), which was used to make a $\$ 62,800$ cash contribution to Avalon New England.

The cash contribution received by Avalon New England was used to (i) extinguish existing indebtedness of $\$ 29,600$ and (ii) fund a $\$ 33,200$ loan to Avalon Holdings Finance which matures on December 31, 2001.

On December 10, 1998, Avalon received a dividend distribution from Avalon New England in the amount of $\$ 18,206$, which was used by Avalon to pay off the promissory note payable to Avalon Holdings, plus accrued interest.

Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. was formed in June 1998, pursuant to the laws of the state of Delaware, as a wholly owned subsidiary of Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc. ("Michigan Holdings".) On June 3, 1998, Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Agreement") among Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc., Michigan Holdings and Cable Michigan, Inc. ("Cable Michigan"), pursuant to which Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. will merge into Cable Michigan and Cable Michigan will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Michigan Holdings (the "Merger"). As part of the Merger, the name of the company was changed to Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc.

In accordance with the terms of the Agreement, each share of common stock, par value $\$ 1.00$ per share ("common stock"), of Cable Michigan outstanding prior to the effective time of the Merger (other than treasury stock shares owned by Michigan Holdings or its subsidiaries, or shares as to which dissenters' rights have been exercised) shall be converted into the right to receive $\$ 40.50$ in cash (the "Merger Consideration"), subject to certain possible closing adjustments.

In conjunction with the acquisition of Cable Michigan, Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. acquired Cable Michigan's 62\% ownership interest in Mercom, Inc. ("Mercom").

On November 6, 1998, Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. completed its Merger. The total consideration payable in conjunction with the Merger, including fees and expenses is $\$ 431,629$, including repayment of all existing Cable Michigan indebtedness and accrued interest of $\$ 135,205$. Subsequent to the Merger, the arrangements with RCN and CTE for certain support
services were terminated. The Agreement also permitted Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. to agree to acquire the remaining shares of Mercom that it did not own.

Michigan Holdings contributed $\$ 137,375$ in cash to Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc., which was used to consummate the Merger. On November 5, 1998, Michigan Holdings received $\$ 105,000$ in cash in exchange for promissory notes to lenders (the "Bridge Agreement"). On November 6, 1998, Michigan Holdings contributed the proceeds received from the Bridge Agreement and an additional $\$ 35,000$ in cash to Avalon Cable of Michigan Inc. in exchange for 100 shares of common stock.

On March 26, 1999, Avalon completed a series of transactions to facilitate certain aspects of its financing between affiliated entities under common control. As a result of these transactions:

- Avalon Cable of Michigan Inc. contributed its assets and liabilities excluding deferred tax liabilities, net to Avalon in exchange for an approximate $88 \%$ voting interest in Avalon. Avalon contributed these assets and liabilities to its wholly-owned subsidiary, Avalon Cable of Michigan
- Avalon Michigan has become the operator of the Michigan cluster replacing Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc.
- Avalon Michigan is an obligor on the Senior Subordinated Notes replacing Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc., and
- Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. is a guarantor of the obligations of Avalon Michigan under the Senior Subordinated Notes. Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. does not have significant assets, other than its investment in Avalon.
- Avalon is an obligor on the Senior Discount Notes replacing Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc.

As a result of the reorganization between entities under common control, Avalon accounted for the reorganization similar to a pooling-of-interests. Under the pooling-of-interests method, the results of operations for Avalon include the results of operations from the date of inception (June 2, 1998) inception of Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. and the date of acquisition of the completed acquisitions.

Avalon New England and Avalon Michigan provide cable service to the western New England area and the state of Michigan, respectively. Avalon cable systems offer customer packages of basic and premium cable programming services which are offered at a per channel charge or are packaged together to form a tier of services offered at a discount from the combined channel rate. Avalon cable systems also provide premium cable services to their customers for an extra monthly charge. Customers generally pay initial connection charges and fixed monthly fees for cable programming and premium cable services, which constitute the principal sources of revenue for Avalon.

Avalon Holdings Finance was formed for the sole purpose of facilitating financings associated with the acquisitions of various cable operating companies. Avalon Holdings Finance conducts no other activities.
2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements of Avalon and its subsidiaries, include the accounts of Avalon and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Avalon New England, Avalon Michigan and Avalon Holdings Finance (collectively, the "Company"). All significant transactions between Avalon and its subsidiaries have been eliminated.

## Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and use assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure for contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements as well as the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Actual results may vary from estimates used.

## Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognized as cable services are provided. Installation fee evenue is recognized in the period in which the installation occurs to the extent that direct selling costs meet or exceed installation revenues

## Advertising costs

Advertising costs are charged to operations as incurred. Advertising costs were $\$ 82$ for the year ended December 31, 1998.

## Concentration of credit risk

Financial instruments which potentially expose the Company to a concentration of credit risk include cash and subscriber and other receivables. The Company had cash in excess of federally insured deposits at financial institutions at December 31, 1998. The Company does not believe that such deposits are subject to any unusual credit risk beyond the normal credit risk associated with operating its business. The Company extends credit to customers on an unsecured basis in the normal course of business. The company maintains reserves for potential credit losses and such losses, in the aggregate, have not historically exceeded management's expectations. The Company's trade receivables reflect a customer base centered in the state of Michigan and New England. The Company routinely assesses the financial strength of its customers; as a result, concentrations of credit risk are limited.

Property, plant and equipment
Property, plant and equipment is stated at its fair value for items acquired from Cable Michigan, historical cost for the minority interests share of Mercom property, plant and equipment and cost for additions subsequent to the merger. Initial subscribers installation costs, including materials, labor and overhead costs, are capitalized as a component of cable plant and equipment. The cost of disconnection and reconnection are charged to expense when incurred.

| Ve | 5 years |
| :---: | :---: |
| Cable plant and equipment | 5-12 years |
| Office furniture and equipment | 5-10 years |
| Buildings and improvements | 10-25 years |

## Intangible assets

Intangible assets represent the estimated fair value of cable franchises and goodwill resulting from acquisitions. Goodwill is the excess of the purchase pice over the fair value of the net assets acquired, determined through an independent appraisal. Deferred financing costs represent direct costs incurred to obtain long-term financing and are amortized to interest expense over the term of the underlying debt utilizing the effective interest method. Amortization is computed for financial statement purposes using the straight-line method based upon the anticipated economic lives:


## Accounting for impairments

The Company follows the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 121 -- "Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed of" ("SFAS 121").

SFAS 121 requires that long-lived assets and certain identifiable intangibles to be held and used by an entity be reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. In performing the review for recoverability, the Company estimates the net future cash flows expected to result from the use of the asset and its eventual disposition. If the sum of the expected net future cash flows (undiscounted and without interest charges) is less than the carrying amount of the asset, an impairment loss is recognized. Measurement of an impairment loss for long-lived assets and identifiable intangibles expected to be held and used is based on the fair value of the asset.

No impairment losses have been recognized by the Company pursuant to SFAS 121.

## Financial instruments

The Company estimates that the fair value of all financial instruments at December 31, 1998 does not differ materially from the aggregate carrying values of its financial instruments recorded in the accompanying balance sheet. The fair value of the notes payable-affiliate are considered to be equal to carrying values since the Company believes that its credit risk has not changed from the time this debt instrument was executed and therefore, would obtain a similar rate in the current market.

## Income taxes

The Company is not subject to federal and state income taxes since the income or loss of the Company is included in the tax returns of Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. and the Company's
minority partners. However, Mercom, its majority-owned subsidiary is subject to taxes that are accounted for using Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109 -- "Accounting for Income Taxes". The statement requires the use of an asset and liability approach for financial reporting purposes. The asset and liability approach requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between financial reporting basis and tax basis of assets and liabilities. If it is more likely than not that some portion or all of a deferred tax asset will not be realized, a valuation allowance is recognized.

## 3. MEMBERS' CAPITAL

Avalon has authorized two classes of equity units; class A units ("Class A Units") and class B units ("Class B Units") (collectively, the "Units"). Each class of the Units represents a fractional part of the membership interests in Avalon and has the rights and obligations specified in Avalon's Limited Liability Company Agreement. Each Class B Unit is entitled to voting rights equal to the percentage such units represents of the aggregate number of outstanding Class B Units. The Class A Units are not entitled to voting rights

## Class A Units

The Class A Units are participating preferred equity interests. A preferred return accrues annually (the Company's "Preferred Return") on the initial purchase price (the Company's "Capital Value") of each Class A Unit at a rate of 15 , or $17 \%$ under certain circumstances, per annum. The Company cannot pay distributions in respect of other classes of securities including distributions made in connection with a liquidation until the Company's Capital Value and accrued Preferred Return in respect of each Class A Unit is paid to the holders thereof (such distributions being the Company's "Priority Distributions"). So long as any portion of the Company's Priority Distributions remains unpaid, the holders of a majority of the Class A Units are entitled to block certain actions by the Company including the payment of certain distributions, the issuance of senior or certain types of pari passu equity securities or the entering into or amending of certain related-party agreements. In addition to the Company's Priority Distributions, each Class A Unit is also entitled to participate in common distributions, pro rata according to the percentage such unit represents of the aggregate number of the Company's units then outstanding.

## Class B Units

The Class B Units are junior equity securities which are divided into two identical subclasses, Class B-1 Units and Class B-2 Units. After the payment in full of Avalon's Priority Distributions, each Class B Unit is entitled to participate in distributions pro rata according to the percentage such unit represents of the aggregate number of the Avalon units then outstanding.

## 4. MERGER AND ACQUISITIONS

The Merger was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. Accordingly, the consideration was allocated to the net assets acquired based on their fair market values at the date of the Merger. The purchase price was allocated as follows: current assets and liabilities at fair values of $\$ 470$, approximately $\$ 94,000$ to property, plant and equipment, $\$ 315,000$ to cable franchises and the excess of consideration paid over the fair market value of the net assets acquired, or goodwill, of $\$ 81,705$, offset by deferred taxes net of \$60,000.

The Merger agreement between Michigan Holdings and Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. permitted Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. to agree to acquire the $1,822,810$ shares (approximately $38 \%$ of the outstanding stock) of Mercom that it did not own (the "Mercom Acquisition"). On September 10, 1998 Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. and Mercom entered into a definitive agreement (the "Mercom Merger Agreement") providing for the acquisition by Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. of all of such shares at a price of $\$ 12.00$ per share. Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. completed this acquisition in March 1999. The total estimated consideration payable in conjunction with the Mercom Acquisition, excluding fees and expenses was $\$ 21,900$.

In March 1999, Avalon Michigan acquired the cable television systems of Nova Cablevision, Inc., Nova Cablevision VI, L.P. and Nova Cablevision VII, L.P. for approximately $\$ 7,800$, excluding transaction fees.

On May 29, 1998, the Company acquired certain assets of Amrac Clear View, A Limited Partnership ("Amrac") for consideration of $\$ 8,124$, including acquisition costs of $\$ 589$. The acquisition was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. Accordingly, the consideration was allocated to the net assets acquired based on the fair market values at the date of acquisition as determined through the use of an independent appraisal. The excess of the consideration paid over the estimated fair market value of the net assets acquired, or goodwill, was $\$ 256$.

On July 21, 1998, the Company acquired certain assets and liabilities from Pegasus Cable Television, Inc. and Pegasus Cable Television of Connecticut, Inc. (collectively, "Pegasus") for consideration of $\$ 30,467$, including acquisition costs of $\$ 175$. The acquisition was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. Accordingly, the consideration was allocated to the net assets acquired based on the fair market values at the date of acquisition as determined through use of an independent appraisal. The excess of the consideration paid over the estimated fair market value of the net assets acquired, or goodwill, was $\$ 977$.

Unaudited pro forma results of operations of the Company for the year ended December 31, 1998, as if the Merger and acquisitions occurred on January 1, 1998.
DECEMBER 31,
1998
(UNAUDITED)

| Revenues | \$ 96,751 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Loss from operations. | \$ (5, 292) |
| Net loss. | \$ 22,365 ) |

In September 1998, the Company entered into a definitive agreement to purchase all of the cable systems of Taconic Technology Corporation ("Taconic") for approximately $\$ 8,525$ (excluding transaction fees). As of December 31, 1998, the Company incurred $\$ 41$ of transaction costs related to the acquisition of Taconic. This merger is expected to close in the second quarter of 1999.

At December 31, 1998, property, plant and equipment consists of the following

| Cable plant and equipment | \$106, 602 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Vehicles | 2,572 |
| Office furniture and fixtures | 1, 026 |
| Buildings and improvements | 2,234 |
| Construction in process. | 768 |
|  | 113,202 |
| Less: accumulated depreciation. | $(1,781)$ |
|  | \$111, 421 |

Depreciation expense charged to operations was $\$ 1,781$ for the year ended December 31, 1998.
. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

At December 31, 1998, intangible assets consist of the following:

|  | 1998 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Cable franchises | \$374, 773 |
| Goodwill. | 82,928 |
| Deferred financing costs | 10,658 |
| Non-compete agreement | 100 |
|  | 468,459 |
| Less: accumulated amortization. | $(6,342)$ |
|  | \$462, 117 |

Amortization expense was \$6,342 for the year ended December 31, 1998.
7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES

At December 31, 1998, accounts payable and accrued expenses consist of the following:

| Accounts payable. | \$ 5, 321 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Accrued corporate expenses | 404 |
| Accrued programming costs | 2,388 |
| Taxes payable. | 1,383 |
| Other. | 2,150 |
|  | \$11, 646 |

At December 31, 1998, Long-term debt consists of the following:

| Senior Credit Facility. | \$140, 875 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Senior Subordinated Notes | 150, 000 |
| Senior Discount Notes | 111,494 |
| Other Note Payable. | 600 |
|  | 402, 969 |
| Less: current portion of notes payable | 20 |
|  | \$402, 949 |

## Credit Facilities

On May 28, 1998, Avalon New England entered into a term loan and revolving credit agreement with a major commercial lending institution (the "Credit Agreement"). The Credit Agreement allowed for aggregate borrowings under Term Loans A and B (collectively, the "Term Loans") and a revolving credit facility of $\$ 30,000$ and $\$ 5,000$, respectively. The proceeds from the Term Loans and revolving credit facility were used to fund the acquisitions made by Avalon New England and to provide for Avalon New England's working capital requirements.

In December 1998, Avalon New England retired the Term Loans and revolving credit agreement through the proceeds of a capital contribution from Avalon. The fees and associated costs relating to the early retirement of this debt was $\$ 1,110$.

On November 6, 1998, Avalon New England became a co-borrower along with Avalon Michigan and Avalon Cable Finance, Inc. ("Avalon Finance"), affiliated companies (collectively referred to as the "Co-Borrowers"), on a $\$ 320,888$ senior credit facility, which includes term loan facilities consisting of (i) tranche A term loans of $\$ 120,888$ and (ii) tranche $B$ term loans of $\$ 170,000$, and a revolving credit facility of $\$ 30,000$ (collectively, the "Credit Facility"). Subject to compliance with the terms of the Credit Facility, borrowings under the Credit Facility will be available for working capital purposes, capital expenditures and pending and future acquisitions. The ability to advance funds under the tranche A term loan facility terminated on March 31, 1999. The tranche A term loans are subject to minimum quarterly amortization payments commencing on January 31, 2001 and maturing on October 31, 2005. The tranche B term loans are subject to minimum quarterly payments commencing on January 31, 2001 with substantially all of tranche $B$ term loans scheduled to be repaid in two equal installments on July 31, 2006 and October 31, 2006. The revolving credit facility borrowings are scheduled to be repaid on October 31, 2005.

On November 6, 1998, Avalon Michigan borrowed $\$ 265,888$ under the Credit Facility. In connection with the Senior Subordinated Notes and Senior Discount Notes offerings, Avalon Michigan repaid $\$ 125,013$ of the Credit Facility, and the availability under the Credit Facility was reduced to \$195,000. Avalon Michigan had borrowings of $\$ 11,300$ and $\$ 129,575$ outstanding under the tranche $A$ and tranche $B$ term note facilities, respectively, and had available \$30,000 for borrowings under the revolving credit facility. Avalon New England and Avalon Finance had no borrowings outstanding under the Credit Facility at December 31, 1998.

The interest rate under the Credit Facility is a rate based on either (i) the Base Rate (a rate per annum equal to the greater of the prime rate and the federal funds rate plus one-half of $1 \%$ ) or (ii) the Eurodollar Rate (a rate per annum equal to the Eurodollar base rate divided by 1.00 less the Eurocurrency reserve requirement plus, in either case, the applicable margin). As of

December 31, 1998, the applicable margin was (a) with respect to the tranche $B$ term loans was 2.75\% per annum for Base Rate loans and $3.75 \%$ per annum for Eurodollar loans and (b) with respect to tranche A term loans and the revolving credit facility was 2.00\% per annum for Base Rate loans and 3.00\% for Eurodollar loans. The applicable margin for the tranche A term loans and the revolving credit facility are subject to performance based grid pricing which is determined based upon the consolidated leverage ratio of the Co-Borrowers. The interest rate for the tranche $A$ and tranche $B$ term loans outstanding at December 31, 1998 was $8.58 \%$ and $9.33 \%$, respectively. Interest is payable on a quarterly basis. Accrued interest on the borrowings incurred by Avalon Cable of Michigan Inc. under the credit facility was \$1,389 at December 31, 1998.

The Credit Facility contains restrictive covenants which among other things require the Co-Borrowers to maintain certain ratios including consolidated leverage ratios and the interest coverage ratio, fixed charge ratio and debt service coverage ratio.

The obligations of the Co-Borrowers under the Credit Facility are secured by substantially all of the assets of the Co-Borrowers. In addition, the obligations of the Co-Borrowers under the Credit Facility are guaranteed by affiliated companies; Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc., Avalon Cable Finance Holdings, Inc., Avalon New England Holdings, Inc., Avalon Cable Holdings, LLC and the Company.

A Change of Control as defined under the Credit Facility agreement would constitute an event of default under the Credit Facility giving the lender the right to terminate the credit commitment and declare all amounts outstanding immediately due and payable.

## Subordinated Debt

In December 1998, Avalon New England and Avalon Michigan became co-issuers of a $\$ 150,000$ principal balance, Senior Subordinated Notes ("Subordinated Notes") offering. In conjunction with this financing, Avalon New England received $\$ 18,130$ from Avalon Michigan as a partial payment against the Company's note receivable-affiliate from Avalon Michigan. Avalon Michigan paid $\$ 75$ in interest during the period from October 21, 1998 (inception) through December 31, 1998. The cash proceeds received by Avalon New England of $\$ 18,206$ was paid to Avalon as a dividend.

The Subordinated Notes mature on December 1, 2008, and interest accrued at a rate of $9.375 \%$ per annum. Interest is payable semi-annually in arrears on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing on June 1, 1999. Accrued interest on the Subordinated Notes was \$1,078 at December 31, 1998.

The Senior Subordinated Notes will not be redeemable at the Co-Borrowers' option prior to December 1, 2003. Thereafter, the Senior Subordinated Notes will be subject to redemption at any time at the option of the Co-Borrowers, in whole or in part at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) set forth below plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon to the applicable redemption date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on December 1 of the years indicated below:

| YEAR | PERCENTAGE |
| :---: | :---: |
| - -- |  |
| 2003 | 104.688\% |
| 2004 | 103.125\% |
| 2005 | 101.563\% |
| 2006 | 100.000\% |

The scheduled maturities of the long-term debt are $\$ 2,000$ in 2001, $\$ 4,000$ in 2002, \$7,000 in 2003, and the remainder thereafter.

At any time prior to December 1, 2001, the Co-Borrowers may on any one or more occasions redeem up to $35 \%$ of the aggregate principal amount of Senior Subordinate Notes originally issued under the Indenture at a redemption price equal to $109.375 \%$ of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date, with the net cash proceeds of any equity offering and/or the net cash proceeds of a strategic equity investment; provided that at least $65 \%$ of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of Senior Subordinated Notes originally issued remain outstanding immediately after each such redemption.

As used in the preceding paragraph, "Equity Offering and Strategic Equity Investment" means any public or private sale of Capital Stock of any of the Co-Borrowers pursuant to which the Co-Borrowers together receive net proceeds of at least $\$ 25$ million, other than issuances of Capital Stock pursuant to employee benefit plans or as compensation to employees; provided that to the extent such Capital Stock is issued by the Co-Borrowers, the net cash proceeds thereof shall have been contributed to one or more of the Co-Borrowers in the form of an equity contribution.

The Indentures provide that upon the occurrence of a change of control (a "Change of Control") each holder of the Notes has the right to require the Company to purchase all or any part (equal to $\$ 1,000$ or an integral multiple thereof) of such holder's Notes at an offer price in cash equal to $101 \%$ of the aggregate principal amount thereon plus accrued and unpaid interest and Liquidated Damages (as defined in the Indentures) thereof, if any, to the date of purchase.

## The Senior Discount Notes

On December 3, 1998, the Company, Avalon Michigan and Avalon Cable Holdings Finance, Inc. (the "Holding Co-Borrowers") issued $\$ 196.0$ million aggregate principal amount at maturity of $117 / 8 \%$ Senior Discount Notes ("Senior Discount Notes") due 2008.

The Senior Discount Notes were issued at a substantial discount from their principal amount at maturity, to generate gross proceeds of approximately \$110.4 million. Interest on the Senior Discount Notes will accrue but not be payable before December 1, 2003. Thereafter, interest on the Senior Discount Notes will accrue on the principal amount at maturity at a rate of $11.875 \%$ per annum, and will be payable semi-annually in arrears on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing December 1, 2003. Prior to December 1, 2003, the accreted value of the Senior Discount Notes will increase, representing amortization of original issue discount, between the date of original issuance and December 1, 2003 on a semi-annual basis using a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months, such that the accreted value shall be equal to the full principal amount at maturity of the Senior Discount Notes on December 1, 2003. Original issue discount accretion on the Senior Discount Notes was \$1,083 at December 31, 1998.

On December 1, 2003, the Holding Co-Borrowers will be required to redeem an amount equal to $\$ 369.79$ per $\$ 1,000$ principal amount at maturity of each Senior Discount Note then outstanding on a pro rata basis at a redemption price of $100 \%$ of the principal amount at maturity of the Senior Discount Notes so redeemed.

On or after December 1, 2003, the Senior Discount Notes will be subject to redemption at any time at the option of the Holding Co-borrowers, in whole or in part, at the redemption prices, which are expressed as percentages of principal amount, shown below plus accrued and unpaid

| YEAR | PERCENTAGE |
| :---: | :---: |
| - - |  |
| 2003 | 105.938\% |
| 2004 | 103.958\% |
| 2005 | 101.979\% |
| 2006 | 100.000\% |

Notwithstanding the foregoing, at any time before December 1, 2001, the holding companies may on any one or more occasions redeem up to $35 \%$ of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of senior discount notes originally issued under the Senior Discount Note indenture at a redemption price equal to 111.875\% of the accreted value at the date of redemption, plus liquidated damages, if any, to the redemption date, with the net cash proceeds of any equity offering and/or the net cash proceeds of a strategic equity investment; provided that at least $65 \%$ of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of Senior Discount Notes originally issued remain outstanding immediately after each occurrence of such redemption.

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, each holder of Senior Discount Notes will have the right to require the Holding Co-Borrowers to repurchase all or any part of such holder's Senior Discount Notes pursuant to a Change of Control offer at an offer price in cash equal to $101 \%$ of the aggregate principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest and liquidated damages thereon, if any, to the date of purchase.

## Mercom debt

In August 1997, the Mercom revolving credit agreement for $\$ 2,000$ expired. Mercom had no borrowings under the revolving credit agreement in 1996 or 1997.

On September 29, 1997, Cable Michigan, Inc. purchased and assumed all of the bank's interest in the term credit agreement and the note issued thereunder. Immediately after the purchase, the term credit agreement was amended in order to, among other things, provide for less restrictive financial covenants, eliminate mandatory amortization of principal and provide for a bullet maturity of principal on December 31, 2002, and remove the change of control event of default. Mercom's borrowings under the term credit agreement contain pricing and security provisions substantially the same as those in place prior to the purchase of the loan. The borrowings are secured by a pledge of the stock of Mercom's subsidiaries and a first lien on certain of the assets of Mercom and its subsidiaries, including inventory, equipment and receivables. At December 31, 1998, $\$ 14,151$ of principal was outstanding. The borrowings under the term credit agreement are eliminated in the Company's consolidated balance sheet.

## Note payable

Avalon New England issued a note payable for $\$ 500$ which is due on May 29, 2003, and bears interest at a rate of $7 \%$ per annum (which approximates Avalon New England's incremental borrowing rate) payable annually. Additionally, Avalon New England has a $\$ 100$ non-compete agreement. The agreement calls for five annual payments of \$20, commencing on May 29, 1999.

## AVALON CABLE LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

## 9. INCOME TAXES

The income tax provision in the accompanying consolidated financial statements of operations relating to Mercom, Inc., a majority-owned subsidiary is comprised of the following:

|  | 1998 |
| :---: | :---: |
| CURRENT |  |
| Federal. | \$ -- |
| State. | -- |
| Total Current | -- |
| DEFERRED |  |
| Federal. | 171 |
| State. | 15 |
| Total Deferred. | 186 |
| Total provision for income taxes | \$186 |

The benefit for income taxes is different from the amounts computed by applying the U.S. statutory federal tax rate of $35 \%$ for 1998. The differences are as follows:

|  | 1998 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Loss before provision for income taxes | \$ $(8,833)$ |
| Federal tax provision at statutory rates | \$ (3, 092) |
| State income taxes. | (182) |
| Allocated to members. | 3,082 |
| Goodwill. | 6 |
| Provision for income taxes. | \$ 186 |


|  | TAX NET |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | OPERATING | EXPIRATION |
| YEAR | LOSSES | DATE |
| - -- | ----- |  |
| 1998 | \$922 | 2018 |

Temporary differences that give rise to significant portion of deferred tax assets and liabilities at December 31 are as follows:

|  | 1998 |
| :---: | :---: |
| NOL carryforwards | \$ 922 |
| Reserves | 459 |
| Other, net | 20 |
| Total deferred assets | 1,401 |
| Property, plant and equipment | $(2,725)$ |
| Intangible assets | (38) |
| Total deferred liabilities. | $(2,763)$ |
| Subtotal | $(1,362)$ |
| Valuation allowance. | -- |
| Total deferred taxes | \$ $(1,362)$ |

Leases

Avalon New England and Avalon Michigan rent poles from utility companies for use in their operations. While rental agreements are generally short-term, Avalon New England and Avalon Michigan anticipate such rentals will continue in the future. Avalon New England and Avalon Michigan also lease office facilities and various items of equipment under month-to-month operating leases. Rent expense was $\$ 58$ for the year ended December 31, 1998. Rental commitments are expected to continue at approximately $\$ 1$ million a year for the foreseeable future, including pole rental commitments which are cancelable.

Legal matters
Avalon and its subsidiaries are subject to regulation by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and other franchising authorities.

Avalon and its subsidiaries are subject to the provisions of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, as amended, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Avalon and its Subsidiaries have either settled challenges or accrued for anticipated exposures related to rate regulation; however, there is no assurance that there will not be further additional challenges to its rates.

In the normal course of business, there are various legal proceedings outstanding. In the opinion of management, these proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or results of operations of Avalon and its subsidiaries.

## 11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

During 1998, Avalon New England received $\$ 3,341$ from Avalon Holdings. In consideration for this amount, Avalon New England executed a note payable to Avalon Holdings. This note is recorded as note payable-affiliate on the balance sheet at December 31, 1998. Interest accrues at a rate of $5.57 \%$ per year and Avalon New England has recorded accrued interest on this note of $\$ 100$ at December 31, 1998.

## 12. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In May 1999, the Company signed an agreement with Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter Communications") under which Charter Communications agreed to purchase Avalon Cable LLC's cable television systems and assume some of their debt. The acquisition by Charter Communications is subject to regulatory approvals. The Company expects to consummate this transaction in the fourth quarter of 1999.

This agreement, if closed, would constitute a change in control under the Indenture pursuant to which the Senior Subordinated Notes and the Senior Discount Notes (collectively, the "Notes") were issued. The Indenture provides that upon the occurrence of a change of control of the Company (a "Change of Control") each holder of the Notes has the right to require the Company to purchase all or any part (equal to $\$ 1,000$ or an integral multiple thereof) of such holder's Notes at an offer price in cash equal to $101 \%$ of the aggregate principal amount thereon (or 101\% of the accreted value for the Senior Discount Notes as of the date of purchase if prior to the full accretion date) plus accrued and unpaid interest and Liquidated Damages (as defined in the Indenture) thereof, if any, to the date of purchase.

This agreement, if closed, would represent a Change of Control which, on the closing date, constitutes an event of default under the Credit Facility giving the lender the right to terminate the credit commitment and declare all amounts outstanding immediately due and payable. Charter Communications has agreed to repay all amounts due under the Credit Facility or cause all events of default under the Credit Facility arising from the Change of Control to be waived.

To the Board of Managers of
Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries
In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc. and subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company") at December 31, 1997 and 1998, and the results of their operations, changes in shareholders' equity and their cash flows for the period from September 4, 1997 (inception) through December 31, 1997, and for the year ended December 31, 1998, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards which require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statements presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for the opinion expressed above.
/s/ PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP
New York, New York
March 30, 1999, except for Note 13,
as to which the date is May 13, 1999

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31


ASSETS


The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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| REVENUE: |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Basic services. | \$14,976 | \$ | -- |
| Premium services | 1,468 |  | -- |
| Other | 1,743 |  | -- |
|  | 18,187 |  | -- |
| OPERATING EXPENSES: |  |  |  |
| Selling, general and administrative. | 4,207 |  | -- |
| Programming. | 4,564 |  | -- |
| Technical and operations. | 1,951 |  | -- |
| Depreciation and amortization. | 8,183 |  | -- |
| Loss from operations. | (718) |  | -- |
| Interest income. | 173 |  | 4 |
| Interest expense | $(8,223)$ |  | -- |
| Other expense, net. | (65) |  | -- |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | $(8,833)$ |  | 4 |
| (Benefit) from income taxes. | $(2,754)$ |  | -- |
| Income (loss) before minority interest and extraordinary <br> item............................................................ |  |  |  |
| Minority interest in income of consolidated entity..... | 1,331 |  | (4) |
| Income (loss) before extraordinary item.................. | $(4,748)$ |  | -- |
| Extraordinary loss on extinguishment of debt (net of tax of $\$ 1,743$ ) | $(4,170)$ |  | -- |
| Net income (loss). | \$ $(8,918)$ | \$ | -- |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
FOR THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 4, 1997 (INCEPTION) THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998

| COMMON | ADDITIONAL |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SHARES | COMMON | PAID-IN | ACCUMULATED |
| OUTSTANDING | STOCK | CAPITAL | DEFICIT |
|  | (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE AMOUNTS) |  |  |



TOTAL
SHAREHOLDERS'
EQUITY
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|  | FOR THE PERIOD FROM |
| :--- | :---: |
|  | SEPTEMBER 4, 1997 |
| FOR THE YEAR ENDED | (INCEPTION) THROUGH |
| DECEMBER 31, 1998 | DECEMBER 31, 1997 |

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | $(8,918)$ | \$ | 4 |
| Extraordinary loss on extinguishment of debt |  | 4,170 |  | -- |
| Depreciation and amortization |  | 8,183 |  | -- |
| Deferred income taxes, net. |  | 82,370 |  | -- |
| Provision for loss on accounts receivable |  | 75 |  | -- |
| Increase in minority interest |  | 1,331 |  | -- |
| Accretion on senior discount notes |  | 1,083 |  | -- |
| Net change in certain assets and liabilities, net of |  |  |  |  |
| Increase in accounts receivable from related parties. |  | (124) |  | -- |
| Increase in prepayment and other current assets.... |  | (884) |  | (4) |
| Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses |  | 4,863 |  | -- |
| Increase in accounts payable to related parties. |  | 1,523 |  | -- |
| Increase in deferred revenue. |  | 1,684 |  | -- |
| Change in Other, net. |  | 1,339 |  | -- |
| Net cash provided by operating activities. |  | 92,338 |  | -- |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |  |
| Additions to property, plant and equipment. |  | 11, 468) |  | -- |
| Payment for acquisition................... |  | 54, 402) |  | -- |
| Net cash used in investing activities |  | 65,870 |  | -- |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: |  |  |  |  |
| Proceeds from the issuance of the Credit Facility. |  | 65,888 |  | -- |
| Principal payment on debt |  | 25, 013) |  | -- |
| Proceeds from the issuance of senior subordinated |  |  |  |  |
| Payments made on bridge loan |  | 105, 000) |  | -- |
| Proceeds from bridge loan. |  | 5, 000 |  | -- |
| Proceeds from the senior discount notes |  | 10, 411 |  | -- |
| Proceeds from sale to minority interest |  | 46,588 |  | -- |
| Proceeds from other notes payable..... |  | 600 |  | -- |
| Proceeds from the issuance of note payable affiliate |  | 3,341 |  | -- |
| Payments made for debt financing costs. |  | $(3,995)$ |  | -- |
| Proceeds from the issuance of common stock. |  | 35,000 |  | -- |
| Net cash provided by financing activities. |  | 22, 820 |  | -- |
| Net increase in cash. |  | 9,288 |  | -- |
| Cash at beginning of the period. |  | - - |  | -- |
| Cash at end of the period. | \$ | 9,288 | \$ | -- |
| SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION: |  |  |  |  |
| Cash paid during the year for Interest. | \$ | 3,480 | \$ | -- |
| Income taxes. |  |  |  | -- |

[^0]NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE DATA)
DECEMBER 31, 1998

## 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc. ("the Company") was formed in June 1998, pursuant to the laws of the state of Delaware. Avalon Cable of Michigan Inc. ("Avalon Michigan") was formed in June 1998, pursuant to the laws of the state of Delaware as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. On June 3, 1998, Avalon Michigan entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Agreement") among the Company, Cable Michigan, Inc. ("Cable Michigan") and Avalon Michigan, pursuant to which Avalon Michigan will merge into Cable Michigan and Cable Michigan will become a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (the "Merger").

In accordance with the terms of the Agreement, each share of common stock, par value $\$ 1.00$ per share ("common stock"), of Cable Michigan outstanding prior to the effective time of the Merger (other than treasury stock shares owned by the Company or its subsidiaries, or shares as to which dissenters' rights have been exercised) shall be converted into the right to receive $\$ 40.50$ in cash (the "Merger Consideration"), subject to certain possible closing adjustments.

In conjunction with the acquisition of Cable Michigan, Avalon Michigan acquired Cable Michigan's 62\% ownership interest in Mercom, Inc. ("Mercom").

On November 6, 1998, Avalon Michigan completed its merger into and with Cable Michigan. The total consideration paid in conjunction with the merger, including fees and expenses was $\$ 431,629$, including repayment of all existing Cable Michigan indebtedness and accrued interest of $\$ 135,205$. Subsequent to the merger, the arrangements with RCN and CTE for certain support services were terminated. The Agreement also permitted Avalon Michigan to agree to acquire the remaining shares of Mercom that it did not own.

The Company contributed $\$ 137,375$ in cash to Avalon Michigan, which was used to consummate the Merger. On November 5, 1998, the Company received \$105,000 in cash in exchange for promissory notes to lenders (the "Bridge Agreement"). On November 6, 1998, the Company contributed the proceeds received from the Bridge Agreement and an additional $\$ 35,000$ in cash to Avalon Michigan in exchange for 100 shares of common stock.

On November 6, 1998, Avalon Cable of New England Holdings, Inc. contributed its $100 \%$ interest in Avalon Cable of New England LLC ("Avalon New England") to Avalon Cable LLC in exchange for a membership interest in Avalon Cable LLC. This contribution was between entities under common control and was accounted for similar to a pooling-of-interests. Under this pooling-of-interests method, the results of operations for Avalon include the results of operations from the date of inception (September 4, 1997) of Avalon New England. On that same date, Avalon Cable LLC received $\$ 63,000$ from affiliated entities, which was comprised of (i) a \$45,000 capital contribution by Avalon Investors, LLC ("Avalon Investors") and (ii) a \$18,000 promissory note from Avalon Cable Holdings LLC ("Avalon Holdings"), which was used to make a $\$ 62,800$ cash contribution to Avalon New England.

The cash contribution received by Avalon New England was used to (i) extinguish existing indebtedness of $\$ 29,600$ and (ii) fund a $\$ 33,200$ loan to Avalon Holdings Finance which matures on December 31, 2001.

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On December 10, 1998, Avalon Cable LLC received a dividend distribution from Avalon New England in the amount of $\$ 18,206$, which was used by Avalon Cable LLC to pay off the promissory note payable to Avalon Holdings, plus accrued interest.

On March 26, 1999, after the acquisition of Mercom, Inc., the Company completed a series of transactions to facilitate certain aspects of its financing between affiliated entities under common control. As a result of these ransactions

- Avalon Michigan contributed its assets and liabilities excluding deferred tax liabilities, net to Avalon Cable LLC in exchange for an approximate $88 \%$ voting interest in Avalon Cable LLC. Avalon Cable LLC contributed these assets and liabilities to its wholly-owned subsidiary, Avalon Cable of Michigan LLC ("Avalon Michigan LLC");
- Avalon Michigan LLC has become the operator of the Michigan cluster replacing Avalon Michigan;
- Avalon Michigan LLC is an obligor on the Senior Subordinated Notes replacing Avalon Michigan; and
- Avalon Michigan is a guarantor of the obligations of Avalon Michigan LLC under the Senior Subordinated Notes. Avalon Michigan does not have significant assets, other than its investment in Avalon Cable LLC.
- The Company contributed the Senior Discount Notes to Avalon Cable LLC and became a guarantor of the Senior Discount Notes. The Company does not have significant assets, other than its 88\% investment in Avalon Cable LLC.

As a result of this reorganization between entities under common control, the Company accounted for the reorganization similar to a pooling-of-interests Under the pooling-of-interests method, the results of operations include the results of operations from the earliest date that a member became a part of the control group by inception or acquisition. For the Company, the results of operations are from the date of inception (September 4, 1997) for Avalon New England, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Avalon Cable LLC.

Avalon Michigan has a majority-interest in Avalon Cable LLC. Avalon Cable LLC wholly-owns Avalon Cable Holdings Finance, Avalon New England, and Avalon Michigan LLC

Avalon New England and Avalon Michigan provide cable service to the western New England area and the state of Michigan, respectively. Avalon New England and Avalon Michigan LLC's cable systems offer customer packages for basic cable programming services which are offered at a per channel charge or packaged together to form a tier of services offered at a discount from the combined channel rate. Avalon New England and Avalon Michigan LLC's cable systems also provide premium cable services to their customers for an extra monthly charge. Customers generally pay initial connection charges and fixed monthly fees for cable programming and premium cable services, which constitute the principle sources of revenue for the Company.

Avalon Holdings Finance was formed for the sole purpose of facilitating financings associated with the acquisitions of various cable operating companies. Avalon Holdings Finance conducts no other activities

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2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Principles of consolidation
The consolidated financial statements of the Company include the accounts of the Company and of all its wholly and majority owned subsidiaries. All significant transactions between the Company and its subsidiaries have been eliminated.

Use of estimates
The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## Revenue recognition

Revenues from cable services are recorded in the month the service is provided. Installation fee revenue is recognized in the period in which the installation occurs to the extent that direct selling costs meet or exceed installation revenues.

## Advertising expense

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising expense charged to operations was \$82 for the year ended December 31, 1998.

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Concentration of credit risk
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Financial instruments which potentially expose the Company to a concentration of credit risk include cash and subscriber and other receivables The Company had cash in excess of federally insured deposits at financial institutions at December 31, 1998. The Company does not believe that such deposits are subject to any unusual credit risk beyond the normal credit risk associated with operating its business. The Company extends credit to customers on an unsecured basis in the normal course of business. The Company maintains reserves for potential credit losses and such losses, in the aggregate, have not historically exceeded management's expectations. The Company's trade receivables reflect a customer base centered in Michigan and New England. The Company routinely assesses the financial strength of its customers; as a result, concentrations of credit risk are limited.

## Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment is stated at its fair value for items acquired from Cable Michigan, historical cost for the minority interests' share of Mercom property, plant and equipment and cost for additions subsequent to the merger. Initial subscribers installation costs, including materials, labor and overhead costs, are capitalized as a component of cable plant and equipment. The cost of disconnection and reconnection are charged to expense when incurred.

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Depreciation is computed for financial statement purposes using the straight-line method based on the following lives:

| Buildings and improvements | 10-25 years |
| :---: | :---: |
| Cable plant and equipment. | 5-12 years |
| Vehicles | 5 years |
|  | 5-10 years |

## Intangible assets

Intangible assets represent the estimated fair value of cable franchises and goodwill resulting from acquisitions. Cable franchises are amortized over a period ranging from 13 to 15 years on a straight-line basis. Goodwill is the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the net assets acquired, determined through an independent appraisal, and is amortized over 15 years using the straight-line method. Deferred financing costs represent direct costs incurred to obtain long-term financing and are amortized to interest expense over the term of the underlying debt utilizing the effective interest method.

## Accounting for impairments

The Company follows the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 121 -- "Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed of" ("SFAS 121").

SFAS 121 requires that long-lived assets and certain identifiable intangibles to be held and used by an entity be reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. In performing the review for recoverability, the Company estimates the net future cash flows expected to result from the use of the asset and its eventual disposition. If the sum of the expected net future cash flows (undiscounted and without interest charges) is less than the carrying amount of the asset, an impairment loss is recognized. Measurement of an impairment loss for long-lived assets and identifiable intangibles expected to be held and used is based on the fair value of the asset.

No impairment losses have been recognized by the Company pursuant to SFAS 121

Fair value of Financial Instruments
The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate that value:
a. The Company estimates that the fair value of all financial instruments at December 31, 1998 does not differ materially from the aggregate carrying values of its financial instruments recorded in the accompanying balance sheet. The fair value of the notes payable-affiliate are considered to be equal to carrying values since the Company believes that its credit risk has not changed from the time this debt instrument was executed and therefore, would obtain a similar rate in the current market.
b. The fair value of the cash and temporary cash investments approximates fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments.

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## Income taxes

The Company and Mercom file separate consolidated federal income tax returns. The Company accounts for income taxes using Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109 -- "Accounting for Income Taxes". The statement requires the use of an asset and liability approach for financial reporting purposes. The asset and liability approach requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between financial reporting basis and tax basis of assets and liabilities. If it is more likely than not that some portion or all of a deferred tax asset will not be realized, a valuation allowance is recognized.

## . MERGER AND ACQUISITIONS

The Merger was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. Accordingly, the consideration was allocated to the net assets acquired based on their fair market values at the date of the Merger. The purchase price was allocated as follows: current assets and liabilities at fair values of $\$ 470$ approximately $\$ 94,000$ to property, plant and equipment, $\$ 315,000$ to cable franchises and the excess of consideration paid over the fair market value of the net assets acquired, or goodwill, of $\$ 81,705$, offset by deferred taxes, net of \$60,000.

The Merger agreement between the Company and Avalon Michigan permitted Avalon Michigan to agree to acquire the 1,822,810 shares (approximately $38 \%$ of the outstanding stock) of Mercom that it did not own (the "Mercom Acquisition"). On September 10, 1998 Avalon Michigan and Mercom entered into a definitive agreement (the "Mercom Merger Agreement") providing for the acquisition by Avalon Michigan of all of such shares at a price of $\$ 12.00$ per share. Avalon Michigan completed this acquisition in March 1999. The total estimated consideration payable in conjunction with the Mercom Acquisition, excluding fees and expenses was \$21,900.

On May 29, 1998, the Company acquired certain assets of Amrac Clear View, A Limited Partnership ("Amrac") for consideration of $\$ 8,124$, including acquisition costs of $\$ 589$. The acquisition was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. Accordingly, the consideration was allocated to the net assets acquired based on the fair market values at the date of acquisition as determined through the use of an independent appraisal. The excess of the consideration paid over the estimated fair market value of the net assets acquired, or goodwill, was \$256.

On July 21, 1998, the Company acquired certain assets and liabilities from Pegasus Cable Television, Inc. and Pegasus Cable Television of Connecticut, Inc. (collectively, "Pegasus") for consideration of $\$ 30,467$, including acquisition costs of $\$ 175$. The acquisition was accounted for using the purchase method of accounting. Accordingly, the consideration was allocated to the net assets acquired based on the fair market values at the date of acquisition as determined through use of an independent appraisal. The excess of the consideration paid over the estimated fair market value of the net assets acquired, or goodwill, was \$977.

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Following is the unaudited pro forma results of operations for the year ended December 31, 1998, as if the Merger and acquisitions occurred on January 1, 1998:

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { DECEMBER } 31 \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | (UNAUDITED) |
| Revenue. | \$ 96,751 |
| Loss from operations. | \$ $(5,292)$ |
| Net loss. | \$ 22,365 ) |

In March 1999, Avalon Michigan acquired the cable television systems of Nova Cablevision, Inc., Nova Cablevision VI, L.P. and Nova Cablevision VII, L.P. for approximately \$7,800, excluding transaction fees.

In September 1998, the Company entered into a definitive agreement to purchase all of the cable systems of Taconic Technology Corporation ("Taconic") for approximately $\$ 8,525$ (excluding transaction fees). As of December 31, 1998, the Company incurred $\$ 41$ of transaction costs related to the acquisition of Taconic. This merger is expected to close in the second quarter of 1999.
4. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment consists of the following:

| Cable plant and equipm | \$106, 602 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Vehicles | 2,572 |
| Buildings and improvements | 1, 026 |
| Office furniture and equipment | 2,234 |
| Construction in process. | 768 |
| Total property, plant and equipment | 113, 202 |
| Less-accumulated depreciation. | $(1,781)$ |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | \$111, 421 |

Depreciation expense was \$1,781 for the year ended December 31, 1998.
5. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets consist of the following:

| Cable Franchise. | \$374,773 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Goodwill | 82,928 |
| Deferred Financing Costs | 10,658 |
| Non-compete agreement | 100 |
| Total. | 468, 459 |
| Less-accumulated amortization | $(6,342)$ |
| Intangible assets, net | \$462, 117 |

Amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 1998 was $\$ 6,342$.
6. ACCOUNT PAYABLE AND ACCRUED EXPENSES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consist of the following:

| Accounts payable. | \$ 5, 321 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Accrued corporate expenses | 404 |
| Accrued cable programming costs | 2,388 |
| Accrued taxes. | 1,383 |
| Other | 2,150 |
|  | \$11, 646 |

## 7. INCOME TAXES

The income tax provision (benefit) in the accompanying consolidated financial statements of operations is comprised of the following:


The benefit for income taxes is different from the amounts computed by applying the U.S. statutory federal tax rate of $35 \%$ for 1998 . The differences are as follows:

|  | 1998 |
| :---: | :---: |
| (Loss) before (benefit) for income taxes | \$ $(8,833)$ |
| Federal tax (benefit) at statutory rates. | \$ (3, 092) |
| State income taxes | (177) |
| Goodwill | 77 |
| Benefit for taxes allocated to minority partners | 84 |
| (Benefit) for income taxes | \$ (3, 108) |


|  | TAX NET |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | OPERATING | EXPIRATION |
| YEAR | LOSSES | DATE |
| - - |  |  |
| 1998 | \$10, 360 | 2018 |

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    Temporary differences that give rise to significant portion of deferred tax assets and liabilities at December 31 are as follows:

|  | 1998 |
| :---: | :---: |
| NOL carryforwards | \$ 5,363 |
| Alternative minimum tax credits | 141 |
| Reserves. | 210 |
| Other, net | 309 |
| Total deferred assets | 6,023 |
| Property, plant and equipment. | $(10,635)$ |
| Intangible assets | $(76,199)$ |
| Total deferred liabilities. | $(86,834)$ |
| Subtotal | $(80,811)$ |
| Valuation allowance. | -- |
| Total deferred taxes. | \$(80, 811) |

The tax benefit related to the loss on extinguishment of debt results in deferred tax, and it approximates the statutory U.S. tax rate. The tax benefit of $\$ 2,036$ related to the exercise of certain stock options of Cable Michigan Inc. was charged directly to goodwill in conjunction with the closing of the merger
8. DEBT

At December 31, 1998, long-term debt consists of the following:

| Senior Credit Facility. | \$140, 875 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Senior Subordinated Notes | 150, 000 |
| Senior Discount Notes | 111,494 |
| Other Note Payable. | 600 |
|  | 402,969 |
| Current portion. | 20 |
|  | \$402, 949 |

## Credit Facilities

On May 28, 1998, Avalon New England entered into a term loan and revolving credit agreement with a major commercial lending institution (the "Credit Agreement"). The Credit Agreement allowed for aggregate borrowings under Term Loans A and B (collectively, the "Term Loans") and a revolving credit facility of $\$ 30,000$ and $\$ 5,000$, respectively. The proceeds from the Term Loans and revolving credit facility were used to fund the acquisitions made by Avalon New England and to provide for Avalon New England's working capital requirements.

In December 1998, Avalon New England retired the Term Loans and revolving credit agreement through the proceeds of a capital contribution from Avalon Cable LLC. The fees and associated costs relating to the early retirement of this debt was $\$ 1,110$.

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On November 6, 1998, Avalon Michigan became a co-borrower along with Avalon New England and Avalon Cable Finance, Inc. (Avalon Finance), affiliated companies, collectively referred to as the ("Co-Borrowers") on a $\$ 320,888$ senior credit facility, which includes term loan facilities consisting of (i) tranche A term loans of $\$ 120,888$ and (ii) tranche $B$ term loans of $\$ 170,000$ and a revolving credit facility of $\$ 30,000$ (collectively, the "Credit Facility"). Subject to compliance with the terms of the credit Facility, borrowings under the credit Facility will be available for working capital purposes, capital expenditures and pending and future acquisitions. The ability to advance funds under the tranche A term loan facility terminated on March 31, 1999. The tranche A term oans are subject to minimum quarterly amortization payments commencing on January 31, 2001 and maturing on October 31, 2005. The tranche B term loans are scheduled to be repaid in two equal installments on July 31,2006 and October 31, 2006. The revolving credit facility borrowings are scheduled to be repaid on October 31, 2005.

On November 6, 1998, Avalon Michigan borrowed $\$ 265,888$ under the Credit Facility in order to consummate the Merger. In connection with the Senior Subordinated Notes (as defined below) and Senior Discount Notes (as defined below) offerings, Avalon Michigan repaid $\$ 125,013$ of the Credit Facility, and the availability under the Credit Facility was reduced to $\$ 195,000$. Avalon Michigan had borrowings of $\$ 11,300$ and $\$ 129,575$ outstanding under the tranche $A$ and tranche $B$ term note facilities, and had available $\$ 30,000$ for borrowings under the revolving credit facility. Avalon New England and Avalon Finance had no borrowings outstanding under the Credit Facility at December 31, 1998.

The interest rate under the Credit Facility is a rate based on either (i) the base rate (a rate per annum equal to the greater of the Prime Rate and the Federal Funds Effective Rate plus $1 / 2$ of 1\%) or (ii) the Eurodollar rate (a rate per annum equal to the Eurodollar Base Rate divided by 1.00 less the Eurocurrency Reserve Requirements) plus, in either case, the applicable margin. As of December 31, 1998, the applicable margin was (a) with respect to the ranche B term loans was $2.75 \%$ per annum for Base Rate loans and $3.75 \%$ per annum for Eurodollar loans and (b) with respect to tranche A term loans and the revolving credit facility was $2.00 \%$ per annum for Base Rate loans and 3.00\% for Eurodollar loans. The applicable margin for the tranche A term loans and the revolving credit facility are subject to performance based grid pricing which is determined based on upon the consolidated leverage ratio of the co-Borrowers. The interest rate for the tranche $B$ term loans outstanding at December 31, 1998 was 9.19\%. Interest is payable on a quarterly basis. Accrued interest on the borrowings under the credit facility was \$1,389 at December 31, 1998.

The Credit Facility contains restrictive covenants which among other things require the Co-Borrowers to maintain certain ratios including consolidated leverage ratios and the interest coverage ratio, fixed charge ratio and debt service coverage ratio.

The obligations of the Co-Borrowers under the Credit Facility are secured by substantially all of the assets of the Co-Borrowers. In addition, the obligations of the Co-Borrowers under the Credit Facility are guaranteed by the Company, Avalon Cable LLC, Avalon Cable Finance Holdings, Inc., Avalon Cable of New England Holdings, Inc. and Avalon Cable Holdings, LLC.

A Change of Control as defined under the Credit Facility agreement would constitute an event of default under the Credit Facility giving the lender the right to terminate the credit commitment and declare all amounts outstanding immediately due and payable

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## Subordinated Debt

In December 1998, Avalon Michigan became a co-issuer of a $\$ 150,000$
principal balance, Senior Subordinated Notes ("Subordinated Notes") offering and Michigan Holdings became a co-issuer of a $\$ 196,000$, gross proceeds, Senior Discount Notes (defined below) offering. In conjunction with these financings, Avalon Michigan paid $\$ 18,130$ to Avalon Finance as a partial payment against Avalon Michigan's note payable-affiliate. Avalon Michigan paid $\$ 76$ in interest on this note payable-affiliate during the period from inception (June 2, 1998) through December 31, 1998.

The Subordinated Notes mature on December 1, 2008, and interest accrued at a rate of $9.375 \%$ per annum. Interest is payable semi-annually in arrears on June 1 and December 1 of each year, commencing on June 1, 1999. Accrued interest on the Subordinated Notes was \$1,078 at December 31, 1998.

The Senior Subordinated Notes will not be redeemable at the Co-Borrowers' option prior to December 1, 2003. Thereafter, the Senior Subordinated Notes will be subject to redemption at any time at the option of the Co-Borrowers, in whole or in part at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, thereon to the applicable redemption date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on December 1 of the years indicated below:


The scheduled maturities of the long-term debt are \$2,000 in 2001, \$4,000 in 2002, $\$ 72,479$ in 2003, and the remainder thereafter.

At any time prior to December 1, 2001, the Co-Borrowers may on any one or more occasions redeem up to $35 \%$ of the aggregate principal amount of Senior Subordinate Notes originally issued under the Indenture at a redemption price equal to $109.375 \%$ of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the redemption date, with the net cash proceeds of any equity offering and/or the net cash proceeds of a strategic equity investment; provided that at least $65 \%$ of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of Senior Subordinated Notes originally issued remain outstanding immediately after each such redemption.

As used in the preceding paragraph, "Equity Offering and Strategic Equity Investment" means any public or private sale of Capital Stock of any of the Co-Borrowers pursuant to which the Co-Borrowers together receive net proceeds of at least $\$ 25$ million, other than issuances of Capital Stock pursuant to employee benefit plans or as compensation to employees; provided that to the extent such Capital Stock is issued by the Co-Borrowers, the net cash proceeds thereof shall have been contributed to one or more of the Co-Borrowers in the form of an equity contribution.

The Indentures provide that upon the occurrence of a change of control (a "Change of Control") each holder of the Notes has the right to require the Company to purchase all or any part (equal to $\$ 1,000$ or an integral multiple thereof) of such holder's Notes at an offer price in cash to 101\% of the aggregate principal amount thereon plus accrued and unpaid interest and Liquidated Damages (as defined in the Indentures) thereof, if any, to the date of purchase.

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The Senior Discount Notes

On December 3, 1998, the Company, Avalon Cable LLC and Avalon Cable Holdings Finance, Inc. ("Holdings Co-Borrowers") issued \$196.0 million aggregate principal amount at maturity of $117 / 8 \%$ Senior Discount Notes ("Senior Discount Notes") due 2008.

The Senior Discount Notes were issued at a substantial discount from their principal amount at maturity, to generate gross proceeds of approximately $\$ 110.4$ million. Interest on the Senior Discount Notes will accrue but not be payable before December 1, 2003. Thereafter, interest on the Senior Discount Notes will accrue on the principal amount at maturity at a rate of $11.875 \%$ per annum, and will be payable semi-annually in arrears on June 1 and December 1 of each year commencing December 1, 2003. Prior to December 1, 2003, the accreted value of the Senior Discount Notes will increase, representing amortization of original issue discount, between the date of original issuance and December 1, 2003 on a semi-annual basis using a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30 -day months, such that the accreted value shall be equal to the full principal amount at maturity of the Senior Discount Notes on December 1, 2003. Original issue discount accretion on the Senior Discount Notes was \$1,083 at December 31, 1998

On December 1, 2003, the Holding Co-borrowers will be required to redeem an amount equal to $\$ 369.79$ per $\$ 1,000$ principal amount at maturity of each Senior Discount Note then outstanding on a pro rata basis at a redemption price of $100 \%$ of the principal amount at maturity of the Senior Discount Notes so redeemed.

On or after December 1, 2003, the Senior Discount Notes will be subject to redemption at any time at the option of the Holding Co-borrowers, in whole or in part, at the redemption prices, which are expressed as percentages of principal amount, shown below plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, and liquidated damages, if any, thereon to the applicable redemption date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on December 1 of the years indicated below:

YEAR

## PERCENTAGE



2006 and thereafter. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 100.000\%

Notwithstanding the foregoing, at any time before December 1, 2001, the holding companies may on any one or more occasions redeem up to $35 \%$ of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of senior discount notes originally issued under the Senior Discount Note indenture at a redemption price equal to $111.875 \%$ of the accreted value at the date of redemption, plus liquidated damages, if any, to the redemption date, with the net cash proceeds of any equity offering and/or the net cash proceeds of a strategic equity investment; provided that at least $65 \%$ of the aggregate principal amount at maturity of Senior Discount Notes originally issued remain outstanding immediately after each occurrence of such redemption.

Upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, each holder of Senior Discount Notes will have the right to require the Holding Co-borrowers to repurchase all or any part of such holder's Senior Discount Notes pursuant to a Change of Control offer at an offer price in cash equal to $101 \%$ of the aggregate principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest and liquidated damages thereon, if any, to the date of purchase.

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## Note Payable

Avalon New England issued a note payable for $\$ 500$ which is due on May 29, 2003, and bears interest at a rate of $7 \%$ per annum (which approximates Avalon New England's incremental borrowing rate) payable annually. Additionally, Avalon New England has a $\$ 100$ non-compete agreement. The agreement calls for five annual payments of \$20, commencing on May 29, 1999.

## Mercom debt

In August 1997, the Mercom revolving credit agreement for $\$ 2,000$ expired. Mercom had no borrowings under the revolving credit agreement in 1996 or 1997.

On September 29, 1997, Avalon Michigan purchased and assumed all of the bank's interest in the term credit agreement and the note issued thereunder. Immediately after the purchase, the term credit agreement was amended in order to, among other things, provide for less restrictive financial covenants, eliminate mandatory amortization of principal and provide for a bullet maturity of principal on December 31, 2002, and remove the change of control event of default. Mercom's borrowings under the term credit agreement contain pricing and security provisions substantially the same as those in place prior to the purchase of the loan. The borrowings are secured by a pledge of the stock of Mercom's subsidiaries and a first lien on certain of the assets of Mercom and its subsidiaries, including inventory, equipment and receivables at December 31, 1998, \$14,151 of principal was outstanding. The borrowings under the term credit agreement are eliminated in the Company's consolidated balance sheet.

## . MINORITY INTEREST

The activity in minority interest for the year ended December 31, 1998 is as follows

|  | AVALON CABLE |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | MERCOM | LLC | TOTAL |
| Issuance of Class $A$ units by Avalon Cable LLC. | \$ | \$45, 000 | \$45, 000 |
| Issuance of Class B-1 units by Avalon Cable LLC. | -- | 4,345 | 4,345 |
| Allocated to minority interest prior to restructuring. | -- | 365 | 365 |
| Purchase of Cable Michigan, Inc. | 13,457 | -- | 13,457 |
| Income (loss) allocated to minority interest | 398 | $(1,729)$ | $(1,331)$ |
| Balance at December 31, 1998 | \$13, 855 | \$47, 981 | \$61, 836 |

## 10. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

Avalon Michigan has a qualified savings plan under Section $401(\mathrm{~K})$ of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions charged to expense for the period from November 5, 1998 to December 31, 1998 was $\$ 30$.
11. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

## Leases

Avalon New England and Avalon Michigan rent poles from utility companies for use in their operations. While rental agreements are generally short-term, Avalon New England and Avalon

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Michigan anticipate such rentals will continue in the future. Avalon New England and Avalon Michigan also lease office facilities and various items of equipment under month-to-month operating leases. Rent expense was $\$ 58$ for the year ended December 31, 1998. Rental commitments are expected to continue at approximately $\$ 1$ million a year for the foreseeable future, including pole rental commitments which are cancelable.

## Legal Matters

The Company and its subsidiaries are subject to regulation by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") and other franchising authorities.

The Company and its subsidiaries are subject to the provisions of the Cable elevision Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, as amended, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Company and its subsidiaries have either settled challenges or accrued for anticipated exposures related to rate regulation; however, there is no assurance that there will not be further additional challenges to its rates.

In the normal course of business, there are various legal proceedings outstanding. In the opinion of management, these proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or results of operations of the Company and its subsidiaries.

## 12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES

During 1998, Avalon New England received $\$ 3,341$ from Avalon Holdings. In consideration for this amount, Avalon New England executed a note payable to Avalon Holdings. This note is recorded as note payable-affiliate on the balance sheet at December 31, 1998. Interest accrues at the rate of $5.57 \%$ per year and Avalon New England has recorded accrued interest on this note of $\$ 100$ at December 31, 1998.

## 13. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In May 1999, the Company signed an agreement with Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter Communications") under which Charter Communications agreed to purchase Avalon Cable LLC's cable television systems and assume some of their debt. The acquisition by Charter Communications is subject to regulatory approvals. The Company expects to consummate this transaction in the fourth quarter of 1999.

This agreement, if closed, would constitute a change in control under the Indenture pursuant to which the Senior Subordinated Notes and the Senior Discount Notes (collectively, the "Notes") were issued. The Indenture provides that upon the occurrence of a change of control of the Company (a "Change of Control") each holder of the Notes has the right to require the Company to purchase all or any part (equal to $\$ 1,000$ or an integral multiple thereof) of such holder's Notes at an offer price in cash equal to $101 \%$ of the aggregate principal amount thereon (or 101\% of the accreted value for the Senior Discount Notes as of the date of purchase if prior to the full accretion date) plus accrued and unpaid interest and Liquidated Damages (as defined in the Indenture) thereof, if any, to the date of purchase.

This agreement, if closed, would represent a Change of Control which, on the closing date, constitutes an event of default under the Credit Facility giving the lender the right to terminate the credit commitment and declare all amounts outstanding immediately due and payable. Charter Communications has agreed to repay all amounts due under the Credit Facility or cause all events of default under the Credit Facility arising from the Change of Control to be waived.

To the Shareholders of
Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc.
In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and the related consolidated statements of operations and changes in shareholders deficit and of cash flows present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cable Michigan, Inc. and subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company") at December 31, 1996 and 1997 and November 5, 1998, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the two years ended December 31, 1996 and 1997 and the period from January 1, 1998 to November 5, 1998, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management; our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards which require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for the opinion expressed above.

| $\begin{gathered} \text { DECEMBER 31, } \\ 1997 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { NOVEMBER } \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| (DOLLARS IN | HOUSANDS) |

## ASSETS

Cash and temporary cash investments
Accounts receivable, net of reserve for doubtful accounts of
$\$ 541$ at December 31, 1997 and $\$ 873$ at November 5, 1998....
prepayments and other....................................................

| $\$ 17,219$ | $\$ 6,093$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| 3,644 | 4,232 |
| 663 | 821 |
| 166 | 396 |
| 1,006 | 541 |
| ---------- |  |
| 22,698 | 12,083 |
| 73,836 | 77,565 |
| 45,260 | 32,130 |
| 803 | 9,442 |
| ------ | $------131,220$ |
| $\$ 142,597$ | $\$ 130$ |
| $=======$ | $=======$ |

LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT
Current portion of long-term debt.............................................

| $\$$ | - | $\$ 15,000$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | 5,564 | 8,370 |

8,370
1,486
1, 035
5, 098
2,052
343
33,384
120, 000
27,011
180,395
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14,643
14,690

| -- | -------- |
| ---: | ---: |

$(53,874) \quad(63,865)$

Preferred Stock
$(63,865)$
Common shareholders' deficit
$(53,874)$
\$131, 220

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.
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|  | FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, |  |  |  | FOR THE PERIOD FROM UARY 1, 1998 TO VEMBER 5, 1998 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1996 | $1997$ |  |  |  |
|  | (DOLLARS |  | IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE AND SHARE AMOUNTS) |  |  |  |
| Revenues | \$ | 76,187 | \$ | 81,299 | \$ | 74,521 |
| Costs and expenses, excluding management fees and depreciation and amortization.......... |  | 40,593 |  | 44,467 |  | 41,552 |
| Management fees. |  | 3,498 |  | 3,715 |  | 3,156 |
| Depreciation and amortization. |  | 31,427 |  | 32,082 |  | 28,098 |
| Merger related expenses. |  | -- |  | -- |  | 5,764 |
| Operating income. |  | 669 |  | 1,035 |  | $(4,049)$ |
| Interest income. |  | 127 |  | 358 |  | 652 |
| Interest expense |  | $(15,179)$ |  | $(11,751)$ |  | $(8,034)$ |
| Gain on sale of Florida cable system. |  | -- |  | 2,571 |  | -- |
| Other (expense), net. |  | (736) |  | (738) |  | (937) |
| (Loss) before income taxes |  | $(15,119)$ |  | $(8,525)$ |  | $(12,368)$ |
| (Benefit) from income taxes |  | $(5,712)$ |  | $(4,114)$ |  | $(1,909)$ |
| (Loss) before minority interest and equity in unconsolidated entities. |  | $(9,407)$ |  | $(4,411)$ |  | $(10,459)$ |
| Minority interest in loss (income) of consolidated entity. |  | 1,151 |  | 53 |  | (75) |
| Net (Loss) | \$ | $(8,256)$ | \$ | $(4,358)$ | \$ | $(10,534)$ |
| Basic and diluted earnings per average common share Net (loss) to shareholders............ | \$ | (1.20) | \$ | (.63) | \$ | (1.53) |
| Average common shares and common stock equivalents outstanding.............. |  | , 864,799 |  | 870,528 |  | 891,932 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

## ABLE MICHIGAN, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996 AND 1997 AND THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1998 TO NOVEMBER 5, 1998


| Balance, December 31, 1995. | 1,000 | \$ 1 | \$ -- | \$ | \$ ( 73,758 ) | \$ 73,757$)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net loss. | -- | -- | -- | - - | $(8,256)$ | $(8,256)$ |
| Transfers from CTE. | -- | -- | -- | -- | 2, 272 | 2,272 |
| Balance, December 31, 1996. | 1,000 | 1 | -- | -- | $(79,742)$ | $(79,741)$ |
| Net loss from 1/1/97 through 9/30/97 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | -- | -- | -- | -- | $(3,251)$ | $(3,251)$ |
| Net loss from 10/1/97 through 12/31/97 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | -- | -- | -- | $(1,107)$ | -- | $(1,107)$ |
| Transfers from RCN Corporation................... | -- | -- | -- | , | 30,225 | 30,225 |
| Common stock issued in connection with the Distribution....... | 6,870,165 | 6,870 | -- | $(59,638)$ | 52,768 | - - |
| Balance, December 31, 1997. | 6,871,165 | 6,871 | -- | $(60,745)$ | -- | $(53,874)$ |
| Net loss from January 1, 1998 to November 5, 1998.......... | -- | -- | -- | $(10,534)$ | -- | $(10,534)$ |
| Exercise of stock options. | 30,267 | 30 | 351 | -- | -- | 381 |
| Tax benefits of stock option exercises. | -- | -- | 162 | -- | -- | 162 |
| Balance, November 5, 1998. | 6,901,432 | \$6,901 | \$513 | \$ 71,279 ) | \$ | \$ $(63,865)$ |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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Supplemental Schedule of Non-cash Investing and Financing Activities:
In September 1997, in connection with the transfer of CTE's investment in Mercom to the Company, the Company assumed CTE's \$15,000 Term Credit Facility.

Certain intercompany accounts receivable and payable and intercompany note balances were transferred to shareholders' net investment in connection with the Distribution described in note 1.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

## 1. BACKGROUND AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Prior to September 30, 1997, Cable Michigan, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") was operated as part of C-TEC Corporation ("C-TEC"). On September 30, 1997, C-TEC distributed 100 percent of the outstanding shares of common stock of its wholly owned subsidiaries, RCN Corporation ("RCN") and the Company to holders of record of C-TEC's Common Stock and C-TEC's Class B Common Stock as of the close of business on September 19, 1997 (the "Distribution") in accordance with the terms of the Distribution Agreement dated September 5, 1997 among C-TEC, RCN and the Company. The Company consists of C-TEC's Michigan cable operations, including its $62 \%$ ownership in Mercom, Inc. ("Mercom"). In connection with the Distribution, C-TEC changed its name to Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises, Inc. ("CTE"). RCN consists primarily of C-TEC's bundled residential voice, video and Internet access operations in the Boston to Washington, D.C. corridor, its existing New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania cable television operations, a portion of its long distance operations and its international investment in Megacable, S.A. de C.V. C-TEC, RCN, and the Company continue as entities under common control until the Company completes the Merger (as described below).

On June 3, 1998, the Company entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Agreement") among the Company, Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings Inc. ("Avalon Holdings") and Avalon Cable of Michigan Inc. ("Avalon Sub"), pursuant to which Avalon Sub will merge into the Company and the Company will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Avalon Holdings (the "Merger").

In accordance with the terms of the Agreement, each share of common stock, par value $\$ 1.00$ per share ("common stock"), of the Company outstanding prior to the effective time of the Merger (other than treasury stock, shares owned by Avalon Holdings or its subsidiaries, or shares as to which dissenters' rights have been exercised) shall be converted into the right to receive $\$ 40.50$ in cash (the "Merger Consideration"), subject to certain possible closing adjustments.

On November 6, 1998, the Company completed its merger into and with Avalon Cable Michigan, Inc. The total consideration payable in conjunction with the merger, including fees and expenses is approximately 431,600. Subsequent to the merger, the arrangements with RCN and CTE (as described below) were terminated. The Merger agreement also permitted the Company to agree to acquire the remaining shares of Mercom that it did not own.

Cable Michigan provides cable services to various areas in the state of Michigan. Cable Michigan's cable television systems offer customer packages for basic cable programming services which are offered at a per channel charge or packaged together to form a tier of services offered at a discount from the combined channel rate. Cable Michigan's cable television systems also provide premium cable services to their customers for an extra monthly charge. Customers generally pay initial connection charges and fixed monthly fees for cable programming and premium cable services, which constitute the principle sources of revenue for the Company.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared using the historical basis of assets and liabilities and historical results of operations of all wholly and majority owned subsidiaries. However, the historical financial information presented herein reflects periods during which the Company did not operate as an independent company and accordingly, certain assumptions were made in preparing such financial information. Such information, therefore, may not necessarily reflect the results of operations, financial condition or cash flows of the Company
in the future or what they would have been had the company been an independent, public company during the reporting periods. All material intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated

RCN's corporate services group has historically provided substantial support services such as finance, cash management, legal, human resources, insurance and risk management. Prior to the Distribution, the corporate office of $C$-TEC allocated the cost for these services pro rata among the business units supported primarily based on assets; contribution to consolidated earnings before interest, depreciation, amortization, and income taxes; and number of employees. In the opinion of management, the method of allocating these costs is reasonable; however, such costs are not necessarily indicative of the costs that would have been incurred by the Company on a stand-alone basis.

CTE, RCN and the Company have entered into certain agreements subsequent to the Distribution, and governing various ongoing relationships, including the provision of support services between the three companies, including a distribution agreement and a tax-sharing agreement.

The fee per year for support services from RCN will be $4.0 \%$ of the revenues of the Company plus a direct allocation of certain consolidated cable administration functions of RCN. The direct charge for customer service along with the billing service and the cable guide service will be a pro rata share (based on subscribers) of the expenses incurred by RCN to provide such customer service and to provide such billing and cable guide service for RCN and the Company.

CTE has agreed to provide or cause to be provided to RCN and the Company certain financial data processing services for a transitional period after the Distribution. The fees for such services will be an allocated portion (based on relative usage) of the cost incurred by CTE to provide such financial data processing services to all three groups.

## 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and temporary cash investments
For purposes of reporting cash flows, the Company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be temporary cash investments. Temporary cash investments are stated at cost, which approximates market.

Property, plant and equipment and depreciation
Property, plant and equipment reflects the original cost of acquisition or construction, including payroll and related costs such as taxes, pensions and other fringe benefits, and certain general administrative costs.

Depreciation is provided on the straight-line method based on the useful lives of the various classes of depreciable property. The average estimated lives of depreciable cable property, plant and equipment are:

| Buildings | 12-25 years |
| :---: | :---: |
| Cable television distribution equipment | 8.5-12 years |
| Vehicles. | 5 years |
| Other equipment | 12 years |

Maintenance and repair costs are charged to expense as incurred. Major replacements and betterments are capitalized. Gain or loss is recognized on retirements and dispositions.

## Intangible assets

Intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the expected period of benefit ranging from 5 to 19.3 years. Intangible assets include cable franchises. The cable systems owned or managed by the Company are constructed and operated under fixed-term franchises or other types of operating authorities (referred to collectively herein as "franchises") that are generally nonexclusive and are granted by local governmental authorities. The provisions of these local franchises are subject to federal regulation. Costs incurred to obtain or renew franchises are capitalized and amortized over the term of the applicable franchise agreement.

## Accounting for impairments

The Company follows the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 121 -- "Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed of" ("SFAS 121").

SFAS 121 requires that long-lived assets and certain identifiable intangibles to be held and used by an entity be reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. In performing the review for recoverability, the Company estimates the net future cash flows expected to result from the use of the asset and its eventual disposition. If the sum of the expected net future cash flows (undiscounted and without interest charges) is less than the carrying amount of the asset, an impairment loss is recognized. Measurement of an impairment loss for long-lived assets and identifiable intangibles expected to be held and used is based on the fair value of the asset.

No impairment losses have been recognized by the Company pursuant to SFAS 121.

Revenue recognition
Revenues from cable programming services are recorded in the month the service is provided. Installation fee revenue is recognized in the period in which the installation occurs.

## Advertising expense

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. Advertising expense charged to operations was $\$ 514, \$ 560$, and $\$ 505$ in 1996, 1997 , and for the period from January 1, 1998 to November 5, 1998 respectively.

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Stock-based compensation
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The Company applies Accounting Principles Board Opinion No 25 -- "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" ("APB 25") in accounting for its stock plans. The Company has adopted the disclosure-only provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 -- "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation" ("SFAS 123").

Earnings (loss) per share
The Company has adopted statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 128 -- "Earnings Per Share" ("SFAS 128"). Basic earnings (loss) per share is computed based on net income (loss) divided by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period.

Diluted earnings (loss) per share is computed based on net income (loss) divided by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period after giving effect to convertible securities considered to be dilutive common stock equivalents. The conversions of stock options during periods in which the Company incurs a loss from continuing operations is not assumed since the effect is anti-dilutive. The number of stock options which would have been converted in 1997 and in 1998 and had a dilutive effect if the Company had income from continuing operations are 55,602 and 45,531, respectively

For periods prior to October 1, 1997, during which the Company was a wholly owned subsidiary of C-TEC, earnings (loss) per share was calculated by dividing net income (loss) by one-fourth the average common shares of $C$-TEC outstanding, based upon a distribution ratio of one share of Company common stock for each four shares of $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{TEC}$ common equity owned.

## Income taxes

The Company and Mercom file separate consolidated federal income tax returns. Prior to the Distribution, income tax expense was allocated to C-TEC's subsidiaries on a separate return basis except that $C-T E C$ 's subsidiaries receive benefit for the utilization of net operating losses and investment tax credits included in the consolidated tax return even if such losses and credits could not have been used on a separate return basis. The Company accounts for income taxes using Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109 -- "Accounting for Income Taxes". The statement requires the use of an asset and liability approach for financial reporting purposes. The asset and liability approach requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between financial reporting basis and tax basis of assets and liabilities. If it is more likely than not that some portion or all of a deferred tax asset will not be realized, a valuation allowance is recognized.

Reclassification
Certain amounts have been reclassified to conform with the current year's presentation.

## 3. BUSINESS COMBINATION AND DISPOSITIONS

The Agreement between Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc. and the Company permitted the Company to agree to acquire the $1,822,810$ shares (approximately $38 \%$ of the outstanding stock) of Mercom that it did not own (the "Mercom Acquisition"). On September 10, 1998 the Company and Mercom entered into a definitive agreement (the "Mercom Merger Agreement") providing for the acquisition by the Company of all of such shares at a price of $\$ 12.00$ per share. The Company completed this acquisition in March 1999. The total

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estimated consideration payable in conjunction with the Mercom Acquisition, excluding fees and expenses was $\$ 21,900$

In March 1999, Avalon Michigan Inc. acquired the cable television systems of Nova Cablevision, Inc., Nova Cablevision VI, L.P. and Nova Cablevision VII, L.P. for approximately $\$ 7,800$, excluding transaction fees.

In July 1997, Mercom sold its cable system in Port St. Lucie, Florida for cash of approximately $\$ 3,500$. The Company realized a pretax gain of $\$ 2,571$ on the transaction
4. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { DECEMBER 31, } \\ 1997 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { NOVEMBER 5, } \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cable plant | \$158, 655 | \$ 174,532 |
| Buildings and land | 2,837 | 2,917 |
| Furniture, fixtures and vehicles | 5,528 | 6,433 |
| Construction in process. | 990 | 401 |
| Total property, plant and equipment | 168,010 | 184,283 |
| Less accumulated depreciation. | $(94,174)$ | $(106,718)$ |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | \$ 73,836 | \$ 77,565 |

Depreciation expense was $\$ 15,728, \$ 16,431$ and $\$ 14,968$ for the years ended December 31, 1996 and 1997, and the period from January 1, 1998 to November 5, 1998, respectively.

## 5. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets consist of the following at:

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { DECEMBER 31, } \\ 1997 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { NOVEMBER 5, } \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cable Franchises | \$134, 889 | \$ 134, 889 |
| Noncompete agreements | 473 | 473 |
| Goodwill | 3,990 | 3,990 |
| Other | 1,729 | 1,729 |
| Total. | 141, 081 | 141, 081 |
| Less accumulated amortization. | $(95,821)$ | $(108,951)$ |
| Intangible assets, net. | \$ 45,260 | \$ 32,130 |

Amortization expense charged to operations for the years ended December 31, 1996 and 1997 was $\$ 15,699$ and $\$ 15,651$, respectively, and $\$ 13,130$ for the period from January 1, 1998 to November 5, 1998

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)
6. INCOME TAXES

The income tax provision (benefit) in the accompanying consolidated financial statements of operations is comprised of the following:

|  | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CURRENT: |  |  |  |
| Federal. | \$(6,700) | \$ 245 | \$ 320 |
| State. | -- | -- | 28 |
| Total Current | $(6,700)$ | 245 | 348 |
| DEFERRED: |  |  |  |
| Federal. | 988 | $(4,359)$ | $(2,074)$ |
| State. | -- | -- | (183) |
| Total Deferred. | 988 | $(4,359)$ | $(2,257)$ |
| Total (benefit) for income taxes | \$(5,712) | \$ $(4,114)$ | \$(1,909) |

The benefit for income taxes is different from the amounts computed by applying the U.S. statutory federal tax rate of $35 \%$ for 1996, $34 \%$ for 1997 and $35 \%$ for the period from January 1, 1998 to November 5, 1998. The differences are as follows:

|  | YEAR ENDED |  | PERIOD FROM |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1996 | 1997 | JANUARY 1, 1998 TO NOVEMBER 11, 1998 |
| (Loss) before (benefit) for income taxes. | \$(15, 119) | \$ 8,525 ) | \$(12,368) |
| Federal tax (benefit) at statutory rates. | \$ $(5,307)$ | \$(2,899) | \$ (4,329) |
| State income taxes. | - - | -- | (101) |
| Goodwill. | 175 | 171 | 492 |
| Increase (decrease) in valuation allowance | (518) | $(1,190)$ | - - |
| Nondeductible expenses..................... | ) | 147 | 2,029 |
| Benefit of rate differential applied to reversing timing differences........... | -- | (424) | -- |
| Other, net. | (62) | 81 | -- |
| (Benefit) for income taxes. | \$ $(5,712)$ | \$ 4,114 ) | \$ (1,909) |

Mercom, which files a separate consolidated income tax return, has the following net operating losses available:


In 1997, Mercom was liable for Federal Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). At December 31, 1997 and at November 5, 1998, the cumulative minimum tax credits are \$141 and \$141, respectively. This amount can be carried forward indefinitely to reduce regular tax liabilities that exceed AMT in future years.

Temporary differences that give rise to a significant portion of deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

|  | DECEMBER 31, <br> 1997 |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | NOVEMBER 5, |
| 1998 |  |,

In the opinion of management, based on the future reversal of taxable temporary differences, primarily depreciation and amortization, the Company will more likely than not be able to realize all of its deferred tax assets. As a result, the net change in the valuation allowance for deferred tax assets during 1997 was a decrease of $\$ 1,262$, which $\$ 72$ related to Mercom of Florida.

Due to the sale of Mercom of Florida, the Company's deferred tax liabilities decreased by $\$ 132$.
7. DEBT

Long-term debt outstanding at November 5, 1998 is as follows:

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { DECEMBER 31, } \\ 1997 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { NOVEMBER } 5 \\ 1998 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Term Credit Facility. | \$100, 000 | \$100, 000 |
| Revolving Credit Facility. | 28, 000 | 20,000 |
| Term Loan. | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Total. | 143,000 | 135,000 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | -- | 15,000 |
| Total Long-Term Debt. | \$143, 000 | \$120, 000 |

## Credit Facility

The Company had an outstanding line of credit with a banking institution for $\$ 3$ million. No amounts were outstanding under this facility.

The Company has in place two secured credit facilities (the "Credit Facilities") pursuant to a single credit agreement with a group of lenders for which First Union National Bank acts as agent (the "Credit Agreement"), which was effective as of July 1, 1997. The first is a five-year revolving credit facility in the amount of $\$ 65,000$ (the "Revolving Credit Facility"). The second is an eight-year term credit facility in the amount of $\$ 100,000$ (the "Term Credit Facility").

The interest rate on the Credit Facilities will be, at the election of the Company, based on either a LIBOR or a Base Rate option (6.25\% at November 5, 1998) (each as defined in the Credit Agreement).

The entire amount of the Term Credit Facility has been drawn and as of November 5, 1998, \$100,000 of the principal was outstanding thereunder. The entire amount of the Revolving Credit Facility is available to the Company until June 30, 2002. As of November 5, 1998, $\$ 20,000$ of principal was outstanding thereunder. Revolving loans may be repaid and reborrowed from time to time.

The Term Credit Facility is payable over six years in quarterly installments, from September 30, 1999 through June 30, 2005. Interest only is due through June 1999. The Credit Agreement is currently unsecured.

The Credit Agreement contains restrictive covenants which, among other things, require the Company to maintain certain debt to cash flow, interest coverage and fixed charge coverage ratios and place certain limitations on additional debt and investments. The Company does not believe that these covenants will materially restrict its activities.

## Term Loan

On September 30, 1997, the Company assumed all obligations of CTE under a $\$ 15$ million credit facility extended by a separate group of lenders for which First Union National Bank also acts as agent (the "\$15 Million Facility"). The \$15 Million Facility matures in a single installment on June 30, 1999 and is collateralized by a first priority pledge of all shares of Mercom owned by the Company. The $\$ 15$ Million Facility has interest rate provisions (6.25\% at November 5, 1998), covenants and events of default substantially the same as the Credit Facilities.

On November 6, 1998, the long-term debt of the Company was paid off in conjunction with the closing of the merger

## Mercom debt

In August 1997, the Mercom revolving credit agreement for $\$ 2,000$ expired. Mercom had no borrowings under the revolving credit agreement in 1996 or 1997.

On September 29, 1997, the Company purchased and assumed all of the bank's interest in the term credit agreement and the note issued thereunder. Immediately after the purchase, the term credit agreement was amended in order to, among other things, provide for less restrictive financial covenants, eliminate mandatory amortization of principal and provide for a bullet maturity of principal on December 31, 2002, and remove the change of control event of default. Mercom's borrowings under the term credit agreement contain pricing and security provisions substantially the same as those in place prior to the purchase of the loan. The borrowings are secured by a pledge of the stock of Mercom's subsidiaries and a first lien on certain of the assets of Mercom and its subsidiaries, including inventory, equipment and receivables. At November 5, 1998, $\$ 14,151$ of principal was outstanding. The borrowings under the term credit agreement are eliminated in the Company's consolidated balance sheet.

## 8. COMMON STOCK AND STOCK PLANS

The Company has authorized $25,000,000$ shares of $\$ 1$ par value common stock, and $50,000,000$ shares of $\$ 1$ par value Class $B$ common stock. The Company also has authorized $10,000,000$ shares of $\$ 1$ par value preferred stock. At November 5, 1998, 6,901,432 common shares are issued and outstanding.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

In connection with the Distribution, the Company Board of Directors (the "Board") adopted the Cable Michigan, Inc. 1997 Equity Incentive Plan (the "1997 Plan"), designed to provide equity-based compensation opportunities to key employees when shareholders of the Company have received a corresponding benefit through appreciation in the value of Cable Michigan Common Stock.

The 1997 Plan contemplates the issuance of incentive stock options, as well as stock options that are not designated as incentive stock options, performance-based stock options, stock appreciation rights, performance share units, restricted stock, phantom stock units and other stock-based awards (collectively, "Awards"). Up to 300,000 shares of Common Stock, plus shares of Common Stock issuable in connection with the Distribution related option adjustments, may be issued pursuant to Awards granted under the 1997 Plan.

All employees and outside consultants to the Company and any of its subsidiaries and all Directors of the Company who are not also employees of the Company are eligible to receive discretionary Awards under the 1997 Plan.

Unless earlier terminated by the Board, the 1997 Plan will expire on the 10th anniversary of the Distribution. The Board or the Compensation Committee may, at any time, or from time to time, amend or suspend and, if suspended, reinstate, the 1997 Plan in whole or in part.

Prior to the Distribution, certain employees of the Company were granted stock option awards under C-TEC's stock option plans. In connection with the Distribution, 380,013 options covering Common Stock were issued. Each C-Tec option was adjusted so that each holder would hold options to purchase shares of Commonwealth Telephone Enterprise Common Stock, RCN Common Stock and Cable Michigan Common Stock. The number of shares subject to, and the exercise price of, such options were adjusted to take into account the Distribution and to ensure that the aggregate intrinsic value of the resulting RCN, the Company and Commonwealth Telephone Enterprises options immediately after the Distribution was equal to the aggregate intrinsic value of the C-TEC options immediately prior to the Distribution.

Information relating to the Company stock options is as follows:

|  | NUMBER OF SHARES | WEIGHTED <br> AVERAGE EXERCISE PRICE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Outstanding December 31, 1995. | 301, 000 |  |
| Granted. | 33,750 | \$ 8.82 |
| Exercised. | $(7,250)$ | -- |
| Canceled. | $(35,500)$ | 10.01 |
| Outstanding December 31, 1996. | 292,000 | 8.46 |
| Granted. | 88,013 | 8.82 |
| Exercised. | -- | -- |
| Canceled. | (375) | 10.01 |
| Outstanding December 31, 1997. | 379,638 | 8.82 |
| Granted. | 47,500 | 31.25 |
| Exercised. | $(26,075)$ | 26.21 |
| Canceled. | $(10,250)$ | -- |
| Outstanding November 5, 1998. | 390,813 | \$11.52 |
| Shares exercisable November 5, | 155,125 | \$ 8.45 |

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (CONTINUED)

The range of exercise prices for options outstanding at November 5, 1998 was \$8.46 to \$31.25

No compensation expense related to stock option grants was recorded in 1997. For the period ended November 5, 1998 compensation expense in the amount of $\$ 161$ was recorded relating to services rendered by the Board.

Under the term of the Merger Agreement the options under the 1997 Plan vest upon the closing of the merger and each option holder will receive $\$ 40.50$ per option.

Pro forma information regarding net income and earnings per share is equired by SFAS 123, and has been determined as if the Company had accounted for its stock options under the fair value method of SFAS 123. The fair value of these options was estimated at the date of grant using a Black Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions for the period ended November 5, 1998. The fair value of these options was estimated at the date of grant using a Black Scholes option pricing model with weighted average assumptions for dividend yield of $0 \%$ for 1996, 1997 and 1998; expected volatility of $39.5 \%$ for $1996,38.6 \%$ prior to the Distribution and $49.8 \%$ subsequent to the Distribution for 1997 and $40 \%$ for 1998; risk-free interest rate of $5.95 \%, 6.52 \%$ and $5.68 \%$ for 1996,1997 and 1998 respectively, and expected lives of 5 years for 1996 and 1997 and 6 years for 1998.

The weighted-average fair value of options granted during 1997 and 1998 was $\$ 4.19$ and $\$ 14.97$, respectively.

For purposes of pro forma disclosures, the estimated fair value of the options is amortized to expense over the options' vesting period. The Company's pro forma net earnings and earnings per share were as follows:

|  |  | YEARS <br> MBER 31, $1997$ | FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, TO NOVEMBER 5, 1998 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net (Loss) as reported. | \$ $(8,256)$ | \$ $(4,358)$ | \$(10,534) |
| Net (Loss) pro forma. | $(8,256)$ | $(4,373)$ | $(10,174)$ |
| Basic (Loss) per share-as reported. | (1.20) | (0.63) | (1.45) |
| Basic (Loss) per share-pro forma. | (1.20) | (0.64) | (1.48) |
| Diluted (Loss) per share-as reported | (1.20) | (0.63) | (1.45) |
| Diluted (Loss) per share-pro forma. | (1.20) | (0.64) | (1.48) |

In November 1996, the C-TEC shareholders approved a stock purchase plan for certain key executives (the "Executive Stock Purchase Plan" or "C-TEC ESPP") Under the C-TEC ESPP, participants may purchase shares of C-TEC Common Stock in an amount of between $1 \%$ and $20 \%$ of their annual base compensation and between $1 \%$ and $100 \%$ of their annual bonus compensation and provided, however, that in no event shall the participant's total contribution exceed $20 \%$ of the sum of their annual compensation, as defined by the C-TEC ESPP. Participant's accounts are credited with the number of share units derived by dividing the amount of the participant's contribution by the average price of a share of C-TEC Common Stock at approximately the time such contribution is made. The share units credited to participant's account do not give such participant any rights as a shareholder with respect to, or any rights as a holder or record owner of, any shares of C-TEC Common Stock. Amounts representing share units that have been credited to a participant's account will be distributed, either in a lump sum or in installments, as elected by the participant, following the earlier of the participant's termination of employment with the Company or three calendar years following the date on which
the share units were initially credited to the participant's account. It is anticipated that, at the time of distribution, a participant will receive one share of C-TEC Common Stock for each share unit being distributed.

Following the crediting of each share unit to a participant's account, a matching share of Common Stock is issued in the participant's name. Each matching share is subject to forfeiture as provided in the C-TEC ESPP. The issuance of matching shares will be subject to the participant's execution of an escrow agreement. A participant will be deemed to be the holder of, and may exercise all the rights of a record owner of, the matching shares issued to such participant while such matching shares are held in escrow. Shares of restricted C-TEC Common Stock awarded under the C-TEC ESPP and share units awarded under the C-TEC ESPP that relate to C-TEC Common Stock were adjusted so that following the Distribution, each such participant was credited with an aggregate equivalent value of restricted shares of common stock of CTE, the Company and RCN. In September 1997, the Board approved the Cable Michigan, Inc. Executive Stock Purchase Plan, ("the "Cable Michigan ESPP"), with terms substantially the same as the C-TEC ESPP. The number of shares which may be distributed under the Cable Michigan ESPP as matching shares or in payment of share units is 30,000 .

## 9. PENSIONS AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Prior to the Distribution, the Company's financial statements reflect the costs experienced for its employees and retirees while included in the C-TEC plans.

Through December 31, 1996, substantially all employees of the Company were included in a trusteed noncontributory defined benefit pension plan, maintained by C-TEC. Upon retirement, employees are provided a monthly pension based on length of service and compensation. C-TEC funds pension costs to the extent necessary to meet the minimum funding requirements of ERISA. Substantially, all employees of C-TEC's Pennsylvania cable television operations (formerly Twin Country Trans Video, Inc.) were covered by an underfunded plan which was merged into C-TEC's overfunded plan on February 28, 1996.

The information that follows relates to the entire C-TEC noncontributory defined benefit plan. The components of C-TEC's pension cost are as follows for 1996:

| Benefits earned during the y | \$ 2,365 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Interest cost on projected b | 3,412 |
| Actual return on plan assets | $(3,880)$ |
| Other components -- net | $(1,456)$ |
| Net periodic pension cost | \$ 441 |

The following assumptions were used in the determination of the consolidated projected benefit obligation and net periodic pension cost (credit) for December 31, 1996:


The Company's allocable share of the consolidated net periodic pension costs (credit), based on the Company's proportionate share of consolidated annualized salaries as of the valuation date, was approximately \$10 for 1996 These amounts are reflected in operating expenses. As discussed below, no pension cost (credit) was recognized in 1997.

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In connection with the restructuring, $C$-TEC completed a comprehensive study of its employee benefit plans in 1996. As a result of this study, effective December 31, 1996, in general, employees of the Company no longer accrue benefits under the defined benefit pension plans and became fully vested in their benefit accrued through that date. C-TEC notified affected participants in December 1996. In December 1996, C-TEC allocated pension plan assets of $\$ 6,984$ and the related liabilities to a separate plan for employees who no longer accrue benefits after sum distributions. The allocation of assets and liabilities resulted in a curtailment/settlement gain of $\$ 4,292$. The Company's allocable share of this gain was $\$ 855$. This gain results primarily from the reduction of the related projected benefit obligation. The curtailed plan has assets in excess of the projected benefit obligation.

C-TEC sponsors a $401(k)$ savings plan covering substantially all employees of the Company who are not covered by collective bargaining agreements. Contributions made by the Company to the $401(k)$ plan are based on a specific percentage of employee contributions. Contributions charged to expense were $\$ 128$ in 1996. Contributions charged to expense in 1997 prior to the Distribution were \$107.

In connection with the Distribution, the Company established a qualified saving plan under Section $401(k)$ of the Code. Contributions charged to expense in 1997 were \$53. Contributions charged to expense for the period from January 1, 1998 to November 5, 1998 were \$164.

## 10. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Total rental expense, primarily for office space and pole rental, was \$984, $\$ 908$ and $\$ 1,077$ for the year ended December 31, 1996, 1997 and for the period from January 1, 1998 to November 5, 1998, respectively. Rental commitments are expected to continue to approximate $\$ 1$ million a year for the foreseeable future, including pole rental commitments which are cancelable.

The Company is subject to the provisions of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, as amended, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Company has either settled challenges or accrued for anticipated exposures related to rate regulation; however, there is no assurance that there will not be further additional challenges to its rates. The 1996 statements of operations include charges aggregating approximately $\$ 833$ relating to cable rate regulation liabilities. No additional charges were incurred in the year ended December 31, 1997 and for the period from January 1, 1998 to November 5, 1998.

In the normal course of business, there are various legal proceedings outstanding. In the opinion of management, these proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition or results of operations of the Company.

The Company has agreed to indemnify RCN and $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{TEC}$ and their respective subsidiaries against any and all liabilities which arise primarily from or relate primarily to the management or conduct of the business of the Company prior to the effective time of the Distribution. The Company has also agreed to indemnify RCN and C-TEC and their respective subsidiaries against $20 \%$ of any liability which arises from or relates to the management or conduct prior to the effective time of the Distribution of the businesses of C-TEC and its subsidiaries and which is not a true C-TEC liability, a true RCN liability or a true Company liability.

The Tax Sharing Agreement, by and among the Company, RCN and C-TEC (the "Tax Sharing Agreement"), governs contingent tax liabilities and benefits, tax contests and other tax matters with respect to tax returns filed with respect to tax periods, in the case of the Company, ending or deemed to end on or before the Distribution date. Under the Tax Sharing Agreement,
adjustments to taxes that are clearly attributable to the Company group, the RCN group, or the C-TEC group will be borne solely by such group. Adjustments to all other tax liabilities will be borne $50 \%$ by C-TEC, $20 \%$ by the Company and $30 \%$ by RCN.

Notwithstanding the above, if as a result of the acquisition of all or a portion of the capital stock or assets of the Company, the Distribution fails to qualify as a tax-free distribution under Section 355 of the Internal Revenue Code, then the Company will be liable for any and all increases in tax attributable thereto.

## 11. AFFILIATE AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company has the following transactions with affiliates:

|  | FOR THE YEAR <br> ENDED | FOR THE <br> PERIOD ENDED |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| NOVEMBER 5, |  |  |

In addition, RCN has agreed to obtain programming from third party suppliers for Cable Michigan, the costs of which will be reimbursed to RCN by Cable Michigan. In those circumstances where RCN purchases third party programming on behalf of both RCN and the Company, such costs will be shared by each company, on a pro rata basis, based on each company's number of subscribers.

At December 31, 1997 and November 5, 1998, the Company has accounts receivable from related parties of $\$ 166$ and $\$ 396$ respectively, for these transactions. At December 31, 1997 and November 5, 1998, the Company has accounts payable to related parties of $\$ 1,560$ and $\$ 343$ respectively, for these transactions.

The Company had a note payable to RCN Corporation of $\$ 147,567$ at December 31, 1996 primarily related to the acquisition of the Michigan cable operations and its subsequent operations. The Company repaid approximately $\$ 110,000$ of this note payable in 1997. The remaining balance was transferred to shareholder's net investment in connection with the Distribution.

## 12. OFF BALANCE SHEET RISK AND CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Company places its cash and temporary investments with high credit quality financial institutions. The Company also periodically evaluates the creditworthiness of the institutions with which it invests. The Company does, however, maintain unsecured cash and temporary cash investment balances in excess of federally insured limits.

The Company's trade receivables reflect a customer base centered in the state of Michigan. The Company routinely assesses the financial strength of its customers; as a result, concentrations of credit risk are limited.

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## 13. DISCLOSURES ABOUT FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate that value:
a. The fair value of the revolving credit agreement is considered to be equal to carrying value since the debt re-prices at least every six months and the Company believes that its credit risk has not changed from the time the floating rate debt was borrowed and therefore, would obtain similar rates in the current market.
b. The fair value of the cash and temporary cash investments
approximates fair value because of the short maturity of these instruments.
14. QUARTERLY INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)

The Company estimated the following quarterly data based on assumptions which it believes are reasonable. The quarterly data may differ from quarterly data subsequently presented in interim financial statements.

|  | FIRST QUARTER | SECOND QUARTER | THIRD QUARTER | FOURTH QUARTER |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1998 |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue | \$20,734 | \$22,311 | \$22,735 | \$ 8,741 |
| Operating income before depreciation, amortization, and management fees.. | 9,043 | 10,047 | 10,185 | 12,277 |
| Operating income (loss). | 7,000 | $(3,324)$ | (674) | $(7,051)$ |
| Net (loss).. | $(1,401)$ | $(5,143)$ | $(2,375)$ | $(1,615)$ |
| Net (loss) per average Common Share. 1997 | (0.20) | (0.75) | (0.34) | (0.23) |
| Revenue. | \$19,557 | \$20,673 | \$20,682 | \$20,387 |
| Operating income before depreciation, amortization, and management fees.. | 8,940 | 9,592 | 9,287 | 9,013 |
| Operating income (loss). | 275 | 809 | (118) | 69 |
| Net (loss). | N/A | N/A | N/A | $(1,107)$ |
| Net (loss) per average Common Share. | N/A | N/A | N/A | (0.16) |

The fourth quarter information for the quarter ended December 31, 1998 includes the results of operations of the Company for the period from October 1, 1998 through November 5, 1998.

| 2.2 | Securities Purchase Agreement, dated as of May 13, 1999, by and between Avalon Cable Holdings, LLC, Avalon Investors, L.L.C., Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc., CC V Holdings, LLC (formerly known as Avalon Cable LLC), Charter Communications Holdings LLC and Charter Communications, Inc.(1) |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2.13 | Purchase and Contribution Agreement entered into as June 1999, by and among BCI (USA), LLC, William Bresnan, Blackstone BC Capital Partners LP, Blackstone BC Offshore Capital Partners L.P., Blackstone Family Investment Partnership III LP, TCID of Michigan, Inc. and TCI Bresnan LLC and Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC (now called Courter Investment, Inc.) (Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-1 of Charter Communications, Inc filed on September 28, 1999 (File No. 333-83887)). |
| 3.1 | Certificate of Formation of CC V Holdings, LLC (formerly Known as Avalon Cable LLC).(2) |
| 3.1(a) | Amendment to Certificate of Formation of CC V Holdings, LLC (formerly known as Avalon Cable LLC).(5) |
| 3.2 | Certificate of Incorporation of CC V Holdings Finance, Inc. (formerly known as Avalon Cable Holdings Finance, Inc.).(2) |
| 3.5 | Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of CC V Holdings, LLC (formerly known as Avalon Cable LLC).(2) |
| 3.6 | Amended and Restated By-Laws of CC V Holdings Finance, Inc. (formerly known as Avalon Cable Holdings Finance, Inc.).(5) |
| 4.1 | Indenture, dated as of December 10, 1998, by and among CC V Holdings, LLC (formerly known as Avalon Cable LLC), Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc. and CC V Holdings Finance, Inc. (formerly known as Avalon Cable Holdings Finance, Inc.), as Issuers and The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Notes.(2) |
| 4.2 | Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 26, 1999, by and among CC V Holdings, LLC (formerly known as Avalon Cable LLC), Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc. and CC V Holdings Finance, Inc. (formerly known as Avalon Cable Holdings Finance, Inc.), as Issuers, Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc., as guarantor, and The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the Notes.(2) |
| 10.2(f) | Management Agreement dated as of February 14, 2000, by and between CC VIII Operating, LLC, certain subsidiaries of CC VIII Operating, LLC and Charter Communications, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to the annual report on Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ filed by Charter Communications, Inc. on March 30, 2000 (File No. 333-83887)). |
| 10.10 | Credit Agreement, dated as of November 15, 1999, among CC V Holdings, LLC (formerly known as Avalon Cable LLC), CC Michigan, LLC (formerly known as Avalon Cable of Michigan LLC), and CC New England, LLC (formerly known as Avalon Cable of New England LLC), several banks and other financial institutions or entities named therein, First Union National Bank and PNC Bank, National Association, as syndication agents, Bank of Montreal, Chicago Branch and Mercantile Bank National Association, as co-documentation agents, and Bank of Montreal, as administrative agent. (3) |
| 10.10(a) | First Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated December 21, 1999, by and among CC Michigan, LLC (formerly known as Avalon Cable of Michigan LLC) and CC New England, LLC (formerly known as Avalon Cable of New England LLC) as borrowers, CC V Holdings, LLC (formerly known as Avalon Cable LLC) as guarantor and several banks and other financial institutions named therein.(4) |
| 10.17 | Second Amendment and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of February 2, 1999, as Amended and Restated as of January 2, 2001 by and among CC VIII Operating LLC, as borrower, CC VIII Holdings, LLC, as guarantor, and several financial institutions or entities named therein. |
| 10.22 | Exchange Agreement, dated as of February 14, 2000, by and among Charter Communications, Inc., BCI (USA), LLC, William J. Bresnan, Blackstone BC Capital Partners LP, Blackstone BC Offshore Capital Partners LP, Blackstone Family Media III LP (as assignee of Blackstone Family Investment III LP.), TCID of Michigan, Inc., and TCI Bresnan LLC (Incorporated by reference to the current report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. filed on February 29, 2000 (File No. 333-83887)) |

(1) Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-75453) filed by CC Michigan, LLC (formerly known as Avalon Cable of Michigan LLC), CC New England, LLC (formerly known as Avalon Cable of New England LLC), Avalon Cable Finance, Inc. and Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. on May 28, 1999.
(2) Incorporated by reference to Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-75415) filed by CC $V$ Holdings, LLC (formerly known as Avalon Cable LLC), CC V Holdings Finance, Inc. (formerly known as Avalon Cable Holdings Finance, Inc.), Avalon Cable of Michigan Holdings, Inc. and Avalon Cable of Michigan, Inc. on May 28, 1999.
(3) Incorporated by reference to the report on Form 8-K of Charter Communications, Inc. (File No. 333-83887) filed on November 29, 1999.
(4) Incorporated by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Charter Communications, Inc. (File No. 000-27927) filed on March 28, 2000.
(5) Incorporated by reference to the Annual Report on Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ of CC V Holdings, LLC and CC V Holdings Finance, Inc. (File Nos. 333-75415 and 333-75415-03, respectively) filed on March 30, 2000.
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SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT

CC VIII OPERATING, LLC,
as Borrower
CC VIII HOLDINGS, LLC,
as Guarantor

TD SECURITIES (USA) INC. and CHASE SECURITIES INC.,
as Joint Lead Arrangers and Joint Book Managers

THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, as Syndication Agent

TORONTO DOMINION (TEXAS), INC.,
as Administrative Agent

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA, THE BANK OF NEW YORK, INC.
and FIRSTAR BANK, N.A., as Documentation Agents

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| :--- | :--- |
| B | Form of Compliance Certificate |
| C | Form of Closing Certificate |
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| D-2 | Form of New Lender Supplement |
| D-3 | Form of Increased Facility Activation Notice |
| E | Form of Assignment and Acceptance |
| F | Form of Prepayment Option Notice |
| G | Form of Exemption Certificate |
| H | Form of Specified Subordinated Note |

CREDIT AGREEMENT, dated as of February 2, 1999, as amended and restated as of January 2, 2001, among CC VIII HOLDINGS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Holdings"), CC VIII OPERATING, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Borrower"), the several banks and other financial institutions or entities from time to time parties to this Agreement (the "Lenders"), BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA, THE BANK OF NEW YORK, INC. and FIRSTAR BANK, N.A., as documentation agents (in such capacity, the "Documentation Agents"), THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, as syndication agent (in such capacity, the "Syndication Agent"), and TORONTO DOMINION (TEXAS), INC., as administrative agent (in such capacity, the "Administrative Agent").

## W I T N E S S E TH:

WHEREAS, the Borrower entered into a Loan Agreement, dated as of February 2, 1999, as amended and restated as of February 14, 2000 (the "Existing Credit Agreement"), with Toronto Dominion (Texas), Inc., as administrative agent, the financial institutions parties thereto as lenders and certain other parties;

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have agreed to amend and restate the Existing Credit Agreement as provided in this Agreement, which Agreement shall become effective upon the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set forth in Section 5.1 hereof; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the parties hereto that this Agreement not constitute a novation of the obligations and liabilities existing under the Existing Credit Agreement or evidence repayment of any of such obligations and liabilities and that this Agreement amend and restate in its entirety the Existing Credit Agreement and re-evidence the obligations of the Borrower outstanding thereunder;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above premises, the parties hereto hereby agree that on the Restatement Effective Date (as defined below) the Existing Credit Agreement shall be amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

The parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

## ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

1.1. Defined Terms. As used in this Agreement, the terms listed in this Section 1.1 shall have the respective meanings set forth in this Section 1.1 .
"ABR": for any day, a rate per annum (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the next $1 / 100$ th of $1 \%$ ) equal to the greater of (a) the Prime Rate in effect on such day and (b) the Federal Funds Effective Rate in effect on such day plus $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$. Any change in the ABR due to a change in the Prime Rate or the Federal Funds Effective Rate shall be effective as of the opening of business on the effective day of such change in the Prime Rate or the Federal Funds Effective Rate, respectively.
"ABR Loans": Loans the rate of interest applicable to which is based upon the $A B R$.
"Accumulated Benefit Obligations": the actuarial present value of the accumulated benefit obligations under any Plan, calculated in a manner consistent with Statement No. 87 of the Financial Accounting Standards Board.
"Addendum": an instrument, substantially in the form of Exhibit D-1, by which a Lender consents to the amendment and restatement of the Existing Credit Agreement pursuant hereto or becomes a party to this Agreement as of the Restatement Effective Date.
"Adjustment Date": as defined in the Pricing Grid.
"Administrative Agent": as defined in the preamble hereto.
"Affiliate": as to any Person, any other Person that, directly or indirectly, is in control of, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Person. For purposes of this definition, "control" of a Person means the power, directly or indirectly, either to (a) vote $10 \%$ or more of the securities having ordinary voting power for the election of directors (or persons performing similar functions) of such Person or (b) direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, whether by contract or otherwise.
"Agents": the collective reference to the Syndication Agent, the Documentation Agents and the Administrative Agent.
"Aggregate Exposure": with respect to any Lender at any time, an amount equal to the sum of (a) the aggregate then unpaid principal amount of such Lender's Term Loans, (b) the amount of such Lender's unutilized Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments then in effect and (c) the amount of such Lender's Revolving Commitment then in effect or, if the Revolving Commitments have been terminated, the amount of such Lender's Revolving Extensions of Credit then outstanding.
"Aggregate Exposure Percentage": with respect to any Lender at any time, the ratio (expressed as a percentage) of such Lender's Aggregate Exposure at such time to the Aggregate Exposure of all Lenders at such time.
"Agreement": this Credit Agreement, as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.
"Annualized Asset Cash Flow Amount": with respect to any Disposition of assets, an amount equal to the portion of Consolidated Operating Cash Flow for the most recent Asset Disposition Test Period ending prior to the date of such Disposition which was contributed by such assets multiplied by four.
"Annualized Operating Cash Flow": for any fiscal quarter, an amount equal to Consolidated Operating Cash Flow for such period multiplied by four.
"Annualized Pro Forma Operating Cash Flow": an amount, determined on any Disposition Date in connection with any proposed Disposition pursuant to Section 7.5(e), equal to Consolidated Operating Cash Flow for the most recent Asset Disposition Test Period
multiplied by four, calculated in the manner contemplated by Section 1.2(e) but excluding the effect of such Disposition.
"Applicable Margin": (a) with respect to Tranche A Term Loans, Tranche B Term Loans, Revolving Loans and Swingline Loans, the per annum rates determined in accordance with the Pricing Grid and (b) with respect to Incremental Term Loans, such per annum rates as shall be agreed to by the Borrower and the applicable Incremental Term Lenders as shown in the applicable Increased Facility Activation Notice.
"Application": an application, in such form as the relevant Issuing Lender may specify from time to time, requesting such Issuing Lender to open a Letter of Credit.
"Approved Fund": with respect to any Lender that is a fund that invests in commercial loans, any other fund that invests in commercial loans and is managed or advised by the same investment advisor as such Lender or by an Affiliate of such investment advisor.
"Asset Disposition Test Period": as of any date of determination, the most recent fiscal quarter as to which financial statements have been delivered pursuant to Section 6.1.
"Asset Sale": any Disposition of property or series of related Dispositions of property (excluding (a) Exchanges pursuant to which no cash consideration is received by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries and (b) any such Disposition permitted by clause (a), (b), (c) or (d) of Section 7.5) that yields gross cash proceeds to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in excess of $\$ 1,000,000$.
"Assignee": as defined in Section 10.6(c).
"Assignment and Acceptance": an Assignment and Acceptance, substantially in the form of Exhibit $E$.
"Assignor": as defined in Section 10.6(c).
"Attributable Debt": in respect of a sale and leaseback transaction entered into by Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, at the time of determination, the present value of the obligation of the lessee for net rental payments during the remaining term of the lease included in such sale and leaseback transaction including any period for which such lease has been extended or may, at the sole option of the lessor, be extended. Such present value shall be calculated using a discount rate equal to the rate of interest implicit in such transaction, determined in accordance with GAAP.
"Authorizations": all filings, recordings and registrations with, and all validations or exemptions, approvals, orders, authorizations, consents, Licenses, certificates and permits from, the FCC, applicable public utilities and other Governmental Authorities, including, without limitation, CATV Franchises, FCC Licenses and Pole Agreements.
"Available Revolving Commitment": as to any Revolving Lender at any time, an amount equal to the excess, if any, of (a) such Lender's Revolving Commitment then in effect over (b) such Lender's Revolving Extensions of Credit then outstanding; provided, that in
calculating any Lender's Revolving Extensions of Credit for the purpose of determining such Lender's Available Revolving Commitment pursuant to Section 2.6(a), the aggregate principal amount of Swingline Loans then outstanding shall be deemed to be zero.
"Benefitted Lender": as defined in Section 10.7(a).
"Board": the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States (or any successor).
"Borrower": as defined in the preamble hereto.
"Borrowing Date": any Business Day specified by the Borrower as a date on which the Borrower requests the relevant Lenders to make Loans hereunder.
"Budget": as defined in Section 6.2(c).
"Business": as defined in Section 4.17(b).
"Business Day": a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks in New York City or Houston, Texas are authorized or required by law to close, provided, that with respect to notices and determinations in connection with, and payments of principal and interest on, Eurodollar Loans, such day is also a day for trading by and between banks in Dollar deposits in the London, England interbank eurodollar market.
"Capital Lease Obligations": as to any Person, the obligations of such Person to pay rent or other amounts under any lease of (or other arrangement conveying the right to use) real or personal property, or a combination thereof, which obligations are required to be classified and accounted for as capital leases on a balance sheet of such Person under GAAP and, for the purposes of this Agreement, the amount of such obligations at any time shall be the capitalized amount thereof at such time determined in accordance with GAAP.
"Cash Equivalents": (a) marketable direct obligations issued by, or unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States government or issued by any agency thereof and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, in each case maturing within one year from the date of acquisition; (b) certificates of deposit, time deposits, eurodollar time deposits or overnight bank deposits having maturities of six months or less from the date of acquisition issued by any Lender or by any commercial bank organized under the laws of the United States or any state thereof having combined capital and surplus of not less than $\$ 500,000,000$; (c) commercial paper of an issuer rated at the time of acquisition at least A-1 by Standard \& Poor's Ratings Services ("S\&P") or P-1 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), or carrying an equivalent rating by a nationally recognized rating agency, if both of the two named rating agencies cease publishing ratings of commercial paper issuers generally, and maturing within six months from the date of acquisition; (d) repurchase obligations of any Lender or of any commercial bank satisfying the requirements of clause (b) of this definition, having a term of not more than 30 days, with respect to securities issued or fully guaranteed or insured by the United States government; (e) securities with maturities of one year or less from the date of acquisition issued or fully guaranteed by any state, commonwealth or territory of the United States, by any political subdivision or taxing authority of any such state, commonwealth
or territory of the United States, by any political subdivision or
taxing authority of any such state, commonwealth or territory or by any foreign government, the securities of which state, commonwealth, territory, political subdivision, taxing authority or foreign government (as the case may be) are rated at the time of acquisition at least $A$ by S\&P or $A$ by Moody's; (f) securities with maturities of six months or less from the date of acquisition backed by standby letters of credit issued by any Lender or any commercial bank satisfying the requirements of clause (b) of this definition; or ( $g$ ) shares of money market mutual or similar funds which invest exclusively in assets satisfying the requirements of clauses (a) through (f) of this definition.
"CATV Franchise": collectively, with respect to the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, (a) any franchise, license, permit, wire agreement or easement granted by any political jurisdiction or unit or other local, state or federal franchising authority (other than licenses, permits and easements not material to the operations of a CATV System) pursuant to which such Person has the right or license to operate a CATV System and (b) any law, regulation, ordinance, agreement or other instrument or document setting forth all or any part of the terms of any franchise, license, permit, wire agreement or easement described in clause (a) of this definition.
"CATV System": any cable distribution system owned or acquired by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries which receives audio, video, digital, other broadcast signals or information or telecommunications by cable, optical, antennae, microwave or satellite transmission and which amplifies and transmits such signals to customers of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries.
"Charter Group": the collective reference to Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, together with any member of the Paul Allen Group or any Affiliate of any such member that, in each case, directly or indirectly owns Equity Interests (determined on the basis of economic interests) in the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no individual and no entity organized for estate planning purposes shall be deemed to be a member of the Charter Group.
"Code": the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.
"Collateral": all property of the Loan Parties, now owned or hereafter acquired, upon which a Lien is purported to be created by the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement.
"Commitment Fee Rate": the per annum rate determined in accordance with the Pricing Grid.
"Commonly Controlled Entity": an entity, whether or not incorporated, that is under common control with the Borrower within the meaning of Section 4001 of ERISA or is part of a group that includes the Borrower and that is treated as a single employer under Section 414 of the Code
"Compliance Certificate": a certificate duly executed by a Responsible Officer substantially in the form of Exhibit $B$.
"Conduit Lender": any special purpose corporation designated by any Lender for the purpose of making Loans hereunder otherwise required to be made by such Lender and
designated by such Lender in a written instrument, subject to the consent of the Administrative Agent and the Borrower; provided, that the designation by any Lender of a Conduit Lender shall not relieve the designating Lender of any of its obligations to fund a Loan under this Agreement if, for any reason, its Conduit Lender fails to fund any such Loan, and the designating Lender (and not the Conduit Lender) shall have the sole right and responsibility to deliver all consents and waivers required or requested under this Agreement with respect to its Conduit Lender, and provided, further, that no Conduit Lender shall (a) be entitled to receive any greater amount pursuant to Section 2.16, 2.17, 2.18 or 10.5 than the designating Lender would have been entitled to receive in respect of the extensions of credit made by such Conduit Lender or (b) be deemed to have any Tranche A Incremental Term Commitment or Revolving Commitment hereunder.
"Conduit Participant": any trust, partnership, limited liability company or other entity that (a) is organized under the laws of the United States or any state thereof, (b) is engaged in making, purchasing or otherwise investing in commercial loans in the ordinary course of its business and (c) is organized, managed or sponsored by any Lender.
"Confidential Information Memorandum": the collective reference to (a) the Confidential Information Memorandum dated December 2000 and furnished to certain of the Lenders in connection with the syndication of certain of the Facilities prior to the Restatement Effective Date and (b) any other information memorandum authorized by the Borrower to be distributed to one or more Lenders or prospective Lenders in connection with any other syndication of any of the Facilities (including in connection with any increase in the amount thereof).
"Consideration": with respect to any Investment or Disposition, (a) any cash or other property (valued at fair market value in the case of such other property) paid or transferred in connection therewith, (b) the principal amount of any Indebtedness assumed in connection therewith and (c) any letters of credit, surety arrangements or security deposits posted in connection therewith.
"Consolidated Debt Service Coverage Ratio": as of the last day of any period, the ratio of (a) Annualized Operating Cash Flow determined in respect of the fiscal quarter ending on such day to (b) the sum of (i) Consolidated Interest Expense for the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters ending on such day and (ii) scheduled principal payments on Indebtedness of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries for the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters commencing immediately after such day (or, in the case of the Revolving Facility, the excess, if any, of the Total Revolving Extensions of Credit outstanding on such day over the amount of the Total Revolving Commitments scheduled to be in effect at the end of such period of four consecutive fiscal quarters); provided, however, that the final scheduled installment of principal of the Tranche B Term Facility and the Incremental Term Facility shall be excluded from the calculation of amounts under this clause (ii).
"Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio": as of the last day of any period, the ratio of (a) Consolidated Operating Cash Flow for the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters ending on such day to (b) Consolidated Interest Expense for the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters ending on such day.
"Consolidated Interest Expense": for any period, the sum of (a) total cash interest expense (including that attributable to Capital Lease Obligations) of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for such period with respect to all outstanding Indebtedness of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries (including all commissions, discounts and other fees and charges owed with respect to letters of credit and bankers' acceptance financing and net costs under Hedge Agreements in respect of interest rates to the extent such net costs are allocable to such period in accordance with GAAP) and (b) all Restricted Payments made by the Borrower during such period in order to enable any of its Affiliates to pay cash interest expense in respect of Indebtedness of such Affiliate
"Consolidated Leverage Ratio": as of the last day of any period, the ratio of (a) Consolidated Total Debt on such day to (b) Annualized Operating Cash Flow determined in respect of the fiscal quarter ending on such day.
"Consolidated Net Income": for any period, the consolidated net income (or loss) of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP; provided that, GAAP to the contrary notwithstanding, there shall be excluded (a) the income (or deficit) of any Person accrued prior to the date it becomes a Subsidiary of the Borrower or is merged into or consolidated with the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, (b) the income (or deficit) of any Person (other than a Subsidiary of the Borrower) in which the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries has an ownership interest, except to the extent that any such income is actually received by the Borrower or such Subsidiary in the form of dividends or similar distributions, (c) the undistributed earnings of any Subsidiary of the Borrower (including any Excluded Acquired Subsidiary) to the extent that the declaration or payment of dividends or similar distributions by such Subsidiary is not at the time permitted by the terms of any Contractual Obligation (other than under any Loan Document) or Requirement of Law applicable to such Subsidiary and (d) whether or not distributed, the income of any Non-Recourse Subsidiary.
"Consolidated Operating Cash Flow": as applied to the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, in respect of any period, the sum of the Consolidated Net Income for such period plus Consolidated Interest Expense, depreciation, amortization, tax expense, distributions in respect of monitoring fees paid (not to exceed $\$ 550,000$ for any calendar year), deferred compensation expenses, any expense for the split dollar life insurance policy in respect of William Bresnan, including any finance expense with respect thereto, and other non-cash or non-recurring expenses deducted in determining such Consolidated Net Income; provided, that extraordinary gains or losses shall not be taken into account in determining Consolidated Net Income for purposes of determining Consolidated Operating Cash Flow, and gains or losses from the sale of assets and investment activities shall be excluded from such calculation; and, provided, further, that payments in respect of the redemption of management participation units in the ordinary course of business shall be deemed to be a non-recurring expense. For purposes of this Agreement, "Consolidated Operating Cash Flow" of the Borrower shall not include as an addition or a deduction losses associated with high speed data and telephony services up to an aggregate amount of $\$ 15,000,000$ for all periods prior to and including December 31, 2003.
"Consolidated Total Debt": at any date, the aggregate principal amount of all Indebtedness (other than any contingent obligations for standby letters of credit entered into in the ordinary course of business such as in lieu of bonds, security deposits and the like, not constituting L/C Obligations) of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries at such date, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.
"Contractual Obligation": as to any Person, any provision of any debt or equity security issued by such Person or of any agreement, instrument or other undertaking to which such Person is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound.
"Default": any of the events specified in Section 8, whether or not any requirement for the giving of notice, the lapse of time, or both, has been satisfied.
"Default Rate": the rate referred to in Section 2.12(c).
"Disposition": with respect to any property, any sale, lease (other than leases in the ordinary course of business, including leases of excess office space and fiber leases), sale and leaseback, assignment, conveyance, transfer or other disposition thereof, including pursuant to an exchange for other property. The terms "Dispose" and "Disposed of" shall have correlative meanings.
"Disposition Date": as defined in Section 7.5(e).
"Documentation Agents": as defined in the preamble hereto.
"Dollars" and "\$": dollars in lawful currency of the United States.
"Domestic Subsidiary": any Subsidiary of the Borrower organized under the laws of any jurisdiction within the United States.
"Environmental Laws": any and all foreign, federal, state, local or municipal laws, rules, orders, regulations, statutes, ordinances, codes, decrees, requirements of any Governmental Authority or other Requirements of Law (including common law) regulating, relating to or imposing liability or standards of conduct concerning protection of human health or the environment, as now or may at any time hereafter be in effect.
"Equity Interests": any and all shares, interests, participations or other equivalents (however designated) of capital stock of a corporation, any and all classes of membership interests in a limited liability company, any and all classes of partnership interests in a partnership and any and all other equivalent ownership interests in a Person, and any and all warrants, rights or options to purchase any of the foregoing.
"ERISA": the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time.
"Eurocurrency Reserve Requirements": for any day as applied to a Eurodollar Loan, the aggregate (without duplication) of the maximum rates (expressed as a decimal fraction) of reserve requirements in effect on such day (including basic, supplemental, marginal
and emergency reserves under any regulations of the Board or other Governmental Authority having jurisdiction with respect thereto) dealing with reserve requirements prescribed for eurocurrency funding (currently referred to as "Eurocurrency Liabilities" in Regulation D of the Board) maintained by a member bank of the Federal Reserve System.
"Eurodollar Base Rate": with respect to each day during each Interest Period pertaining to a Eurodollar Loan, the rate per annum determined on the basis of the rate for deposits in Dollars for a period equal to such Interest Period commencing on the first day of such Interest Period appearing on Page 3750 of the Dow Jones Markets screen as of 11:00 A.M., London time, two Business Days prior to the beginning of such Interest Period. In the event that such rate does not appear on Page 3750 of the Dow Jones Markets screen (or otherwise on such screen), the "Eurodollar Base Rate" shall be determined by reference to such other comparable publicly available service for displaying eurodollar rates as may be selected by the Administrative Agent or, in the absence of such availability, by reference to the rate at which the Administrative Agent is offered Dollar deposits at or about 10:00 A.M., Houston time, two Business Days prior to the beginning of such Interest Period in the interbank eurodollar market where its eurodollar and foreign currency and xchange operations are then being conducted for delivery on the first day of such Interest Period for the number of days comprised therein.
"Eurodollar Loans": Loans for which the applicable rate of interest is based upon the Eurodollar Rate.
"Eurodollar Rate": with respect to each day during each Interest Period pertaining to a Eurodollar Loan, a rate per annum determined for such day in accordance with the following formula (rounded upward to the nearest $1 / 100$ th of $1 \%$ ):

## Eurodollar Base Rate

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"Eurodollar Tranche": the collective reference to Eurodollar Loans under a particular Facility the then current Interest Periods with respect to all of which begin on the same date and end on the same later date (whether or not such Loans shall originally have been made on the same day)
"Event of Default": any of the events specified in Section 8, provided that any requirement for the giving of notice, the lapse of time, or both, has been satisfied
"Exchange": any exchange of operating assets for other operating assets in a Permitted Line of Business and, subject to the last sentence of this definition, of comparable value and use to those assets being exchanged, including exchanges involving the transfer or acquisition (or both transfer and acquisition) of Equity Interests of a Person so long as $100 \%$ of the Equity Interests of such Person are transferred or acquired, as the case may be. It is understood that exchanges of the kind described above as to which a portion of the consideration paid or received is in the form of cash shall nevertheless constitute "Exchanges" for the purposes of this Agreement so long as the aggregate consideration received by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries in connection with such exchange represents fair market value for the assets and cash being transferred by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries.
"Exchange Excess Amount": as defined in Section 7.5(f).
"Excluded Acquired Subsidiary": any Subsidiary described in Section 7.2(g) to the extent that the documentation governing the Indebtedness referred to in said paragraph prohibits such Subsidiary from becoming a Subsidiary Guarantor, but only so long as such Indebtedness remains outstanding.
"Existing Credit Agreement": as defined in the recitals.
"Existing Tranche A Term Loan": as defined in Section 2.1(a).
"Existing Tranche B Term Loan": as defined in Section 2.1(a).
"Facility": each of (a) the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments and the Tranche A Term Loans (the "Tranche A Term Facility"), (b) the Tranche B Term Loans (the "Tranche B Term Facility"), (c) the Incremental Term Loans (the "Incremental Term Facility") and (d) the Revolving Commitments and the extensions of credit made thereunder (the "Revolving Facility").
"FCC": the Federal Communications Commission and any successor
thereto.
"FCC License": any community antenna relay service, broadcast auxiliary license, earth station registration, business radio, microwave or special safety radio service license issued by the FCC pursuant to the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.
"Federal Funds Effective Rate": for any day, the weighted average of the rates on overnight federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by federal funds brokers, as published on the next succeeding Business Day by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or, if such rate is not so published for any day that is a Business Day, the average of the quotations for the day of such transactions received by the Administrative Agent from three federal funds brokers of recognized standing selected by it.
"Flow-Through Entity": any Person that is not treated as a separate tax paying entity for United States federal income tax purposes.
"Foreign Subsidiary": any Subsidiary of the Borrower that is not a Domestic Subsidiary.
"Funding Office": the office of the Administrative Agent specified in Section 10.2 or such other office as may be specified from time to time by the Administrative Agent as its funding office by written notice to the Borrower and the Lenders.
"GAAP": generally accepted accounting principles in the United States as in effect from time to time, except that for purposes of Section 7.1, GAAP shall be determined on the basis of such principles in effect on the date hereof and consistent with those used in the preparation of the most recent audited financial statements delivered pursuant to Section 4.1. In the event that any "Accounting Change" (as defined below) shall occur and such change results in a change in the method of calculation of financial covenants, standards or terms in this

Agreement, then the Borrower and the Administrative Agent agree to enter into negotiations in order to amend such provisions of this Agreement so as to equitably reflect such Accounting Changes with the desired result that the criteria for evaluating the Borrower's financial condition shall be the same after such Accounting Changes as if such Accounting Changes had not been made. Until such time as such an amendment shall have been executed and delivered by the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Majority Lenders, all financial covenants, standards and terms in this Agreement shall continue to be calculated or construed as if such Accounting Changes had not occurred. "Accounting Changes" refers to changes in accounting principles required by the promulgation of any rule, regulation, pronouncement or opinion by the Financial Accounting Standards Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants or, if applicable, the SEC.
"Governmental Authority": any nation or government, any state or other political subdivision thereof, any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative functions of or pertaining to government, any securities exchange and any self-regulatory organization (including the National Association of Insurance Commissioners).
"Guarantee and Collateral Agreement": the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement executed and delivered by Holdings, the Borrower and each Subsidiary Guarantor, substantially in the form of Exhibit A, as the same may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.
"Guarantee Obligation": as to any Person (the "guaranteeing person"), any obligation of (a) the guaranteeing person or (b) another Person (including any bank under any letter of credit) to induce the creation of which the guaranteeing person has issued a reimbursement, counterindemnity or similar obligation, in either case guaranteeing or in effect guaranteeing any Indebtedness, leases, dividends or other obligations (the "primary obligations") of any other third Person (the "primary obligor") in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, including any obligation of the guaranteeing person, whether or not contingent, (i) to purchase any such primary obligation or any property constituting direct or indirect security therefor, (ii) to advance or supply funds (1) for the purchase or payment of any such primary obligation or (2) to maintain working capital or equity capital of the primary obligor or otherwise to maintain the net worth or solvency of the primary obligor, (iii) to purchase property, securities or services primarily for the purpose of assuring the owner of any such primary obligation of the ability of the primary obligor to make payment of such primary obligation or (iv) otherwise to assure or hold harmless the owner of any such primary obligation against loss in respect thereof; provided, however, that the term "Guarantee Obligation" shall not include endorsements of instruments for deposit or collection in the ordinary course of business. The amount of any Guarantee Obligation of any guaranteeing person shall be deemed to be the lower of (a) an amount equal to the stated or determinable amount of the primary obligation in respect of which such Guarantee Obligation is made and (b) the maximum amount for which such guaranteeing person may be liable pursuant to the terms of the instrument embodying such Guarantee Obligation, unless such primary obligation and the maximum amount for which such guaranteeing person may be liable are not stated or determinable, in which case the amount of such Guarantee Obligation shall be such guaranteeing person's maximum reasonably anticipated liability in respect thereof as determined by the Borrower in good faith.
"Guarantors": the collective reference to Holdings and the Subsidiary Guarantors.
"Hedge Agreements": all interest rate swaps, caps or collar agreements or similar arrangements dealing with interest rates or currency exchange rates or the exchange of nominal interest obligations, either generally or under specific contingencies.
"Holdings": as defined in the preamble hereto, together with any successor thereto pursuant to Section 7.4(e).
"Holdings Debt": any Indebtedness of Holdings.
"Increased Facility Activation Date": any Business Day on which any Lender shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Increased Facility Activation Notice pursuant to Section 2.1(c).
"Increased Facility Activation Notice": a notice substantially in the form of Exhibit $\mathrm{D}-3$.
"Increased Facility Closing Date": any Business Day designated as such in an Increased Facility Activation Notice.
"Incremental Term Facility": as defined in the definition of
"Facility"
"Incremental Term Lenders": (a) on any Increased Facility Activation Date relating to Incremental Term Loans, the Lenders signatory to the relevant Increased Facility Activation Notice and (b) thereafter, each Lender that is a holder of an Incremental Term Loan.
"Incremental Term Loans": as defined in Section 2.1(a).
"Incremental Term Maturity Date": with respect to the Incremental Term Loans to be made pursuant to any Increased Facility Activation Notice, the maturity date specified in such Increased Facility Activation Notice, which date shall be a date at least six months after the final maturity of the Tranche $B$ Term Loans.
"Indebtedness": of any Person at any date, without duplication, (a) all indebtedness of such Person for borrowed money, (b) all obligations of such Person for the deferred purchase price of property or services (other than current trade payables incurred in the ordinary course of such Person's business), (c) all obligations of such Person evidenced by notes, bonds, debentures or other similar instruments, (d) all indebtedness created or arising under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement with respect to property acquired by such Person (even though the rights and remedies of the seller or lender under such agreement in the event of default are limited to repossession or sale of such property), (e) all Capital Lease Obligations of such Person, (f) all obligations of such Person, contingent or otherwise, as an account party under acceptances, letters of credit, surety bonds or similar arrangements, ( $g$ ) the liquidation value of all redeemable preferred Equity Interests of such Person, (h) all Guarantee Obligations of such Person in respect of obligations of the kind referred to in clauses (a) through (g) above, (i) all obligations of the kind referred to in clauses (a) through (h) above secured by
(or for which the holder of such obligation has an existing right, contingent or otherwise, to be secured by) any Lien on property (including accounts and contract rights) owned by such Person, whether or not such Person has assumed or become liable for the payment of such obligation, and (j) for the purposes of Section 8(e) only, all obligations of such Person in respect of Hedge Agreements. The Indebtedness of any Person shall include the Indebtedness of any other entity (including any partnership in which such Person is a general partner) to the extent such Person is liable therefor as a result of such Person's ownership interest in or other relationship with such entity, except to the extent the terms of such Indebtedness expressly provide that such Person is not liable therefor.
"Insolvency": with respect to any Multiemployer Plan, the condition that such Plan is insolvent within the meaning of Section 4245 of ERISA.
"Insolvent": pertaining to a condition of Insolvency.
"Intellectual Property": the collective reference to all rights, priorities and privileges relating to intellectual property, whether arising under United States, multinational or foreign laws or otherwise, including copyrights, copyright licenses, patents, patent licenses, trademarks, trademark licenses, technology, know-how and processes, and all rights to sue at law or in equity for any infringement or other impairment thereof, including the right to receive all proceeds and damages therefrom.
"Interest Payment Date": (a) as to any ABR Loan, the last day of each March, June, September and December to occur while such Loan is outstanding and the final maturity date of such Loan, (b) as to any Eurodollar Loan having an Interest Period of three months or less, the last day of such Interest Period, (c) as to any Eurodollar Loan having an Interest Period longer than three months, each day that is three months, or a whole multiple thereof, after the first day of such Interest Period and the last day of such Interest Period and (d) as to any Loan (other than any Revolving Loan that is an ABR Loan and any Swingline Loan), the date of any repayment or prepayment made in respect thereof.
"Interest Period": as to any Eurodollar Loan, (a) initially, the period commencing on the borrowing or conversion date, as the case may be, with respect to such Eurodollar Loan and ending one, two, three, six or, if consented to by (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld) each Lender under the relevant Facility, nine or twelve months thereafter, as selected by the Borrower in its notice of borrowing or notice of conversion, as the case may be, given with respect thereto; and (b) thereafter, each period commencing on the last day of the next preceding Interest Period applicable to such Eurodollar Loan and ending one, two, three, six or, if consented to by (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld) each Lender under the relevant Facility, nine or twelve months thereafter, as selected by the Borrower by irrevocable notice to the Administrative Agent not less than three Business Days prior to the last day of the then current Interest Period with respect thereto; provided that, all of the foregoing provisions relating to Interest Periods are subject to the following:
(i) if any Interest Period would otherwise end on a day that is not a Business Day, such Interest Period shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless the result of such extension would be to carry such Interest Period into another calendar
month in which event such Interest Period shall end on the immediately preceding Business Day;
(ii) the Borrower may not select an Interest Period under a particular Facility that would extend beyond the Revolving Termination Date or beyond the date final payment is due on the Tranche A Term Loans, the Tranche B Term Loans or the relevant Incremental Term Loans, as the case may be;
(iii) any Interest Period that begins on the last Business Day of a calendar month (or on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period) shall end on the last Business Day of a calendar month; and
(iv) the Borrower shall select Interest Periods so as not to require a payment or prepayment of any Eurodollar Loan during an Interest Period for such Loan.
"Investments": as defined in Section 7.7.
"Issuing Lender": each of the Administrative Agent and any other Revolving Lender that has agreed in its sole discretion to act as an "Issuing Lender" hereunder and that has been approved in writing by the Administrative Agent as an "Issuing Lender" hereunder, in each case in its capacity as issuer of any Letter of Credit.
"L/C Commitment": \$25,000,000.
"L/C Fee Payment Date": the last day of each March, June, September and December and the last day of the Revolving Commitment Period.
"L/C Obligations": at any time, an amount equal to the sum of (a) the aggregate then undrawn and unexpired amount of the then outstanding Letters of Credit and (b) the aggregate amount of drawings under Letters of Credit that have not then been reimbursed pursuant to Section 3.5.
"L/C Participants": with respect to any Letter of Credit, the collective reference to all Revolving Lenders other than the Issuing Lender that issued such Letter of Credit.
"Lenders": as defined in the preamble hereto; provided, that unless the context otherwise requires, each reference herein to the Lenders shall be deemed to include any Conduit Lender.
"Letters of Credit": as defined in Section 3.1(a).
"License": as to any Person, any license, permit, certificate of need, authorization, certification, accreditation, franchise, approval, or grant of rights by any Governmental Authority or other Person necessary or appropriate for such Person to own, maintain, or operate its business or property, including FCC Licenses.
"Lien": any mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, deposit arrangement, encumbrance, lien (statutory or other), charge or other security interest or any preference, priority or other security agreement or preferential arrangement of any kind or nature whatsoever (including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement and any capital lease having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing).
"Loan": any loan made or held by any Lender pursuant to this Agreement.
"Loan Documents": this Agreement, the Reaffirmation Agreement, any Notes and the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement.
"Loan Parties": Holdings, the Borrower and each Subsidiary of the Borrower that is a party to a Loan Document.
"Majority Facility Lenders": with respect to any Facility, the holders of $51 \%$ or more of the aggregate unpaid principal amount of the Term Loans or the Total Revolving Extensions of Credit, as the case may be, outstanding under such Facility (or, in the case of the Revolving Facility, prior to any termination of the Revolving Commitments, the holders of $51 \%$ or more of the Total Revolving Commitments).
"Majority Lenders" shall mean, at any time, Lenders having $51 \%$ or more of the aggregate principal amount of all of the following (a) the Tranche A Term Loans then outstanding, (b) the Tranche B Term Loans then outstanding, (c) the Incremental Term Loans, if any, then outstanding, and (d)(i) until such time as the Revolving Commitments have been terminated or canceled, the Revolving Commitments, and (ii) thereafter, the Revolving Extensions of Credit then outstanding. For the purposes of this definition, any unutilized Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments shall be deemed to have been borrowed as Tranche A Term Loans.
"Management Fee Agreement": Schedule 1 to the limited liability company operating agreement of the Borrower, as such Schedule 1 may be amended, replaced, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time in accordance with Section 7.8(d).
"Material Adverse Effect": a material adverse effect on (a) the business, property, operations or condition (financial or otherwise) of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole or (b) the validity or enforceability of any material provision of this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents or the rights or remedies of the Administrative Agent or the Lenders hereunder or thereunder.
"Materials of Environmental Concern": any gasoline or petroleum (including crude oil or any fraction thereof) or petroleum products or any hazardous or toxic substances, materials or wastes, defined or regulated as such in or under any Environmental Law, including asbestos, polychlorinated biphenyls and urea-formaldehyde insulation.
"Michigan/New England": as defined in Section 5.1(b).
"Multiemployer Plan": a Plan that is a multiemployer plan as defined in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA.
"Net Cash Proceeds": (a) in connection with any Asset Sale or any Recovery Event, the proceeds thereof in the form of cash and Cash Equivalents (including any such proceeds received by way of deferred payment of principal pursuant to a note or installment receivable or purchase price adjustment receivable or otherwise, but only as and when received) of such Asset Sale or Recovery Event, net of attorneys' fees, accountants' fees, investment banking fees, amounts required to be applied to the repayment of Indebtedness secured by a Lien expressly permitted hereunder on any asset that is the subject of such Asset Sale or Recovery Event (other than any Lien pursuant to the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement) and other customary fees and expenses actually incurred in connection therewith and net of taxes paid or reasonably estimated to be payable as a result thereof (after taking into account any available tax credits or deductions and any tax sharing arrangements) and (b) in connection with any issuance or sale of Equity Interests or any incurrence of Indebtedness, the cash proceeds received from such issuance or incurrence, net of attorneys' fees, investment banking fees, accountants' fees, underwriting discounts and commissions and other customary fees and expenses actually incurred in connection therewith.
"New Lender": as defined in Section 2.1(d).
"New Lender Supplement": as defined in Section 2.1(d).
"Non-Excluded Taxes": as defined in Section 2.17(a).
"Non-Recourse Subsidiary": (a) any Subsidiary of the Borrower created, acquired or activated by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in connection with any Investment made pursuant to Section 7.7(g) and designated as such by the Borrower substantially concurrently with such creation, acquisition or activation and (b) any Subsidiary of such designated Subsidiary, provided, that (i) at no time shall any creditor of any such Subsidiary have any claim (whether pursuant to a Guarantee Obligation, by operation of law or otherwise) against the Borrower or any of its other Subsidiaries (other than another Non-Recourse Subsidiary) in respect of any Indebtedness or other obligation of any such Subsidiary (other than in respect of a non-recourse pledge of Equity Interests in such Subsidiary); (ii) neither the Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries (other than another Non-Recourse Subsidiary) shall become a general partner of any such Subsidiary; (iii) no default with respect to any Indebtedness of any such Subsidiary (including any right which the holders thereof may have to take enforcement action against any such Subsidiary) shall permit (upon notice, lapse of time or both) any holder of any Indebtedness of the Borrower or its other Subsidiaries (other than another Non-Recourse Subsidiary) to declare a default on such other Indebtedness or cause the payment thereof to be accelerated or payable prior to its final scheduled maturity; (iv) no such Subsidiary shall own any Equity Interests of, or own or hold any Lien on any property of, the Borrower or any other Subsidiary of the Borrower (other than another Non-Recourse Subsidiary); (v) no Investments may be made in any such Subsidiary by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (other than another Non-Recourse Subsidiary) except pursuant to Section 7.7(g); (vi) the Borrower shall not directly own any Equity Interests in such Subsidiary; and (vii) at the time of such designation, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom. It is understood that Non-Recourse Subsidiaries shall be disregarded for the purposes of any calculation pursuant to this Agreement relating to financial matters with respect to the Borrower.
"Non-U.S. Lender": as defined in Section 2.17(d).
"Notes": the collective reference to any promissory note evidencing Loans.
"Other Taxes": any and all present or future stamp or documentary taxes or any other excise or property taxes, charges or similar levies arising from any payment made hereunder or from the execution, delivery or enforcement of, or otherwise with respect to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document
"Participant": as defined in Section 10.6(b).
"Paul Allen Contributions": any capital contribution made by Paul G. Allen or any of his Affiliates, directly or indirectly, to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries.
"Paul Allen Group": the collective reference to (a) Paul G. Allen, (b) his estate, spouse, immediate family members and heirs and (c) any trust, corporation, partnership or other entity, the beneficiaries, stockholders, partners or other owners of which consist exclusively of Paul G. Allen or such other Persons referred to in clause (b) above or a combination thereof.
"PBGC": the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation established pursuant to Subtitle A of Title IV of ERISA (or any successor).
"Permitted Line of Business": as defined in Section 7.14(a).
"Person": an individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, business trust, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated association, joint venture, Governmental Authority or other entity of whatever nature.
"Plan": at a particular time, any employee pension benefit plan subject to the provisions of Title IV of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA or any welfare plan providing post-employment healthcare benefits, and in respect of which the Borrower or a Commonly Controlled Entity is (or, if such plan were terminated at such time, would under Section 4069 of ERISA be deemed to be) an "employer" as defined in Section 3(5) of ERISA.
"Pole Agreement": any pole attachment agreement or underground conduit use agreement entered into in connection with the operation of any CATV System.
"Pricing Grid": the pricing grid attached hereto as Annex A.
"Prime Rate": the rate of interest per annum publicly announced from time to time by the Administrative Agent or its relevant affiliate as its prime rate in effect (the Prime Rate not being intended to be the lowest rate of interest charged by the Administrative Agent or its relevant affiliate in connection with extensions of credit to debtors).
"Properties": as defined in Section 4.17(a).
"Qualified Indebtedness": (a) with respect to a Qualified Parent Company, any Indebtedness (i) which is issued in a Rule 144A private placement or registered public offering, (ii) which is not held by any Affiliate of the Borrower and (iii) as to which $100 \%$ of the Net Cash Proceeds thereof are used by such Qualified Parent Company to make Investments in one or more of its Subsidiaries engaged substantially in businesses of the type described in Section 7.14(a) and/or to refinance (x) other Qualified Indebtedness or (y) Indebtedness of the Borrower; and (b) with respect to an Affiliate of the Borrower, any Indebtedness as to which $100 \%$ of the Net Cash Proceeds thereof were contributed to the Borrower. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this definition, "Qualified Indebtedness" shall in any event include the 11-7/8\% Senior Discount Notes due 2008 issued by CCV Holdings LLC and outstanding as of the Restatement Effective Date.
"Qualified Parent Company": Charter Communications Inc. or any of its direct or indirect Subsidiaries, in each case provided that the Borrower shall be a Subsidiary of such Person.
"Reaffirmation Agreement": the Reaffirmation Agreement, dated as of January 2, 2001, among Holdings, the Borrower, each Subsidiary Guarantor party thereto and the Administrative Agent.
"Recovery Event": any settlement of or payment in respect of any property or casualty insurance claim or any condemnation proceeding relating to any asset of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries.
"Refunded Swingline Loans": as defined in Section 2.5(b).
"Refunding Date": as defined in Section 2.5(c).
"Register": as defined in Section 10.6(d).
"Regulation $U$ ": Regulation $U$ of the Board as in effect from time to time.
"Reimbursement Obligation": the obligation of the Borrower to reimburse the relevant Issuing Lender pursuant to Section 3.5 for amounts drawn under Letters of Credit.
"Reinvestment Deadline": as defined in the definition of "Reinvestment Notice".
"Reinvestment Deferred Amount": with respect to any Reinvestment Event, the aggregate Net Cash Proceeds received by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in connection therewith that are not applied to prepay the Term Loans pursuant to Section 2.9(a) as a result of the delivery of a Reinvestment Notice.
"Reinvestment Event": any Asset Sale or Recovery Event in respect of which the Borrower has delivered a Reinvestment Notice.
"Reinvestment Notice": a written notice executed by a Responsible Officer and delivered to the Administrative Agent within twelve months after any Asset Sale or Recovery Event, stating that (a) no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, (b) the Borrower
(directly or indirectly through a Subsidiary) intends and expects to use all or a specified portion of the Net Cash Proceeds of such Asset Sale or Recovery Event to acquire assets useful in its business, on or prior to the earlier of (i) the date that is eighteen months from the date of receipt of such Net Cash Proceeds and (ii) the date on which such proceeds would be required to be applied, or to be offered to be applied, to prepay, redeem or defease any Indebtedness of the Borrower or any of its Affiliates (other than Indebtedness under this Agreement) if not applied as described above (such earlier date, the "Reinvestment Deadline"), and (c) such use will not require redemptions or prepayments (or offers to make redemptions or prepayments) of any other Indebtedness of the Borrower or any of its Affiliates.
"Reinvestment Prepayment Amount": with respect to any Reinvestment Event, the Reinvestment Deferred Amount relating thereto less any amount expended prior to the relevant Reinvestment Prepayment Date to acquire assets useful in the Borrower's business
"Reinvestment Prepayment Date": with respect to any Reinvestment Event, the earlier of (a) the relevant Reinvestment Deadline and (b) the date on which the Borrower shall have determined not to, or shall have otherwise ceased to, acquire assets useful in the Borrower's business with all or any portion of the relevant Reinvestment Deferred Amount.
"Reorganization": with respect to any Multiemployer Plan, the condition that such plan is in reorganization within the meaning of Section 4241 of ERISA.

Reportable Event": any of the events set forth in Section 4043(b) of ERISA, other than those events as to which the thirty day notice period is waived under subsections $.27, .28, .29, .30, .31, .32, .34$ or .35 of PBGC Reg. Section 4043.
"Requirement of Law": as to any Person, the Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws or other organizational or governing documents of such Person, and any law, treaty, rule or regulation or determination of an arbitrator or a court or other Governmental Authority, in each case applicable to or binding upon such Person or any of its property or to which such Person or any of its property is subject.
"Responsible Officer": the chief executive officer, president or chief financial officer of the Borrower, but in any event, with respect to financial matters, any of the chief financial officer or any other financial officer of the Borrower.
"Restatement Effective Date": the date on which the conditions precedent set forth in Section 5.1 shall have been satisfied, which date is January 2, 2001.
"Restatement Signing Date": the date on which the condition described in Section 5.1(a)(ii) shall have been satisfied.
"Restricted Payments": as defined in Section 7.6.
"Revolving Aggregate Committed Amount": the sum of the Total Revolving Commitments as in effect on the Restatement Effective Date and the amount of any increases therein effected pursuant to Section 2.1(c).
"Revolving Commitment": as to any Lender, the obligation of such Lender, if any, to make Revolving Loans and participate in Swingline Loans and Letters of Credit in an aggregate principal and/or face amount not to exceed the amount set forth under the heading "Revolving Commitment" opposite such Lender's name on Schedule 1.1 or in the Assignment and Acceptance or New Lender Supplement pursuant to which such Lender became a party hereto, as the same may be changed from time to time pursuant to the terms hereof. The amount of the Total Revolving Commitments as of the Restatement Effective Date is \$450, 000, 000 .
"Revolving Commitment Period": the period from and including the Restatement Effective Date to the Revolving Termination Date.
"Revolving Extensions of Credit": as to any Revolving Lender at any time, an amount equal to the sum of (a) the aggregate principal amount of all Revolving Loans held by such Lender then outstanding, (b) such Lender's Revolving Percentage of the L/C Obligations then outstanding and (c) such Lender's Revolving Percentage of the aggregate principal amount of Swingline Loans then outstanding.
"Revolving Facility": as defined in the definition of "Facility".
"Revolving Lender": each Lender that has a Revolving Commitment or that holds Revolving Extensions of Credit.
"Revolving Loans": as defined in Section 2.1(b).
"Revolving Percentage": as to any Revolving Lender at any time, the percentage which such Lender's Revolving Commitment then constitutes of the Total Revolving Commitments (or, at any time after the Revolving Commitments shall have expired or terminated, the percentage which the aggregate principal amount of such Lender's Revolving Loans then outstanding constitutes of the aggregate principal amount of the Revolving Loans then outstanding).
"Revolving Termination Date": June 30, 2007.
"SEC": the Securities and Exchange Commission, any successor thereto and any analogous Governmental Authority.
"Shell Subsidiary": any Subsidiary of the Borrower that is a "shell" company having (a) assets (either directly or through any Subsidiary or other Equity Interests) with an aggregate value not exceeding \$10,000 and (b) no operations.
"Single Employer Plan": any Plan that is covered by Title IV of ERISA, but that is not a Multiemployer Plan.
"Solvent": when used with respect to any Person, means that, as of any date of determination, (a) the amount of the "present fair saleable value" of the assets of such Person will, as of such date, exceed the amount of all "liabilities of such Person, contingent or otherwise", as of such date, as such quoted terms are determined in accordance with applicable federal and state laws governing determinations of the insolvency of debtors, (b) the present fair
saleable value of the assets of such Person will, as of such date, be greater than the amount that will be required to pay the liability of such Person on its debts as such debts become absolute and matured, (c) such Person will not have, as of such date, an unreasonably small amount of capital with which to conduct its business, and (d) such Person will be able to pay its debts as they mature. For purposes of this definition, (i) "debt" means liability on a "claim", and (ii) "claim" means any (x) right to payment, whether or not such a right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured or unsecured or (y) right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured or unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured or unsecured.
"Specified Agents": the collective reference to the Administrative Agent and the Syndication Agent.
"Specified Change of Control": a "Change of Control" or any defined term having a comparable purpose contained in the documentation governing any Holdings Debt or any Specified Long-Term Indebtedness having an aggregate outstanding principal amount in excess of $\$ 25,000,000$.
"Specified Holdings Subsidiary": each Subsidiary of Holdings other than the Borrower and its Subsidiaries.
"Specified Long-Term Indebtedness": any Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Section 7.2(f).
"Specified Subordinated Debt": any Indebtedness of the Borrower issued directly or indirectly to Paul G. Allen or any of his Affiliates, so long as such Indebtedness (a) qualifies as Specified Long-Term Indebtedness and (b) has terms and conditions substantially identical to those set forth in Exhibit H.
"Subsidiary": as to any Person, a corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other entity of which shares of stock or other ownership interests having ordinary voting power (other than stock or such other ownership interests having such power only by reason of the happening of a contingency) to elect a majority of the board of directors or other managers of such corporation, partnership or other entity are at the time owned, or the management of which is otherwise controlled, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, or both, by such Person; provided, that Non-Recourse Subsidiaries shall be deemed not to constitute "Subsidiaries" for the purposes of this Agreement (other than the definition of "Non-Recourse Subsidiary"). Unless otherwise qualified, all references to a "Subsidiary" or to "Subsidiaries" in this Agreement shall refer to a Subsidiary or Subsidiaries of the Borrower.
"Subsidiary Guarantor": each Subsidiary of the Borrower other than any Foreign Subsidiary and any Excluded Acquired Subsidiary.
"Swingline Commitment": the obligation of the Swingline Lender to make Swingline Loans pursuant to Section 2.4 in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding not to exceed $\$ 25,000,000$.
"Swingline Lender": Toronto Dominion (Texas), Inc., in its capacity as the lender of Swingline Loans.
"Swingline Loans": as defined in Section 2.4.
"Swingline Participation Amount": as defined in Section 2.5.
"Syndication Agent": as defined in the preamble hereto.
"Term Lenders": the collective reference to the Tranche A Term Lenders, the Tranche B Term Lenders and the Incremental Term Lenders.
"Term Loans": the collective reference to the Tranche A Term Loans, the Tranche B Term Loans and the Incremental Term Loans.
"Threshold Management Fee Date": any date on which, both before and after giving pro forma effect to the payment of any previously deferred management fees pursuant to Section 7.8(c) (including any Indebtedness incurred in connection therewith), the Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio, determined in respect of the most recent period of four consecutive fiscal quarters for which the relevant financial information is available, is greater than 2.25 to 1.0 .
"Threshold Transaction Date": any date on which, both before and after giving pro forma effect to a particular transaction (including any Indebtedness incurred in connection therewith), the Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio, determined in respect of the most recent period of four consecutive fiscal quarters for which the relevant financial information is available, is greater than 1.75 to 1.0 .
"Total Revolving Commitments": at any time, the aggregate amount of the Revolving Commitments then in effect
"Total Revolving Extensions of Credit": at any time, the aggregate amount of the Revolving Extensions of Credit of the Revolving Lenders outstanding at such time.
"Tranche A Aggregate Funded Amount": the sum of (i) the aggregate principal amount of Existing Tranche A Term Loans outstanding on the Restatement Effective Date, (ii) the aggregate principal amount of Tranche A Incremental Term Loans made pursuant to Section $2.1(\mathrm{a})$ and (iii) the aggregate principal amount of Tranche A Term Loans made pursuant to Section 2.1(c).
"Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Commitment": as to any Tranche A Term Lender, the obligation of such Lender (if any) to make Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Loans to the Borrower hereunder in a principal amount not to exceed the amount set forth under the heading "Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Commitment" opposite such Lender's name
on Schedule 1.1 or in the Assignment and Acceptance pursuant to which such Lender became a party hereto, as the same may be changed from time to time pursuant to the terms hereof. The remaining aggregate amount of the Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Commitments as of the Restatement Effective Date is \$17, 000, 000 .
"Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Commitment Termination Date": as defined in Section 2.1(a)
"Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Lender": each Lender that has a Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Commitment or is the holder of a Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Loan.
"Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Loan": as defined in Section
2.1(a)
"Tranche A Incremental Term Commitment": any Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Commitment or Tranche A New Incremental Term Commitment.
"Tranche A Incremental Term Commitment Termination Date": as applicable, the Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Commitment Termination Date or the Tranche A New Incremental Term Commitment Termination Date.
"Tranche A Incremental Term Lender": each Lender that has a Tranche A Incremental Term Commitment or is the holder of a Tranche A Incremental Term Loan.
"Tranche A Incremental Term Loan": any Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Loan or Tranche A New Incremental Term Loan.
"Tranche A New Incremental Term Commitment": as to any Tranche A Term Lender, the obligation of such Lender (if any) to make Tranche A New Incremental Term Loans to the Borrower hereunder in a principal amount not to exceed the amount set forth under the heading "Tranche A New Incremental Term Commitment" opposite such Lender's name on Schedule 1.1 or in the Assignment and Acceptance pursuant to which such Lender became a party hereto, as the same may be changed from time to time pursuant to the terms hereof. The original aggregate amount of the Tranche A New Incremental Term Commitments is \$97,000, 000 .
"Tranche A New Incremental Term Commitment Termination Date": as defined in Section 2.1(a)
"Tranche A New Incremental Term Lender": each Lender that has a Tranche A New Incremental Term Commitment or is the holder of a Tranche A New Incremental Term Loan
"Tranche A New Incremental Term Loan": as defined in Section 2.1(a).
"Tranche A Term Facility": as defined in the definition of
"Facility".
"Tranche A Term Lender": each Lender that has a Tranche A Incremental Term Commitment or is the holder of a Tranche A Term Loan.
"Tranche A Term Loan": as defined in Section 2.1(a).
"Tranche A Term Percentage": as to any Tranche A Term Lender at any time, the percentage which the aggregate principal amount of such Lender's Tranche A Term Loans then outstanding constitutes of the aggregate principal amount of all Tranche A Term Loans then outstanding.
"Tranche B Aggregate Funded Amount": the aggregate principal amount of Tranche B Term Loans outstanding on the Restatement Effective Date after giving effect to any borrowing under the Tranche B Incremental Term Commitment.
"Tranche B Incremental Term Commitment": as to any Tranche B Term Lender, the obligation of such Lender (if any) to make a Tranche B Term Loan to the Borrower hereunder on the Restatement Effective Date in a principal amount not to exceed the amount set forth under the heading "Tranche B Incremental Term Commitment" opposite such Lender's name on Schedule 1.1 or in the Assignment and Acceptance pursuant to which such Lender became a party hereto, as the same may be changed from time to time pursuant to the terms hereof. The original aggregate amount of the Tranche B Incremental Term Commitments is $\$ 203,000,000$.
"Tranche B Term Facility": as defined in the definition of
"Facility".
"Tranche B Term Lender": each Lender that holds a Tranche B Term Loan.
"Tranche B Term Loan": as defined in Section 2.1(a).
"Tranche B Term Percentage": as to any Tranche B Term Lender at any time, the percentage which the aggregate principal amount of such Lender's Tranche B Term Loans then outstanding constitutes of the aggregate principal amount of all Tranche B Term Loans then outstanding.
"Transferee": any Assignee or Participant.
"Type": as to any Loan, its nature as an ABR Loan or a Eurodollar
Loan.
"United States": the United States of America.
"Wholly Owned Subsidiary": as to any Person, any other Person all of the Equity Interests of which (other than directors' qualifying shares required by law) are owned by such Person directly or through other Wholly Owned Subsidiaries or a combination thereof.
"Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor": any Subsidiary Guarantor that is a Wholly Owned Subsidiary of the Borrower.
1.2. Other Definitional Provisions; Pro Forma Calculations. (a) Unless otherwise specified therein, all terms defined in this Agreement shall have the defined meanings when used in the other Loan Documents or any certificate or other document made or delivered pursuant hereto or thereto.
(b) As used herein and in the other Loan Documents, and any certificate or other document made or delivered pursuant hereto or thereto, (i) accounting terms relating to Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries not defined in Section 1.1 and accounting terms partly defined in Section 1.1, to the extent not defined, shall have the respective meanings given to them under GAAP, (ii) the words "include", "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation", (iii) the word "incur" shall be construed to mean incur, create, issue, assume, become liable in respect of or suffer to exist (and the words "incurred" and "incurrence" shall have correlative meanings), and (iv) the words "asset" and "property" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties, including cash, Equity Interests, securities, revenues, accounts, leasehold interests, contract rights and any other "assets" as such term is defined under GAAP.
(c) The words "hereof", "herein" and "hereunder" and words of similar import when used in this Agreement shall refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement, and Section, Schedule and Exhibit references are to this Agreement unless otherwise specified.
(d) The meanings given to terms defined herein shall be equally applicable to both the singular and plural forms of such terms.
(e) For the purposes of calculating Annualized Operating Cash Flow, Annualized Pro Forma Operating Cash Flow, Consolidated Operating Cash Flow and Consolidated Interest Expense for any period (a "Test Period"), (i) if at any time from the period (a "Pro Forma Period") commencing on the second day of such est Period and ending on the last day of such Test Period (or, in the case of any pro forma calculation made pursuant hereto in respect of a particular transaction, ending on the date such transaction is consummated and, unless otherwise expressly provided herein, after giving effect thereto), the Borrower or any Subsidiary shall have made any Material Disposition (as defined below), the Consolidated Operating Cash Flow for such Test Period shall be reduced by an amount equal to the Consolidated Operating Cash Flow (if positive) attributable to the property which is the subject of such Material Disposition for such Test Period or increased by an amount equal to the Consolidated Operating Cash Flow (if negative) attributable thereto for such Test Period, and Consolidated Interest Expense for such Test Period shall be reduced by an amount equal to the Consolidated Interest Expense for such Test Period attributable to any Indebtedness of the Borrower or any Subsidiary repaid, repurchased, defeased or otherwise discharged with respect to the Borrower and its Subsidiaries in connection with such Material Disposition (or, if the Equity Interests of any Subsidiary are sold, the Consolidated Interest Expense for such Test Period directly attributable to the Indebtedness of such Subsidiary to the extent the Borrower and its continuing Subsidiaries are no longer liable for such Indebtedness after such Disposition); (ii) if during such Pro Forma Period the Borrower or any Subsidiary shall have made a Material Acquisition (as defined below), Consolidated Operating Cash Flow and Consolidated Interest

Expense for such Test Period shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect thereto (including the incurrence or assumption of any Indebtedness in connection therewith) as if such Material Acquisition (and the incurrence or assumption of any such Indebtedness) occurred on the first day of such Test Period; (iii) if during such Pro Forma Period any Person that subsequently became a Subsidiary or was merged with or into the Borrower or any Subsidiary since the beginning of such Pro Forma Period shall have entered into any disposition or acquisition transaction that would have required an adjustment pursuant to clause (i) or (ii) above if made by the Borrower or a Subsidiary uring such Pro Forma Period, Consolidated Operating Cash Flow and Consolidated Interest Expense for such Test Period shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect thereto as if such transaction occurred on the first day of such Test Period; and (iv) in the case of determinations in connection with transactions involving the incurrence of Indebtedness, Consolidated Interest Expense shall be calculated after giving pro forma effect thereto (and all other incurrences of Indebtedness during such Pro Forma Period) as if such Indebtedness was incurred on the first day of such Test Period. For the purposes of this paragraph, pro forma calculations regarding the amount of income or earnings relating to any Material Disposition or Material Acquisition and the amount of Consolidated Interest Expense associated with any discharge or incurrence of Indebtedness shall in each case be determined in good faith by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower. If any Indebtedness bears a floating rate of interest and the incurrence or assumption thereof is being given pro forma effect, the interest expense on such Indebtedness shall be calculated as if the rate in effect on the last day of the relevant Pro Forma Period had been the applicable rate for the entire relevant Test Period (taking into account any interest rate protection agreement applicable to such Indebtedness if such interest rate protection agreement has a remaining term in excess of 12 months). As used in this Section 1.2(e), "Material Acquisition" means any acquisition of property or series of related acquisitions of property that (i) constitutes assets comprising all or substantially all of an operating unit of a business or constitutes all or substantially all of the Equity Interests of a Person and (ii) involves the payment of Consideration by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries in excess of \$1,000,000; and "Material Disposition" means any Disposition of property or series of related Dispositions of property that yields gross proceeds to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in excess of $\$ 1,000,000$.
(f) In the event that, during the period between the Restatement Signing Date and the Restatement Effective Date, any changes are made in the organizational structure of the Borrower and its Affiliates that are otherwise permitted by this Agreement, appropriate changes to the definitions and other provisions hereof and of the other Loan Documents reflecting such changes may be made with the approval of the Administrative Agent.

ARTICLE II AMOUNT AND TERMS OF COMMITMENTS
2.1. Commitments; Increases in the Tranche A Term Facility and the Revolving Facility; Incremental Term Loans. (a) Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, (i) each Tranche A Term Lender severally agrees to, as applicable (x) maintain hereunder its outstanding term loan referred to as "Tranche A Term Loans" in the Existing Credit Agreement (each, an "Existing Tranche A Term Loan"), (y) make one or more incremental term loans to the Borrower in an amount not to exceed the amount of the Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Commitment of such Lender (each, a "Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Loan") and (z) make one or more incremental term loans to the Borrower in an amount not to exceed the
amount of the Tranche A New Incremental Term Commitment of such Lender (each, a "Tranche A New Incremental Term Loan" and, together with the Existing Tranche A Term Loans and the Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Loans, each a "Tranche A Term Loan"), (ii) each Tranche B Term Lender severally agrees to, as applicable (x) maintain hereunder its term loan referred to as a "Tranche B Term Loan" (each, an "Existing Tranche B Term Loan") in the Existing Credit Agreement and y) make an incremental term loan to the Borrower in an amount not to exceed the amount of the Tranche B Incremental Term Commitment of such Lender (each, an "Incremental Tranche B Term Loan"; together with the Existing Tranche B Term Loans, the "Tranche B Term Loans") and (iii) each Incremental Term Lender severally agrees to make one or more term loans (each, an "Incremental Term Loan") to the extent provided in Section 2.1(c). The Term Loans may from time to time be Eurodollar Loans or ABR Loans, as determined by the Borrower and notified to the Administrative Agent in accordance with Sections 2.2 and 2.10. Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Loans may be made on one date during the period from the Restatement Effective Date through February 14, 2001 (the 'Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Commitment Termination Date"). Tranche A New Incremental Term Loans may be made on up to four dates during the period from the Restatement Effective Date through the first anniversary of the Restatement Effective Date (the "Tranche A New Incremental Term Commitment Termination Date"); provided that 50\% of the Tranche A New Incremental Term Commitments shall be utilized prior to the six-month anniversary of the Restatement Effective Date. The relevant Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments shall be permanently reduced on the date of any borrowing thereunder by the amount of such borrowing, and shall automatically terminate on the relevant Tranche A Incremental Term Commitment Termination Date.
(b) Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, each Revolving Lender severally agrees to make revolving credit loans ("Revolving Loans") to the Borrower from time to time during the Revolving Commitment Period in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding which, when added to such Lender's Revolving Percentage of the sum of (i) the L/C Obligations then outstanding and (ii) the aggregate principal amount of the Swingline Loans then outstanding, does not exceed the amount of such Lender's Revolving Commitment. If at any time the aggregate outstanding Revolving Extensions of Credit exceed $\$ 25,000,000$, then Tranche A Incremental Term Loans shall be drawn until all of the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments have been fully utilized. During the Revolving Commitment Period the Borrower may use the Revolving Commitments by borrowing, prepaying the Revolving Loans in whole or in part, and reborrowing, all in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof. The Revolving Loans may from time to time be Eurodollar Loans or ABR Loans, as determined by the Borrower and notified to the Administrative Agent in accordance with Sections 2.2 and 2.10
(c) The Borrower and any one or more Lenders (including New Lenders) may from time to time agree that such Lenders shall make, obtain or increase the amount of their Tranche A Term Loans, Incremental Term Loans or Revolving Commitments, as applicable, by executing and delivering to the Administrative Agent an Increased Facility Activation Notice specifying (i) the amount of such increase and the Facility or Facilities involved, (ii) the applicable Increased Facility Closing Date and (iii) in the case of Incremental Term Loans, (x) the applicable Incremental Term Maturity Date, (y) the amortization schedule for such Incremental Term Loans, which shall comply with Section 2.3, and (z) the Applicable Margin for such Incremental Term Loans. Notwithstanding the foregoing, without the consent of the Majority Lenders, (i) the aggregate amount of borrowings of Incremental Term Loans shall not
exceed an amount equal to (w) $\$ 300,000,000$ plus (x) the aggregate principal amount of optional prepayments of Term Loans made pursuant to Section 2.8 or optional reductions of the Revolving Commitments pursuant to Section 2.7 (provided that the amount described in this clause (x) shall not exceed $\$ 100,000,000$ ) minus (y) the aggregate amount of incremental Tranche A Term Loans or incremental Revolving Commitments obtained pursuant to this paragraph, (ii) the aggregate amount of incremental Tranche A Term Loans and incremental Revolving Commitments obtained pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed \$150, 000, 000, (iii) incremental Tranche A Term Loans may not be made on or after March 31, 2002, (iv) incremental Revolving Commitments may not be obtained on or after March 31, 2002, (v) each increase effected pursuant to this paragraph shall be in a minimum amount of at least $\$ 50,000,000$ and (vi) no more than four Increased Facility Closing Dates may be selected by the Borrower after the Restatement Effective Date. No Lender shall have any obligation to participate in any increase described in this paragraph unless it agrees to do so in its sole discretion.
(d) Any additional bank, financial institution or other entity which, with the consent of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld), elects to become a "Lender" under this Agreement in connection with any transaction described in Section 2.1(c) shall execute a New Lender Supplement (each, a "New Lender Supplement"), substantially in the form of Exhibit D-2, whereupon such bank, financial institution or other entity (a "New Lender") shall become a Lender for all purposes and to the same extent as if originally a party hereto and shall be bound by and entitled to the benefits of this Agreement.
(e) Unless otherwise agreed by the Administrative Agent, on each Increased Facility Closing Date (other than in respect of Incremental Term Loans), the Borrower shall borrow Tranche A Term Loans under the increased Tranche A Term Facility, or shall borrow Revolving Loans under the increased Revolving Commitments, as the case may be, from each Lender participating in the relevant increase in an amount determined by reference to the amount of each Type of Loan (and, in the case of Eurodollar Loans, of each Eurodollar Tranche) which would then have been outstanding from such Lender if (i) each such Type or Eurodollar Tranche had been borrowed or effected on such Increased Facility Closing Date and (ii) the aggregate amount of each such Type or Eurodollar Tranche requested to be so borrowed or effected had been proportionately increased. The Eurodollar Base Rate applicable to any Eurodollar Loan borrowed pursuant to the preceding sentence shall equal the Eurodollar Base Rate then applicable to the Eurodollar Loans of the other Lenders in the same Eurodollar Tranche (or, until the expiration of the then-current Interest Period, such other rate as shall be agreed upon between the Borrower and the relevant Lender ).
2.2. Procedure for Borrowing. In order to effect a borrowing hereunder, the Borrower shall give the Administrative Agent irrevocable notice (which notice must be received by the Administrative Agent prior to 12:00 Noon, Houston time, (a) three Business Days prior to the requested Borrowing Date, in the case of Eurodollar Loans, or (b) one Business Day prior to the requested Borrowing Date, in the case of ABR Loans), specifying (i) the Facility under which such Loan is to be borrowed, (ii) the amount and Type of Loans to be borrowed, (iii) the requested Borrowing Date and (iv) in the case of Eurodollar Loans, the respective amounts of each such Type of Loan and the respective lengths of the initial Interest Period therefor. Any

Loans made on the Restatement Effective Date shall initially be ABR Loans. Each borrowing shall be in an aggregate amount equal to ( $x$ ) in the case of ABR Loans, $\$ 5,000,000$ or a whole multiple of $\$ 1,000,000$ in excess thereof (or, if the then aggregate Available Revolving Commitments are less than $\$ 5,000,000$, such lesser amount) and (y) in the case of Eurodollar Loans, $\$ 10,000,000$ or a whole multiple of $\$ 1,000,000$ in excess thereof; provided, that the Swingline Lender may request, on behalf of the Borrower, borrowings under the Revolving Commitments that are ABR Loans in other amounts pursuant to Section 2.5. Upon receipt of any such notice from the Borrower, the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each relevant Lender thereof. Each relevant Lender will make the amount of its pro rata share of each borrowing available to the Administrative Agent for the account of the Borrower at the Funding Office prior to 11:00 A.M., Houston time, on the Borrowing Date requested by the Borrower in funds immediately available to the Administrative Agent. Such borrowing will then be made available not later than 2:00 P.M., Houston time, to the Borrower by the Administrative Agent crediting the account of the Borrower on the books of such office with the aggregate of the amounts made available to the Administrative Agent by the relevant Lenders and in like funds as received by the Administrative Agent.
2.3. Repayment of Loans. (a) The Tranche A Term Loans of each Tranche A Term Lender shall mature in 22 consecutive quarterly installments, commencing on March 31, 2002, each of which shall be in an amount equal to such Lender's Tranche A Term Percentage multiplied by the percentage of the Tranche A Aggregate Funded Amount set forth below opposite such installment:

| Installment | Percentage |
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| March 31, 2002 | $2.5 \%$ |
| June 30, 2002 | $2.5 \%$ |
| September 30, 2002 | $2.5 \%$ |
| December 31, 2002 | $2.5 \%$ |
| March 31, 2003 | $3.75 \%$ |
| June 30, 2003 | $3.75 \%$ |
| September 30, 2003 | $3.75 \%$ |
| December 31, 2003 | $3.75 \%$ |
| March 31, 2004 | $3.75 \%$ |
| June 30, 2004 | $3.75 \%$ |
| September 30, 2004 | $3.75 \%$ |
| December 31, 2004 | $3.75 \%$ |
| March 31, 2005 | $5.0 \%$ |
| June 30, 2005 | $5.0 \%$ |
| September 30, 2005 | $5.0 \%$ |
| December 31, 2005 | $5.0 \%$ |
| March 31, 2006 | $6.25 \%$ |
| June 30, 2006 | $6.25 \%$ |
| September 30, 2006 | $6.25 \%$ |
| December 31, 2006 | $6.25 \%$ |
| March 31, 2007 | $7.5 \%$ |
| June 30, 2007 | $7.5 \%$ |

(b) The Tranche B Term Loans of each Tranche B Term Lender shall mature in 25 consecutive quarterly installments (each due on the last day of each calendar quarter, except for the last such installment), commencing on March 31, 2002, each of which shall be in an amount equal to such Lender's Tranche B Term Percentage multiplied by (i) in the case of the first 24 such installments, $0.25 \%$ of the Tranche B Aggregate Funded Amount and (ii) in the case of the last such installment (which shall be due on February 2, 2008), $94.0 \%$ of the Tranche B Aggregate Funded Amount.
(c) The Incremental Term Loans of each Incremental Term Lender shall mature in consecutive installments (which shall be no more frequent than quarterly) as specified in the Increased Facility Activation Notice pursuant to which such Incremental Term Loans were made, provided that, prior to the date that is six months after the final maturity of the Tranche B Term Loans, the aggregate amount of such installments for any four consecutive fiscal quarters shall not exceed $1 \%$ of the aggregate principal amount of such Incremental Term Loans on the date such Loans were first made.
(d) The Total Revolving Commitments shall be permanently reduced on each of the dates set forth below by an aggregate amount equal to the percentage of the Revolving Aggregate Committed Amount set forth opposite such date:

| Date | Percentage |
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| March 31, 2002 | $2.5 \%$ |
| June 30, 2002 | $2.5 \%$ |
| September 30, 2002 | $2.5 \%$ |
| December 31, 2002 | $2.5 \%$ |
| March 31, 2003 | $3.75 \%$ |
| June 30, 2003 2003 | $3.75 \%$ |
| September 30, 2003 | $3.75 \%$ |
| December 31, 2003 | $3.75 \%$ |
| March 31, 2004 | $3.75 \%$ |
| June 30, 2004 | $3.75 \%$ |
| September 30, 2004 | $3.75 \%$ |
| December 31, 2004 | $3.75 \%$ |
| March 31, 2005 | $5.0 \%$ |
| June 30, 2005 | $5.0 \%$ |
| September 30, 2005 | $5.0 \%$ |
| December 31, 2005 | $5.0 \%$ |
| March 31, 2006 | $6.25 \%$ |
| June 30, 2006 | $6.25 \%$ |
| September 30, 2006 | $6.25 \%$ |
| December 31, 2006 | $6.5 \%$ |
| March 31, 2007 | $7.5 \%$ |
| June 30, 2007 | $7.5 \%$ |

(e) Any reduction or termination of the Revolving Commitments pursuant to this Section 2.3 shall be accompanied by prepayment of the Revolving Loans and/or Swingline Loans to the extent that the Total Revolving Extensions of Credit exceed the amount of the Total

Revolving Commitments after giving effect thereto, provided that if the aggregate principal amount of Revolving Loans and Swingline Loans then outstanding is less than the amount of such excess (because L/C Obligations constitute a portion thereof), the Borrower shall, to the extent of the balance of such excess, replace outstanding Letters of Credit and/or deposit an amount in cash in a cash collateral account established with the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Lenders on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Administrative Agent. The application of any prepayment pursuant to this paragraph shall be made, first, to ABR Loans and, second, to Eurodollar Loans. Each prepayment of the Loans under this paragraph (other than ABR Loans and Swingline Loans) shall be accompanied by accrued interest to the date of such prepayment on the amount prepaid.
2.4. Swingline Commitment. Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the Swingline Lender agrees to make a portion of the credit otherwise available to the Borrower under the Revolving Commitments from time to time during the Revolving Commitment Period by making swingline loans ("Swingline Loans") to the Borrower; provided that (a) the aggregate principal amount of Swingline Loans outstanding at any time shall not exceed the Swingline Commitment then in effect (notwithstanding that the Swingline Loans outstanding at any time, when aggregated with the Swingline Lender's other outstanding Revolving Loans hereunder, may exceed the Swingline Commitment then in effect) and (b) the Borrower shall not request, and the Swingline Lender shall not make, any Swingline Loan if, after giving effect to the making of such Swingline Loan, the aggregate amount of the Available Revolving Commitments would be less than zero. During the Revolving Commitment Period, the Borrower may use the Swingline Commitment by borrowing, repaying and reborrowing, all in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof. Swingline Loans shall be ABR Loans only.
2.5. Procedure for Swingline Borrowing; Refunding of Swingline Loans. (a) Whenever the Borrower desires that the Swingline Lender make Swingline Loans it shall give the Swingline Lender irrevocable telephonic notice confirmed promptly in writing (which telephonic notice must be received by the Swingline Lender not later than 12:00 Noon, Houston time, on the proposed Borrowing Date), specifying (i) the amount to be borrowed and (ii) the requested Borrowing Date (which shall be a Business Day during the Revolving Commitment Period). Each borrowing under the Swingline Commitment shall be in an amount equal to $\$ 1,000,000$ or a whole multiple of $\$ 500,000$ in excess thereof. Not later than 2:00 P.M., Houston time, on the Borrowing Date specified in a notice in respect of Swingline Loans, the Swingline Lender shall make available to the Administrative Agent at the Funding Office an amount in immediately available funds equal to the amount of the Swingline Loan to be made by the Swingline Lender. The Administrative Agent shall make the proceeds of such Swingline Loan available to the Borrower on such Borrowing Date by depositing such proceeds in the account of the Borrower with the Administrative Agent on such Borrowing Date in immediately available funds.
(b) The Swingline Lender, at any time and from time to time in its sole and absolute discretion and in consultation with the Borrower (provided that the failure to so consult shall not affect the ability of the Swingline Lender to make the following request) may, on behalf of the Borrower (which hereby irrevocably directs the Swingline Lender to act on its behalf), on one Business Day's notice given by the Swingline Lender no later than 1:00 P.M., Houston time, request each Revolving Lender to make, and each Revolving Lender hereby agrees to make, a

Revolving Loan, in an amount equal to such Revolving Lender's Revolving Percentage of the aggregate amount of the Swingline Loans (the "Refunded Swingline Loans") outstanding on the date of such notice, to repay the Swingline Lender. Each Revolving Lender shall make the amount of such Revolving Loan available to the Administrative Agent at the Funding Office in immediately available funds, not later than 11:00 A.M., Houston time, one Business Day after the date of such notice. The proceeds of such Revolving Loans shall be immediately made available by the Administrative Agent to the Swingline Lender for application by the Swingline Lender to the repayment of the Refunded Swingline Loans. The Borrower irrevocably authorizes the Swingline Lender to charge the Borrower's accounts with the Administrative Agent (up to the amount available in each such account) in order to immediately pay the amount of such Refunded Swingline Loans to the extent amounts received from the Revolving Lenders are not sufficient to repay in full such Refunded Swingline Loans.
(c) If prior to the time a Revolving Loan would have otherwise been made pursuant to Section 2.5(b), one of the events described in Section 8(f) shall have occurred and be continuing with respect to the Borrower or if for any other reason, as determined by the Swingline Lender in its sole discretion, Revolving Loans may not be made as contemplated by Section 2.5(b), each Revolving Lender shall, on the date such Revolving Loan was to have been made pursuant to the notice referred to in Section 2.5(b) (the "Refunding Date"), purchase for cash an undivided participating interest in the then outstanding Swingline Loans by paying to the Swingline Lender an amount (the "Swingline Participation Amount") equal to (i) such Revolving Lender's Revolving Percentage times (ii) the sum of the aggregate principal amount of Swingline Loans then outstanding that were to have been repaid with such Revolving Loans.
(d) Whenever, at any time after the Swingline Lender has received from any Revolving Lender such Lender's Swingline Participation Amount, the Swingline Lender receives any payment on account of the Swingline Loans, the Swingline Lender will distribute to such Lender its Swingline Participation Amount (appropriately adjusted, in the case of interest payments, to reflect the period of time during which such Lender's participating interest was outstanding and funded and, in the case of principal and interest payments, to reflect such Lender's pro rata portion of such payment if such payment is not sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on all Swingline Loans then due); provided, however, that in the event that such payment received by the Swingline Lender is required to be returned, such Revolving Lender will return to the Swingline Lender any portion thereof previously distributed to it by the Swingline Lender.
(e) Each Revolving Lender's obligation to make the Loans referred to in Section 2.5(b) and to purchase participating interests pursuant to Section 2.5(c) shall be absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance, including (i) any setoff, counterclaim, recoupment, defense or other right that such Revolving Lender or the Borrower may have against the Swingline Lender, the Borrower or any other Person for any reason whatsoever; (ii) the occurrence or continuance of a Default or an Event of Default or the failure to satisfy any of the other conditions specified in Section 5; (iii) any adverse change in the condition (financial or otherwise) of the Borrower; (iv) any breach of this Agreement or any other Loan Document by the Borrower, any other Loan Party or any other Revolving Lender; or (v) any other circumstance, happening or event whatsoever, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing.
2.6. Commitment Fees, etc. (a) The Borrower agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of each Revolving Lender and each Tranche A Incremental Term Lender a nonrefundable commitment fee for the period from and including the Restatement Effective Date to the last day of the Revolving Commitment Period or the date on which the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments have been fully utilized or terminated, as the case may be, computed at the Commitment Fee Rate on the average daily amount of the Available Revolving Commitment or the unutilized Tranche A Incremental Term Commitment, as the case may be, of such Lender during the period for which payment is made, payable quarterly in arrears on the last day of each March, June, September and December and on the Revolving Termination Date or the date on which the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments have been fully utilized or terminated, as the case may be, commencing on the first of such dates to occur after the date hereof.
(b) The Borrower agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent the fees in the amounts and on the dates previously agreed to in writing by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.
2.7. Termination or Reduction of Commitments. The Borrower shall have the right, upon not less than three Business Days' notice to the Administrative Agent, to terminate the Revolving Commitments or the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments or, from time to time, to reduce the amount of the Revolving Commitments or the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments; provided that no such termination or reduction of Revolving Commitments shall be permitted if, after giving effect thereto and to any prepayments of the Revolving Loans and Swingline Loans made on the effective date thereof, the Total Revolving Extensions of Credit would exceed the Total Revolving Commitments. Any such reduction shall be in an amount equal to $\$ 10,000,000$, or a whole multiple of $\$ 1,000,000$ in excess thereof, shall reduce permanently the Revolving Commitments or the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments, as the case may be, then in effect and shall, in the case of the Revolving Commitments, be applied pro rata to the scheduled reductions thereof.
2.8. Optional Prepayments. The Borrower may at any time and from time to time prepay the Loans, in whole or in part, without premium or penalty, upon irrevocable notice delivered to the Administrative Agent at least three Business Days prior thereto in the case of Eurodollar Loans and at least one Business Day prior thereto in the case of ABR Loans, which notice shall specify the date and amount of prepayment and whether the prepayment is of Eurodollar Loans or ABR Loans; provided, that if a Eurodollar Loan is prepaid on any day other than the last day of the Interest Period applicable thereto, the Borrower shall also pay any amounts owing pursuant to Section 2.18. Upon receipt of any such notice the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each relevant Lender thereof. If any such notice is given, the amount specified in such notice shall be due and payable on the date specified therein, together with (except in the case of Revolving Loans that are ABR Loans and Swingline Loans) accrued interest to such date on the amount prepaid. Partial prepayments of Term Loans and Revolving Loans shall be in an aggregate principal amount of \$5,000,000 or a whole multiple of $\$ 1,000,000$ in excess thereof. Partial prepayments of Swingline Loans shall be in an aggregate principal amount of $\$ 1,000,000$ or a whole multiple of $\$ 500,000$ in excess thereof.
2.9. Mandatory Prepayments. (a) If on any date the Borrower or any
of its Subsidiaries shall receive Net Cash Proceeds from any Asset Sale or Recovery Event then, (i) unless a Reinvestment Notice shall be delivered in respect thereof, such Net Cash Proceeds shall be applied within two Business Days after the deadline by which such Reinvestment Notice is otherwise required to be delivered in respect of such Asset Sale or Recovery Event toward the prepayment of the Term Loans (provided that the foregoing requirement shall not apply to the first $\$ 10,000,000$ of aggregate Net Cash Proceeds received after the Restatement Effective Date) and (ii) on each Reinvestment Prepayment Date, an amount equal to the Reinvestment Prepayment Amount with respect to the relevant Reinvestment Event shall be applied toward the prepayment of the Term Loans.
(b) The application of any prepayment pursuant to this Section 2.9 shall be made, first, to ABR Loans and, second, to Eurodollar Loans. Each prepayment of the Loans under this Section 2.9 shall be accompanied by accrued interest to the date of such prepayment on the amount prepaid.
2.10. Conversion and Continuation Options. (a) The Borrower may elect from time to time to convert Eurodollar Loans to ABR Loans by giving the Administrative Agent at least three Business Days' prior irrevocable notice of such election, provided that any such conversion of Eurodollar Loans may only be made on the last day of an Interest Period with respect thereto. The Borrower may elect from time to time to convert ABR Loans to Eurodollar Loans by giving the Administrative Agent at least three Business Days' prior irrevocable notice of such election (which notice shall specify the length of the initial Interest Period therefor), provided that no ABR Loan may be converted into a Eurodollar Loan when any Event of Default has occurred and is continuing. Upon receipt of any such notice the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each relevant Lender thereof.
(b) Any Eurodollar Loan may be continued as such upon the expiration of the then current Interest Period with respect thereto by the Borrower giving irrevocable notice to the Administrative Agent, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the term "Interest Period" set forth in Section 1.1, of the length of the next Interest Period to be applicable to such Loans, provided that (i) no Eurodollar Loan may be continued as such when any Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and (ii) if the Borrower shall fail to give any required notice as described above in this paragraph, the relevant Eurodollar Loans shall be automatically converted to Eurodollar Loans having a one-month Interest Period on the last day of the then expiring Interest Period. Upon receipt of any such notice the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each relevant Lender thereof.
2.11. Limitations on Eurodollar Tranches. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, all borrowings, conversions and continuations of Eurodollar Loans hereunder and all selections of Interest Periods hereunder shall be in such amounts and be made pursuant to such elections so that, (a) after giving effect thereto, the aggregate principal amount of the Eurodollar Loans comprising each Eurodollar Tranche shall be equal to $\$ 10,000,000$ or a whole multiple of $\$ 1,000,000$ in excess thereof and (b) no more than fifteen Eurodollar Tranches shall be outstanding at any one time.
2.12. Interest Rates and Payment Dates. (a) Each Eurodollar Loan shall bear interest for each day during each Interest Period with respect thereto at a rate per annum equal to the Eurodollar Rate determined for such day plus the Applicable Margin.
(b) Each ABR Loan shall bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the ABR plus the Applicable Margin.
(c) (i) If all or a portion of the principal amount of any Loan or Reimbursement Obligation shall not be paid when due (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise), all outstanding Loans and Reimbursement Obligations (whether or not overdue) shall bear interest at a rate per annum equal to (x) in the case of the Loans, the rate that would otherwise be applicable thereto pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section plus 2\% or (y) in the case of Reimbursement Obligations, the rate applicable to ABR Loans under the Revolving Facility plus 2\%, and (ii) if all or a portion of any interest payable on any Loan or Reimbursement Obligation or any commitment fee or other amount payable hereunder shall not be paid when due (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise), such overdue amount shall bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the rate then applicable to ABR Loans under the relevant Facility plus $2 \%$ (or, in the case of any such other amounts that do not relate to a particular Facility, the rate then applicable to ABR Loans under the Revolving Facility plus 2\%), in each case, with respect to clauses (i) and (ii) above, from the date of such non-payment until such amount is paid in full (as well after as before judgment).
(d) Interest shall be payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date, provided that interest accruing pursuant to paragraph (c) of this Section shall be payable from time to time on demand.
2.13. Computation of Interest and Fees. (a) Interest and fees payable pursuant hereto shall be calculated on the basis of a 360 -day year for the actual days elapsed, except that, with respect to ABR Loans the rate of interest on which is calculated on the basis of the Prime Rate, the interest thereon shall be calculated on the basis of a 365- (or 366-, as the case may be) day year for the actual days elapsed. The Administrative Agent shall as soon as practicable notify the Borrower and the relevant Lenders of each determination of a Eurodollar Rate. Any change in the interest rate on a Loan resulting from a change in the ABR or the Eurocurrency Reserve Requirements shall become effective as of the opening of business on the day on which such change becomes effective. The Administrative Agent shall as soon as practicable notify the Borrower and the relevant Lenders of the effective date and the amount of each such change in interest rate.
(b) Each determination of an interest rate by the Administrative Agent pursuant to any provision of this Agreement shall be conclusive and binding on the Borrower and the Lenders in the absence of manifest error. The Administrative Agent shall, at the request of the Borrower, deliver to the Borrower a statement showing the quotations used by the Administrative Agent in determining any interest rate pursuant to Section 2.12(a).
(a) the Administrative Agent shall have determined (which determination shall be conclusive and binding upon the Borrower) that, by reason of circumstances affecting the relevant market, adequate and reasonable means do not exist for ascertaining the Eurodollar Rate for such Interest Period, or
b) the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from the Majority Facility Lenders in respect of the relevant Facility that the Eurodollar Rate determined or to be determined for such Interest Period will not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders (as conclusively certified by such Lenders) of making or maintaining their affected Loans during such Interest Period,
the Administrative Agent shall give telecopy or telephonic notice thereof to the Borrower and the relevant Lenders as soon as practicable thereafter. If such notice is given (x) any Eurodollar Loans under the relevant Facility requested to be made on the first day of such Interest Period shall be made as ABR Loans (y) any Loans under the relevant Facility that were to have been converted on the first day of such Interest Period to Eurodollar Loans shall be continued as ABR Loans and (z) any outstanding Eurodollar Loans under the relevant Facility shall be converted, on the last day of the then-current Interest Period, to ABR Loans. Until such notice has been withdrawn by the Administrative Agent, no further Eurodollar Loans under the relevant Facility shall be made or continued as such, nor shall the Borrower have the right to convert Loans under the relevant Facility to Eurodollar Loans.
2.15. Pro Rata Treatment and Payments. (a) Except in the case of the Incremental Term Facility, each borrowing by the Borrower from the Lenders hereunder, each payment by the Borrower on account of any commitment fee and any reduction of the Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Commitments, Tranche A New Incremental Commitments or Revolving Commitments of the Lenders shall be made pro rata according to the respective Tranche A Existing Incremental Term Commitments, Tranche A New Incremental Commitments, Tranche B Incremental Term Commitments or Revolving Commitments, as the case may be, of the relevant Lenders.
(b) Each payment (including each prepayment) by the Borrower on account of principal of and interest on the Term Loans shall be made pro rata according to the respective outstanding principal amounts of the Term Loans then held by the Term Lenders (except as otherwise provided in Section 2.15(d)). The amount of each principal prepayment of the Term Loans shall be applied to reduce the then remaining installments of the Tranche A Term Loans, Tranche B Term Loans and Incremental Term Loans, as the case may be, pro rata based upon the then remaining principal amount thereof. Amounts prepaid on account of the Term Loans may not be reborrowed.
(c) Each payment (including each prepayment) by the Borrower on account of principal of and interest on the Revolving Loans shall be made pro rata according to the respective outstanding principal amounts of the Revolving Loans then held by the Revolving Lenders.
(d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, with respect to the amount of any mandatory prepayment of the Term Loans pursuant to Section 2.9 and, if
the Borrower so elects in its sole discretion, any optional prepayment of the Term Loans pursuant to Section 2.8, that in any such case is allocated to Tranche B Term Loans or Incremental Term Loans (such amounts, the "Tranche B Prepayment Amount" and the "Incremental Prepayment Amount", respectively), at any time when Tranche A Term Loans remain outstanding, the Borrower will (or, in the case of optional prepayments, may), in lieu of applying such amount to the prepayment of Tranche B Term Loans and Incremental Term Loans, respectively, on the date specified in Section 2.9 or 2.8 , as the case may be, for such prepayment, give the Administrative Agent telephonic notice (promptly confirmed in writing) requesting that the Administrative Agent prepare and provide to each Tranche B Lender and Incremental Term Lender a notice (each, a "Prepayment Option Notice") as described below. As promptly as practicable after receiving such notice from the Borrower, the Administrative Agent will send to each Tranche B Lender and Incremental Term Lender a Prepayment Option Notice, which shall be in the form of Exhibit $F$, and shall include an offer by the Borrower to prepay on the date (each a "Prepayment Date") that is 10 Business Days after the date of the Prepayment Option Notice, the relevant Term Loans of such Lender by an amount equal to the portion of the prepayment amount indicated in such Lender's Prepayment Option Notice as being applicable to such Lender's Tranche B Term Loans or Incremental Term Loans, as the case may be. On the Prepayment Date, (i) the Borrower shall pay to the relevant Tranche B Lenders and Incremental Term Lenders the aggregate amount necessary to prepay that portion of the outstanding relevant Term Loans in respect of which such Lenders have accepted prepayment as described in the Prepayment Option Notice, (ii) the Borrower shall pay to the Tranche A Term Lenders an amount equal to 50\% (or, in the case of optional prepayments, such percentage as shall be determined by the Borrower in its sole discretion) of the portion of the Tranche B Prepayment Amount and the Incremental Prepayment Amount not accepted by the relevant Lenders, and such amount shall be applied pro rata to the prepayment of the Tranche A Term Loans, and (iii) the Borrower shall be entitled to retain the remaining portion of the Tranche B Prepayment Amount and the Incremental Prepayment Amount not accepted by the relevant Lenders.
(e) All payments (including prepayments) to be made by the Borrower hereunder, whether on account of principal, interest, fees or otherwise, shall be made without setoff or counterclaim and shall be made prior to 12:00 Noon, Houston time, on the due date thereof to the Administrative Agent, for the account of the Lenders, at the Funding Office, in Dollars and in immediately available funds. The Administrative Agent shall distribute such payments to the Lenders promptly upon receipt in like funds as received. If any payment hereunder (other than payments on the Eurodollar Loans) becomes due and payable on a day other than a Business Day, such payment shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day. If any payment on a Eurodollar Loan becomes due and payable on a day other than a Business Day, the maturity thereof shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless the result of such extension would be to extend such payment into another calendar month, in which event such payment shall be made on the immediately preceding Business Day. In the case of any extension of any payment of principal pursuant to the preceding two sentences, interest thereon shall be payable at the then applicable rate during such extension.
(f) Unless the Administrative Agent shall have been notified in writing by any Lender prior to a borrowing that such Lender will not make the amount that would constitute its share of such borrowing available to the Administrative Agent, the Administrative Agent may assume that such Lender is making such amount available to the Administrative Agent, and the

Administrative Agent may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the Borrower a corresponding amount. If such amount is not made available to the Administrative Agent by the required time on the Borrowing Date therefor, such Lender shall pay to the Administrative Agent, on demand, such amount with interest thereon at a rate equal to the daily average Federal Funds Effective Rate for the period until such Lender makes such amount immediately available to the Administrative Agent. A certificate of the Administrative Agent submitted to any Lender with respect to any amounts owing under this paragraph shall be conclusive in the absence of manifest error. If such Lender's share of such borrowing is not made available to the Administrative Agent by such Lender within three Business Days of such Borrowing Date, the Administrative Agent shall also be entitled to recover such amount with interest thereon at the rate per annum applicable to $A B R$ Loans under the relevant Facility, on demand, from the Borrower.
(g) Unless the Administrative Agent shall have been notified in writing by the Borrower prior to the date of any payment being made hereunder that the Borrower will not make such payment to the Administrative Agent, the Administrative Agent may assume that the Borrower is making such payment, and the Administrative Agent may, but shall not be required to, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the Lenders their respective pro rata shares of a corresponding amount. If such payment is not made to the Administrative Agent by the Borrower within three Business Days of such required date, the Administrative Agent shall be entitled to recover, on demand, from each Lender to which any amount which was made available pursuant to the preceding sentence, such amount with interest thereon at the rate per annum equal to the daily average Federal Funds Effective Rate. Nothing herein shall be deemed to limit the rights of the Administrative Agent or any Lender against the Borrower.
2.16. Requirements of Law. (a) If the adoption of or any change in any Requirement of Law or in the interpretation or application thereof or compliance by any Lender with any request or directive (whether or not having the force of law) from any central bank or other Governmental Authority made subsequent to the date hereof:
(i) shall subject any Lender to any tax of any kind whatsoever with respect to this Agreement, any Letter of Credit, any Application or any Eurodollar Loan made by it, or change the basis of taxation of payments to such Lender in respect thereof (except for Non-Excluded Taxes covered by Section 2.17 and changes in the rate of tax on the overall net income of such Lender);
(ii) shall impose, modify or hold applicable any reserve, special deposit, compulsory loan or similar requirement against assets held by, deposits or other liabilities in or for the account of, advances, loans or other extensions of credit by, or any other acquisition of funds by, any office of such Lender that is not otherwise included in the determination of the Eurodollar Rate hereunder; or
(iii) shall impose on such Lender any other condition;
and the result of any of the foregoing is to increase the cost to such Lender, by an amount that such Lender deems to be material, of making, converting into, continuing or maintaining Eurodollar Loans or issuing or participating in Letters of Credit, or to reduce any amount
receivable hereunder in respect thereof, then, in any such case, the Borrower shall promptly pay such Lender, upon its demand, any additional amounts necessary to compensate such Lender for such increased cost or reduced amount receivable. If any Lender becomes entitled to claim any additional amounts pursuant to this paragraph, it shall promptly notify the Borrower (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) of the event by reason of which it has become so entitled.
(b) If any Lender shall have determined that the adoption of or any change in any Requirement of Law regarding capital adequacy or in the interpretation or application thereof or compliance by such Lender or any corporation controlling such Lender with any request or directive regarding capital adequacy (whether or not having the force of law) from any Governmental Authority made subsequent to the date hereof shall have the effect of reducing the rate of return on such Lender's or such corporation's capital as a consequence of its obligations hereunder or under or in respect of any Letter of Credit to a level below that which such Lender or such corporation could have achieved but for such adoption, change or compliance (taking into consideration such Lender's or such corporation's policies with respect to capital adequacy) by an amount deemed by such Lender to be material, then from time to time, after submission by such Lender to the Borrower (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) of a written request therefor, the Borrower shall pay to such Lender such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender for such reduction; provided that the Borrower shall not be required to compensate a Lender pursuant to this paragraph for any amounts incurred more than six months prior to the date that such Lender notifies the Borrower of such Lender's intention to claim compensation therefor; and provided further that, if the circumstances giving rise to such claim have a retroactive effect, then such six-month period shall be extended to include the period of such retroactive effect.
(c) A certificate as to any additional amounts payable pursuant to this Section submitted by any Lender to the Borrower (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) shall be conclusive in the absence of manifest error. The obligations of the Borrower pursuant to this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement and the payment of the Loans and all other amounts payable hereunder.
2.17. Taxes. (a) All payments made by the Borrower under this Agreement shall be made free and clear of, and without deduction or withholding for or on account of, any present or future income, stamp or other taxes, levies, imposts, duties, charges, fees, deductions or withholdings, now or hereafter imposed, levied, collected, withheld or assessed by any Governmental Authority, excluding net income taxes and franchise taxes (imposed in lieu of net income taxes) imposed on the Administrative Agent or any Lender as a result of a present or former connection between the Administrative Agent or such Lender and the jurisdiction of the Governmental Authority imposing such tax or any political subdivision or taxing authority thereof or therein (other than any such connection arising solely from the Administrative Agent or such Lender having executed, delivered or performed its obligations or received a payment under, or enforced, this Agreement or any other Loan Document). If any such non-excluded taxes, levies, imposts, duties, charges, fees, deductions or withholdings ("Non-Excluded Taxes") or Other Taxes are required to be withheld from any amounts payable to the Administrative Agent or any Lender hereunder, the amounts so payable to the Administrative Agent or such Lender shall be increased to the extent necessary to yield to the Administrative Agent or such Lender (after payment of all Non-Excluded Taxes and Other Taxes) interest or any such other
amounts payable hereunder at the rates or in the amounts specified in this Agreement, provided, however, that the Borrower shall not be required to increase any such amounts payable to any Lender with respect to any Non-Excluded Taxes (i) that are attributable to such Lender's failure to comply with the requirements of paragraph (d) or (e) of this Section or (ii) that are United States withholding taxes imposed on amounts payable to such Lender at the time the Lender becomes a party to this Agreement, except to the extent that such Lender's assignor (if any) was entitled, at the time of assignment, to receive additional amounts from the Borrower with respect to such Non-Excluded Taxes pursuant to this paragraph.
(b) In addition, the Borrower shall pay any Other Taxes to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law.
(c) Whenever any Non-Excluded Taxes or Other Taxes are payable by the Borrower, as promptly as possible thereafter the Borrower shall send to the Administrative Agent for its own account or for the account of the relevant Lender, as the case may be, a certified copy of an original official receipt received by the Borrower showing payment thereof. If the Borrower fails to pay any Non-Excluded Taxes or Other Taxes when due to the appropriate taxing authority or fails to remit to the Administrative Agent the required receipts or other required documentary evidence, the Borrower shall indemnify the Administrative Agent and the Lenders for any incremental taxes, interest or penalties that may become payable by the Administrative Agent or any Lender as a result of any such failure.
(d) Each Lender (or Transferee) that is not a citizen or resident of the United States of America, a corporation, partnership or other entity created or organized in or under the laws of the United States of America (or any jurisdiction thereof), or any estate or trust that is subject to federal income taxation regardless of the source of its income (a "Non-U.S. Lender") shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (or, in the case of a Participant, to the Lender from which the related participation shall have been purchased) two copies of either U.S. Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN or Form W-8ECI, or, in the case of a Non-U.S. Lender claiming exemption from U.S. federal withholding tax under Section 871(h) or 881(c) of the Code with respect to payments of "portfolio interest", a statement substantially in the form of Exhibit $G$ and a Form $W$-8BEN, or any subsequent versions thereof or successors thereto, properly completed and duly executed by such Non-U.S. Lender claiming complete exemption from U.S. federal withholding tax on all payments by the Borrower under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. Such forms shall be delivered by each Non-U.S. Lender on or before the date it becomes a party to this Agreement (or, in the case of any Participant, on or before the date such Participant purchases the related participation). In addition, each Non-U.S. Lender shall deliver such forms promptly upon the obsolescence or invalidity of any form previously delivered by such Non-U.S. Lender. Each Non-U.S. Lender shall promptly notify the Borrower at any time it determines that it is no longer in a position to provide any previously delivered certificate to the Borrower (or any other form of certification adopted by the U.S. taxing authorities for such purpose). Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, a Non-U.S. Lender shall not be required to deliver any form pursuant to this paragraph that such Non-U.S. Lender is not legally able to deliver.
(e) A Lender that is entitled to an exemption from non-U.S. withholding tax under the law of the jurisdiction in which the Borrower is located, or any treaty to which such
jurisdiction is a party, with respect to payments under this Agreement shall deliver to the Borrower (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), at the time or times prescribed by applicable law or reasonably requested by the Borrower, such properly completed and executed documentation prescribed by applicable law as will permit such payments to be made without withholding, provided that such Lender is legally entitled to complete, execute and deliver such documentation and in such Lender's judgment such completion, execution or submission would not materially prejudice the legal position of such Lender.
(f) The agreements in this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement and the payment of the Loans and all other amounts payable hereunder.
2.18. Indemnity. The Borrower agrees to indemnify each Lender and to hold each Lender harmless from any loss or expense that such Lender may sustain or incur as a consequence of (a) default by the Borrower in making a borrowing of, conversion into or continuation of Eurodollar Loans after the Borrower has given a notice requesting the same in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, (b) default by the Borrower in making any prepayment of or conversion from Eurodollar Loans after the Borrower has given a notice thereof in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement or (c) the making of a prepayment of Eurodollar Loans on a day that is not the last day of an Interest Period with respect thereto. Such indemnification may include an amount equal to the excess, if any, of (i) the amount of interest that would have accrued on the amount so prepaid, or not so borrowed, converted or continued, for the period from the date of such prepayment or of such failure to borrow, convert or continue to the last day of such Interest Period (or, in the case of a failure to borrow, convert or continue, the Interest Period that would have commenced on the date of such failure) in each case at the applicable rate of interest for such Loans provided for herein (excluding, however, the Applicable Margin included therein, if any) over (ii) the amount of interest (as reasonably determined by such Lender) that would have accrued to such Lender on such amount by placing such amount on deposit for a comparable period with leading banks in the interbank eurodollar market. A certificate as to any amounts payable pursuant to this Section submitted to the Borrower by any Lender shall be conclusive in the absence of manifest error. This covenant shall survive the termination of this Agreement and the payment of the Loans and all other amounts payable hereunder.
2.19. Change of Lending Office. Each Lender agrees that, upon the occurrence of any event giving rise to the operation of Section 2.16 or 2.17(a) with respect to such Lender, it will, if requested by the Borrower, use reasonable efforts (subject to overall policy considerations of such Lender) to designate another lending office for any Loans affected by such event with the object of avoiding the consequences of such event; provided, that such designation is made on terms that, in the sole judgment of such Lender, cause such Lender and its lending office(s) to suffer no economic, legal or regulatory disadvantage, and provided, further, that nothing in this Section shall affect or postpone any of the obligations of any Borrower or the rights of any Lender pursuant to Section 2.16 or 2.17(a).
2.20. Replacement of Lenders. The Borrower shall be permitted to replace any Lender that (a) requests reimbursement for amounts owing pursuant to Section 2.16 or $2.17(a)$ or (b) defaults in its obligation to make Loans hereunder, with a replacement financial institution; provided that (i) such replacement does not conflict with any Requirement of Law, (ii) no Event
of Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time of such
replacement, (iii) prior to any such replacement, such Lender shall have taken no action under Section 2.19 which has eliminated the continued need for payment of amounts owing pursuant to Section 2.16 or $2.17(a)$, (iv) the replacement financial institution shall purchase, at par, all Loans and other amounts owing to such replaced Lender on or prior to the date of replacement, (v) the Borrower shall be liable to such replaced Lender under Section 2.18 if any Eurodollar Loan owing to such replaced Lender shall be purchased other than on the last day of the Interest Period relating thereto, (vi) the replacement financial institution, if not already a Lender, shall be reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, (vii) the replaced Lender shall be obligated to make such replacement in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.6 (provided that the Borrower shall be obligated to pay the registration and processing fee referred to therein), (viii) until such time as such replacement shall be consummated, the Borrower shall pay all additional amounts (if any) required pursuant to Section 2.16 or $2.17(a)$, as the case may be, and (ix) any such replacement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any rights that the Borrower, the Agents or any other Lender shall have against the replaced Lender.

## ARTICLE III LETTERS OF CREDIT

3.1. L/C Commitment. (a) Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, each Issuing Lender, in reliance on the agreements of the other Revolving Lenders set forth in Section 3.4(a), agrees to issue letters of credit ("Letters of Credit") for the account of the Borrower on any Business Day during the Revolving Commitment Period in such form as may be approved from time to time by such Issuing Lender; provided that no Issuing Lender shall issue any Letter of Credit if, after giving effect to such issuance, (i) the L/C Obligations would exceed the L/C Commitment or (ii) the aggregate amount of the Available Revolving Commitments would be less than zero. Each Letter of Credit shall (i) be denominated in Dollars, (ii) unless otherwise agreed by the Administrative Agent and the relevant Issuing Lender, have a face amount of at least \$200,000 and (iii) expire no later than the earlier of $(x)$ the first anniversary of its date of issuance and (y) the date that is five Business Days prior to the Revolving Termination Date, provided that any Letter of Credit with a one-year term may provide for the renewal thereof for additional one-year periods (which shall in no event extend beyond the date referred to in clause (y) above).
(b) No Issuing Lender shall be obligated to issue any Letter of credit hereunder if such issuance would conflict with, or cause such Issuing Lender or any L/C Participant to exceed any limits imposed by, any applicable Requirement of Law.
3.2. Procedure for Issuance of Letter of Credit. The Borrower may from time to time request that any Issuing Lender issue a Letter of Credit by delivering to such Issuing Lender an Application therefor, completed to the satisfaction of such Issuing Lender, and such other certificates, documents and other papers and information as such Issuing Lender may request. Upon receipt of any Application, the relevant Issuing Lender will process such Application and the certificates, documents and other papers and information delivered to it in connection therewith in accordance with its customary procedures and shall promptly issue the Letter of Credit requested thereby (but in no event shall such Issuing Lender be required to issue any Letter of Credit earlier than three Business Days after its receipt of the Application therefor and all such other certificates, documents and other papers and information relating thereto) by
issuing the original of such Letter of Credit to the beneficiary thereof or as otherwise may be agreed to by such Issuing Lender and the Borrower. The relevant Issuing Lender shall furnish a copy of such Letter of Credit to the Borrower promptly following the issuance thereof. The relevant Issuing Lender shall promptly furnish to the Administrative Agent, which shall in turn promptly furnish to the Lenders, notice of the issuance of each Letter of Credit (including the amount thereof).
3.3. Fees and Other Charges. (a) The Borrower will pay a fee on all utstanding Letters of Credit at a per annum rate equal to the Applicable Margin then in effect with respect to Eurodollar Loans under the Revolving Facility, shared ratably among the Revolving Lenders and payable quarterly in arrears on each L/C Fee Payment Date after the issuance date. In addition, the Borrower shall pay to the relevant Issuing Lender for its own account a fronting fee of $0.25 \%$ per annum on the undrawn and unexpired amount of each Letter of Credit issued by such Issuing Lender, payable quarterly in arrears on each L/C Fee Payment Date after the issuance date.
(b) In addition to the foregoing fees, the Borrower shall pay or reimburse the relevant Issuing Lender for such normal and customary costs and expenses as are incurred or charged by such Issuing Lender in issuing, negotiating, effecting payment under, amending or otherwise administering any Letter of Credit.
3.4. L/C Participations. (a) Each Issuing Lender irrevocably agrees to grant and hereby grants to each L/C Participant, and, to induce the Issuing Lenders to issue Letters of Credit hereunder, each L/C Participant irrevocably agrees to accept and purchase and hereby accepts and purchases from each Issuing Lender, on the terms and conditions hereinafter stated, for such L/C Participant's own account and risk an undivided interest equal to such L/C Participant's Revolving Percentage in each Issuing Lender's obligations and rights under each Letter of Credit issued by it hereunder and the amount of each draft paid by such Issuing Lender thereunder. Each L/C Participant unconditionally and irrevocably agrees with each Issuing Lender that, if a draft is paid under any Letter of Credit issued by such Issuing Lender for which such Issuing Lender is not reimbursed in full by the Borrower in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, such L/C Participant shall pay to such Issuing Lender upon demand an amount equal to such L/C Participant's Revolving Percentage of the amount of such draft, or any part thereof, that is not so reimbursed.
(b) If any amount required to be paid by any L/C Participant to any Issuing Lender pursuant to Section 3.4(a) in respect of any unreimbursed portion of any payment made by such Issuing Lender under any Letter of Credit is paid to such Issuing Lender within three Business Days after the date such payment is due, such L/C Participant shall pay to such Issuing Lender on demand an amount equal to the product of (i) such amount, times (ii) the daily average Federal Funds Effective Rate during the period from and including the date such payment is required to the date on which such payment is immediately available to such Issuing Lender, times (iii) a fraction the numerator of which is the number of days that elapse during such period and the denominator of which is 360. If any such amount required to be paid by any L/C Participant pursuant to Section 3.4(a) is not made available to the relevant Issuing Lender by such L/C Participant within three Business Days after the date such payment is due, such Issuing Lender shall be entitled to recover from such L/C Participant, on demand, such amount with
interest thereon calculated from such due date at the rate per annum applicable to ABR Loans under the Revolving Facility. A certificate of the relevant Issuing Lender submitted to any L/C Participant with respect to any amounts owing under this Section shall be conclusive in the absence of manifest error.
(c) Whenever, at any time after the relevant Issuing Lender has made payment under any Letter of Credit and has received from any L/C Participant its pro rata share of such payment in accordance with Section 3.4(a), such Issuing Lender receives any payment related to such Letter of Credit (whether directly from the Borrower or otherwise, including proceeds of collateral applied thereto by such Issuing Lender), or any payment of interest on account thereof, such Issuing Lender will distribute to such L/C Participant its pro rata share thereof; provided, however, that in the event that any such payment received by such Issuing Lender shall be required to be returned by such Issuing Lender, such L/C Participant shall return to such Issuing Lender the portion thereof previously distributed by such Issuing Lender to it.
3.5. Reimbursement Obligation of the Borrower. The Borrower agrees to reimburse the relevant Issuing Lender on each date on which such Issuing Lender notifies the Borrower of the date and amount of a draft presented under any Letter of Credit and paid by such Issuing Lender for the amount of (a) such draft so paid and (b) any taxes, fees, charges or other costs or expenses incurred by such Issuing Lender in connection with such payment. Each such payment shall be made to the relevant Issuing Lender in lawful money of the United States and in immediately available funds. Interest shall be payable on any and all amounts remaining unpaid by the Borrower under this Section from the date such amounts become payable (whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise) until payment in full at the rate set forth in (i) until the second Business Day following the date of the applicable drawing, Section 2.12(b) and (ii) thereafter, Section 2.12(c).
3.6. Obligations Absolute. The Borrower's obligations under this Section 3 shall be absolute and unconditional under any and all circumstances and irrespective of any setoff, counterclaim or defense to payment that the Borrower may have or have had against any Issuing Lender, any other Lender, any beneficiary of a Letter of Credit or any other Person. The Borrower also agrees with each Issuing Lender that no Issuing Lender shall be responsible for, and the Borrower's Reimbursement Obligations under Section 3.5 shall not be affected by, among other things, the validity or genuineness of documents or of any endorsements thereon, even though such documents shall in fact prove to be invalid, fraudulent or forged, or any dispute between or among the Borrower and any beneficiary of any Letter of Credit or any other party to which such Letter of Credit may be transferred or any claims whatsoever of the Borrower against any beneficiary of such Letter of Credit or any such transferee. No Issuing Lender shall be liable for any error, omission, interruption or delay in transmission, dispatch or delivery of any message or advice, however transmitted, in connection with any Letter of Credit, except for errors or omissions found by a final and nonappealable decision of a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the relevant Issuing Lender. The Borrower agrees that any action taken or omitted by any Issuing Lender under or in connection with any Letter of Credit or the related drafts or documents, if done in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct and in accordance with the standards of care specified in the Uniform Commercial Code of the State of New York, shall be binding on the Borrower and shall not result in any liability of any Issuing Lender to the Borrower.
3.7. Letter of Credit Payments. If any draft shall be presented for payment under any Letter of Credit, the relevant Issuing Lender shall promptly notify the Borrower of the date and amount thereof. The responsibility of each Issuing Lender to the Borrower in connection with any draft presented for payment under any Letter of Credit shall, in addition to any payment obligation expressly provided for in such Letter of Credit, be limited to determining that the documents (including each draft) delivered under such Letter of Credit in connection with such presentment are substantially in conformity with such Letter of Credit.
3.8. Applications. To the extent that any provision of any

Application related to any Letter of Credit is inconsistent with the provisions of this Section 3, the provisions of this Section 3 shall apply.

ARTICLE IV REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES
To induce the Agents and the Lenders to enter into this Agreement and to make the Loans and issue or participate in the Letters of credit, Holdings and the Borrower hereby jointly and severally represent and warrant to the Agents and each Lender that:
4.1. Financial Condition. The unaudited consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower as at September 30, 2000, and the related unaudited consolidated statements of operations and cash flows for the nine-month period ended on such date, have been prepared based on the best information available to the Borrower as of the date of delivery thereof, and present fairly the consolidated financial condition of the Borrower as at such date, and the consolidated results of its operations and its consolidated cash flows for the nine-month period then ended (subject to normal year-end audit adjustments). All such financial statements, including the related schedules and notes thereto, have been prepared in accordance with GAAP applied consistently throughout the periods involved (except as approved by the aforementioned firm of accountants and disclosed therein). Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries do not have any material Guarantee Obligations, contingent liabilities and liabilities for taxes, or any long-term leases or unusual forward or long-term commitments, including any interest rate or foreign currency swap or exchange transaction or other obligation in respect of derivatives, that are not reflected in the most recent financial statements referred to in this paragraph. During the period from December 31, 1999 to and including the date hereof there has been no Disposition by Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries of any material part of its business or property.
4.2. No Change. Since December 31, 1999 there has been no event, development or circumstance that has had or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
4.3. Existence; Compliance with Law. Each of Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries (a) is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, (b) has the power and authority, and the legal right, to own and operate its property, to lease the property it operates as lessee and to conduct the business in which it is currently engaged, (c) is duly qualified as a foreign entity and in good standing under the laws of each jurisdiction where its ownership, lease or operation of property or the conduct of its business requires such qualification and (d) is in compliance with all Requirements of Law, in
each case with respect to clauses (c) and (d), except as could not, in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
4.4. Power; Authorization; Enforceable Obligations. Each Loan Party has the power and authority, and the legal right, to make, deliver and perform the Loan Documents to which it is a party and, in the case of the Borrower, to borrow hereunder. Each Loan Party has taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of the Loan Documents to which it is a party and, in the case of the Borrower, to authorize the borrowings on the terms and conditions of this Agreement. No consent or authorization of, filing with, notice to or other act by or in respect of, any Governmental Authority or any other Person is required in connection with the borrowings hereunder or with the execution, delivery, performance, validity or enforceability of this Agreement or any of the Loan Documents, except the filings referred to in Section 4.20. Each Loan Document has been duly executed and delivered on behalf of each Loan Party party thereto. This Agreement constitutes, and each other Loan Document upon execution will constitute, a legal, valid and binding obligation of each Loan Party party thereto, enforceable against each such Loan Party in accordance with its terms, except as enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and by general equitable principles (whether enforcement is sought by proceedings in equity or at law).
4.5. No Legal Bar. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, the issuance of Letters of Credit, the borrowings hereunder and the use of the proceeds thereof will not violate any Requirement of Law or any material Contractual Obligation of Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries and will not result in, or require, the creation or imposition of any Lien on any of their respective properties or revenues pursuant to any Requirement of Law or any such Contractual Obligation (other than the Liens created by the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement).
4.6. Litigation. No litigation, investigation or proceeding of or before any arbitrator or Governmental Authority is pending or, to the knowledge of Holdings or the Borrower, threatened by or against Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or against any of their respective properties or revenues (a) with respect to any of the Loan Documents or any of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, or (b) that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
4.7. No Default. Neither Holdings, the Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries is in default under or with respect to any of its Contractual Obligations in any respect that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. No Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.
4.8. Ownership of Property; Liens. Each of Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries has good and sufficient legal title to, or a valid leasehold interest in, all its material real property, and good title to, or a valid leasehold interest in, all its other material property, and none of such property is subject to any Lien except as permitted by Section 7.3.
4.9. Intellectual Property. Holdings, the Borrower and each of its Subsidiaries owns, or is licensed to use, all material Intellectual Property necessary for the conduct of its
business as currently conducted. No material claim has been asserted and is pending by any Person challenging or questioning the use, validity or effectiveness of any material Intellectual Property owned or licensed by Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, nor does Holdings or the Borrower know of any valid basis for any such claim. The use of Intellectual Property by Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries does not infringe on the rights of any Person in any material respect.
4.10. Taxes. Each of Holdings, the Borrower and each of its Subsidiaries has filed or caused to be filed all federal, state and other material tax returns that are required to be filed and has paid all taxes shown to be due and payable on said returns or on any assessments made against it or any of its property and all other taxes, fees or other charges imposed on it or any of its property by any Governmental Authority (other than any the amount or validity of that are currently being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and with respect to which reserves in conformity with GAAP have been provided on the books of Holdings, the Borrower or its Subsidiaries, as the case may be); no tax Lien has been filed, and, to the knowledge of Holdings and the Borrower, no claim is being asserted, with respect to any such tax, fee or other charge.
4.11. Federal Regulations. No part of the proceeds of any Loans will be used for "buying" or "carrying" any "margin stock" within the respective meanings of each of the quoted terms under Regulation $U$ as now and from time to time hereafter in effect or for any purpose that violates the provisions of the Regulations of the Board. If requested by any Lender or the Administrative Agent, the Borrower will furnish to the Administrative Agent and each Lender a statement to the foregoing effect in conformity with the requirements of FR Form G-3 or FR Form U-1, as applicable, referred to in Regulation U.
4.12. Labor Matters. Except as, in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect: (a) there are no strikes or other labor disputes against Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries pending or, to the knowledge of Holdings or the Borrower, threatened; (b) hours worked by and payment made to employees of Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries have not been in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act or any other applicable Requirement of Law dealing with such matters; and (c) all payments due from Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries on account of employee health and welfare insurance have been paid or accrued as a liability on the books of Holdings, the Borrower or the relevant Subsidiary.
4.13. ERISA. Each Plan is in material compliance with the applicable provisions of ERISA and the Code. No Plan is a Multiemployer Plan or a "defined benefit plan" (as defined in ERISA). Each Commonly Controlled Entity has met all of the funding standards applicable to all Plans, and no condition exists which would permit the institution of proceedings to terminate any Plan under Section 4042 of ERISA.
4.14. Investment Company Act; Other Regulations. No Loan Party is an "investment company", or a company "controlled" by an "investment company", within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. No Loan Party is subject to regulation under any Requirement of Law (other than Regulation X of the Board) that limits its ability to incur Indebtedness.
4.15. Subsidiaries. Except as disclosed to the Administrative Agent by the Borrower in writing from time to time after the Restatement Effective Date, (a) Schedule 4.15 sets forth the name and jurisdiction of organization of Holdings and each of its Subsidiaries and, as to each such Subsidiary, the percentage of each class of Equity Interests owned by any Loan Party and (b) except as set forth on Schedule 4.15, there are no outstanding subscriptions, options, warrants, calls, rights or other agreements or commitments of any nature relating to any Equity Interests of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, except as created by the Loan Documents.
4.16. Use of Proceeds. The proceeds of the Loans, and the Letters of Credit, shall be used for general purposes, including to refinance the debt under Michigan/New England's existing credit facility and permitted Investments.
4.17. Environmental Matters. Except as, in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect:
(a) the facilities and properties owned, leased or operated by Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (the "Properties") do not contain, and have not previously contained, any Materials of Environmental Concern in amounts or concentrations or under circumstances that constitute or constituted a violation of, or could give rise to liability under, any Environmental Law;
(b) neither Holdings, the Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries has received or is aware of any notice of violation, alleged violation, non-compliance, liability or potential liability regarding environmental matters or compliance with Environmental Laws with regard to any of the Properties or the business operated by Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (the "Business"), nor does Holdings or the Borrower have knowledge or reason to believe that any such notice will be received or is being threatened;
(c) Materials of Environmental Concern have not been transported or disposed of from the Properties in violation of, or in a manner or to a location that could give rise to liability under, any Environmental Law, nor have any Materials of Environmental Concern been generated, treated, stored or disposed of at, on or under any of the Properties in violation of, or in a manner that could give rise to liability under, any applicable Environmental Law;
(d) no judicial proceeding or governmental or administrative action is pending or, to the knowledge of Holdings and the Borrower, threatened, under any Environmental Law to which Holdings, the Borrower or any Subsidiary is or will be named as a party with respect to the Properties or the Business, nor are there any consent decrees or other decrees, consent orders, administrative orders or other orders, or other administrative or judicial requirements outstanding under any Environmental Law with respect to the Properties or the Business;
(e) there has been no release or threat of release of Materials of Environmental Concern at or from the Properties, or arising from or related to the
operations of Holdings, the Borrower or any Subsidiary in connection with the Properties or otherwise in connection with the Business, in violation of or in amounts or in a manner that could give rise to liability under Environmental Laws;
(f) the Properties and all operations at the Properties are in compliance, and have in the last five years been in compliance, with all applicable Environmental Laws, and there is no contamination at, under or about the Properties or violation of any Environmental Law with respect to the Properties or the Business; and
(g) neither Holdings, the Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries has assumed any liability of any other Person under Environmental Laws.
4.18. Certain Cable Television Matters. Except as, in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect:
(a) (i) Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries possess all Authorizations necessary to own, operate and construct the CATV Systems or otherwise for the operations of their businesses and are not in violation thereof and (ii) all such Authorizations are in full force and effect and no event has occurred that permits, or after notice or lapse of time could permit, the revocation, termination or material and adverse modification of any such Authorization;
(b) neither Holdings, the Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries is in violation of any duty or obligation required by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, or any FCC rule or regulation applicable to the operation of any portion of any of the CATV Systems;
(c) (i) there is not pending or, to the best knowledge of Holdings or the Borrower, threatened, any action by the FCC to revoke, cancel, suspend or refuse to renew any FCC License held by Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries and (ii) there is not pending or, to the best knowledge of Holdings or the Borrower, threatened, any action by the FCC to modify adversely, revoke, cancel, suspend or refuse to renew any other Authorization; and
(d) there is not issued or outstanding or, to the best knowledge of Holdings or the Borrower, threatened, any notice of any hearing, violation or complaint against Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries with respect to the operation of any portion of the CATV Systems and neither Holdings nor the Borrower has any knowledge that any Person intends to contest renewal of any Authorization.
4.19. Accuracy of Information, etc. No statement or information contained in this Agreement, any other Loan Document, the Confidential Information Memorandum or any other document, certificate or statement furnished by or on behalf of any Loan Party to the Agents or the Lenders, or any of them, for use in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the other Loan Documents, as supplemented from time to time prior to the date this representation and warranty is made or deemed made, contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained herein or therein not misleading. The projections and pro forma financial information contained in the
materials referenced above are based upon good faith estimates and assumptions believed by management of the Borrower to be reasonable at the time made, it being recognized by the Lenders that such financial information as it relates to future events is not to be viewed as fact and that actual results during the period or periods covered by such financial information may differ from the projected results set forth therein by a material amount. There is no fact known to any Loan Party that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect that has not been expressly disclosed herein, in the other Loan Documents, in the Confidential Information Memorandum or in any other documents, certificates and statements furnished to the Agents and the Lenders for use in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby and by the other Loan Documents.
4.20. Security Interests. The Guarantee and Collateral Agreement is effective to create in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders, a legal, valid and enforceable security interest in the collateral described therein and proceeds thereof. In the case of certificated Pledged Stock described in the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, when certificates representing such Pledged Stock are delivered to the Administrative Agent, and in the case of the other Collateral described in the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, when financing statements specified on Schedule 4.20 in appropriate form are filed in the offices specified on Schedule 4.20, the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement shall constitute a fully perfected Lien on, and security interest in, all right, title and interest of the Loan Parties in such Collateral and the proceeds thereof, as security for the Obligations (as defined in the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement), in each case prior and superior in right to any other Person.
4.21. Solvency. Each Loan Party (other than any Shell Subsidiary) is, and after giving effect to the financing transactions referred to herein will be and will continue to be, Solvent.
4.22. Certain Tax Matters. As of the Restatement Effective Date, each of Holdings, the Borrower and each of its Subsidiaries (other than any such Subsidiary that is organized as a corporation) is a Flow-Through Entity.

## ARTICLE V CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

5.1. Conditions to Restatement Effective Date. The effectiveness of this Agreement is subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions precedent:
(a) Credit Agreement; Guarantee and Collateral Agreement; Reaffirmation Agreement. The Administrative Agent shall have received (i) this Agreement, executed and delivered by the Agents, Holdings and the Borrower, (ii) an Addendum, executed and delivered by (x) the "Majority Lenders" under and as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement, (y) each Lender that is not a "Lender" under and as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement and (z) each Lender whose commitments or extensions of credit under the Existing Credit Agreement are increasing pursuant to this Agreement, (iii) such supplements to the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement as shall be requested by the Administrative Agent, executed and delivered by the relevant Loan Parties and (iv) the Reaffirmation Agreement, executed and delivered by the parties thereto.
(b) Michigan/New England. CC Michigan, LLC and CC New England, LLC (collectively, "Michigan/New England") and their respective Subsidiaries shall have been contributed to the Borrower as a capital contribution. The proceeds of the initial borrowing under this Facility shall have been applied to repay all amounts outstanding under Michigan/New England's existing credit facility and, upon such repayment, such facility and all Liens created pursuant thereto shall have been terminated pursuant to documentation satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.
(c) Fees. The Lenders and the Agents shall have received all fees required to be paid, and all expenses for which invoices have been presented (including the reasonable fees and expenses of legal counsel), on or before the Restatement Effective Date. All such amounts will be paid with proceeds of Loans made on the Restatement Effective Date and will be reflected in the funding instructions given by the Borrower to the Administrative Agent on or before the Restatement Effective Date.
(d) Closing Certificate; No Material Restrictions; Pro Forma Compliance. The Administrative Agent shall have received, with a counterpart for each Lender, a certificate of each Loan Party, dated the Restatement Effective Date, substantially in the form of Exhibit C, with appropriate insertions and attachments, which (i) in the case of Holdings, shall also certify that Holdings and its Subsidiaries are not subject to material contractual or other restrictions that would be violated by the transactions contemplated hereby and (ii) in the case of the Borrower, shall also certify, in reasonable detail, pro forma compliance with Section 7.1(a) for, or as at the end of, as the case may be, the most recent three-month period for which the relevant financial information is available.
(e) Legal Opinions. The Administrative Agent shall have received one or more signed legal opinions covering such matters incident to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement as the Administrative Agent may reasonably require.
(f) Filings, Registrations, Recordings, etc. Each document (including any Uniform Commercial Code financing statement) reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent to be filed, registered or recorded in order to create or maintain in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders, a perfected Lien on the Collateral described in the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement (as supplemented as contemplated by paragraph (a)(iii) above), prior and superior in right to any other Person, shall be in proper form for filing, registration or recordation. The Administrative Agent shall have received (i) the certificates, if any, representing the Equity Interests pledged pursuant to the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement (as so supplemented) in respect of Michigan/New England and its Subsidiaries, together with an undated stock power for each such certificate executed by the pledgor thereof, and (ii) each promissory note (if any) pledged to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement (as so supplemented) issued by Michigan/New England or any of its, endorsed in blank by the pledgor thereof.
5.2. Conditions to Each Extension of Credit. The agreement of each Lender to make any extension of credit requested to be made by it on any date (including its initial extension of credit) is subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions precedent:
(a) Representations and Warranties. Each of the
representations and warranties made by any Loan Party in or pursuant to the Loan Documents shall be true and correct in all material respects on and as of such date as if made on and as of such date.
(b) No Default. No Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing on such date or after giving effect to the extensions of credit requested to be made on such date.
(c) Other Documents. In the case of any extension of credit made on an Increased Facility Closing Date, the Administrative Agent shall have received such documents and information as it may reasonably request.

Each borrowing by and issuance of a Letter of Credit on behalf of the Borrower hereunder shall constitute a representation and warranty by the Borrower as of the date of such extension of credit that the conditions contained in Sections 5.2(a) and (b) have been satisfied.

## ARTICLE VI AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS

Holdings and the Borrower hereby agree that, so long as the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments or the Revolving Commitments remain in effect, any Letter of Credit remains outstanding or any Loan or other amount is owing to any Lender or any Agent hereunder, each of Holdings and the Borrower shall, and shall cause each Subsidiary of the Borrower to:
6.1. Financial Statements. Furnish to the Administrative Agent (with sufficient copies for each Lender):
(a) as soon as available, but in any event within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Borrower, a copy of the audited consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its consolidated Subsidiaries as at the end of such year and the related audited consolidated statements of income and of cash flows for such year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous year, reported on without a "going concern" or like qualification or exception, or qualification arising out of the scope of the audit, or any other material adverse exception or qualification, by Arthur Andersen LLP or other independent certified public accountants of nationally recognized standing; and
(b) as soon as available, but in any event not later than 45 days after the end of each of the first three quarterly periods of each fiscal year of the Borrower, the unaudited consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its consolidated Subsidiaries as at the end of such quarter and the related unaudited consolidated statements of income and of cash flows for such quarter and the portion of the fiscal year through the end of such quarter, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous
year, certified by a Responsible Officer as being fairly stated in all material respects (subject to normal year-end audit adjustments).

All such financial statements shall be complete and correct in all material respects and shall be prepared in reasonable detail and in accordance with GAAP applied consistently throughout the periods reflected therein and with prior periods (except as approved by such accountants or officer, as the case may be, and disclosed therein).
6.2. Certificates; Other Information. Furnish to the Administrative Agent (with sufficient copies for each Lender) (or (i) in the case of clause (e) below, to the Administrative Agent and (ii) in the case of clause (f) below, to the relevant Lender):
(a) concurrently with the delivery of the financial statements referred to in Section $6.1(\mathrm{a})$, a certificate of the independent certified public accountants reporting on such financial statements stating that in making the examination necessary therefor no knowledge was obtained of any Default or Event of Default under Section 7.1, except as specified in such certificate;
(b) concurrently with the delivery of any financial statements pursuant to Section 6.1, (i) a certificate of a Responsible Officer stating that, to the best of each such Responsible Officer's knowledge, each Loan Party during such period has observed or performed all of its covenants and other agreements, and satisfied every condition, contained in this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which it is a party to be observed, performed or satisfied by it, and that such Responsible Officer has obtained no knowledge of any Default or Event of Default except as specified in such certificate and (ii) a Compliance Certificate containing all information and calculations necessary for determining compliance by Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries with the provisions of this Agreement referred to therein as of the last day of the fiscal quarter or fiscal year of the Borrower, as the case may be;
(c) as soon as available, and in any event no later than 45 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Borrower, a budget for the following fiscal year (which shall include projected Consolidated Operating Cash Flow and budgeted capital expenditures), and, as soon as available, material revisions, if any, of such budget with respect to such fiscal year (collectively, the "Budget"), which Budget shall in each case be accompanied by a certificate of a Responsible Officer stating that such Budget is based on reasonable estimates, information and assumptions and that such Responsible Officer has no reason to believe that such Budget is incorrect or misleading in any material respect;
(d) upon request by the Administrative Agent and within five days after the same are sent, copies of all financial statements and reports (including reports on Form $10-\mathrm{K}, 10-\mathrm{Q}$ or $8-\mathrm{K}$ ) that Holdings or the Borrower sends to the holders of any class of its debt securities or public equity securities and, within five days after the same are filed, copies of all financial statements and reports that Holdings or the Borrower may make to, or file with, the SEC;
(e) no later than three Business Days prior to consummating
any transaction described in Section 7.2(f), 7.2(g), 7.5(e), 7.5(f), $7.5(\mathrm{~g}), 7.6(\mathrm{~b}), 7.7(\mathrm{f}), 7.7(\mathrm{~g})$ or (with respect to payment of deferred management fees) 7.8(c), a certificate of a Responsible Officer demonstrating in reasonable detail (i) that both before and after giving effect to such transaction, no Default or Event of Default shall be in effect (including, on a pro forma basis, pursuant to Section 7.1) and (ii) compliance with any other financial tests referred to in the relevant Section, provided that, in the case of Investments, Dispositions or the payment of deferred management fees, the requirement to deliver such certificate shall not apply to any Investment or Disposition pursuant to which the Consideration paid is less than $\$ 25,000,000$ or to any such payment of deferred management fees in an amount less than $\$ 5,000,000$; and
(f) promptly, such additional financial and other information as any Lender may from time to time reasonably request.
6.3. Payment of Obligations. Pay, discharge or otherwise satisfy at or before maturity or before they become delinquent, as the case may be, all its material obligations of whatever nature, except where the amount or validity thereof is currently being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and reserves in conformity with GAAP with respect thereto have been provided on the books of Holdings, the Borrower or its Subsidiaries, as the case may be.
6.4. Maintenance of Existence; Compliance. (a) (i) Preserve, renew and keep in full force and effect its existence and take all reasonable action to maintain all rights, privileges and franchises necessary or desirable in the normal conduct of its business, except, in each case, as otherwise permitted by Section 7.4 and except, in the case of clause (ii) above, to the extent that failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and (b) comply with all Contractual Obligations and Requirements of Law except to the extent that failure to comply therewith could not, in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
6.5. Maintenance of Property; Insurance. (a) Keep all material property useful and necessary in its business in good working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted and (b) maintain with reputable insurance companies insurance on all its material property in at least such amounts and against at least such risks (but including in any event public liability, product liability and business interruption) as are usually insured against in the same general area by companies engaged in the same or a similar business.
6.6. Inspection of Property; Books and Records; Discussions. (a) Keep proper books of records and account in which full, true and correct entries in conformity with GAAP and all Requirements of Law shall be made of all dealings and transactions in relation to its business and activities and (b) permit representatives of any Lender, coordinated through the Administrative Agent, to visit and inspect any of its properties and examine and make abstracts from any of its books and records at any reasonable time and as often as may reasonably be desired and to discuss the business, operations, properties and financial and other condition of Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries with officers and employees of Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries and with its independent certified public accountants.
6.7. Notices. Promptly give notice to the Administrative Agent and each Lender of:
(a) the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default;
(b) any (i) default or event of default under any Contractual Obligation of Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or (ii) litigation, investigation or proceeding that may exist at any time between Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries and any Governmental Authority, that, in either case, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;
(c) any litigation or proceeding commenced against Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries which could reasonably be expected to result in a liability of $\$ 25,000,000$ or more to the extent not covered by insurance or which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;
(d) the following events, as soon as possible and in any event within 30 days after the Borrower knows or has reason to know thereof: (i) the occurrence of any Reportable Event with respect to any Plan, a failure to make any required contribution to a Plan, the creation of any Lien in favor of the PBGC or a Plan or any withdrawal from, or the termination, Reorganization or Insolvency of, any Multiemployer Plan or (ii) the institution of proceedings or the taking of any other action by the PBGC or the Borrower or any Commonly Controlled Entity or any Multiemployer Plan with respect to the withdrawal from, or the termination, Reorganization or Insolvency of, any Plan; and
(e) any other development or event that has had or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Each notice pursuant to this Section 6.7 shall be accompanied by a statement of a Responsible Officer setting forth details of the occurrence referred to therein and stating what action Holdings, the Borrower or the relevant Subsidiary proposes to take with respect thereto.
6.8. Environmental Laws. (a) Except as, in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, comply with, and ensure compliance by all tenants and subtenants, if any, with, all applicable Environmental Laws, and obtain and comply with and maintain, and ensure that all tenants and subtenants obtain and comply with and maintain, any and all licenses, approvals, notifications, registrations or permits required by applicable Environmental Laws.
(b) Except as, in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, conduct and complete all investigations, studies, sampling and testing, and all remedial, removal and other actions required under Environmental Laws and promptly comply with all lawful orders and directives of all Governmental Authorities regarding Environmental Laws.
6.9. Additional Collateral. With respect to any new Subsidiary (other than a Shell Subsidiary so long as it qualifies as such) created or acquired after the Restatement

Effective Date by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (which shall be deemed to have occurred in the event that any Non-Recourse Subsidiary ceases to qualify as such), promptly (a) execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent such amendments to the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement as the Administrative Agent deems necessary or advisable to grant to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders, a perfected first priority security interest in the Equity Interests and intercompany obligations of such new Subsidiary that are held by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (limited, in the case of Equity Interests of any Foreign Subsidiary, to $66 \%$ of the total outstanding Equity Interests of such Foreign Subsidiary), (b) deliver to the Administrative Agent the certificates, if any, representing such Equity Interests, and any intercompany notes evidencing such obligations, together with undated stock powers and endorsements, in blank, executed and delivered by a duly authorized officer of the Borrower or such Subsidiary, as the case may be, and (c) except in the case of a Foreign Subsidiary or an Excluded Acquired Subsidiary (until it ceases to qualify as such), cause such new Subsidiary (i) to become a party to the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement and (ii) to take such actions necessary or advisable to grant to the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Lenders a perfected first priority security interest in the Collateral described in the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement with respect to such new Subsidiary, including the filing of Uniform Commercial Code financing statements in such jurisdictions as may be required by the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement or by law or as may be requested by the Administrative Agent.
6.10. Organizational Separateness. In the case of Holdings, each

Specified Holdings Subsidiary, each Non-Recourse Subsidiary and the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, (a) satisfy customary formalities with respect to organizational separateness, including, without limitation, (i) the maintenance of separate books and records and (ii) the maintenance of separate bank or other deposit or investment accounts in its own name; (b) act solely in its own name and through its authorized officers and agents; (c) in the case of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, not make or agree to make any payment to a creditor of Holdings, any Specified Holdings Subsidiary or any Non-Recourse Subsidiary; (d) not commingle any money or other assets of Holdings, any Specified Holdings Subsidiary or any Non-Recourse Subsidiary with any money or other assets of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries; and (e) not take any action, or conduct its affairs in a manner, which could reasonably be expected to result in the separate organizational existence of Holdings, each Specified Holdings Subsidiary and each Non-Recourse Subsidiary from the Borrower and its Subsidiaries being ignored under any circumstance. Holdings agrees to cause each Specified Holdings Subsidiary, and the Borrower agrees to cause each Non-Recourse Subsidiary, to comply with the applicable provisions of this Section 6.10.
6.11. ERISA Reports. Furnish to the Administrative Agent as soon as available to the Borrower or Holdings the following items with respect to any Plan:
(a) any request for a waiver of the funding standards or an extension of the amortization period;
(b) any reportable event (as defined in Section 4043 of ERISA), unless the notice requirement with respect thereto has been waived by regulation;
(c) any notice received by any Commonly Controlled Entity that the PBGC has instituted or intends to institute proceedings to terminate any Plan, or that any Multiemployer Plan is Insolvent or in Reorganization;
(d) notice of the possibility of the termination of any Plan by its administrator pursuant to Section 4041 of ERISA; and
(e) notice of the intention of any Commonly Controlled Entity to withdraw, in whole or in part, from any Multiemployer Plan.
6.12. ERISA, etc. Comply in all material respects with the provisions of ERISA and the Code applicable to each Plan. Each of Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries will meet all minimum funding requirements applicable to them with respect to any Plan pursuant to Section 302 of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code, without giving effect to any waivers of such requirements or extensions of the related amortization periods which may be granted. At no time shall the Accumulated Benefit Obligations under any Plan that is not a Multiemployer Plan exceed the fair market value of the assets of such Plan allocable to such benefits by more than $\$ 10,000,000$. After the Restatement Effective Date, Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries will not withdraw, in whole or in part, from any Multiemployer Plan so as to give rise to withdrawal liability exceeding $\$ 10,000,000$ in the aggregate. At no time shall the actuarial present value of unfunded liabilities for post-employment health care benefits, whether or not provided under a Plan, calculated in a manner consistent with Statement No. 106 of the Financial Accounting Standards Board, exceed \$10,000,000.

## ARTICLE VII NEGATIVE COVENANTS

Holdings and the Borrower hereby agree that, so long as the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments or the Revolving Commitments remain in effect, any Letter of Credit remains outstanding or any Loan or other amount is owing to any Lender or any Agent hereunder, each of Holdings and the Borrower shall not, and shall not permit any Subsidiary of the Borrower to, directly or indirectly (provided that only Sections 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.10, 7.12, 7.14(b) and 7.15 shall apply to Holdings):
7.1. Financial Condition Covenants.
(a) Consolidated Leverage Ratio. Permit the Consolidated Leverage Ratio determined as of the last day of any fiscal quarter of the Borrower ending during any period set forth below to exceed the ratio set forth below opposite such period:

Period Consolidated Leverage Ratio
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through 12/31/01
01/01/02 - 12/31/02
01/01/03 - 09/30/03 10/01/03 and thereafter
6.00 to 1.0
5.50 to 1.0
4.75 to 1.0
4.00 to 1.0
(b) Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio. Permit the Consolidated Interest Coverage Ratio determined as of the last day of any fiscal quarter ending during any period set forth below to be less than the ratio set forth below opposite such period:

| Period | Consolidated <br> Interest Coverage Ratio |
| :---: | :---: |
| through 12/31/02 | 1.50 to 1.0 |
| 01/01/03 - 12/31/03 | 1.75 to 1.0 |
| 01/01/04 and thereafter | 2.00 to 1.0 |

(c) Consolidated Debt Service Coverage Ratio. Permit the Consolidated Debt Service Coverage Ratio determined as of the last day of any fiscal quarter to be less than (i) 1.15 to 1.0 , in the case of any fiscal quarter ending on or prior to June 30, 2003 or (ii) 1.25 to 1.0, in the case of any fiscal quarter ending thereafter.
7.2. Indebtedness. Create, issue, incur, assume, become liable in respect of or suffer to exist any Indebtedness, except:
(a) Indebtedness of any Loan Party pursuant to any Loan

Document;
(b) Indebtedness of the Borrower to any Subsidiary and of any Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor to the Borrower or any other Subsidiary;
(c) Guarantee Obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries of obligations of any Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor;
(d) Indebtedness described on Schedule 7.2(d);
(e) Indebtedness (including, without limitation, Capital Lease Obligations) secured by Liens permitted by Section 7.3(f) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $\$ 30,000,000$ at any one time outstanding;
(f) Indebtedness of the Borrower (but not any Subsidiary of the Borrower) incurred on any Threshold Transaction Date so long as (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom, (ii) such Indebtedness shall have no scheduled amortization prior to the date that is one year after the final maturity of the Term Loans outstanding on the date such Indebtedness is incurred, (iii) such Indebtedness is unsecured and the covenants and default provisions applicable to such Indebtedness shall be no more restrictive than those contained in this Agreement and (iv) such Indebtedness shall be subordinated to the Loans and other obligations under the Loan Documents pursuant to subordination terms reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, provided that the requirement that such Indebtedness be incurred on a Threshold Transaction Date shall not apply in the case of any refinancing of Indebtedness previously incurred pursuant to this Section 7.2(f) so
long as the interest rate and cash-pay characteristics applicable to such refinancing Indebtedness are no more onerous than those applicable to such refinanced Indebtedness;
(g) Indebtedness of any Person that becomes a Subsidiary pursuant to an Investment permitted by Section 7.7, so long as (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom, (ii) such Indebtedness existed at the time of such Investment and was not created in anticipation thereof, (iii) the Borrower shall use its best efforts to cause such Indebtedness to be repaid no later than 120 days after the date of such Investment, (iv) if such Indebtedness is not repaid within such period then, until such Indebtedness is repaid, the operating cash flow of the relevant Subsidiary shall be excluded for the purposes of calculating Consolidated Operating Cash Flow (whether or not distributed to the Borrower or any of its other Subsidiaries) and (v) the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Indebtedness incurred pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed \$150, 000, 000;
(h) letters of credit for the account of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries obtained other than pursuant to this Agreement, so long as the aggregate undrawn face amount thereof, together with any unreimbursed reimbursement obligations in respect thereof, does not exceed $\$ 20,000,000$ at any one time;
(i) Indebtedness of Holdings (but not the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries) owing to any Affiliate of Holdings so long as (i) such Indebtedness shall have no scheduled amortization prior to the date that is one year after the final maturity of the Term Loans outstanding on the date such Indebtedness is incurred and (ii) $100 \%$ of the Net Cash Proceeds thereof (other than any such Net Cash Proceeds that are applied to refinance other Indebtedness of Holdings) shall be used by Holdings to make Investments in one or more of its Affiliates engaged substantially exclusively in businesses of the type described in Section 7.14(a); and
(j) additional Indebtedness of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in an aggregate principal amount (for the Borrower and all Subsidiaries) not to exceed $\$ 50,000,000$ at any one time outstanding.
7.3. Liens. Create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien upon any of its property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, except:
(a) Liens for taxes, assessments and other governmental charges not yet due or that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, provided that adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of Holdings, the Borrower or its Subsidiaries, as the case may be, in conformity with GAAP;
(b) carriers', warehousemen's, mechanics', materialmen's, repairmen's or other like Liens arising in the ordinary course of business that are not overdue for a period of more than 30 days or that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings;
(c) pledges or deposits in connection with workers'
compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security legislation;
(d) deposits made to secure the performance of bids, tenders, trade contracts, leases, statutory or regulatory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, bankers acceptances, government contracts, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business, in each case excluding obligations for borrowed money;
(e) easements, rights-of-way, municipal and zoning ordinances, title defects, restrictions and other similar encumbrances incurred in the ordinary course of business that, in the aggregate, are not substantial in amount and that do not in any case materially detract from the value of the property subject thereto or materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries;
(f) Liens securing Indebtedness of Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries incurred pursuant to Section 7.2(e) to finance the acquisition of fixed or capital assets, provided that (i) such Liens shall be created substantially simultaneously with the acquisition of such fixed or capital assets, (ii) such Liens do not at any time encumber any property other than the property financed by such Indebtedness and (iii) the amount of Indebtedness secured thereby is not increased;
(g) Liens created pursuant to the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement securing obligations of the Loan Parties under (i) the Loan Documents, (ii) Hedge Agreements provided by any Lender or any Affiliate of any Lender and (iii) letters of credit issued pursuant to Section 7.2(h) by any Lender or any Affiliate of any Lender;
(h) any landlord's Lien or other interest or title of a lessor under any lease or a licensor under a license entered into by Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of its business and covering only the assets so leased or licensed;
(i) Liens created under Pole Agreements on cables and other property affixed to transmission poles or contained in underground conduits;
(j) Liens of or restrictions on the transfer of assets imposed by any franchisors, utilities or other regulatory bodies or any federal, state or local statute, regulation or ordinance, in each case arising in the ordinary course of business in connection with franchise agreements or Pole Agreements;
(k) Liens arising from judgments or decrees not constituting an Event of Default under Section 8(h); and
(l) Liens not otherwise permitted by this Section so long as neither (i) the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the obligations secured thereby nor (ii) the aggregate fair market value (determined as of the date such Lien is incurred) of the assets subject thereto exceeds (as to Holdings, the Borrower and all Subsidiaries) \$20,000,000 at any one time.
7.4. Fundamental Changes. Enter into any merger, consolidation or amalgamation, or liquidate, wind up or dissolve itself (or suffer any liquidation or dissolution), or Dispose of all or substantially all of its property or business, except that:
(a) any Subsidiary of the Borrower may be merged or consolidated with or into any Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor (provided that the Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor shall be the continuing or surviving entity);
(b) any Subsidiary of the Borrower may be merged or consolidated with or into the Borrower (provided that the Borrower shall be the continuing or surviving entity);
(c) any Subsidiary of the Borrower may Dispose of any or all of its assets (upon voluntary liquidation or otherwise) to any Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor;
(d) any Shell Subsidiary may be dissolved; and
(e) so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred or is continuing or would result therefrom, Holdings may be merged or consolidated with any Affiliate of Paul G. Allen (provided that either (i) Holdings is the continuing or surviving entity or (ii) if Holdings is not the continuing or surviving entity, such continuing or surviving entity assumes the obligations of Holdings under the Loan Documents to which it is a party pursuant to an instrument in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and, in connection therewith, the Administrative Agent shall receive such legal opinions, certificates and other documents as it may reasonably request).
7.5. Disposition of Property. Dispose of any of its property whether now owned or hereafter acquired, or, in the case of any Subsidiary, issue or sell any Equity Interests to any Person, except:
(a) the Disposition of obsolete or worn out property in the ordinary course of business;
(b) the sale of inventory in the ordinary course of business;
(c) Dispositions expressly permitted by Section 7.4;
(d) the sale or issuance of any Subsidiary's Equity Interests to the Borrower or any Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor;
(e) the Disposition (directly or indirectly through the Disposition of $100 \%$ of the Equity Interests of a Subsidiary) of operating assets by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (it being understood that Exchange Excess Amounts shall be deemed to constitute usage of availability in respect of Dispositions pursuant to this Section 7.5(e)), provided that (i) on the date of such Disposition (the "Disposition Date"), no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result
therefrom; (ii) the Annualized Asset Cash Flow Amount attributable to the assets being disposed of, when added to the Annualized Asset Cash Flow Amount attributable to all other assets previously disposed of pursuant to this Section 7.5(e) during the one-year period ending on such Disposition Date (or, if shorter, the period from the Restatement Effective Date to such Disposition Date), shall not exceed an amount equal to $30 \%$ of Annualized Pro Forma Operating Cash Flow determined as of such Disposition Date; (iii) the Annualized Asset Cash Flow Amount attributable to the assets being disposed of, when added to the Annualized Asset Cash Flow Amount attributable to all other assets previously disposed of pursuant to this Section 7.5(e) during the period from the Restatement Effective Date to such Disposition Date), shall not exceed an amount equal to $50 \%$ of Annualized Pro Forma Operating Cash Flow determined as of such Disposition Date; (iv) at least $75 \%$ of the proceeds of such Disposition shall be in the form of cash; and (v) the Net Cash Proceeds of such Disposition shall be applied to prepay the Term Loans to the extent required by Section 2.9(a);
(f) any Exchange by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, provided that (i) on the date of such Exchange, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom; (ii) the assets received in connection with such Exchange shall be received by the Borrower or a Wholly Owned Subsidiary of the Borrower; (iii) in the event that (x) any cash consideration is paid to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in connection with such Exchange and (y) the Annualized Asset Cash Flow Amount attributable to the assets being Exchanged exceeds the annualized asset cash flow amount (determined in a manner comparable to the manner in which Annualized Asset Cash Flow Amounts are determined hereunder) of the assets received in connection with such Exchange (such excess amount, an "Exchange Excess Amount"), then, the Disposition of such Exchange Excess Amount is permitted by clauses (ii) and (iii) of Section 7.5(e); and (iv) the Net Cash Proceeds of such Exchange, if any, shall be applied to prepay the Term Loans to the extent required by Section 2.9(a);
(g) Dispositions of property acquired after the Restatement Effective Date, (other than property acquired in connection with Exchanges of property owned on the Restatement Effective Date), so long as (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom, (ii) a definitive agreement to consummate such Disposition is executed no later than twelve months after the date on which relevant property is acquired and (iii) such Disposition is consummated within eighteen months after the date on which the relevant property is acquired; and
(h) the Disposition of other property having a fair market value not to exceed $\$ 5,000,000$ in the aggregate for any fiscal year of the Borrower.
7.6. Restricted Payments. Declare or pay any dividend (other than dividends payable solely in common stock of the Person making such dividend) on, or make any payment on account of, or set apart assets for a sinking or other analogous fund for, the purchase, redemption, defeasance, retirement or other acquisition of, any Equity Interests of Holdings, the Borrower or any Subsidiary, whether now or hereafter outstanding, or make any other distribution in respect thereof, either directly or indirectly, whether in cash or property or in
obligations of Holdings, the Borrower or any Subsidiary (collectively, "Restricted Payments"), except that:
(a) any Subsidiary may make Restricted Payments to the Borrower or any Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor;
(b) the Borrower may make distributions (directly or indirectly) to any Qualified Parent Company or any Affiliate of the Borrower for the purpose of enabling such Person to make scheduled interest payments in respect of its Qualified Indebtedness, provided that (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom, (ii) each such distribution shall be made on a Threshold Transaction Date (except in the case of any distribution made for the purpose of paying interest on (x) Qualified Indebtedness to the extent that the Net Cash Proceeds thereof were contributed to the Borrower as a capital contribution or (y) Qualified Indebtedness incurred to refinance such Qualified Indebtedness or (z) the 8\% Senior Notes due 2009, issued by Bresnan Communications Group LLC and Bresnan Capital Corporation on February 2, 1999 outstanding as of the Restatement Effective Date or any replacement debt thereof in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $\$ 170,000,000$ ) (it being understood that, in the event that any Qualified Indebtedness is used for any of the purposes described in clause $(x)$, ( $y$ ) or ( $z$ ) of the preceding parenthetical and for other purposes, the portion used for such purposes described in such clause will be entitled to the exclusion created by the preceding parenthetical) and (iii) each such distribution shall be made no earlier than three Business Days prior to the date the relevant interest payment is due;
(c) so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, (i) the Borrower may make distributions to Holdings or direct payments to be used to repurchase, redeem or otherwise acquire or retire for value any Equity Interests of any Qualified Parent Company held by any member of management of Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries pursuant to any management equity subscription agreement or stock option agreement in effect as of the Restatement Effective Date, provided that the aggregate amount of such distributions shall not exceed $\$ 10,000,000$ in any fiscal year of the Borrower and (ii) the Borrower may make distributions to Holdings as described in the last sentence of Section 7.9;
(d) so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, the Borrower may make distributions to Holdings for any purpose, provided that, after giving effect to any such distribution pursuant to this paragraph (d), the Consolidated Leverage Ratio shall be less than 3.50 to 1.0;
(e) the Borrower may make distributions to Holdings to permit Holdings (or any parent company thereof) to pay (i) attorneys' fees, investment banking fees, accountants' fees, underwriting discounts and commissions and other customary fees and expenses actually incurred in connection with any issuance, sale or incurrence by Holdings (or any such parent company) of Equity Interests or Indebtedness (other than any such amounts customarily paid out of the proceeds of transactions of such type), provided, that such amounts shall be allocated in an appropriate manner (determined after
consultation with the Administrative Agent) among the Borrower and the other Subsidiaries, if any, of the issuer or obligor in respect of such Equity Interests or Indebtedness and (ii) other administrative expenses (including legal, accounting, other professional fees and costs, printing and other such fees and expenses) incurred in the ordinary course of business, in an aggregate amount in the case of this clause (ii) not to exceed \$4,000,000 in any fiscal year; and
(f) in respect of any calendar year or portion thereof during which the Borrower is a Flow-Through Entity, so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, the Borrower may make distributions (directly or indirectly) to the direct or indirect holders of the Equity Interests of the Borrower that are not Flow-Through Entities, in proportion to their ownership interests, sufficient to permit each such holder to pay income taxes that are required to be paid by it with respect to its Equity Interests in the Borrower for the prior calendar year, as estimated by the Borrower in good faith.
7.7. Investments. Make any advance, loan, extension of credit (by way of guaranty or otherwise) or capital contribution to, or purchase any Equity Interests, bonds, notes, debentures or other debt securities of, or any assets constituting a significant part of a business unit of, or make any other investment in, any Person (all of the foregoing, "Investments"), except:
(a) extensions of trade credit in the ordinary course of business;
(b) investments in Cash Equivalents;
(c) Guarantee Obligations permitted by Section 7.2;
(d) loans and advances to employees of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business (including for travel, entertainment and relocation expenses) in an aggregate amount not to exceed $\$ 2,000,000$ at any one time outstanding;
(e) Investments by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in the Borrower or any Person that, prior to such investment, is a Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor;
(f) acquisitions by the Borrower or any Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor of operating assets (substantially all of which consist of cable systems), directly through an asset acquisition or indirectly through the acquisition of $100 \%$ of the Equity Interests of a Person substantially all of whose assets consist of cable systems, provided, that (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom and (ii) the aggregate Consideration (excluding Consideration paid with the proceeds of Paul Allen Contributions and Consideration consisting of operating assets transferred in connection with Exchanges) paid in connection with such acquisitions, other than acquisitions consummated on a Threshold Transaction Date, shall not exceed \$300,000,000 during the term of this Agreement;
(g) the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries may contribute cable systems to any Non-Recourse Subsidiary so long as (i) such Disposition is permitted pursuant to Section 7.5(e), (ii) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom, (iii) after giving effect thereto, the Consolidated Leverage Ratio shall be equal to or lower than the Consolidated Leverage Ratio in effect immediately prior thereto and (iv) the Equity Interests received by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in connection therewith shall be pledged as Collateral (either directly or through a holding company parent of such Non-Recourse Subsidiary so long as such parent is a Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor); and
(h) in addition to Investments otherwise expressly permitted by this Section, Investments by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in an aggregate amount (valued at cost) not to exceed $\$ 200,000,000$ during the term of this Agreement.
7.8. Certain Payments and Modifications Relating to Indebtedness and Management Fees. (a) Make or offer to make any payment, prepayment, repurchase or redemption in respect of, or otherwise optionally or voluntarily defease or segregate funds with respect to (collectively, "prepayment"), any Specified Long-Term Indebtedness, other than (i) the payment of scheduled interest payments required to be made in cash, (ii) the prepayment of Specified Subordinated Debt with the proceeds of other Specified Long-Term Indebtedness or of Loans and (iii) the prepayment of any such Indebtedness with the proceeds of other Specified Long-Term Indebtedness so long as such new Indebtedness has terms no less favorable to the interests of the Borrower and the Lenders than those applicable to the Indebtedness being refinanced.
(b) Amend, modify, waive or otherwise change, or consent or agree to any amendment, modification, waiver or other change to, any of the terms of the any Specified Long-Term Indebtedness, other than any such amendment, modification, waiver or other change that (i) (x) would extend the maturity or reduce the amount of any payment of principal thereof or reduce the rate or extend any date for payment of interest thereon or (y) is immaterial to the interests of the Lenders and (ii) does not involve the payment of a consent fee.
(c) Make, agree to make or expense any payment in respect of management fees, directly or indirectly, except that the Borrower may pay management fees pursuant to the Management Fee Agreement so long as (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom, (ii) the aggregate amount of such payments expensed during any fiscal year of the Borrower shall not exceed $3.50 \%$ of consolidated revenues of the Borrower and its consolidated Subsidiaries for such fiscal year (provided that, in addition, payments of management fees may be made in respect of amounts that have been accrued, but were not paid, during any preceding fiscal year of the Borrower ending on or after December 31, 2000, so long as the aggregate amount of payments made pursuant to this parenthetical during any fiscal year of the Borrower (other than any such payments made on a Threshold Management Fee Date), when added to the aggregate amount of non-deferred management fees otherwise paid pursuant to this clause (ii) during such fiscal year, shall not exceed $5.0 \%$ of consolidated revenues of the Borrower and its consolidated Subsidiaries for such fiscal year) and (iii) each such payment shall be made no earlier than three Business Days prior to the date such payment is due.
(d) Amend, modify, waive or otherwise change, or consent or agree to any amendment, modification, waiver or other change to, any of the terms of the Management Fee Agreement, other than any such amendment, modification, waiver or other change that (i) (x) would extend the due date or reduce (or increase to the amount permitted by Section $7.8(\mathrm{c})$ ) the amount of any payment thereunder or (y) does not adversely affect the interests of the Lenders (it being understood that a change in the manager thereunder to another member of the Charter Group does not adversely affect the interests of the Lenders) and (ii) does not involve the payment of a consent fee or adversely affect the subordination of the management fees to the Loans or the guarantees thereof, as the case may be.
7.9. Transactions with Affiliates. Enter into any transaction, including any purchase, sale, lease or exchange of property, the rendering of any service or the payment of any management, advisory or similar fees, with any Affiliate (other than the Borrower or any Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor) unless such transaction is (a) not prohibited under this Agreement, (b) in the ordinary course of business of the Borrower or such Subsidiary, as the case may be, and (c) upon fair and reasonable terms no less favorable to the Borrower or such Subsidiary, as the case may be, than it would obtain in a comparable arm's length transaction with a Person that is not an Affiliate. The foregoing restrictions shall not apply to transactions expressly permitted by Section 7.6 or Section 7.8(c). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 7.9, so long as no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom, the Borrower shall be permitted to pay (either directly or by way of a distribution to Holdings) amounts not in excess of $1.0 \%$ of the aggregate enterprise value of Investments permitted hereby to certain Affiliates of the Borrower.
7.10. Sales and Leasebacks. Enter into any arrangement with any Person (other than Subsidiaries of the Borrower) providing for the leasing by Holdings, the Borrower or any Subsidiary of real or personal property that has been or is to be sold or transferred by Holdings, the Borrower or such Subsidiary to such Person or to any other Person to whom funds have been or are to be advanced by such Person on the security of such property or rental obligations of Holdings, the Borrower or such Subsidiary unless, after giving effect thereto, the aggregate outstanding amount of Attributable Debt does not exceed \$40,000, 000 .
7.11. Changes in Fiscal Periods. Permit the fiscal year of the Borrower to end on a day other than December 31 or change the Borrower's method of determining fiscal quarters.
7.12. Negative Pledge Clauses. Enter into or suffer to exist or become effective any agreement that prohibits or limits the ability of Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries to create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien upon any of its property or revenues, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, to secure its obligations under the Loan Documents to which it is a party (without regard to the amount of such obligations), other than (a) this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, (b) any agreements governing any purchase money Liens or Capital Lease Obligations otherwise permitted hereby (in which case, any prohibition or limitation shall only be effective against the assets financed thereby) and (c) pursuant to Contractual Obligations assumed in connection with Investments (but not created in contemplation thereof) so long as the maximum aggregate liabilities of Holdings and its Subsidiaries pursuant thereto do not exceed $\$ 4,000,000$ at any time.
7.13. Clauses Restricting Subsidiary Distributions. Enter into or suffer to exist or become effective any consensual encumbrance or restriction on the ability of any Subsidiary of the Borrower to (a) make Restricted Payments in respect of any Equity Interests of such Subsidiary held by, or pay any Indebtedness owed to, the Borrower or any other Subsidiary of the Borrower, (b) make loans or advances to, or other Investments in, the Borrower or any other Subsidiary of the Borrower or (c) transfer any of its assets to the Borrower or any other Subsidiary of the Borrower, except for such encumbrances or restrictions existing under or by reason of (i) any restrictions existing under the Loan Documents and (ii) any restrictions with respect to a Subsidiary imposed pursuant to an agreement that has been entered into in connection with the Disposition of all or substantially all of the Equity Interests or assets of such Subsidiary in a transaction otherwise permitted by this Agreement.
7.14. Lines of Business; Holding Company Status. (a) Enter into any business, either directly or through any Subsidiary, except for (i) those businesses in which the Borrower and its Subsidiaries are significantly engaged on the date of this Agreement and (ii) businesses which are reasonably similar or related thereto or reasonable extensions thereof but not, in the case of this clause (ii), in the aggregate, material to the overall business of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries (collectively, "Permitted Lines of Business"), provided, that, in any event, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries will continue to be primarily engaged in the businesses in which they are primarily engaged on the date of this Agreement.
(b) In the case of Holdings, (i) conduct, transact or otherwise engage in, or commit to conduct, transact or otherwise engage in, any business or operations other than those incidental to its ownership of the Equity Interests in other Persons or (ii) own, lease, manage or otherwise operate any properties or assets other than Equity Interests in the Borrower.
7.15. Investments by Holdings in the Borrower. In the case of Holdings, make any Investment in the Borrower other than in the form of a capital contribution, unless such Investment is evidenced by a note and pledged to the Administrative Agent pursuant to the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement.

## ARTICLE VIII EVENTS OF DEFAULT

If any of the following events shall occur and be continuing:
(a) the Borrower shall fail to pay any principal of any Loan or Reimbursement Obligation when due in accordance with the terms hereof; or the Borrower shall fail to pay any interest on any Loan or Reimbursement Obligation, or any other amount payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document, within five days after any such interest or other amount becomes due in accordance with the terms hereof; or
(b) any representation or warranty made or deemed made by any Loan Party herein or in any other Loan Document or that is contained in any certificate, document or financial or other statement furnished by it at any time under or in connection with this Agreement or any such other Loan Document shall prove to have been inaccurate in any material respect on or as of the date made or deemed made; or
(c) any Loan Party shall default in the observance or performance of any agreement contained in clause (i) or (ii) of Section 6.4(a) (with respect to Holdings and the Borrower only), Section 6.7(a) or Section 7 of this Agreement or Sections 6.4 and $6.6(b)$ of the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement; or
d) any Loan Party shall default in the observance or performance of any other agreement contained in this Agreement or any other Loan Document (other than as provided in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this Section), and such default shall continue unremedied for a period of 30 days after notice to the Borrower from the Administrative Agent or the Majority Lenders; or
(e) Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall (i) default in making any payment of any principal of any Indebtedness (including any Guarantee Obligation, but excluding the Loans) on the scheduled or original due date with respect thereto; or (ii) default in making any payment of any interest on any such Indebtedness beyond the period of grace, if any, provided in the instrument or agreement under which such Indebtedness was created; or (iii) default in the observance or performance of any other agreement or condition relating to any such Indebtedness or contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing, securing or relating thereto, or any other event shall occur or condition exist, the effect of which default or other event or condition is to cause, or to permit the holder or beneficiary of such Indebtedness (or a trustee or agent on behalf of such holder or beneficiary) to cause, with the giving of notice if required, such Indebtedness to become due prior to its stated maturity or (in the case of any such Indebtedness constituting a Guarantee Obligation) to become payable; provided, that a default, event or condition described in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) of this paragraph (e) shall not at any time constitute an Event of Default unless, at such time, one or more defaults, events or conditions of the type described in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph (e) shall have occurred and be continuing with respect to Indebtedness of Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries the outstanding principal amount of which exceeds in the aggregate $\$ 25,000,000$; or
(f) (i) Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall commence any case, proceeding or other action (A) under any existing or future law of any jurisdiction, domestic or foreign, relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or relief of debtors, seeking to have an order for relief entered with respect to it, or seeking to adjudicate it a bankrupt or insolvent, or seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, winding-up, liquidation, dissolution, composition or other relief with respect to it or its debts, or (B) seeking appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator or other similar official for it or for all or any substantial part of its assets, or Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall make a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or (ii) there shall be commenced against Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries any case, proceeding or other action of a nature referred to in clause (i) above that (A) results in the entry of an order for relief or any such adjudication or appointment or (B) remains undismissed, undischarged or unbonded for a period of 60 days; or (iii) there shall be commenced against Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries any case, proceeding or other action seeking issuance of a warrant of attachment, execution, distraint or similar process against all or any substantial part of its
assets, or Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall make a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or (ii) there shall be commenced against Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries any case, proceeding or other action of a nature referred to in clause (i) above that (A) results in the entry of an order for relief or any such adjudication or appointment or (B) remains undismissed, undischarged or unbonded for a period of 60 days; or (iii) there shall be commenced against Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries any case, proceeding or other action seeking issuance of a warrant of attachment, execution, distraint or similar process against all or any substantial part of its assets that results in the entry of an order for any such relief that shall not have been vacated, discharged, or stayed or bonded pending appeal within 60 days from the entry thereof; or (iv) Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall take any action in furtherance of, or indicating its consent to, approval of, or acquiescence in, any of the acts set forth in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) above; or (v) Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall generally not, or shall be unable to, or shall admit in writing its inability to, pay its debts as they become due; or
(g) (i) Commonly Controlled Entities shall fail to pay when due amounts (other than amounts being contested in good faith through appropriate proceedings) for which they shall have become liable under Title IV of ERISA to pay to the PBGC or to a Plan, (ii) the PBGC shall institute proceedings under Title IV of ERISA to terminate or to cause a trustee to be appointed to administer any Plan or a proceeding shall be instituted by a fiduciary of any Plan against any Commonly Controlled Entity to enforce Sections 515 or 4219(c)(5) of ERISA and such proceeding shall not have been dismissed within 30 days thereafter, or (iii) a condition shall exist which would require the PBGC to obtain a decree adjudicating that any Plan must be terminated; and in each case in clauses (i) through (iii) above, such event or condition, together with all other such events or conditions, if any, could, in the sole judgment of the Majority Lenders, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; or
(h) one or more judgments or decrees shall be entered against Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries involving in the aggregate for all such Persons a liability (to the extent not paid or fully covered by insurance as to which the relevant insurance company has acknowledged coverage) of $\$ 25,000,000$ or more, and all such judgments or decrees shall not have been vacated, discharged, stayed or bonded pending appeal within 30 days from the entry thereof; or
(i) the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement shall cease, for any reason (other than the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Administrative Agent), to be in full force and effect, or any Loan Party or any Affiliate of any Loan Party shall so assert, or any Lien created by the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement shall cease to be enforceable and of the same effect and priority purported to be created thereby; or
(j) (i) the Paul Allen Group shall cease to have the power, directly or indirectly, to vote or direct the voting of Equity Interests having at least 51\% (determined on a fully diluted basis) of the ordinary voting power for the management of the Borrower; (ii) the Paul Allen Group shall cease to own of record and beneficially, directly or indirectly, Equity Interests of the Borrower representing at least 25\% (determined on a fully diluted basis) of the economic interests therein; (iii) a Specified Change of Control shall occur; (iv) Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC shall cease to own of record and beneficially, directly or indirectly, Equity Interests of the Borrower representing at least 51\% (determined on a fully diluted basis) of the economic interests therein; or (v) the Borrower shall cease to be a direct Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Holdings; or
(k) the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall have received a notice of termination or suspension with respect to any of its CATV Franchises or CATV Systems from the FCC or any Governmental Authority or other franchising authority or the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or the grantors of any CATV Franchises or CATV Systems shall fail to renew such CATV Franchises or CATV Systems at the stated expiration thereof if the percentage represented by such CATV Franchises or CATV Systems and any other CATV Franchises or CATV Systems which are then so terminated, suspended or not renewed of Consolidated Operating Cash Flow for the 12-month period preceding the date of the termination, suspension or failure to renew, as the case may be, (giving pro forma effect to any acquisitions or Dispositions that have occurred since the beginning of such 12 -month period as if such acquisitions or Dispositions had occurred at the beginning of such 12 -month period), would exceed $10 \%$, unless (i) an alternative CATV Franchise or CATV System in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Majority Lenders shall have been procured and come into effect prior to or concurrently with the termination or expiration date of such terminated, suspended or non-renewed CATV Franchise or CATV System or (ii) the Borrower or such Subsidiary continues to operate and retain the revenues received from such systems after the stated termination or expiration and is engaged in negotiations to renew or extend such franchise rights and obtains such renewal or extension within one year following the stated termination or expiration, provided that such negotiations have not been terminated by either party thereto, such franchise rights or the equivalent thereof have not been awarded on an exclusive basis to a third Person and no final determination (within the meaning of Section 635 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended) has been made that the Borrower or such Subsidiary is not entitled to the renewal or extension thereof;
then, and in any such event, (A) if such event is an Event of Default specified in clause (i) or (ii) of paragraph (f) above with respect to the Borrower, automatically the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments and the Revolving Commitments shall immediately terminate and the Loans hereunder (with accrued interest thereon) and all other amounts owing under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (including all amounts of L/C Obligations, whether or not the beneficiaries of the then outstanding Letters of Credit shall have presented the documents required thereunder) shall immediately become due and payable, and (B) if such event is any other Event of Default, either or both of the following actions may be taken: (i) with the consent of the Majority Lenders, the Administrative Agent may, or upon the request of the Majority Lenders, the Administrative Agent shall, by notice to the Borrower declare the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments and the Revolving Commitments to be terminated forthwith, whereupon the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments and the Revolving Commitments shall immediately terminate; and (ii) with the consent of the Majority Lenders, the Administrative Agent may, or upon the request of the Majority Lenders, the Administrative Agent shall, by notice to the Borrower, declare the Loans hereunder (with accrued interest thereon) and all other amounts owing under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (including all amounts of L/C Obligations, whether or not the beneficiaries of the then outstanding Letters of Credit shall have presented the documents required thereunder) to be due and payable forthwith, whereupon the same shall immediately become due and payable. With respect to all Letters of Credit with respect to which presentment for honor shall not have occurred at the time of an acceleration pursuant to this paragraph, the Borrower shall at such
time deposit in a cash collateral account opened by the Administrative Agent an amount equal to the aggregate then undrawn and unexpired amount of such Letters of Credit. Amounts held in such cash collateral account shall be applied by the Administrative Agent to the payment of drafts drawn under such Letters of Credit, and the unused portion thereof after all such Letters of Credit shall have expired or been fully drawn upon, if any, shall be applied to repay other obligations of the Borrower hereunder and under the other Loan Documents. After all such Letters of Credit shall have expired or been fully drawn upon, all Reimbursement Obligations shall have been satisfied and all other obligations of the Borrower hereunder and under the other Loan Documents shall have been paid in full, the balance, if any, in such cash collateral account shall be returned to the Borrower (or such other Person as may be lawfully entitled thereto). Except as expressly provided above in this Section, presentment, demand, protest and all other notices of any kind are hereby expressly waived by the Borrower.

## ARTICLE IX THE AGENTS

9.1. Appointment. Each Lender hereby irrevocably designates and appoints the Administrative Agent as the agent of such Lender under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, and each such Lender irrevocably authorizes the Administrative Agent, in such capacity, to take such action on its behalf under the provisions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and to exercise such powers and perform such duties as are expressly delegated to the Administrative Agent by the terms of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, together with such other powers as are reasonably incidental thereto Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary elsewhere in this Agreement, the Administrative Agent shall not have any duties or responsibilities, except those expressly set forth herein, or any fiduciary relationship with any Lender, and no implied covenants, functions, responsibilities, duties, obligations or liabilities shall be read into this Agreement or any other Loan Document or otherwise exist against the Administrative Agent.
9.2. Delegation of Duties. The Administrative Agent may execute any of its duties under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents by or through agents or attorneys-in-fact and shall be entitled to advice of counsel concerning all matters pertaining to such duties. The Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for the negligence or misconduct of any agents or attorneys in-fact selected by it with reasonable care.
9.3. Exculpatory Provisions. Neither any Agent nor any of their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or affiliates shall be (i) liable for any action lawfully taken or omitted to be taken by it or such Person under or in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document (except to the extent that any of the foregoing are found by a final and nonappealable decision of a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted from its or such Person's own gross negligence or willful misconduct) or (ii) responsible in any manner to any of the Lenders for any recitals, statements, representations or warranties made by any Loan Party or any officer thereof contained in this Agreement or any other Loan Document or in any certificate, report, statement or other document referred to or provided for in, or received by the Agents under or in connection with, this Agreement or any other Loan Document or for the value, validity, effectiveness, genuineness, enforceability or sufficiency of this Agreement or any other Loan Document or for any failure of any Loan Party a party thereto to perform its obligations hereunder or thereunder. The Agents shall not be under any obligation to
any Lender to ascertain or to inquire as to the observance or performance of any of the agreements contained in, or conditions of, this Agreement or any other Loan Document, or to inspect the properties, books or records of any Loan Party.
9.4. Reliance by Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent shall be entitled to rely, and shall be fully protected in relying, upon any instrument, writing, resolution, notice, consent, certificate, affidavit, letter, telecopy, telex or teletype message, statement, order or other document or conversation believed by it to be genuine and correct and to have been signed, sent or made by the proper Person or Persons and upon advice and statements of legal counsel (including counsel to Holdings or the Borrower), independent accountants and other experts selected by the Administrative Agent The Administrative Agent may deem and treat the payee of any Note as the owner thereof for all purposes unless a written notice of assignment, negotiation or transfer thereof shall have been filed with the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent shall be fully justified in failing or refusing to take any action under this Agreement or any other Loan Document unless it shall first receive such advice or concurrence of the Majority Lenders (or, if so specified by this Agreement, all Lenders) as it deems appropriate or it shall first be indemnified to its satisfaction by the Lenders against any and all liability and expense that may be incurred by it by reason of taking or continuing to take any such action. The Administrative Agent shall in all cases be fully protected in acting, or in refraining from acting, under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents in accordance with a request of the Majority Lenders (or, if so specified by this Agreement, all Lenders), and such request and any action taken or failure to act pursuant thereto shall be binding upon all the Lenders and all future holders of the Loans.
9.5. Notice of Default. The Administrative Agent shall not be deemed to have knowledge or notice of the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default hereunder unless the Administrative Agent has received notice from a Lender, Holdings or the Borrower referring to this Agreement, describing such Default or Event of Default and stating that such notice is a "notice of default". In the event that the Administrative Agent receives such a notice, the Administrative Agent shall promptly give notice thereof to the Lenders. The Administrative Agent shall take such action with respect to such Default or Event of Default as shall be reasonably directed by the Majority Lenders (or, if so specified by this Agreement, all Lenders); provided that unless and until the Administrative Agent shall have received such directions, the Administrative Agent may (but shall not be obligated to) take such action, or refrain from taking such action, with respect to such Default or Event of Default as it shall deem advisable in the best interests of the Lenders.
9.6. Non-Reliance on Agents and Other Lenders. Each Lender expressly acknowledges that neither the Agents nor any of their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or affiliates have made any representations or warranties to it and that no act by any Agent hereinafter taken, including any review of the affairs of a Loan Party or any affiliate of a Loan Party, shall be deemed to constitute any representation or warranty by any Agent to any Lender. Each Lender represents to the Agents that it has, independently and without reliance upon any Agent or any other Lender, and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own appraisal of and investigation into the business, operations, property, financial and other condition and creditworthiness of the Loan Parties and their affiliates and made its own decision to make its Loans hereunder and enter into
this Agreement. Each Lender also represents that it will, independently and without reliance upon any Agent or any other Lender, and based on such documents and information as it shall deem appropriate at the time, continue to make its own credit analysis, appraisals and decisions in taking or not taking action under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, and to make such investigation as it deems necessary to inform itself as to the business, operations, property, financial and other condition and creditworthiness of the Loan Parties and their affiliates. Except for notices, reports and other documents expressly required to be furnished to the Lenders by the Administrative Agent hereunder, the Administrative Agent shall not have any duty or responsibility to provide any Lender with any credit or other information concerning the business, operations, property, condition (financial or otherwise), prospects or creditworthiness of any Loan Party or any affiliate of a Loan Party that may come into the possession of the Administrative Agent or any of its officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys-in-fact or affiliates.
9.7. Indemnification. The Lenders agree to indemnify each Agent in its capacity as such (to the extent not reimbursed by Holdings or the Borrower and without limiting the obligation of Holdings or the Borrower to do so), ratably according to their respective Aggregate Exposure Percentages in effect on the date on which indemnification is sought under this Section (or, if indemnification is sought after the date upon which the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments and the Revolving Commitments shall have terminated and the Loans shall have been paid in full, ratably in accordance with such Aggregate Exposure Percentages immediately prior to such date), from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind whatsoever that may at any time (whether before or after the payment of the Loans) be imposed on, incurred by or asserted against such Agent in any way relating to or arising out of, the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments, the Revolving Commitments, this Agreement, any of the other Loan Documents or any documents contemplated by or referred to herein or therein or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or any action taken or omitted by such Agent under or in connection with any of the foregoing; provided that no Lender shall be liable for the payment of any portion of such liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements that are found by a final and nonappealable decision of a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted from such Agent's gross negligence or willful misconduct. The agreements in this Section shall survive the payment of the Loans and all other amounts payable hereunder.
9.8. Agent in Its Individual Capacity. Each Agent and its affiliates may make loans to, accept deposits from and generally engage in any kind of business with any Loan Party as though such Agent was not an Agent. With respect to its Loans made or renewed by it and with respect to any Letter of Credit issued or participated in by it, each Agent shall have the same rights and powers under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents as any Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not an Agent, and the terms "Lender" and "Lenders" shall include each Agent in its individual capacity.
9.9. Resignation of Agents. (a) The Administrative Agent may resign at any time by giving at least 60 days' prior written notice of its intention to do so to each of the other Lenders and the Borrower pending the appointment by the Borrower of a successor Administrative Agent reasonably satisfactory to the Majority Lenders. If no successor

Administrative Agent shall have been so appointed and shall have accepted such appointment within 45 days after the retiring Administrative Agent's giving of such notice of resignation, then the retiring Administrative Agent may with the consent of the Borrower, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed, appoint a successor Administrative Agent which shall be a bank or a trust company organized, or having a branch that is licensed, under the laws of the United States of America or any state thereof and having a combined capital, surplus and undivided profit of at least $\$ 100,000,000$.
(b) Any Agent other than the Administrative Agent may resign at any time by giving at least 60 days' prior written notice of its intention to do so to each of the other Lenders and the Borrower. Upon any such resignation, the Borrower may, but shall not be obligated to, appoint a successor Agent in the relevant capacity reasonably satisfactory to the Majority Lenders, provided, that the effectiveness of such resignation shall not be conditioned upon the appointment of a successor.
(c) After any retiring Agent's resignation hereunder as Agent, the provisions of this Agreement shall continue to inure to the benefit of such Agent as to any actions taken or omitted to be taken by it while it was an Agent under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents.
9.10. Other Agents. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary elsewhere in this Agreement (including the circumstance that the Syndication Agent shall have certain rights regarding notification, consents and other matters, to the extent expressly provided herein), no Agent other than the Administrative Agent shall have any duties or responsibilities hereunder or under any other Loan Document, or any fiduciary relationship with any Lender, and no implied covenants, functions, responsibilities, duties, obligations or liabilities shall be read into this Agreement or any other Loan Document or otherwise exist against any Agent.

## ARTICLE X MISCELLANEOUS

10.1. Amendments and Waivers. Neither this Agreement, any other Loan Document nor any term hereof or thereof may be amended orally, nor may any provision hereof or thereof be waived orally but only by an instrument in writing signed by the Majority Lenders (or by the Administrative Agent if authorized in writing to do so by the Majority Lenders) and by the Borrower, except in connection with the Incremental Term Facility or other transactions described in Section 2.1(c) (which requires no consent) and in the event of (a) any reduction in a scheduled payment of principal, interest or fees due hereunder (other than the waiver of charging interest at the Default Rate), (b) any postponement of the timing of scheduled payments of principal, interest or fees hereunder to any Lender, (c) any waiver of any Default due to the Borrower's failure to pay any principal, interest or fees when scheduled to be due hereunder to any Lender, (d) any amendment of this Section 10.1 or of the definition of Majority Lenders or Majority Facility Lenders, (e) any release of Collateral or guarantees, (f) any changes in the several nature of the obligations of the Lenders, or (g) any change to the provisions of Section 2.15 hereof which provide for payments to be distributed to the Lenders on a pro rata basis, any amendment or waiver may be made only by an instrument in writing signed by the Administrative Agent and all the Lenders and by the Borrower. No Lender's Revolving

Commitment, Tranche A Incremental Term Commitment or Tranche B Incremental Term Commitment hereunder may be increased without the written consent of such Lender.
10.2. Notices. All notices, requests and demands to or upon the respective parties hereto to be effective shall be in writing (including by telecopy), and, unless otherwise expressly provided herein, shall be deemed to have been duly given or made when delivered, or three Business Days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, or, in the case of telecopy notice, when received, addressed as follows in the case of Holdings, the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, and as set forth in an administrative questionnaire delivered to the Administrative Agent in the case of the Lenders, or to such other address as may be hereafter notified by the respective parties hereto:

Any Loan Party: c/o CC VIII Operating, LLC
12444 Powerscourt Drive, Suite 100
St. Louis, Missouri 63131
Attention: Kent D. Kalkwarf
Telecopy: (314) 965-8793
Telephone: (314) 543-2309
The Administrative
Agent:
Toronto Dominion (Texas), Inc.
909 Fannin, Suite 1700 Houston, Texas 77010 Attention: Jeff Lents Telecopy: (713) 951-0033 Telephone: (713) 653-8229
provided that any notice, request or demand to or upon the Administrative Agent or the Lenders shall not be effective until received.
10.3. No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies. No failure to exercise and no delay in exercising, on the part of any Agent or any Lender, any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder or under the other Loan Documents shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege. The rights, remedies, powers and privileges herein provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights, remedies, powers and privileges provided by law.
10.4. Survival of Representations and Warranties. All
representations and warranties made hereunder, in the other Loan Documents and in any document, certificate or statement delivered pursuant hereto or in connection herewith shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the making of the Loans and other extensions of credit hereunder.
10.5. Payment of Expenses and Taxes. The Borrower agrees (a) to pay or reimburse the Administrative Agent for all its reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred in connection with the development, preparation and execution of, and any amendment,
supplement or modification to, this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and any other documents prepared in connection herewith or therewith, and the consummation and administration of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of one firm of counsel to the Administrative Agent and filing and recording fees and expenses, with statements with respect to the foregoing to be submitted to the Borrower prior to the Restatement Effective Date (in the case of amounts to be paid on the Restatement Effective Date) and from time to time thereafter on a quarterly basis or such other periodic basis as the Administrative Agent shall deem appropriate, (b) to pay or reimburse each Lender and each Agent for all its costs and expenses incurred in connection with the enforcement or preservation of any rights under this Agreement, the other Loan Documents and any such other documents, including the fees and disbursements of one firm of counsel selected by the Administrative Agent and reasonably acceptable to the Syndication Agent (or, in the event that either Syndication Agent determines in good faith that issues apply to it that are not applicable to the Administrative Agent or, with respect to an issue as to which another counsel is proposed to be engaged, that its interests are different from those of the Administrative Agent, one additional firm of counsel selected by Chase Securities Inc.), together with any special or local counsel to the Administrative Agent, and not more than one other firm of counsel to the Lenders, (c) to pay, indemnify, and hold each Lender and each Agent harmless from, any and all recording and filing fees and any and all liabilities with respect to, or resulting from any delay in paying, stamp, excise and other taxes, if any, that may be payable or determined to be payable in connection with the execution and delivery of, or consummation or administration of any of the transactions contemplated by, or any amendment, supplement or modification of, or any waiver or consent under or in respect of, this Agreement, the other Loan Documents and any such other documents, and (d) to pay, indemnify, and hold each Lender, each Agent, their affiliates and their respective officers, directors, trustees, employees, agents and controlling persons (each, an "Indemnitee") harmless from and against any and all other liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind or nature whatsoever with respect to the execution, delivery, enforcement, performance and administration of this Agreement, the other Loan Documents and any such other documents, including any of the foregoing relating to the use of proceeds of the Loans or the violation of, noncompliance with or liability under, any Environmental Law applicable to the operations of Holdings, the Borrower any of its Subsidiaries or any of the Properties and the reasonable fees and expenses of legal counsel in connection with claims, actions or proceedings by any Indemnitee against any Loan Party under any Loan Document (all the foregoing in this clause (d), collectively, the 'Indemnified Liabilities"), provided, that the Borrower shall have no obligation hereunder to any Indemnitee with respect to Indemnified Liabilities to the extent such Indemnified Liabilities are found by a final and nonappealable decision of a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee. Without limiting the foregoing, and to the extent permitted by applicable law, the Borrower agrees not to assert and to cause its Subsidiaries not to assert, and hereby waives and agrees to cause its Subsidiaries to so waive, all rights for contribution or any other rights of recovery with respect to all claims, demands, penalties, fines, liabilities, settlements, damages, costs and expenses of whatever kind or nature, under or related to Environmental Laws, that any of them might have by statute or otherwise against any Indemnitee. All amounts due under this Section 10.5 shall be payable not later than 15 days after written demand therefor. Statements payable by the Borrower pursuant to this Section 10.5 shall be submitted to Kent Kalkwarf (Telephone No. 314-543-2309)
(Telecopy No. 314-965-8793), at the address of the Borrower set forth in Section 10.2, or to such other Person or address as may be hereafter designated by the Borrower in a written notice to the Administrative Agent. The agreements in this Section 10.5 shall survive repayment of the Loans and all other amounts payable hereunder.
10.6. Successors and Assigns; Participations and Assignments. (a) This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of Holdings, the Borrower, the Lenders, the Agents, all future holders of the Loans and their respective successors (which shall include, in the case of any Lender, any entity resulting from a merger or consolidation) and assigns, except that the Borrower may not assign or transfer any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of each Lender.
(b) Any Lender other than any Conduit Lender may, without the consent of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, in accordance with applicable law, at any time sell to one or more banks, financial institutions or other entities (each, a "Participant"), including, without limitation, any Conduit Participant, participating interests in any Loan owing to such Lender, any Tranche A Incremental Term Commitment or Revolving Commitment of such Lender or any other interest of such Lender hereunder and under the other Loan Documents. In the event of any such sale by a Lender of a participating interest to a Participant, such Lender's obligations under this Agreement to the other parties to this Agreement shall remain unchanged, such Lender shall remain solely responsible for the performance thereof, such Lender shall remain the holder of any such Loan for all purposes under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, and the Borrower and the Agents shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. In no event shall any Participant under any such participation have any right to approve any amendment or waiver of any provision of any Loan Document, or any consent to any departure by any Loan Party therefrom, except to the extent that such amendment, waiver or consent would (i) reduce the amount or extend the scheduled date of amortization or maturity of any Loan, (ii) reduce the rate of interest or any fee or extend any due date thereof or (iii) increase the amount or extend the expiry date of any Lender's commitment, in each case to the extent subject to such participation. The Borrower agrees that if amounts outstanding under this Agreement and the Loans are due or unpaid, or shall have been declared or shall have become due and payable upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, each Participant shall, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, be deemed to have the right of setoff in respect of its participating interest in amounts owing under this Agreement to the same extent as if the amount of its participating interest were owing directly to it as a Lender under this Agreement, provided that, in purchasing such participating interest, such Participant shall be deemed to have agreed to share with the Lenders the proceeds thereof as provided in Section 10.7(a) as fully as if it were a Lender hereunder. The Borrower also agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of Sections $2.16,2.17$ and 2.18 with respect to its participation in the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments and the Revolving Commitments and the Loans outstanding from time to time as if it was a Lender; provided that, in the case of Section 2.17, such Participant shall have complied with the requirements of said Section and provided, further, that no Participant shall be entitled to receive any greater amount pursuant to any such Section than the transferor Lender would have been entitled to receive in respect of the amount of the participation transferred by such transferor Lender to such Participant had no such transfer occurred.
(c) Any Lender other than any Conduit Lender (an "Assignor") may, in accordance with applicable law, at any time and from time to time assign to any Lender, any affiliate of any Lender or any Approved Fund or, with the consent of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent (which, in each case, shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed), to an additional bank, financial institution or other entity (an "Assignee") all or any part of its rights and obligations under this Agreement pursuant to an Assignment and Acceptance, executed by such Assignee, such Assignor and any other Person whose consent is required pursuant to this paragraph, and delivered to the Administrative Agent for its acceptance and recording in the Register; provided that, except in the case of an assignment of all of a Lender's interests under this Agreement, no such assignment to an Assignee (other than any Lender, any affiliate of any Lender or any Approved Fund, each an "Intracreditor Assignee") shall (i) be in an aggregate principal amount of less than (x) \$5,000,000, in the case of the Revolving Facility and the Tranche A Term Facility or (y) \$1,000,000, in the case of the Tranche B Term Facility and the Incremental Term Facility or (ii) cause the Assignor to have Aggregate Exposure of less than (x) \$3,000,000, in the case of the Revolving Facility and the Tranche A Term Facility or (y) $\$ 1,000,000$, in the case of the Tranche B Term Facility and the Incremental Term Facility, in the case of either clause (i) or (ii), unless otherwise agreed by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent; provided further that, except in the case of an assignment of all of a Lender's interests under this Agreement, no such assignment to an Intracreditor Assignee shall (i) be in an aggregate principal amount of less than $\$ 250,000$ or (ii) cause the Assignor to have Aggregate Exposure of less than $\$ 250,000$, in each case unless otherwise agreed by the Borrower and the Administrative Agent. For purposes of clauses (i) and (ii) of the preceding sentence, the amounts described therein shall be aggregated in respect of each Lender and its related Approved Funds, if any. Any such assignment need not be ratable as among the Facilities. Upon such execution, delivery, acceptance and recording, from and after the effective date determined pursuant to such Assignment and Acceptance, (x) the Assignee thereunder shall be a party hereto and, to the extent provided in such Assignment and Acceptance, have the rights and obligations of a Lender hereunder with a Tranche A Incremental Term Commitment or a Revolving Commitment and/or Loans as set forth therein, and (y) the Assignor thereunder shall, to the extent provided in such Assignment and Acceptance, be released from its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment and Acceptance covering all of an Assignor's rights and obligations under this Agreement, such Assignor shall cease to be a party hereto). Notwithstanding any provision of this Section 10.6, the consent of the Borrower shall not be required for any assignment that occurs when an Event of Default pursuant to Section 8(a) or 8(f) shall have occurred and be continuing. On the effective date of any Assignment and Acceptance, the Administrative Agent shall give notice of the terms thereof to the Syndication Agent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Conduit Lender may assign at any time to its designating Lender hereunder without the consent of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent any or all of the Loans it may have funded hereunder and pursuant to its designation agreement and without regard to the limitations set forth in the first sentence of this Section 10.6(c).
(d) The Administrative Agent shall, on behalf of the Borrower, maintain at its address referred to in Section 10.2 a copy of each Assignment and Acceptance delivered to it and a register (the "Register") for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders and the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitment and the Revolving Commitment of, and the principal amount of the Loans owing to, each Lender from time to time. The entries in the Register shall be conclusive, in the absence of manifest error, and the Borrower, each other Loan Party, the

Agents and the Lenders shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register as the owner of the Loans and any Notes evidencing the Loans recorded therein for all purposes of this Agreement. Any assignment of any Loan, whether or not evidenced by a Note, shall be effective only upon appropriate entries with respect thereto being made in the Register (and each Note shall expressly so provide). Any assignment or transfer of all or part of a Loan evidenced by a Note shall be registered on the Register only upon surrender for registration of assignment or transfer of the Note evidencing such Loan, accompanied by a duly executed Assignment and Acceptance, and thereupon one or more new Notes shall be issued to the designated Assignee. The Administrative Agent will promptly send a copy of the Register to the Borrower upon request.
(e) Upon its receipt of an Assignment and Acceptance executed by an Assignor, an Assignee and any other Person whose consent is required by Section 10.6(c), together with payment to the Administrative Agent of a registration and processing fee of $\$ 3,500$, the Administrative Agent shall (i) promptly accept such Assignment and Acceptance and (ii) record the information contained therein in the Register on the effective date determined pursuant thereto.
(f) For avoidance of doubt, the parties to this Agreement acknowledge that the provisions of this Section 10.6 concerning assignments relate only to absolute assignments and that such provisions do not prohibit assignments creating security interests, including any pledge or assignment by a Lender of any Loan to any Federal Reserve Bank in accordance with applicable law or including, in the case of any Lender that is an investment fund, any pledge or assignment of all or any portion of such Lender's rights under this Agreement to any holders of obligations owed, or securities issued, by such Lender as security for such obligations or securities, or to any trustee for, or any other representative of, such holders; provided that no such pledge or assignment of a security interest shall release a Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledgee or assignee for such Lender as a party hereto.
(g) Each of Holdings, the Borrower, each Lender and the Administrative Agent hereby confirms that it will not institute against a Conduit Lender or join any other Person in instituting against a Conduit Lender any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, insolvency or liquidation proceeding under any state bankruptcy or similar law, for one year and one day after the payment in full of the latest maturing commercial paper note issued by such Conduit Lender; provided, however, that each Lender designating any Conduit Lender hereby agrees to indemnify, save and hold harmless each other party hereto for any loss, cost, damage or expense arising out of its inability to institute such a proceeding against such Conduit Lender during such period of forbearance.
10.7. Adjustments; Set-off. (a) Except to the extent that this Agreement expressly provides for payments to be allocated to a particular Lender or to the Lenders under a particular Facility, if any Lender (a "Benefitted Lender") shall receive any payment of all or part of the amounts owing to it hereunder, or receive any collateral in respect thereof (whether voluntarily or involuntarily, by set-off, pursuant to events or proceedings of the nature referred to in Section 8(f), or otherwise), in a greater proportion than any such payment to or collateral received by any other Lender, if any, in respect of the amounts owing to such other Lender hereunder, such Benefitted Lender shall purchase for cash from the other Lenders a participating
interest in such portion of the amounts owing to each such other Lender hereunder, or shall provide such other Lenders with the benefits of any such collateral, as shall be necessary to cause such Benefitted Lender to share the excess payment or benefits of such collateral ratably with each of the Lenders; provided, however, that if all or any portion of such excess payment or benefits is thereafter recovered from such Benefitted Lender, such purchase shall be rescinded, and the purchase price and benefits returned, to the extent of such recovery, but without interest, unless such Benefitted Lender is required to pay interest thereon, in which case each Lender returning funds to such Benefitted Lender shall pay its pro rata share of such interest.
(b) In addition to any rights and remedies of the Lenders provided by law, each Lender shall have the right, without prior notice to Holdings or the Borrower, any such notice being expressly waived by Holdings and the Borrower to the extent permitted by applicable law, upon any amount becoming due and payable by Holdings or the Borrower hereunder (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise), to set off and appropriate and apply against such amount any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final), in any currency, and any other credits, indebtedness or claims, in any currency, in each case whether direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, matured or unmatured, at any time held or owing by such Lender or any branch or agency thereof to or for the credit or the account of Holdings or the Borrower, as the case may be. Each Lender agrees promptly to notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent after any such setoff and application made by such Lender, provided that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such setoff and application.
10.8. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed by one or more of the parties to this Agreement on any number of separate counterparts, and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed signature page of this Agreement by facsimile transmission shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart hereof. A set of the copies of this Agreement signed by all the parties shall be lodged with the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.
10.9. Severability. Any provision of this Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.
10.10. Integration. This Agreement and the other Loan Documents represent the agreement of Holdings, the Borrower, the Agents and the Lenders with respect to the subject matter hereof, and there are no promises, undertakings, representations or warranties by the any Agent or any Lender relative to subject matter hereof not expressly set forth or referred to herein or in the other Loan Documents.
10.11. GOVERNING LAW. THIS AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.
10.12. Submission To Jurisdiction; Waivers. Each of Holdings and the Borrower hereby irrevocably and unconditionally:
(a) submits for itself and its property in any legal action or proceeding relating to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which it is a party, or for recognition and enforcement of any judgment in respect thereof, to the non-exclusive general jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York, the courts of the United States for the Southern District of New York, and appellate courts from any thereof;
(b) consents that any such action or proceeding may be brought in such courts and waives any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the venue of any such action or proceeding in any such court or that such action or proceeding was brought in an inconvenient court and agrees not to plead or claim the same;
(c) agrees that service of process in any such action or proceeding may be effected by mailing a copy thereof by registered or certified mail (or any substantially similar form of mail), postage prepaid, to Holdings or the Borrower, as the case may be at its address set forth in Section 10.2 or at such other address of which the Administrative Agent shall have been notified pursuant thereto;
(d) agrees that nothing herein shall affect the right to effect service of process in any other manner permitted by law or shall limit the right to sue in any other jurisdiction; and
(e) waives, to the maximum extent not prohibited by law, any right it may have to claim or recover in any legal action or proceeding referred to in this Section any special, exemplary, punitive or consequential damages.
10.13. Acknowledgments. Each of Holdings and the Borrower hereby acknowledges that:
(a) it has been advised by counsel in the negotiation, execution and delivery of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents;
(b) neither any Agent nor any Lender has any fiduciary relationship with or duty to Holdings or the Borrower arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents, and the relationship between the Agents and Lenders, on one hand, and Holdings and the Borrower, on the other hand, in connection herewith or therewith is solely that of debtor and creditor; and
c) no joint venture is created hereby or by the other Loan Documents or otherwise exists by virtue of the transactions contemplated hereby among the Agents and the Lenders or among Holdings, the Borrower and the Agents and the Lenders.
10.14. Releases of Guarantees and Liens. (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or in any other Loan Document, the Administrative Agent is hereby irrevocably authorized by each Lender (without requirement of notice to or consent of any Lender except as expressly required by Section 10.1) to take any action requested by the

Borrower having the effect of releasing any Collateral or Guarantee Obligations (i) to the extent necessary to permit consummation of any transaction not prohibited by any Loan Document or that has been approved in accordance with Section 10.1 or (ii) under the circumstances described in paragraph (b) below.
(b) At such time as the Loans, the Reimbursement Obligations and the other obligations under the Loan Documents (other than obligations under or in respect of Hedge Agreements or letters of credit obtained other than pursuant to this Agreement) shall have been paid in full, the Tranche A Incremental Term Commitments and the Revolving Commitments have been terminated and no Letters of Credit shall be outstanding, the Collateral shall be released from the Liens created by the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, and the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement and all obligations (other than those expressly stated to survive such termination) of the Administrative Agent and each Loan Party under the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement shall terminate, all without delivery of any instrument or performance of any act by any Person.
10.15. Confidentiality. Each Agent and each Lender agrees to keep confidential all non-public information provided to it by any Loan Party pursuant to this Agreement that is designated by such Loan Party as confidential; provided that nothing herein shall prevent any Agent or any Lender from disclosing any such information (a) to any Agent, any Lender or any affiliate of any Lender or any Approved Fund, (b) to any Transferee or prospective Transferee that agrees to comply with the provisions of this Section, (c) to its employees, directors, agents, attorneys, accountants and other professional advisors or those of any of its affiliates who have a need to know, (d) upon the request or demand of any Governmental Authority, (e) in response to any order of any court or other Governmental Authority or as may otherwise be required pursuant to any Requirement of Law, (f) if requested or required to do so in connection with any litigation or similar proceeding, (g) that has been publicly disclosed, (h) any nationally recognized rating agency that requires access to information about a Lender's investment portfolio in connection with ratings issued with respect to such Lender, (i) in connection with the exercise of any remedy hereunder or under any other Loan Document or (j) to any direct or indirect contractual counterparty in swap agreements or such contractual counterparty's professional advisor (so long as such contractual counterparty or professional advisor to such contractual counterparty agrees to be bound by the provisions of this Section 10.15).
10.16. WAIVERS OF JURY TRIAL. HOLDINGS, THE BORROWER, THE AGENTS AND THE LENDERS HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVE TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT AND FOR ANY COUNTERCLAIM THEREIN.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered by their proper and duly authorized officers as of the day and year first above written.

CC VIII HOLDINGS, LLC

By: /s/ Eloise A. Engman
Name: Eloise A. Engman
Title: Vice President

CC VIII OPERATING, LLC

By: /s/ Eloise A. Engman
Name: Eloise A. Engman
Title: Vice President

## The Administrative Agent

TORONTO DOMINION (TEXAS), INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey R. Lents
Name: Jeffrey R. Lents
Title: Vice President

## The Syndication Agent

THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK

By: /s/ Edmond DeForest
Name: Edmond DeForest
Title: Vice President

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA

By: /s/ Ian A. Hodgart
Name: Ian A. Hodgart
Title: Authorized Signatory

THE BANK OF NEW YORK, INC.

By: /s/ Geoffrey C. Brooks
Name: Geoffrey C. Brooks Title: Senior Vice President

By: /s/ Gail F. Scannell
Name: Gail F. Scannell
Title: Vice President

## PRICING GRID

| Consolidated Leverage Ratio | Applicable Margin for Eurodollar Loans |  | Applicable Margin for ABR Loans |  | Commitment <br> Fee Rate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A/RC | B | A/RC | B |  |
| Greater than or equal to 5.50 to 1.0 | 2.25\% | 2.75\% | 1.25\% | 1.75\% | 0.375\% |
| Greater than or equal to 4.75 to 1.0 but less than 5.50 to 1.0 | 2.00\% | 2.75\% | 1.00\% | 1.75\% | 0.375\% |
| Greater than or equal to 4.50 to 1.0 but less than 4.75 to 1.0 | 1.75\% | 2.75\% | 0.75\% | 1.75\% | 0.375\% |
| Greater than or equal to 4.00 to 1.0 but less than 4.50 to 1.0 | 1.50\% | 2.50\% | 0.50\% | 1.50\% | 0.375\% |
| Greater than or equal to 3.75 to 1.0 but less than 4.00 to 1.0 | 1.25\% | 2.50\% | 0.25\% | 1.50\% | 0.250\% |
| Greater than or equal to 3.00 to 1.0 but less than 3.75 to 1.0 | 1.00\% | 2.50\% | 0\% | 1.50\% | 0.250\% |
| Less than 3.00 to 1.0 | 0.75\% | 2.50\% | 0\% | 1.50\% | 0.250\% |

As used above, (a) "A/RC" refers to Tranche A Term Loans, Revolving Loans and Swingline Loans and (b) "B" refers to Tranche B Term Loans.

Until the date that is six months after the Restatement Effective Date, rates corresponding to a Consolidated Leverage Ratio of less than 4.50 to 1.0 will not be available.

Changes in the Applicable Margin or in the Commitment Fee Rate resulting from changes in the Consolidated Leverage Ratio shall become effective on the date (the "Adjustment Date") on which financial statements are delivered to the Lenders pursuant to Section 6.1 (but in any event not later than the 45th day after the end of each of the first three quarterly periods of each fiscal year or the 90th day after the end of each fiscal year, as the case may be) and shall remain in effect until the next change to be effected pursuant to this paragraph. If any financial statements referred to above are not delivered within the time periods specified above, then, until such financial statements are delivered, the highest rates referred to in the Pricing Grid shall be applicable. In addition, the highest rates referred to in the Pricing Grid shall be applicable at all times while an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.


[^0]:    The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements. F-66

