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Fourth Quarter 2016 Results
February 8, 2017

Modified Adjustment and Cautionary Statement

In this presentation, Modified prior period results exclude the company's Venezuelan subsidiary's operations, which were deconsolidated as of September 30, 2015, and reflect changes made to customer assignments between the wholesale and enterprise channels at the beginning of 2016. Consistent with the SEC's Compliance and Disclosure Interpretations relating to non-GAAP metrics, we have made changes to some of our earnings materials. See slide 17 for Non-GAAP Reconciliations.

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Forward Looking Statements

Except for the historical and factual information contained herein, the matters set forth in this communication, including statements regarding the expected timing and benefits of the proposed transaction, such as efficiencies, cost savings, enhanced revenues, growth potential, market profile and financial strength, and the competitive ability and position of the combined company, and other statements identified by words such as “will,” “estimates,” “anticipates,” “believes,” “expects,” “projects,” “plans,” “intends,” “may,” “should,” “could,” “seeks” and similar expressions, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the “safe harbor” provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions, many of which are beyond our control. 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Additional Information

In connection with the proposed combination, on January 27, 2017, CenturyLink and Level 3 filed an amended registration statement on Form S-4 with the SEC (Registration Statement No. 333-215121) that includes a preliminary prospectus and also constitutes a joint preliminary proxy statement. The amended registration statement on Form S-4, which is not final and may be further amended, has not been declared effective by the SEC and the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus is not currently available. CenturyLink and Level 3 will deliver the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus to their respective shareholders when it is available. **INVESTORS ARE URGED TO READ THE PRELIMINARY JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND THE DEFINITIVE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS, WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE BECAUSE IT CONTAINS OR WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** You may obtain the preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus (and the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus, when it becomes available) and the filings that are incorporated by reference in the preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus, as well as other filings containing information about CenturyLink and Level 3, free of charge, at the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. You may also obtain these documents free of charge by directing a request to CenturyLink, 100 CenturyLink Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71203, Attention: Corporate Secretary, or to Level 3, 1025 Eldorado Boulevard, Broomfield, Colorado 80021, Attention: Investor Relations.

Participants in the Solicitation

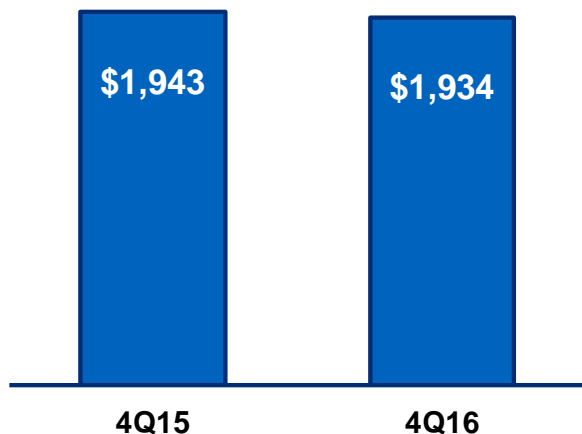
The respective directors and executive officers of CenturyLink and Level 3 and other persons may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies in respect of the proposed transaction. Information regarding CenturyLink's directors and executive officers is available in its proxy statement filed with the SEC by CenturyLink on April 5, 2016, and information regarding Level 3's directors and executive officers is available in its proxy statement filed with the SEC by Level 3 on April 7, 2016. These documents can be obtained free of charge from the sources indicated above. Other information regarding the interests of the participants in the proxy solicitation will be included in the joint proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC when they become available. This communication is not intended to and does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offer of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

- ➔ Network Access Margin of 66.7%
- ➔ Adjusted EBITDA Margin⁽¹⁾ of 35.1%
- ➔ 11% YoY Adjusted EBITDA⁽¹⁾ Growth
- ➔ Generated Strong Free Cash Flow of \$1.024⁽¹⁾ billion, up from \$595 million in 2015

(1) Excludes \$15 million of CenturyLink acquisition-related expenses

CNS Revenue

(\$ in millions)



4Q16 CNS Revenue Performance

Revenue	Constant Currency YoY%	YoY%
Total CNS	0.2%	(0.5%)
Enterprise	2.9%	2.3%
Enterprise _(ex UK Gov't)	3.4%	3.1%
Wholesale	(6.9%)	(7.6%)
North America	0.8%	0.8%
Enterprise	3.2%	3.2%
Wholesale	(5.8%)	(5.8%)
EMEA	(7.3%)	(15%)
Enterprise	(1.9%)	(9.4%)
Wholesale	(9.4%)	(15%)
UK Government	(25%)	(41%)
Latin America	3.8%	6.9%
Enterprise	10%	14%
Wholesale	(16%)	(15%)

1.1% 4Q16 CNS Revenue Churn⁽¹⁾

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

North America Enterprise CNS Revenue

Revenue by Customer Spend

Customer	4Q16 \$ in MM	% of 4Q16 CNS Revenue	% of Customers	4Q16/3Q16 CNS Revenue Change %
Global Accounts	\$199	17%	0.3%	3.4%
\$20K and up per month	\$695	59%	6%	1.1%
\$2K to \$20K per month	\$224	19%	26%	0.3%
Less than \$2K per month	\$61	5%	68%	6.3%
Total	\$1,179	100%	100%	1.6%

**Continued focus on customer experience
initiatives and retention**

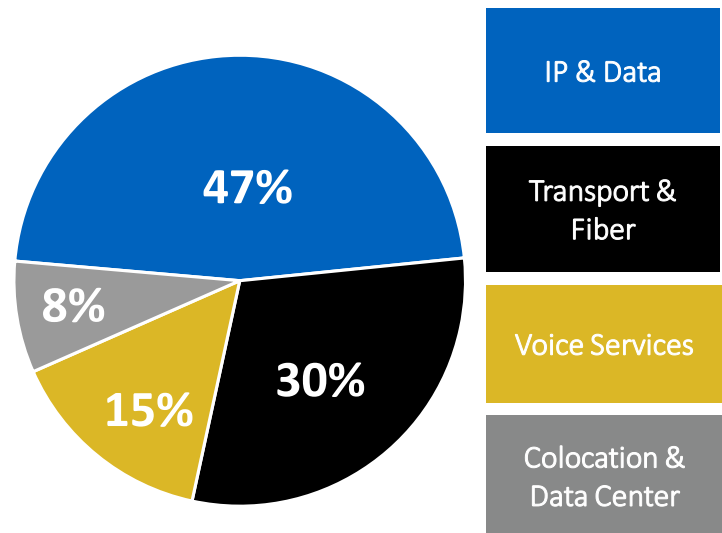
Note: Percentages may not foot due to rounding

4Q16 CNS Services Revenue

CNS Revenue by Service Type

IP & Data Services \$916M	1.7%	Constant Currency
	1.1%	As Reported
Transport & Fiber \$577M	(1.6%)	Constant Currency
	(2.0%)	As Reported
Voice Services \$295M	0.3%	Constant Currency
	(1.0%)	As Reported
Colocation & Data Center \$146M	(2.3%)	Constant Currency
	(2.7%)	As Reported

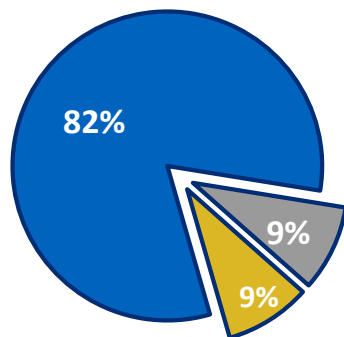
CNS Revenue by Service Type



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

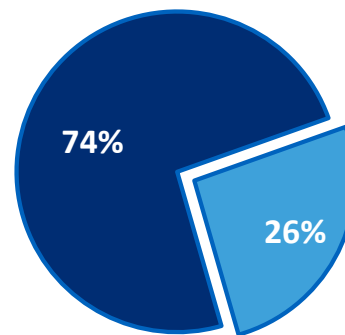
4Q16 Revenue Mix

CNS Revenue by Region



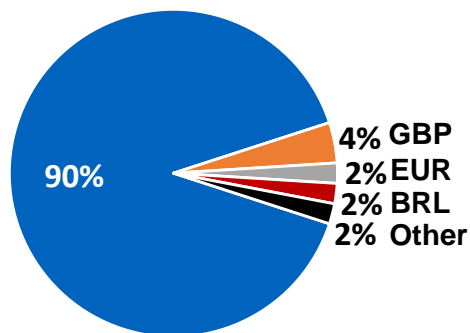
■ North America ■ EMEA ■ Latin America

CNS Revenue by Customer Type

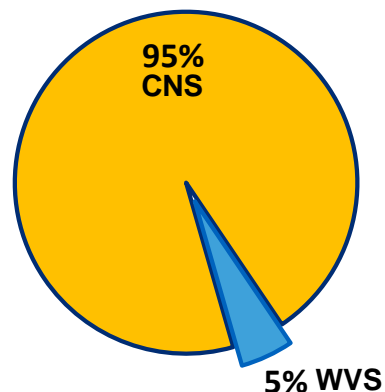


■ Enterprise ■ Wholesale

Total Revenue by Currency



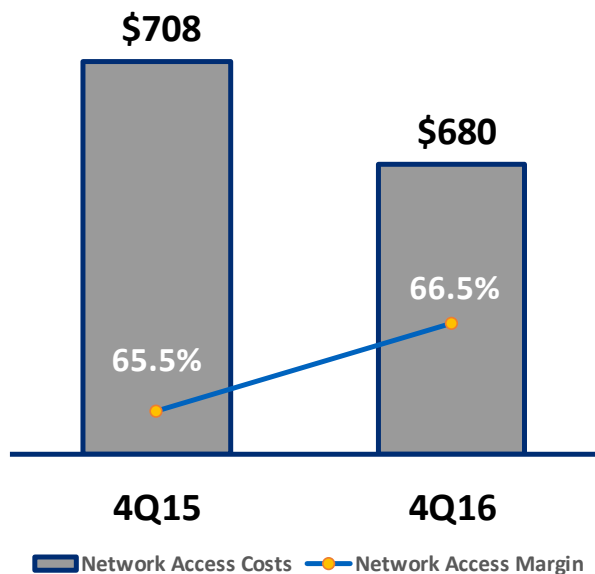
Total Revenue Mix



Network Access Costs & Operating Expenses

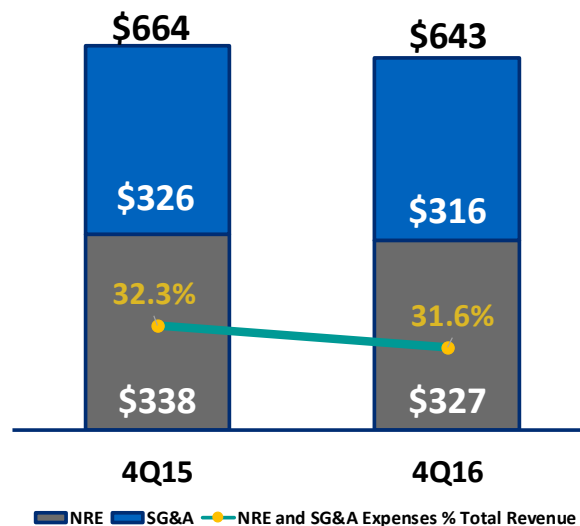
Network Access Costs & Margin

(\$ in millions)



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

(\$ in millions)

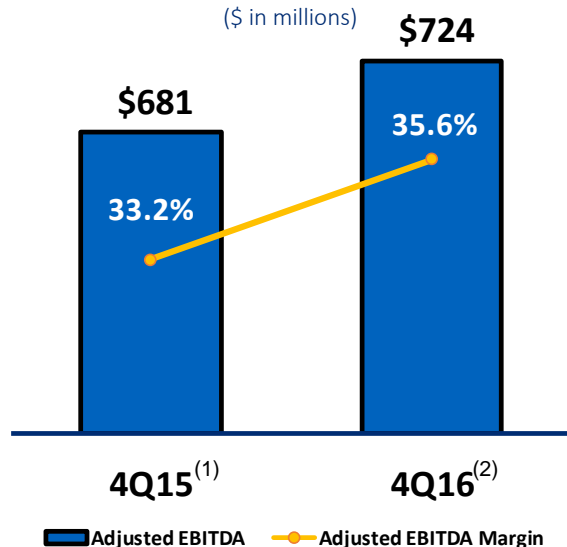


(1) Excludes non-cash compensation expense of \$6 million and \$5 million in NRE and \$43 million and \$30 million in SG&A for 4Q15 and 4Q16, respectively.

Adjusted EBITDA

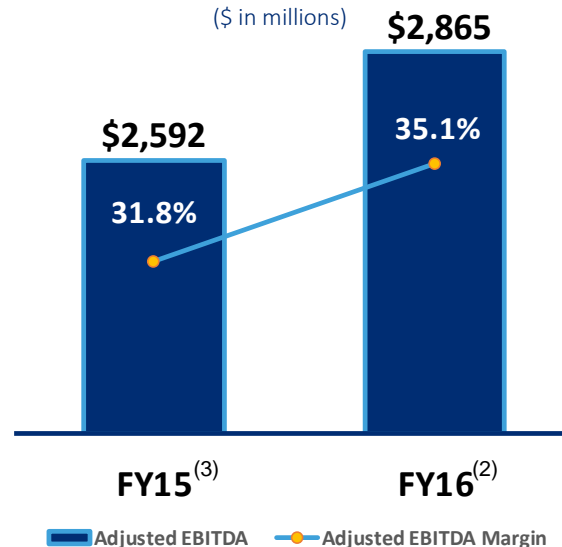
Fourth Quarter Adjusted EBITDA

(\$ in millions)



Full Year Adjusted EBITDA

(\$ in millions)



Net Debt to Adjusted EBITDA Leverage Ratio **3.2x**

(1) Includes \$4 million of tw telecom integration-related expenses

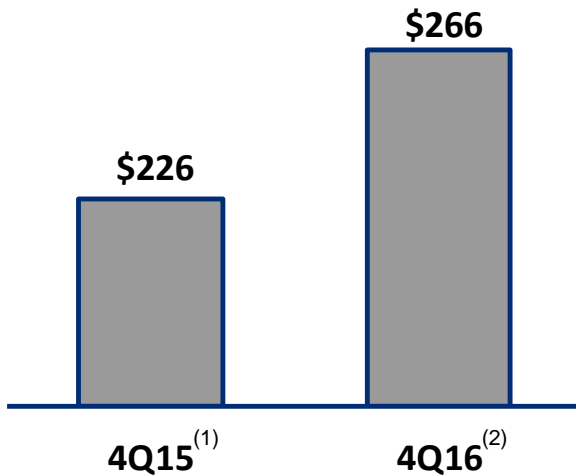
(2) Excludes \$15 million of CenturyLink acquisition-related expenses

(3) Modified to exclude the company's Venezuelan subsidiary's operations, which were deconsolidated as of September 30, 2015 and includes \$32 million of tw telecom integration-related expenses

Free Cash Flow

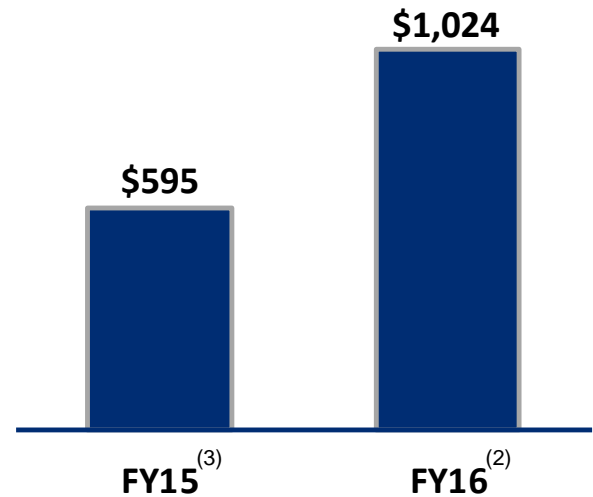
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2017 Business Outlook

	Outlook Metric
Adjusted EBITDA	\$2.94 to \$3.00 billion
Free Cash Flow	\$1.10 to \$1.16 billion
GAAP Interest Expense	\$570 million
Cash Interest Expense	\$520 million
Capital Expenditures	16% of Total Revenue
Depreciation & Amortization	\$1.35 billion
Cash Income Tax	\$40 million
Non-Cash Compensation	\$170 million
Full Year Income Tax Rate	Approximately 38%

Appendix

Financial & Operational Metrics (4Q16)

Revenue Metrics

CNS Revenue by Geography

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

CNS Revenue by Product Group

- 47% IP & Data
- 30% Transport & Fiber
- 15% Voice Services
- 8% Colocation & Data Center

CNS vs. WVS Revenue

- 95% CNS
- 5% WVS

CNS Revenue by Channel

- 74% Enterprise
- 26% Wholesale

Total Revenue by Currency

- 90% USD
- 4% GBP
- 2% EUR
- 2% BRL
- 2% All Other Currencies

CNS Revenue by Currency

- 90% USD
- 4% GBP
- 3% EUR
- 2% BRL
- 1% All Other Currencies

Capital Expenditures as a Percent of Total Revenue

- 4Q16: 15%
- FY16: 16%

CNS Revenue Churn

- 1.1% (monthly)

Operational Metrics

Customers

- Total: ~49,000
- 96% Enterprise
- 4% Wholesale

Headcount

- Total Employees: ~12,600
- QBHC: ~1,140

On-Net Buildings

- Total: 46,300
- 78% North America
- 17% Latin America
- 5% EMEA

Financial Metrics

Shares Outstanding

- 360 million

U.S. Federal NOL Balance

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

Net Debt to Adjusted EBITDA ratio

- 3.2x
- Focused on the low end of target leverage range of 3 to 4 times

Non-GAAP Reconciliation

Schedule to Reconcile to Non-GAAP Financial Metrics

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

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

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

References to “modified” figures represent the adjustments made to exclude the Company's Venezuelan subsidiary's operations that was deconsolidated as of September 30, 2015.

Schedule to Reconcile to Non-GAAP Financial Metrics



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

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

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

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

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

Schedule to Reconcile to Non-GAAP Financial Metrics

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

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

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

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

Schedule to Reconcile to Non-GAAP Financial Metrics

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

Net Debt to Last Twelve Months (LTM) Adjusted EBITDA Ratio is defined as Debt, reduced by cash and cash equivalents and divided by LTM Adjusted EBITDA.

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

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

Schedule to Reconcile to Non-GAAP Financial Metrics

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

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Outlook

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

Schedule to Reconcile to Non-GAAP Financial Metrics

Level 3 Communications, Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries Modified and Constant Currency

		4Q16 Constant Currency	4Q15 ⁽²⁾	4Q16/ 4Q15 %Change	4Q15 FX 4Q16 Constant Currency/ 4Q15 %Change ⁽³⁾
CNS Revenue (\$ in millions)	4Q16				
North America	\$ 1,584	\$ 1,584	\$ 1,572	0.8 %	0.8 %
Wholesale	\$ 405	\$ 405	\$ 430	(5.8)%	(5.8)%
Enterprise	\$ 1,179	\$ 1,179	\$ 1,142	3.2 %	3.2 %
EMEA	\$ 180	\$ 197	\$ 212	(15.1)%	(7.3)%
Wholesale	\$ 58	\$ 62	\$ 68	(14.7)%	(9.4)%
Enterprise	\$ 106	\$ 115	\$ 117	(9.4)%	(1.9)%
UK Government	\$ 16	\$ 20	\$ 27	(40.7)%	(25.3)%
Latin America	\$ 170	\$ 166	\$ 159	6.9 %	3.8 %
Wholesale	\$ 34	\$ 34	\$ 40	(15.0)%	(15.5)%
Enterprise	\$ 136	\$ 132	\$ 119	14.3 %	10.3 %
Total CNS Revenue	\$ 1,934	\$ 1,947	\$ 1,943	(0.5)%	0.2 %
Wholesale	\$ 497	\$ 501	\$ 538	(7.6)%	(6.9)%
Enterprise ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,437	\$ 1,446	\$ 1,405	2.3 %	2.9 %
Total CNS Revenue	\$ 1,934	\$ 1,947	\$ 1,943	(0.5)%	0.2 %
Wholesale Voice Services	98	98	110	(10.9)%	(10.4)%
Total Revenue	\$ 2,032	\$ 2,045	\$ 2,053	(1.0)%	(0.4)%
 EMEA Total w/o UK Govt	 \$ 164	 \$ 177	 \$ 185	 (11.4)%	 (4.7)%
Total CNS w/o UK Govt	\$ 1,918	\$ 1,927	\$ 1,916	0.1 %	0.5 %
Enterprise w/o UK Govt	\$ 1,421	\$ 1,426	\$ 1,378	3.1 %	3.4 %

⁽¹⁾ Includes UK Government

⁽²⁾ The 2015 results have been adjusted to reflect changes made to customer assignments between the wholesale and enterprise channels as of the beginning of 2016.

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

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Level 3 Communications, Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries

(\$ in millions)

			4Q16 Constant Currency	4Q16/ 4Q15 %Change	4Q15 FX 4Q16 Constant Currency/ 4Q15 %Change ⁽²⁾
Core Network Services Revenue	4Q15⁽¹⁾	4Q16			
Colocation and Datacenter Services	\$ 150	\$ 146	\$ 147	(2.7)%	(2.3)%
Transport and Fiber	589	577	580	(2.0)%	(1.6)%
IP and Data Services	906	916	921	1.1 %	1.7 %
Voice Services (Local and Enterprise)	298	295	299	(1.0)%	0.3 %
Total Core Network Services	\$ 1,943	\$ 1,934	\$ 1,947	(0.5)%	0.2 %
Wholesale Voice Services	110	98	98	(10.9)%	(10.4)%
Total Revenue	\$ 2,053	\$ 2,032	\$ 2,045	(1.0)%	(0.4)%

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Adjusted EBITDA

(\$ in millions)	4Q15 ⁽³⁾	4Q16 ⁽²⁾	FY 2015 ⁽³⁾	FY 2015 Venezuela	FY 2015 Modified ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	FY 2016 ⁽²⁾
Net Income	\$ 3,323	\$ 250	\$ 3,433	\$ 29	\$ 3,404	\$ 677
Income Tax (Benefit) Expense	(3,189)	(33)	(3,150)	—	(3,150)	165
Total Other Expense	204	137	1,048	11	1,037	602
Depreciation and Amortization Expense	294	320	1,166	6	1,160	1,250
Non-Cash Compensation Expense	49	35	141	—	141	156
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 681	\$ 709	\$ 2,638	\$ 46	\$ 2,592	\$ 2,850
Total Revenue	\$ 2,053	\$ 2,032	\$ 8,229	\$ 72	\$ 8,157	\$ 8,172
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	33.2 %	34.9 %	32.1 %	63.9 %	31.8 %	34.9 %

⁽¹⁾ Represents the consolidated results modified to exclude the Company's Venezuelan subsidiary's operations that was deconsolidated as of September 30, 2015.

⁽²⁾ Includes \$15 million of CenturyLink acquisition-related expenses.

⁽³⁾ Includes \$4 million and \$32 million of tw telecom integration-related expenses for the fourth quarter 2015 and full year 2015, respectively.

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Level 3 Communications, Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries

Cash Flows

(\$ in millions)	4Q15 ⁽³⁾	4Q16 ⁽²⁾	FY 2015 ⁽³⁾	FY 2015 Venezuela	FY 2015 Modified ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾	FY 2016 ⁽²⁾
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 556	\$ 557	\$ 1,855	\$ 41	\$ 1,814	\$ 2,343
Capital Expenditures	(330)	(306)	(1,229)	(10)	(1,219)	(1,334)
Free Cash Flow	\$ 226	\$ 251	\$ 626	\$ 31	\$ 595	\$ 1,009
Cash Interest Paid	173	136	668	—	668	508
Interest Income	—	(1)	(1)	—	(1)	(4)
Unlevered Cash Flow	\$ 399	\$ 386	\$ 1,293	\$ 31	\$ 1,262	\$ 1,513

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Level 3 Communications, Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries

LTM Adjusted EBITDA

(\$ in millions)	1Q16	2Q16	3Q16	4Q16 ⁽¹⁾	Total: LTM
Total Revenue	\$ 2,051	\$ 2,056	\$ 2,033	\$ 2,032	\$ 8,172
Network Access Costs	(694)	(676)	(675)	(680)	(2,725)
Network Related Expenses	(338)	(339)	(337)	(332)	(1,346)
Selling, General and Administrative Expenses	(356)	(357)	(348)	(346)	(1,407)
Add back: Non-Cash Compensation Expenses	47	31	43	35	156
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 710	\$ 715	\$ 716	\$ 709	\$ 2,850

⁽¹⁾Includes \$15 million of CenturyLink acquisition-related expenses.

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Level 3 Communications, Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries

Net Debt to LTM Adjusted EBITDA ratio as of December 31, 2016

(\$ in millions)

Debt	\$	11,009
Cash and Cash Equivalents		<u>(1,819)</u>
Net Debt	\$	<u>9,190</u>
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	\$	<u>2,850</u>
Net Debt to LTM Adjusted EBITDA Ratio		<u>3.2</u>

⁽¹⁾ Please refer to the computation on Slide LTM Adjusted EBITDA.

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Level 3 Communications, Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries Outlook

Adjusted EBITDA Outlook

Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2017

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

Free Cash Flow Outlook

Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2017

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