

Windstream Corporation
Reconciliations of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Net Debt to OIBDA (net leverage ratio):

	As of
	September 30, 2009
<i>(Dollars in millions)</i>	
Long-term debt, including current maturities	\$ 5,223.1
Cash and cash equivalents	(290.0)
Net debt	(A) \$ 4,933.1

Operating Income:

	Twelve
	Months Ended
	September 30, 2009
<i>(Dollars in millions)</i>	
Operating income under GAAP	\$ 999.0
Pro forma adjustments:	
Operating income adjustment for the disposition of Windstream Supply LLC	(1.8)
Merger and integration costs	2.4
Depreciation and amortization	523.1
Pro forma OIBDA from current businesses	(B) \$ 1,522.7
Net debt to OIBDA from current businesses	(A)/(B) 3.2

	Three	Three	Increase	
	Months Ended	Months Ended	(Decrease)	
	September 30, 2009	September 30, 2008	Amount	%
<i>(Dollars in millions)</i>				
Operating income under GAAP	\$ 225.4	\$ 270.6		
Pro forma adjustments:				
Operating income adjustment for the disposition of Windstream Supply LLC	0.1	(1.2)		
Merger and integration costs	1.0	-		
Impairment loss on assets held for sale		6.5		
Depreciation and amortization	133.8	123.8		
Pro forma OIBDA from current businesses	360.3	399.7		
Restructuring charges	7.5	1.0		
Pension expense	22.8	(0.2)		
Pro forma OIBDA from current businesses adjusted	(C) \$ 390.6	\$ 400.5	\$ (9.9)	-2.5%
Revenues and sales under GAAP	\$ 734.3	\$ 794.1		
Pro forma adjustments:				
Windstream Supply LLC revenue and sales	(8.2)	(21.8)		
Pro forma revenue and sales from current businesses	(D) \$ 726.1	\$ 772.3		
Pro forma OIBDA margin	(C)/(D) 53.8%	51.9%		

Free Cash Flow:

	Three	Nine	Nine	Increase	
	Months Ended	Months Ended	Months Ended	(Decrease)	
	September 30, 2009	September 30, 2009	September 30, 2008	Amount	%
<i>(Millions, except per share amounts)</i>					
Net cash provided from operations	\$ 242.2	\$ 741.4	\$ 729.8		
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(67.3)	(206.8)	(219.5)		
Free cash flow	\$ 174.9	\$ 534.6	\$ 510.3	\$ 24.3	4.8%
Weighted average common stock outstanding year to date September 30, 2009 and 2008, respectively		433.8	442.3		
Free cash flow per share		\$ 1.23	\$ 1.15	\$ 0.08	6.8%

Free Cash Flow Return to Shareholders:

as of November 9, 2009

(Dollars in millions)

Dividends paid on common shares as of September 30, 2009	\$	328.6
Dividends announced on August 5, 2009 to shareholders of record as of September 30, 2009, paid October 15, 2009		108.8
Common stock repurchased as of September 30, 2009		43.5
Common stock repurchased in October 2009		<u>77.8</u>
Free cash flow returned to shareholders	\$	<u>558.7</u>

OIBDA is operating income before depreciation and amortization.