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FORM 10-K

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

For the fiscal year ended

or

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

For the transition period from January 1, 2014 to March 31, 2014

Commission File number 1-04721

SPRINT CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 46-1170005
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

6200 Sprint Parkway, Overland Park, Kansas 66251
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (855) 848-3280

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, \$0.01 par value	New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(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 No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

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Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405 of this chapter) 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 this Form 10-K or any amendments to this Form 10-K. x

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Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer o

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if smaller reporting company) o Smaller reporting company o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.) Yes o No x

Aggregate market value of voting and non-voting common stock equity held by non-affiliates of Sprint Corporation at September 30, 2013 was \$4,502,963,862

COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING AT MAY 19, 2014:

Sprint Corporation Common Stock 3,944,100,117

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SPRINT CORPORATION
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PART I

Item 1. Business
FORMATION

Sprint Corporation, incorporated in 2012 under the laws of Delaware, is mainly a holding company, with its operations primarily conducted by its subsidiaries. Our common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol "S."

On July 10, 2013, SoftBank Corp. and certain of its wholly-owned subsidiaries (together, "SoftBank") completed the merger (SoftBank Merger) with Sprint Nextel Corporation, a Kansas corporation organized in 1938 (Sprint Nextel), as contemplated by the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 15, 2012 (as amended, the Merger Agreement) and the Bond Purchase Agreement, dated as of October 15, 2012 (as amended, the Bond Agreement). Pursuant to the Bond Agreement, Sprint Communications, Inc. issued a convertible bond (Bond) to Starburst II, Inc. (Starburst II), a wholly-owned subsidiary of SoftBank, with a principal amount of \$3.1 billion, interest rate of 1%, and maturity date of October 15, 2019, which was converted into 590,476,190 shares of Sprint Communications, Inc. common stock at \$5.25 per share immediately prior to the close of the SoftBank Merger. As a result of the SoftBank Merger, Starburst II became the parent company of Sprint Nextel. Immediately thereafter, Starburst II changed its name to Sprint Corporation and Sprint Nextel changed its name to Sprint Communications, Inc.

As a result of the completion of the SoftBank Merger in which SoftBank acquired an approximate 78% interest in Sprint Corporation, and subsequent open market stock purchases, SoftBank owns approximately 80% of the outstanding voting common stock of Sprint Corporation. The SoftBank Merger consideration totaled approximately \$22.2 billion, consisting primarily of cash consideration of \$14.1 billion, net of cash acquired of \$2.5 billion and the estimated fair value of the 22% interest in Sprint Corporation issued to the then existing stockholders of Sprint Communications, Inc. The preliminary allocation of consideration paid was based on management's judgment after evaluating several factors, including a preliminary valuation assessment. The close of the transaction provided additional equity funding of \$5.0 billion, consisting of \$3.1 billion received by Sprint Communications, Inc. in October 2012 related to the Bond, which automatically converted to equity immediately prior to the close of the SoftBank Merger, and \$1.9 billion cash consideration at closing of the SoftBank Merger.

Successor and Predecessor Periods and Reporting Obligations

In connection with the close of the SoftBank Merger (as described above), Sprint Corporation became the successor registrant to Sprint Nextel under Rule 12g-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act) and is the entity subject to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act for filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) subsequent to the close of the SoftBank Merger. The financial information herein, distinguishes between the predecessor period (Predecessor) relating to Sprint Communications for periods prior to the SoftBank Merger and the successor period (Successor) relating to Sprint Corporation, formerly known as Starburst II, for periods subsequent to the incorporation of Starburst II on October 5, 2012. In addition, in order to align with SoftBank's reporting schedule, our Board of Directors approved a change in our fiscal year end to March 31, effective March 31, 2014. As a result, this transition report is for the three-month transition period of January 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014. References herein to fiscal year 2014 refer to the twelve-month period ending March 31, 2015.

OVERVIEW

Sprint Corporation and its subsidiaries is a communications company offering a comprehensive range of wireless and wireline communications products and services that are designed to meet the needs of individual consumers, businesses, government subscribers and resellers. Unless the context otherwise requires, references to "Sprint," "we," "us," "our" and the "Company" mean Sprint Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries for all periods presented, inclusive of Successor and Predecessor periods, and references to "Sprint Communications" are to Sprint Communications, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries. Our operations are organized to meet the needs of our targeted

subscriber groups through focused communications solutions that incorporate the capabilities of our wireless and wireline services. We are the third largest wireless communications company in the U.S. based on wireless revenue, one of the largest providers of wireline long distance

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services, and one of the largest Internet carriers in the nation. Our services are provided through our ownership of extensive wireless networks, an all-digital global long distance network and a Tier 1 Internet backbone. We offer wireless and wireline voice and data transmission services to subscribers in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands under the Sprint corporate brand, which includes our retail brands of Sprint[®], Boost Mobile[®], Virgin Mobile[®], and Assurance Wireless[®] on networks that utilize third generation (3G) code division multiple access (CDMA) or Internet protocol (IP) technologies. We also offer fourth generation (4G) services utilizing Long Term Evolution (LTE) as well as Worldwide Interoperability for Microwave Access (WiMAX) technologies (which we expect to shut-down by the end of calendar year 2015). We utilize these networks to offer our wireless and wireline subscribers differentiated products and services whether through the use of a single network or a combination of these networks.

Recent Acquisitions

On May 17, 2013, Sprint Communications closed its transaction with United States Cellular Corporation (U.S. Cellular) to acquire personal communications services (PCS) spectrum and subscribers in parts of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri and Ohio, including the Chicago and St. Louis markets, for \$480 million in cash. Sprint Communications agreed, in connection with the acquisition, to reimburse U.S. Cellular for certain network shut-down costs in these markets, the majority of which is expected to be paid by the end of 2016. These costs are expected to be approximately \$160 million on a net present value basis, but in no event will Sprint Communications' reimbursement obligation exceed \$200 million on an undiscounted basis. The additional spectrum will be used to supplement Sprint's coverage in these areas.

On July 9, 2013, Sprint Communications completed the acquisition of the remaining equity interests in Clearwire Corporation and its consolidated subsidiary Clearwire Communications LLC (together "Clearwire") that it did not previously own (Clearwire Acquisition) in an all cash transaction for approximately \$3.5 billion, net of cash acquired of \$198 million, which provides us with control of 2.5 gigahertz (GHz) spectrum and tower resources for use in conjunction with our network modernization plan. The consideration paid was preliminarily allocated to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values at the time of the Clearwire Acquisition. The allocation of consideration paid was based on management's judgment after evaluating several factors, including a preliminary valuation assessment.

See "Part II, Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and also refer to the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for more information on the significant transactions noted above. Also see "Item 1A. Risk Factors" for risks related to the SoftBank Merger and Clearwire Acquisition.

Our Business Segments

We operate two reportable segments: Wireless and Wireline. For additional information regarding our segments, see "Part II, Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and also refer to the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Wireless

We offer wireless services on a postpaid and prepaid payment basis to retail subscribers and also on a wholesale and affiliate basis, which includes the sale of wireless services that utilize the Sprint network but are sold under the wholesaler's brand. We continue to support the open development of applications, content, and devices on the Sprint platform through products and services such as Sprint ID,[™] which provides an easy way for users to discover content from leading brands and special interests as well as manage those experiences on certain Android devices, and Sprint Zone, which allows subscribers to not only manage their account and self-service functions via their device but facilitates discovery of new content and personalization through recommendations for applications and entertainment content. We also support Sprint Guardian,[™] a collection of mobile safety and device security bundles that provide families relevant tools to help stay safe and secure, and Pinsight Media+[™], which gives advertisers the power to reach consumers on their mobile device by providing more relevant advertising based on information consumers choose to share about their location and mobile Web browsing history. In addition, we enable a variety of business and consumer third-party relationships through our portfolio of machine-to-machine solutions, which we offer on a retail postpaid and wholesale basis. Our machine-to-machine solutions portfolio provides a secure, real-time and reliable wireless two-way data connection across a broad range of connected devices such as the Chrysler Group's UConnect[®]

Access in-vehicle communications system powered through our Sprint Velocity™ end-to-end telematics solution, which enables hand free phone calls and the ability to access music, navigation, and other applications and services through cell connections built into the vehicle. Other connected devices include original equipment manufacturer (OEM) devices and after-market in-vehicle connectivity and electric vehicle charging stations, point-of-sale systems, kiosks and vending machines, asset tracking, digital signage, security, smartgrid utilities, medical equipment, and a variety of other consumer electronics and appliances.

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Postpaid

In our postpaid portfolio, we recently launched the Sprint FamilySM plan, which is available to new and existing subscribers, and allows subscribers to create a Family group consisting of up to ten subscribers. The first subscriber pays \$55 per month for unlimited talk, text and 1GB of data. For each additional new Sprint subscriber that joins the Family group, the monthly wireless service fee decreases by \$5 per person within that Family group, up to a maximum monthly discount of \$30 per person. We offer each subscriber an option to purchase 3GB of data for an additional \$10 per month or unlimited data coupled with an annual upgrade option on certain devices for an additional \$20 per month. In order to be eligible for the right to upgrade, the subscriber must have purchased the unlimited data and annual upgrade option for the 12 consecutive months preceding the upgrade. Each Family subscriber can be billed separately and each member of the Family group can elect to receive their own personalized services. We expect most new subscribers to purchase an eligible wireless phone at full retail price under an installment contract payable over 24 months through the use of the Sprint Easy PaySM program. The terms of the new sales program will not require the subscriber to execute a traditional, two-year wireless service contract.

Our existing Unlimited, My WaySM and My All-inSM plans with the Unlimited GuaranteeSM continue to provide simplicity to subscribers. With our Unlimited Guarantee, subscribers are guaranteed unlimited talk (to any wireline or mobile phone), text and data while on the Sprint network for the life of the line of service. The Unlimited My Way plan features unlimited talk, text and data and up to 10 lines can be added all on the same account. The Unlimited My All-in plan features unlimited talk, text and data as well as 5GB of mobile hotspot usage. We also offer price plans tailored to business subscribers such as Business AdvantageSM, which allows for the flexibility to mix and match plans that include voice, voice and messaging, or voice, messaging and data to meet individual business needs and also allows the Any Mobile Anytime feature with certain plans.

Prepaid

Our prepaid portfolio currently includes multiple brands, each designed to appeal to specific subscriber segments. Sprint prepaid primarily serves subscribers who want plans that are affordable, simple and flexible without a long-term commitment. Boost Mobile primarily serves subscribers who need everything unlimited, including voice, text and data, with our Monthly Unlimited Shrinking Payments plan where bills are reduced after six on-time payments, and its most recently launched Monthly Unlimited Select plans, which offer subscribers unlimited text and talk with step pricing based on their preferred data usage. Virgin Mobile primarily serves subscribers who are device and data-oriented with our Beyond TalkTM plans and our broadband plan, Broadband2GoSM, which offer subscribers control, flexibility and connectivity through various communication vehicles. Virgin Mobile is also designated as a Lifeline-only Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in certain states and provides service for the Lifeline program under our Assurance Wireless brand. Assurance Wireless provides eligible subscribers, in certain states, who meet income requirements or are receiving government assistance, with a free wireless phone and 250 free minutes of local and long-distance monthly service.

Wholesale

We have focused our wholesale business on enabling our diverse network of customers to successfully grow their business by providing them with an array of network, product, and device solutions. This allows our customers to customize this full suite of value-added solutions to meet the growing demands of their businesses. As part of these growing demands, some of our wholesale mobile virtual network operators (MVNO) are also selling prepaid services under the Lifeline program.

Services and Products

Data & Voice Services

Wireless data communications services include mobile productivity applications, such as Internet access, messaging and email services; wireless photo and video offerings; location-based capabilities, including asset and fleet management, dispatch services and navigation tools; and mobile entertainment applications, including the ability to view live television, listen to satellite radio, download and listen to music, and play games with full-color graphics and polyphonic and real-music sounds from a wireless handset.

Wireless voice communications services include basic local and long distance wireless voice services throughout the U.S., as well as voicemail, call waiting, three-way calling, caller identification, directory assistance and call

forwarding. We also provide voice and data services in numerous countries outside of the U.S. through roaming arrangements. We offer customized design, development, implementation and support for wireless services provided to large companies and government agencies.

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Products

Our services are provided using a broad array of device selections and applications and services that run on these devices to meet the growing needs of subscriber mobility. Our device portfolio includes many cutting edge devices from various OEMs. Our mobile broadband portfolio consists of devices such as hotspots, which allow the connection of multiple WiFi enabled devices to the Sprint platform. We have generally sold these devices at prices below our cost in response to competition to attract new subscribers and as retention inducements for existing subscribers. However, subscribers now have the option through Sprint Easy Pay to purchase eligible devices at full retail price, which allows them to pay in 24 monthly payments in exchange for reduced service pricing and no service contract, if certain conditions are met. Our Sprint platform can also be accessed through our portfolio of embedded tablets and laptops devices. In addition, we sell accessories, such as carrying cases, hands-free devices, batteries, battery chargers and other items to subscribers, and we sell devices and accessories to agents and other third-party distributors for resale.

Wireless Network Technologies

We deliver wireless services to subscribers primarily through our Sprint platform network. Our Sprint platform uses primarily 3G CDMA and 4G LTE wireless technologies. We continue to serve customers utilizing WiMAX technology but we expect to shut our WiMAX network down by the end of calendar year 2015. Our 3G CDMA wireless technology uses a single frequency band and a digital spread-spectrum technique that allows a large number of users to access the band by assigning a code to all voice and data bits, sending a scrambled transmission of the encoded bits over the air and reassembling the voice and data into its original format. Our 4G LTE wireless data communications technology utilizes an all-IP network to deliver high-speed data communications. To integrate voice into LTE, we expect to use Voice over LTE technology (VoLTE). We provide nationwide service through a combination of operating our own network in both major and smaller U.S. metropolitan areas and rural connecting routes, affiliations under commercial arrangements with third-party affiliates and roaming on other providers' networks. In October 2013, we announced Sprint SparkSM, which is an enhanced LTE network capability that analyzes our three spectrum bands of LTE and connects a device to the most optimal band available in the area. We expect the deployment period for this technology to correspond with the roll out of 4G LTE on our 800 MHz and 2.5 GHz spectrum bands. Our Nextel platform, which utilized integrated Digital Enhanced Network (iDEN) technology, was shut-down on June 30, 2013.

Sales, Marketing and Customer Care

We focus the marketing and sales of wireless services on targeted groups of retail subscribers: individual consumers, businesses and government.

We use a variety of sales channels to attract new subscribers of wireless services, including:

- direct sales representatives whose efforts are focused on marketing and selling wireless services primarily to mid-sized to large businesses and government agencies;
- retail outlets, owned and operated by us, that focus on sales to the consumer market;
- indirect sales agents and third-party retailers that primarily consist of local and national non-affiliated dealers and independent contractors that market and sell services to businesses and the consumer market, and are generally paid through commissions; and
- subscriber-convenient channels, including Internet sales and telesales.

We market our postpaid services under the Sprint[®] brand. We offer these services on a contract basis typically for a two-year period, with services billed on a monthly basis according to the applicable pricing plan. In addition, we offer these services on a monthly basis if the subscriber brings their own device, pays for the device up-front or takes advantage of our installment billing program, Sprint Easy Pay, to purchase the device. We market our prepaid services under the Sprint, Boost Mobile, Virgin Mobile, and Assurance Wireless brands as a means to provide value-driven prepaid service plans to particular markets. Our wholesale customers are resellers of our wireless services rather than end-use subscribers and market their products and services using their brands.

Although we market our services using traditional print and television advertising, we also provide exposure to our brand names and wireless services through various sponsorships, including the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR[®]) and the National Basketball Association (NBA). The goal of these marketing initiatives is to increase brand awareness and sales.

Our customer management organization works to improve our subscribers' experience, with the goal of retaining subscribers of our wireless services. Customer service call centers receive and resolve inquiries from subscribers and proactively address subscriber needs.

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Competition

We believe that the market for wireless services has been and will continue to be characterized by competition on the basis of price, the types of services and devices offered, and quality of service. We compete with a number of wireless carriers, including three other national wireless companies: AT&T, Verizon Wireless (Verizon) and T-Mobile (together with us - "Big 4 carriers"). Our primary competitors offer voice, high-speed data, entertainment and location-based services and push-to-talk-type features that are designed to compete with our products and services. AT&T and Verizon also offer competitive wireless services packaged with local and long distance voice, high-speed Internet services and cable and have significant competitive advantages due to their large asset bases and greater scale. Our prepaid services compete with a number of carriers and resellers including TracFone Wireless, which offers competitively-priced calling plans that include unlimited local calling. Additionally, AT&T, T-Mobile and Verizon also offer competitive prepaid services and wholesale services to resellers. Competition will increase as a result of mergers and acquisitions, as new firms enter the market, and as a result of the introduction of other technologies such as LTE, the availability of additional commercial spectrum bands, such as the 600 MHz band, the AWS-3 band and the AWS-4 band, and the potential introduction of new services using unlicensed spectrum. Wholesale services and products also contribute to increased competition. In some instances, resellers that use our network and offer similar services compete against our offerings.

Most markets in which we operate have high rates of penetration for wireless services, thereby limiting the growth of subscribers of wireless services. As the wireless market has matured, it has become increasingly important to retain existing subscribers in addition to attracting new subscribers, particularly in less saturated growth markets such as those with non-traditional data demands. Wireless carriers are addressing the growth in non-traditional data needs by working with OEMs to integrate connected devices such as after-market in-vehicle connectivity and electric vehicle charging stations, point-of-sale systems, kiosks and vending machines, asset tracking, digital signage, security, smartgrid utilities, medical equipment and a variety of other consumer electronics and appliances, which utilize wireless networks to increase consumer and business mobility. In addition, we and our competitors continue to offer more service plans that combine voice and data offerings, plans that allow users to add additional mobile devices, including tablets, to their plans at attractive rates, plans with a higher number of bundled minutes included in the fixed monthly charge for the plan, plans that offer the ability to share minutes among a group of related subscribers, or combinations of these features. Consumers respond to these plans by migrating to those they deem most attractive. In addition, wireless carriers also try to appeal to subscribers by offering certain devices at prices lower than their acquisition cost. We may offer higher cost devices at greater discounts than our competitors, with the expectation that the loss incurred on the cost of the device will be offset by future service revenue. As a result, we and our competitors recognize point-of-sale losses that are not expected to be recovered until future periods when services are provided. During 2013, wireless carriers introduced new plans that allow subscribers to forgo traditional service contracts and device subsidies in exchange for lower monthly service fees, early upgrade options, or both. In addition, in the latter part of 2013, each of the Big 4 carriers launched early upgrade programs that include an option to purchase a device using an installment billing program. Under installment billing plans, many carriers, including Sprint, will recognize most of the future expected installment payments at the time of sale of the device. As compared to our traditional subsidized plans, this results in better alignment of equipment revenue with the cost of the device, which is expected to reduce the amount of subsidy recognized. See "Item 1A. Risk Factors—Certain subscribers are no longer required to sign service contracts for postpaid services, and we are beginning to offer subscribers equipment financing, which could result in higher churn and higher bad debt expense."

In addition, we have recently seen aggressive marketing efforts initiated by our competitors, including offering lucrative payments as an additional incentive for subscribers to switch carriers. We have begun to make similar offers available to subscribers, however, we do not expect these offers to have a material impact on earnings. Our ability to effectively compete in the wireless business is dependent upon our ability to retain existing and attract new subscribers in an increasingly competitive marketplace. See "Item 1A. Risk Factors—If we are not able to retain and attract wireless subscribers, our financial performance will be impaired."

Wireline

We provide a broad suite of wireline voice and data communications services to other communications companies and targeted business and consumer subscribers. In addition, we provide voice, data and IP communication services to our Wireless segment, and IP and other services to cable Multiple System Operators (MSOs). Cable MSOs resell our local and long distance services and use our back office systems and network assets in support of their telephone service provided over cable facilities primarily to residential end-use subscribers.

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Services and Products

Our services and products include domestic and international data communications using various protocols such as multiprotocol label switching technologies (MPLS), IP, managed network services, Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), Session Initiated Protocol (SIP) and traditional voice services. Our IP services can also be combined with wireless services. Such services include our Sprint Mobile Integration service, which enables a wireless handset to operate as part of a subscriber's wireline voice network, and our DataLinkSM service, which uses our wireless networks to connect a subscriber location into their primarily wireline wide-area IP/MPLS data network, making it easy for businesses to adapt their network to changing business requirements. In addition to providing services to our business customers, the wireline network is carrying increasing amounts of voice and data traffic for our Wireless segment as a result of growing usage by our wireless subscribers.

We continue to assess the portfolio of services provided by our Wireline business and are focusing our efforts on IP-based services and de-emphasizing stand-alone voice services and non-IP-based data services. We also provide wholesale voice local and long distance services to cable MSOs, which they offer as part of their bundled service offerings, as well as traditional voice and data services for their enterprise use. However, the digital voice services we provide to our cable MSOs have become large enough in scale that they have decided to in-source these services and, as a result, we expect this business to continue to decline over time and be insignificant to the Wireline business by the end of fiscal year 2014. We also continue to provide voice services to residential consumers. Our Wireline segment markets and sells its services primarily through direct sales representatives.

Competition

Our Wireline segment competes with AT&T, Verizon Communications, CenturyLink, Level 3 Communications, Inc., other major local incumbent operating companies, and cable operators as well as a host of smaller competitors in the provision of wireline services. Over the past few years, our long distance voice services have experienced an industry-wide trend of lower revenue from lower prices and increased competition from other wireline and wireless communications companies, as well as cable MSOs and Internet service providers.

Some competitors are targeting the high-end data market and are offering deeply discounted rates in exchange for high-volume traffic as they attempt to utilize excess capacity in their networks. In addition, we face increasing competition from other wireless and IP-based service providers. Many carriers, including cable companies, are competing in the residential and small business markets by offering bundled packages of both local and long distance services. Competition in long distance is based on price and pricing plans, the types of services offered, customer service, and communications quality, reliability and availability. Our ability to compete successfully will depend on our ability to anticipate and respond to various competitive factors affecting the industry, including new services that may be introduced, changes in consumer preferences, demographic trends, economic conditions and pricing strategies. See "Item 1A. Risk Factors—Consolidation and competition in the wholesale market for wireline services, as well as consolidation of our roaming partners and access providers used for wireless services, could adversely affect our revenues and profitability" and "—The blurring of the traditional dividing lines among long distance, local, wireless, video and Internet services contributes to increased competition."

Legislative and Regulatory Developments

Overview

Communications services are subject to regulation at the federal level by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and in certain states by public utilities commissions (PUCs). The Communications Act of 1934 (Communications Act) preempts states from regulating the rates or entry of commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers, such as those in our Wireless segment, and imposes licensing and technical requirements, including provisions related to the acquisition, assignment or transfer of radio licenses. Depending upon state law, CMRS providers can be subject to state regulation of other terms and conditions of service. Our Wireline segment also is subject to federal and state regulation. Finally, since the SoftBank Merger, we have been subject to certain regulatory conditions imposed by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) pursuant to a National Security Agreement (NSA) between SoftBank, Sprint, the Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense (the latter three collectively, the USG Parties).

The following is a summary of the regulatory environment in which we operate and does not describe all present and proposed federal, state and local legislation and regulations affecting the communications industry. Some legislation and regulations are the subject of judicial proceedings, legislative hearings and administrative proceedings that could change the way our industry operates. We cannot predict the outcome of any of these matters or their potential impact on our business. See "Item 1A. Risk Factors—Government regulation could adversely affect our prospects and results of operations; the FCC and state regulatory commissions may adopt new regulations or take other actions that could adversely affect our business prospects, future growth or results of operations." Regulation in the communications industry is subject to change, which could

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adversely affect us in the future. The following discussion describes some of the significant communications-related regulations that affect us, but numerous other substantive areas of regulation not discussed here may also influence our business.

Regulation and Wireless Operations

The FCC regulates the licensing, construction, operation, acquisition and sale of our wireless operations and wireless spectrum holdings. FCC requirements impose operating and other restrictions on our wireless operations that increase our costs. The FCC does not currently regulate rates for services offered by CMRS providers, and states are legally preempted from regulating such rates and entry into any market, although states may regulate other terms and conditions. The Communications Act and FCC rules also require the FCC's prior approval of the assignment or transfer of control of an FCC license, although the FCC's rules permit spectrum lease arrangements for a range of wireless radio service licenses, including our licenses, with FCC oversight. Approval from the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice, as well as state or local regulatory authorities, also may be required if we sell or acquire spectrum interests. The FCC sets rules, regulations and policies to, among other things:

- grant licenses in the 800 megahertz (MHz) band, 900 MHz band, 1.9 GHz PCS band, 2.5 GHz band, and license renewals;
- rule on assignments and transfers of control of FCC licenses, and leases covering our use of FCC licenses held by other persons and organizations;
- govern the interconnection of our networks with other wireless and wireline carriers;
- establish access and universal service funding provisions;
- impose rules related to unauthorized use of and access to subscriber information;
- impose fines and forfeitures for violations of FCC rules;
- regulate the technical standards governing wireless services; and
- impose other obligations that it determines to be in the public interest

We hold 800 MHz, 900 MHz, 1.9 GHz and 2.5 GHz FCC licenses authorizing the use of radio frequency spectrum to deploy our wireless services.

800 MHz and 900 MHz License Conditions

Spectrum in our 800 MHz and 900 MHz bands originally was licensed in small groups of channels, therefore, we hold thousands of these licenses, which together allow us to provide coverage across much of the continental U.S. Our 800 MHz and 900 MHz licenses are subject to requirements that we meet population coverage benchmarks tied to the initial license grant dates. To date, we have met all of the construction requirements applicable to these licenses, except in the case of licenses that are not material to our business. Our 800 MHz and 900 MHz licenses have ten-year terms, at the end of which each license is subject to renewal requirements that are similar to those for our 1.9 GHz licenses described below.

1.9 GHz PCS License Conditions

All PCS licenses are granted for ten-year terms. For purposes of issuing PCS licenses, the FCC utilizes major trading areas (MTAs) and basic trading areas (BTAs) with several BTAs making up each MTA. Each license is subject to build-out requirements, which we have met in all of our MTA and BTA markets.

If applicable build-out conditions are met, these licenses may be renewed for additional ten-year terms. Renewal applications are not subject to auctions. If a renewal application is challenged, the FCC grants a preference commonly referred to as a license renewal expectancy to the applicant if the applicant can demonstrate that it has provided "substantial service" during the past license term and has substantially complied with applicable FCC rules and policies and the Communications Act. The licenses for the 10 MHz of spectrum in the 1.9 GHz band that we received as part of the FCC's Report and Order, described below, have ten-year terms and are not subject to specific build-out conditions, but are subject to renewal requirements that are similar to those for our PCS licenses.

2.5 GHz License Conditions

We own or lease spectrum located within the 2496 to 2690 MHz band, commonly referred to as the 2.5 GHz band, which is designated for Broadband Radio Services (BRS) and Educational Broadband Service (EBS). Most BRS and EBS licenses are allocated to specific geographic service areas. Other BRS licenses provide for 493 separate BTAs. Under current FCC rules, the BRS and EBS band in each territory is generally divided into 33 channels consisting of a

total of 186 MHz of spectrum, with an additional eight MHz of guard band spectrum, which further protects against interference from other license holders. Under current FCC rules, we can access BRS spectrum either through outright ownership of a BRS license issued by

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the FCC or through a leasing arrangement with a BRS license holder. The FCC rules generally limit eligibility to hold EBS licenses to accredited educational institutions and certain governmental, religious and nonprofit entities, but permit those license holders to lease up to 95% of their capacity for non-educational purposes. Therefore, we primarily access EBS spectrum through long-term leasing arrangements with EBS license holders. Generally, EBS leases entered into before January 10, 2005 may remain in effect for up to 15 years and may be renewed and assigned in accordance with the terms of those leases and the applicable FCC rules and regulations. The initial term of EBS leases entered into after January 10, 2005 is required by FCC rules to be coterminous with the term of the license. Our EBS spectrum leases typically have an initial term equal to the remaining term of the EBS license, with an option to renew the lease for additional terms, for a total lease term of up to 30 years. In addition, we generally have a right of first refusal for a period of time after our leases expire or otherwise terminate to match another party's offer to lease the same spectrum. Our leases are generally transferable, assuming we obtain required governmental approvals. Achieving optimal broadband network speeds, capacity and coverage using 2.5 GHz spectrum relies in significant part on operationalizing a complex mixture of BRS and EBS spectrum licenses and leases in the desired service areas, which is subject to the EBS licensing limitations described above and the technical limitations of the frequencies in the 2.5 GHz range. If we are unable to achieve optimal broadband network speeds, our targeted network improvement goals, particularly as to Sprint Spark, could be adversely affected.

Spectrum Reconfiguration Obligations

In 2004, the FCC adopted a Report and Order that included new rules regarding interference in the 800 MHz band and a comprehensive plan to reconfigure the 800 MHz band (the "Report and Order"). The Report and Order provides for the exchange of a portion of our 800 MHz FCC spectrum licenses, and requires us to fund the cost incurred by public safety systems and other incumbent licensees to reconfigure the 800 MHz spectrum band. Also, in exchange, we received licenses for 10 MHz of nationwide spectrum in the 1.9 GHz band.

The minimum cash obligation under the Report and Order is \$2.8 billion. We are, however, obligated to pay the full amount of the costs relating to the reconfiguration plan, even if those costs exceed \$2.8 billion. As required under the terms of the Report and Order, a letter of credit has been secured to provide assurance that funds will be available to pay the relocation costs of the incumbent users of the 800 MHz spectrum. Total payments directly attributable to our performance under the Report and Order, from the inception of the program through March 31, 2014, were approximately \$3.4 billion, of which primarily all payments incurred during the year ended December 31, 2013 and the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 related to FCC licenses. When incurred, substantially all costs are accounted for as additions to FCC licenses with the remainder as property, plant and equipment. Although costs incurred through March 31, 2014 have exceeded \$2.8 billion, not all of those costs have been reviewed and accepted as eligible by the transition administrator.

Completion of the 800 MHz band reconfiguration was initially required by June 26, 2008. The FCC continues to grant 800 MHz public safety licensees additional time to complete their band reconfigurations which, in turn, delays our access to some of our 800 MHz replacement channels. Accordingly, we will continue to transition to our 800 MHz replacement channels consistent with public safety licensees' reconfiguration progress. On May 24, 2012, the FCC revised its rules to authorize Sprint to deploy wireless broadband services, such as CDMA and LTE, on its 800 MHz spectrum, including channels that become available to Sprint upon completion of the 800 MHz band reconfiguration program. We anticipate that the continuing reconfiguration progress will be sufficient to support the 800 MHz portion of our network modernization. In January 2013, we submitted a request for declaratory ruling to the FCC requesting two items: (i) that it declare that Sprint will not owe any anti-windfall payment to the U.S. Treasury, because we have exceeded the \$2.8 billion of required expenditures, and (ii) that the FCC remove the \$850 million minimum for the letter of credit and allow further reductions based on quarterly estimates of remaining obligations. This request for declaratory ruling is pending before the FCC.

New Spectrum Opportunities and Spectrum Auctions

Several FCC proceedings and initiatives are underway that may affect the availability of spectrum used or useful in the provision of commercial wireless services, which may allow new competitors to enter the wireless market. While in general we cannot predict when or whether the FCC will conduct any spectrum auctions or if it will release additional spectrum that might be useful to wireless carriers, including us, in the future, the FCC has taken steps to

license spectrum designated for auction in the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012. In particular, the FCC has initiated three proceedings to auction the advanced wireless services H Block, advanced wireless services in the 1.7 and 2 GHz bands (AWS-3), and to reallocate and auction broadcast spectrum in the 600 MHz Band. We did not participate in the H Block auction.

The FCC intends to commence the AWS-3 auction on November 13, 2014 and the 600 MHz Broadcast Incentive auction in mid-to-late 2015. The AWS-3 auction will likely be conducted under the FCC's standard

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auction procedures; however, the availability of this spectrum for commercial deployment depends on the time necessary for clearing or coordinating with federal government licensees currently using the 1.7 GHz AWS-3 uplink. For the 600 MHz Incentive Auction, the FCC has adopted rules that include “reserved” channels whereby, if certain auction conditions are met, Sprint would be eligible to bid for the reserved channels while carriers that exceed a certain threshold of low band spectrum holdings would not. Sprint would also be able to bid on the “unreserved” channels. Sprint evaluates all opportunities to acquire additional spectrum; however, it is premature to make any firm participation decisions at this time as the FCC is still considering the applicable auction processes and procedures.

911 Services

Pursuant to FCC rules, CMRS providers, including us, are required to provide enhanced 911 (E911) services in a two-tiered manner. Specifically, wireless carriers are required to transmit to a requesting public safety answering point (PSAP) both the 911 caller's telephone number and (a) the location of the cell site from which the call is being made, or (b) the location of the subscriber's handset using latitude and longitude, depending upon the capability of the PSAP. Implementation of E911 service must be completed within six months of a PSAP request for service in its area, or longer, based on the agreement between the individual PSAP and the carrier. The FCC is currently reviewing the accuracy standards for the provision of wireless 911 services indoors and may impose additional obligations.

National Security

National security and disaster recovery issues continue to receive attention at the federal, state and local levels. For example, Congress is expected to again consider cyber security legislation to increase the security and resiliency of the nation's digital infrastructure. In 2013, the President issued an executive order directing the Department of Homeland Security and other government agencies to take a number of steps to improve the security of the nation's critical infrastructure. The details surrounding the implementation of this order have not been resolved, however, and we cannot predict the cost impact of such measures. Moreover, the FCC continues to examine issues of network resiliency and reliability and may seek to impose additional regulations designed to reduce the severity and length of disruptions in communications. Again, we cannot predict the cost impact of any regulations the FCC adopts.

National Security Agreement

As a precondition to CFIUS approval of the SoftBank Merger, the USG Parties required that SoftBank and Sprint enter into the NSA, under which SoftBank and Sprint have agreed to implement certain measures to protect national security, certain of which may materially and adversely affect our operating results due to increasing the cost of compliance with security measures, and limiting our control over certain U.S. facilities, contracts, personnel, vendor selection and operations. If we fail to comply with our obligations under the NSA our ability to operate our business may be adversely affected.

Tower Siting

Wireless systems must comply with various federal, state and local regulations that govern the siting, lighting and construction of transmitter towers and antennas, including requirements imposed by the FCC and the Federal Aviation Administration. FCC rules subject certain cell site locations to extensive zoning, environmental and historic preservation requirements and mandate consultation with various parties, including State and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, which can make it more difficult and expensive to deploy facilities. The FCC has, however, imposed a tower siting "shot clock" that requires local authorities to address tower applications within a specific timeframe, which can assist carriers in more rapid deployment of towers. The FCC antenna structure registration process also imposes public notice requirements when plans are made for construction of, or modification to, antenna structures required to be registered with the FCC, potentially adding to the delays and burdens associated with tower siting, including potential challenges from special interest groups. To the extent governmental agencies continue to impose additional requirements like this on the tower siting process, the time and cost to construct cell towers could be negatively impacted.

State and Local Regulation

While the Communications Act generally preempts state and local governments from regulating entry of, or the rates charged by, wireless carriers, certain state PUCs and local governments regulate customer billing, termination of service arrangements, advertising, certification of operation, use of handsets when driving, service quality, sales practices, management of customer call records and protected information and many other areas. Also, some state

attorneys general have become more active in bringing lawsuits related to the sales practices and services of wireless carriers. Varying practices among the states may make it more difficult for us to implement national sales and marketing programs. States also may impose their own universal service support requirements on wireless and other communications carriers, similar to the contribution requirements that have been established by the FCC, and some states are requiring wireless carriers to help fund

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additional programs, including the implementation of E911 and the provision of intrastate relay services for consumers who are hearing impaired. We anticipate that these trends will continue to require us to devote legal and other resources to work with the states to respond to their concerns while attempting to minimize any new regulation and enforcement actions that could increase our costs of doing business.

Regulation and Wireline Operations

Competitive Local Service

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Telecom Act), which was the first comprehensive update of the Communications Act, was designed to promote competition, and it eliminated legal and regulatory barriers for entry into local and long distance communications markets. It also required incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) to allow resale of specified local services at wholesale rates, negotiate interconnection agreements, provide nondiscriminatory access to certain unbundled network elements and allow co-location of interconnection equipment by competitors. The rules implementing the Telecom Act continue to be interpreted by the courts, state PUCs and the FCC. Thus, the scope of future local competition remains uncertain. These local competition rules impact us because we provide wholesale services to cable television companies that wish to compete in the local voice telephony market. Our communications and back-office services enable the cable companies to provide competitive local and long distance telephone services primarily in a VoIP format to their end-use customers.

Voice over Internet Protocol

We offer VoIP-based services to business subscribers and transport VoIP-originated traffic for various cable companies. The FCC issued an order in late 2010 reforming, among other things, its regulatory structure governing intercarrier compensation and again declined to classify VoIP services as either telecommunications services or information services. However, it prescribed the rates applicable to the exchange of traffic between a VoIP provider and a local exchange carrier providing service on the public switched telephone network (PSTN). The rate for toll VoIP-PSTN traffic is the interstate access rate applicable to non-VoIP traffic regardless of whether the traffic is interstate or intrastate. The rate for non-toll VoIP-PSTN traffic is the applicable reciprocal compensation rate. These rates will be reduced over the next several years as the industry transitions to bill-and-keep methodology for the exchange of all traffic. Providers of interconnected VoIP will continue to be required to contribute to the federal Universal Service Fund (USF), offer E911 emergency calling capabilities to their subscribers, and comply with the electronic surveillance obligations set forth in the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA). Because we provide VoIP services and transport VoIP-originated traffic, the FCC's rate prescription decision is expected to reduce our costs for such traffic over time as well as reduce disputes between carriers that often result in litigation.

International Regulation

The wireline services we provide outside the U.S. are subject to the regulatory jurisdiction of foreign governments and international bodies. In general, we are required to obtain licenses to provide wireline services and comply with certain government requirements.

Other Regulations

Network Neutrality

On December 22, 2010, the FCC adopted so-called net neutrality rules. The FCC rules for fixed broadband Internet access services consisted of: (a) an obligation to provide transparency to consumers regarding network management practices, performance characteristics, and commercial terms of service; (b) a prohibition on blocking access to lawful content, applications, services and devices; and (c) a prohibition on unreasonable discrimination. The FCC acknowledged, however, that mobile broadband faced different constraints and adopted lesser obligations for mobile providers. Accordingly, the rules for mobile broadband operators required that they: (a) provide transparency to consumers in the same manner as fixed providers; and (b) not block access to lawful websites and applications that compete with the provider's own voice or video telephony services. Other rules applicable to fixed broadband, including no blocking of other applications, services or devices, and the prohibition of "unreasonable discrimination," did not apply to mobile providers. On January 14, 2014, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit vacated the FCC's "no-blocking" rule for fixed and mobile operators and the "no unreasonable discrimination" rule for fixed providers. The court left in place the "transparency" rule applicable to both fixed and mobile operators. On May

15, 2014, the FCC adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking seeking to largely reenact the vacated rules on alternative legal grounds. Because the net neutrality rules applicable to mobile broadband were relatively narrow and because we have deployed open mobile operating platforms on our devices, such as the Android platform created in conjunction with Google and the Open Handset Alliance, the rules, if reenacted by the FCC under a permissible legal

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foundation or otherwise brought back into force, should not adversely affect the operation of our broadband networks or significantly constrain our ability to manage the networks and protect our users from harm caused by other users and devices.

Truth in Billing and Consumer Protection

The FCC's Truth in Billing rules generally require both wireline and wireless telecommunications carriers, such as us, to provide full and fair disclosure of all charges on their bills, including brief, clear, and non-misleading plain language descriptions of the services provided. In response to a petition from the National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, the FCC found that state regulation of CMRS rates, including line items on consumer bills, is preempted by federal statute. This decision was overturned by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the Supreme Court denied further appeal. As a consequence, states may attempt to impose various regulations on the billing practices of wireless carriers. In addition, the FCC has opened several proceedings to address issues of consumer protection, including the use of early termination fees, the FCC has opened an investigation into "bill shock" concerning overage charges for voice, data and text usage, and has proposed new rules to address cramming. The wireless industry has proactively addressed many of these consumer issues by adopting industry best practices such as the addition of free notifications for voice, data, messaging and international roaming to address the FCC's bill shock proceeding. If these FCC proceedings or individual state proceedings create changes in the Truth in Billing rules, our billing and customer service costs could increase.

Access Charge Reform

ILECs and competitive local exchange carriers (CLECs) impose access charges for the origination and termination of long distance calls upon wireless and long distance carriers, including our Wireless and Wireline segments. Also, interconnected local carriers, including our Wireless segment, pay to each other reciprocal compensation fees for terminating interconnected local calls. In addition, ILECs and CLECs charge other carriers special access charges for access to dedicated facilities that are paid by both our Wireless and Wireline segments. These fees and charges are a significant cost for our Wireless and Wireline segments. In November 2011, the FCC adopted comprehensive intercarrier compensation reforms, including a multi-year transition to a system of bill-and-keep for terminating switched access charges. These reforms have decreased and are expected to continue to decrease our terminating switched access expense over time.

In 2012, the FCC released an order freezing the existing special access pricing flexibility "triggers," and another order requiring parties to submit information needed to assess the level of competition in the special access market. The FCC also has initiated a further notice of proposed rulemaking to consider whether special access pricing flexibility rules need to be changed, and whether the terms and conditions governing the provision of special access are just and reasonable. In 2013, the FCC issued a proposed mandatory data collection effort which is expected to be completed in 2014. We continue to advocate for special access reform but cannot predict when these proceedings will be completed or the outcome of these proceedings.

Universal Service Reform

Communications carriers contribute to and receive support from various USFs established by the FCC and many states. The federal USF program funds services provided in high-cost areas, reduced-rate services to low-income consumers, and discounted communications and Internet services for schools, libraries and rural health care facilities. The USF is funded from assessments on communications providers, including our Wireless and Wireline segments, based on FCC-prescribed contribution factors applicable to our interstate and international end-user revenues from telecommunications services and interconnected VoIP services. Similarly, many states have established their own USFs to which we contribute. The FCC has considered changing its USF contribution methodology, and may replace the interstate telecommunications revenue-based assessment with one based on either connections (telephone numbers or connections to the public network) or by expanding the revenue base to include data revenues. The latter approach in particular could impact the amount of our assessments. The FCC issued a notice of proposed rulemaking on USF reform in April 2012, but has not announced an estimated timeline for adoption of an order in this proceeding. In addition, the FCC issued a decision redefining the manner in which carriers certify their compliance with USF obligations on facilities used in the provision of information services beginning in 2014. The FCC's new service-by-service certification process may increase our cost of complying with the FCC's USF obligations and/or

our USF contribution obligations in some circumstances. This order has been challenged on appeal and various carriers have sought reconsideration of the decision before the FCC. As permitted, we assess subscribers a fee to recover our USF contributions.

Virgin Mobile was designated as a Lifeline-only Eligible Telecom Carrier (ETC) in 41 jurisdictions as of March 31, 2014, and provides service under our Assurance Wireless brand. Lifeline ETC applications are planned in other jurisdictions as well. Changes in the Lifeline program and enforcement actions by the FCC and other regulatory/legislative bodies could negatively impact growth in the Assurance Wireless and wholesale subscriber base and/or the profitability of the Assurance Wireless and wholesale business overall.

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Electronic Surveillance Obligations

The CALEA requires telecommunications carriers, including us, to modify equipment, facilities and services to allow for authorized electronic surveillance based on either industry or FCC standards. Our CALEA obligations have been extended to data and VoIP networks, and we are in compliance with these requirements. Certain laws and regulations require that we assist various government agencies with electronic surveillance of communications and provide records concerning those communications. We do not disclose customer information to the government or assist government agencies in electronic surveillance unless we have been provided a lawful request for such information. If our obligations under these laws and regulations were to change or were to become the focus of any inquiry or investigation, it could require us to incur additional costs and expenses, which could adversely affect our financial condition or results of operation.

Environmental Compliance

Our environmental compliance and remediation obligations relate primarily to the operation of standby power generators, batteries and fuel storage for our telecommunications equipment. These obligations require compliance with storage and related standards, obtaining of permits and occasional remediation. Although we cannot assess with certainty the impact of any future compliance and remediation obligations, we do not believe that any such expenditures will adversely affect our financial condition or results of operations.

Patents, Trademarks and Licenses

We own numerous patents, patent applications, service marks, trademarks and other intellectual property in the U.S. and other countries, including "Sprint[®]," "Nextel[®]," "Direct Connect[®]," "Boost Mobile[®]," and "Assurance Wireless[®]." Our services often use the intellectual property of others, such as licensed software, and we often license copyrights, patents and trademarks of others, like "Virgin Mobile." In total, these licenses and our copyrights, patents, trademarks and service marks are of material importance to our business. Generally, our trademarks and service marks endure and are enforceable so long as they continue to be used. Our patents and licensed patents have remaining terms generally ranging from one to 19 years. We occasionally license our intellectual property to others, including licenses to others to use the "Sprint" trademark.

We have received claims in the past, and may in the future receive claims, that we, or third parties from whom we license or purchase goods or services, have infringed on the intellectual property of others. These claims can be time-consuming and costly to defend, and divert management resources. If these claims are successful, we could be forced to pay significant damages or stop selling certain products or services or stop using certain trademarks. We, or third parties from whom we license or purchase goods or services, also could enter into licenses with unfavorable terms, including royalty payments, which could adversely affect our business.

Access to Public Filings and Board Committee Charters

Important information is routinely posted on our website at www.sprint.com. Public access is provided to our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to these reports filed with or furnished to the SEC under the Exchange Act. These documents may be accessed free of charge on our website at the following address: <http://www.sprint.com/investors>. These documents are available as soon as reasonably practicable after filing with the SEC and may also be found at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Information contained on or accessible through our website or the SEC's website is not part of this transition report on Form 10-K.

Our Code of Ethics, the Sprint Code of Conduct (Code of Conduct), our Corporate Governance Guidelines and the charters of the following committees of our board of directors: the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may be accessed free of charge on our website at the following address: www.sprint.com/governance. Copies of any of these documents can be obtained free of charge by writing to: Sprint Shareholder Relations, 6200 Sprint Parkway, Mailstop KSOPHF0302-3B424, Overland Park, Kansas 66251 or by email at shareholder.relations@sprint.com. If a provision of the Code of Conduct required under the NYSE corporate governance standards is materially modified, or if a waiver of the Code of Conduct is granted to a director or executive officer, a notice of such action will be posted on our website at the following address: www.sprint.com/governance. Only the Audit Committee may consider a waiver of the Code of Conduct for an executive officer or director.

Employee Relations

As of March 31, 2014, we had approximately 36,000 employees.

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Executive Officers of the Registrant

The following people are serving as our executive officers as of May 23, 2014. These executive officers were elected to serve until their successors have been elected. There is no familial relationship between any of our executive officers and directors.

Name	Business Experience	Current Position Held Since	Age
Daniel R. Hesse	President and Chief Executive Officer. Before becoming the President and Chief Executive Officer in December 2007, Mr. Hesse was Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of Embarq Corporation. He served as Chief Executive Officer of Sprint's Local Telecommunications Division from June 2005 until the Embarq spin-off in May 2006. Before that, Mr. Hesse served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Terabeam Corp., a wireless telecommunications service provider and technology company, from 2000, until 2004. Prior to serving at Terabeam Corp., Mr. Hesse spent 23 years at AT&T during which he held various senior management positions, including President and Chief Executive Officer of AT&T Wireless Services. He serves on the board of directors of the National Board of Governors of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and the University of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business. He previously served on the board of directors of Clearwire Corporation.	2007	60
Joseph J. Euteneuer	Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Euteneuer served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Qwest, a wireline telecom company, from September 2008 until April 2011. Previously, Mr. Euteneuer served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc., a satellite radio provider, from 2002 to 2008 after it merged with SIRIUS Satellite Radio, Inc. Prior to joining XM, Mr. Euteneuer held various management positions at Comcast Corporation and its subsidiary, Broadnet Europe. He began his career in public accounting in 1978 with Deloitte and has also worked at PricewaterhouseCoopers. He is a Certified Public Accountant.	2011	58
John Saw Ph.D.	Chief Network Officer. Dr. Saw is responsible for network engineering, deployment and operations. Prior to this, he was Senior Vice President, Technology Architecture. Before Sprint's acquisition of Clearwire, Dr. Saw was Chief Technology Officer of Clearwire Corp. He joined Clearwire as its second employee in 2003 and was instrumental in scaling the company's technical expertise and organization. He has held leadership roles at a variety of telecom companies. Dr. Saw has also published more than 15 technical papers and holds six U.S. patents in wireless technologies. He currently serves on the advisory boards to the Global TDD LTE Initiative, an international industry consortium, and the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at Washington State University.	2014	52
Stephen Bye	Chief Technology Officer. Mr. Bye is responsible for Sprint's access and roaming, network planning, technology research & development, corporate strategy, development and engineering and spectrum. He has more than 22 years of engineering, operations, product development, business planning and marketing experience with telecom, cable and wireless service providers. Prior to joining Sprint in 2011, Mr. Bye was Vice President of	2014	46

Wireless at Cox Communications from 2006 to 2011, where he was responsible for the marketing, product development and management engineering, IT network deployment, customer and network operations support and day-to-day management of its wireless business. He has also held executive positions with AT&T, inCode Wireless, BellSouth International, Optus Communications and Telstra.

President - Retail Sales and Chief Service & Information Technology Officer. Mr. Johnson served as Chief Service Officer of Sprint since October 2007 and his role was expanded to Chief Service and Information Technology Officer in August 2011. He served as President-Northeast Region from September 2006 to October 2007. He served as Senior Vice President-Consumer Sales, Service and Repair from August 2005 to August 2006. He served as Senior Vice President-National Field Operations of Nextel from February 2002 to July 2005.

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Name	Business Experience	Current Position Held Since	Age
Jeffery D. Hallock	Chief Marketing Officer. Mr. Hallock served as Senior Vice President for Marketing and Media from 2012 until 2013, Vice President for National Channels from 2009 until 2011, Vice President for Marketing Acquisition and Base from 2006 until 2009. He held the position of Vice President and Senior Director for Product Marketing from 1999 until 2005. Mr. Hallock started with Sprint in 1996 and held leadership positions as a Director of Business Development and Manager of marketing in emerging markets and e-commerce from 1996 until 1999.	2013	44
Steven L. Elfman	President - Network, Technology and Operations. Mr. Elfman served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Motricity, a mobile data technology company, from January 2008 to May 2008 and as Executive Vice President of Infospace Mobile (currently Motricity) from July 2003 to December 2007. He was an independent consultant working with Accenture Ltd., a consulting company, from May 2003 to July 2003. He served as Executive Vice President of Operations of Terabeam Corporation, a communications company, from May 2000 to May 2003, and he served as Chief Information Officer of AT&T Wireless from June 1997 to May 2000.	2008	59
Matthew Carter	President - Enterprise Solutions. Mr. Carter served as Senior Vice President, Boost Mobile from April 2008 until January 2010 and as Senior Vice President, Base Management at Sprint from December 2006 until April 2008. Prior to joining Sprint, he served as Senior Vice President of Marketing at PNC Financial Services. He is a member of the board of directors at USG Corporation (NYSE: USG), a leading building products company, and the Apollo Group (NASDAQ: APO), a leading education services corporation. He also serves on the board of trustees for The Bishop's School, an independent, college preparatory day school for students in grades six through 12 in La Jolla, Calif.	2010	53
Dow Draper	President - Prepaid. Mr. Draper manages the sales and marketing for Sprint's prepaid brands, Virgin Mobile USA, Boost Mobile and Assurance Wireless. Previously, he was Senior Vice President and General Manager of Retail for CLEAR, the retail brand of Clearwire, where he oversaw the brand's sales, marketing, customer care and product development. He served in various executive positions at Clearwire since 2009. Before joining Clearwire, Mr. Draper held various roles at Alltel Wireless, including senior vice president of Voice & Data Solutions and senior vice president of Financial Planning and Analysis. He has also held various roles at Western Wireless and McKinsey and Company.	2013	44
Charles R. Wunsch	Senior Vice President - General Counsel and Corporate Secretary. Mr. Wunsch was appointed Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary in October 2008. He served as our Vice President for corporate transactions and business law and has served in various legal positions at the Company since 1990. He was previously an associate and partner at the law firm Watson, Ess, Marshall, and Enggas.	2008	58
Michael C. Schwartz	Senior Vice President - Corporate and Business Development. Mr. Schwartz served as as Vice President, Marketing, Corporate Development and	2013	49

Regulatory at Telesat Canada, a satellite communications company, from 2007 to 2012. Previously, Mr. Schwartz served as Senior Vice President of Marketing and Corporate Development of SES New Skies, a satellite company. Prior to joining SES New Skies, he served as Chief Development and Financial Officer of Terabeam Corporation, responsible for business and corporate development as well as financial operations. He also was a co-founder and president of an Internet infrastructure company, and held two senior positions at AT&T Wireless Services, including Vice President of Acquisitions and Development.

Paul W. Schieber, Jr. Controller. Mr. Schieber previously served in various positions at Sprint since 1991. Most recently he served as Vice President, Access and Roaming Planning, where he was responsible for managing Sprint's roaming costs as well as its wireless and wireline access costs. Prior to that, Mr. Schieber held various leadership roles in Sprint's Finance organization including heading up Sprint's internal audit function as well as serving in various Vice President - Finance roles. He was also a director in Sprint's Tax department and a director on its Mergers and Acquisitions team. Before joining Sprint, Mr. Schieber was a senior manager with public accounting firm Ernst & Young, where he worked as an auditor and a tax consultant. In addition, he served as corporate controller for a small publicly held company. 2013 56

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Item 1A. Risk Factors

In addition to the other information contained in this transition report on Form 10-K, the following risk factors should be considered carefully in evaluating us. Our business, financial condition, liquidity or results of operations could be materially adversely affected by any of these risks.

If we are not able to retain and attract wireless subscribers, our financial performance will be impaired.

We are in the business of selling communications services to subscribers, and our success is based on our ability to retain current subscribers and attract new subscribers. If we are unable to retain and attract wireless subscribers, our financial performance will be impaired and we could fail to meet our financial obligations. Beginning in 2008 through March 31, 2014, we have experienced net decreases in our total retail postpaid subscriber base of approximately 12.3 million subscribers (excluding the impact of our acquisitions).

Our ability to retain our existing subscribers and to compete successfully for new subscribers and reduce our rate of churn depends on, among other things:

our ability to anticipate and respond to various competitive factors, including our successful execution of marketing and sales strategies; the acceptance of our value proposition; service delivery and customer care activities, including new account set up and billing; and credit and collection policies;

our ability to operationalize the anticipated benefits from the SoftBank Merger and the Clearwire Acquisition;

our successful deployment of new technologies and services;

actual or perceived quality and coverage of our networks;

public perception about our brands;

our ability to anticipate and develop new or enhanced technologies, products and services that are attractive to existing or potential subscribers;

our ability to access additional spectrum; and

our ability to maintain our current mobile virtual network operator (MVNO) relationships and to enter into new arrangements with MVNOs.

Our ability to retain subscribers may be negatively affected by industry trends related to subscriber contracts. For example, we and some of our competitors no longer require consumers to enter into annual service contracts for postpaid service. In addition, we have recently seen aggressive marketing efforts initiated by our competitors, including offering substantive additional incentives for subscribers to switch carriers. These types of changes could negatively affect our ability to retain subscribers and could lead to an increase in our churn rates if we are not successful in providing an attractive product and service mix.

Moreover, service providers frequently offer wireless equipment, such as devices, below acquisition cost as a method to retain and attract subscribers that enter into wireless service agreements for periods usually extending 12 to 24 months. Equipment cost in excess of the revenue generated from equipment sales is referred to in the industry as equipment net subsidy and is generally recognized as an expense when title of the device passes to the dealer or end-user subscriber. The cost of multi-functional devices, such as smartphones, including the iPhone®, has increased significantly in recent years as a result of enhanced capabilities and functionality. At the same time, wireless service providers continue to compete on the basis of price, including the price of devices offered to subscribers, which has resulted in increased equipment net subsidy. In 2011, we entered into a purchase commitment with Apple, Inc. that increases the average equipment net subsidy for postpaid devices resulting in a reduction to consolidated results from operations and reduced cash flow from operations associated with initiation of service for these devices until such time that retail service revenues associated with subscribers acquiring these devices exceeds such costs.

We expect to incur expenses to attract new subscribers, improve subscriber retention and reduce churn, but there can be no assurance that our efforts will result in new subscribers or a lower rate of subscriber churn. Subscriber losses and a high rate of churn could adversely affect our business, financial condition and results of operations because they result in lost revenues and cash flow. Although attracting new subscribers and retention of existing subscribers are important to the financial viability of our business, there is an added focus on retention because the cost of adding a new subscriber is higher than the cost associated with retention of an existing subscriber.

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Competition and technological changes in the market for wireless services could negatively affect our average revenue per subscriber, subscriber churn, operating costs and our ability to attract new subscribers, resulting in adverse effects on our revenues, cash flows, growth and profitability.

We compete with a number of other wireless service providers in each of the markets in which we provide wireless services, and we expect competition may increase if additional spectrum is made available for commercial wireless services and as new technologies are developed and launched. As smartphone penetration increases, we continue to expect an increased usage of data on our network. Competition in pricing and service and product offerings may also adversely impact subscriber retention and our ability to attract new subscribers, with adverse effects on our results of operations. A decline in the average revenue per subscriber coupled with a decline in the number of subscribers would negatively impact our revenues, cash flows and profitability, which, in turn, could adversely impact our ability to meet our financial obligations.

The wireless communications industry is experiencing significant technological change, including improvements in the capacity and quality of digital technology and the deployment of unlicensed spectrum devices. These developments cause uncertainty about future subscriber demand for our wireless services and the prices that we will be able to charge for these services. As services, technology and devices evolve, we also expect continued pressure on voice, text and other service revenue. Spending by our competitors on new wireless services and network improvements could enable our competitors to obtain a competitive advantage with new technologies or enhancements that we do not offer. Rapid changes in technology may lead to the development of wireless communications technologies, products or alternative services that are superior to our technologies, products or services or that consumers prefer over ours. If we are unable to meet future advances in competing technologies on a timely basis, or at an acceptable cost, we may not be able to compete effectively and could lose subscribers to our competitors.

Some competitors and new entrants may be able to offer subscribers network features or products and services not offered by us, coverage in areas not served by our wireless networks or pricing plans that are lower than those offered by us, all of which would negatively affect our average revenue per subscriber, subscriber churn, ability to attract new subscribers, and profitability.

The success of our network modernization plans will depend on the timing, extent and cost of implementation; access to spectrum; the performance of third-parties and related parties; upgrade requirements; and the availability and reliability of the various technologies required to provide such modernization.

We must continually invest in our wireless network in order to continually improve our wireless service to meet the increasing demand for usage of our data and other non-voice services and remain competitive.

Improvements in our service depend on many factors, including our ability to adapt to future changes in technologies and continued access to and deployment of adequate spectrum, including any leased spectrum. We must maintain and expand our network capacity and coverage as well as the associated wireline network needed to transport voice and data between cell sites. If we are unable to obtain access to additional spectrum to increase capacity or to deploy the services subscribers desire on a timely basis or at acceptable costs while maintaining network quality levels, our ability to retain and attract subscribers could be adversely affected, which would negatively impact our operating margins.

If we fail to provide a competitive network, our ability to provide wireless services to our subscribers, to retain and attract subscribers and to maintain and grow our subscriber revenues could be adversely affected. For example, achieving optimal broadband network speeds, capacity and coverage using 2.5 GHz spectrum relies in significant part on operationalizing a complex mixture of BRS and EBS spectrum licenses and leases in the desired service areas given the EBS licensing limitations described above and the technical limitations of the frequencies in the 2.5 GHz range. If we are unable to do so, our targeted network improvement goals, particularly as to Sprint Spark, could be affected.

Using a new and sophisticated technology on a very large scale entails risks. For example, deployment of new technology from time to time has, and in the future may, adversely affect the performance of existing services on our networks and result in increased churn. Should implementation of our upgraded network be delayed or costs exceed expected amounts, our margins could be adversely affected and such effects could be material. Should the delivery of

services expected to be deployed on our upgraded network be delayed due to technological constraints, performance of third-party suppliers, zoning and leasing restrictions or permit issues or other reasons, the cost of providing such services could become higher than expected, ultimately increasing our cost to subscribers and resulting in decisions to purchase services from our competitors, which would adversely affect our revenues, profitability and cash flow from operations.

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Current economic and market conditions, our recent financial performance, our high debt levels, and our debt ratings could negatively impact our access to the capital markets resulting in less growth than planned or failure to satisfy financial covenants under our existing debt agreements.

We expect to incur additional debt in the future for a variety of reasons, such as refinancing our maturing debt, financing our network modernization plan or other working capital needs, including equipment net subsidies, future investments or acquisitions. Our ability to obtain additional financing will depend on, among other factors, current economic and market conditions, our financial performance, our high debt levels, and our debt ratings. Some of these factors are beyond our control, and we may not be able to obtain additional financing on terms acceptable to us or at all. Failure to obtain suitable financing when needed could, among other things, result in our inability to continue to expand our businesses and meet competitive challenges, including implementation of our network modernization plan on our current timeline.

Instability in the global financial markets may result in periodic volatility in the credit, equity and fixed income markets. This volatility could limit our access to the credit markets, leading to higher borrowing costs or, in some cases, the inability to obtain financing on terms that are acceptable to us or at all.

We have incurred substantial amounts of indebtedness to finance operations and other general corporate purposes. Our consolidated principal amount of indebtedness was \$31.4 billion at March 31, 2014. As a result, we are highly leveraged and will continue to be highly leveraged. Accordingly, our debt service requirements are significant in relation to our revenues and cash flow. This leverage exposes us to risk in the event of downturns in our businesses (whether through competitive pressures or otherwise), in our industry or in the economy generally, and may impair our operating flexibility and our ability to compete effectively, particularly with respect to competitors that are less leveraged.

The debt ratings for our outstanding notes are currently below the "investment grade" category, which results in higher borrowing costs than investment grade debt as well as reduced marketability of our debt. Our debt ratings could be further downgraded for various reasons, including if we incur significant additional indebtedness or if we do not generate sufficient cash from our operations, which would likely increase our future borrowing costs and could adversely affect our ability to obtain additional capital.

Our unsecured revolving bank credit facility, secured equipment credit facility and unsecured loan agreement with Export Development Canada (EDC Agreement) require us to maintain a certain covenant leverage ratio. This ratio is dependent on EBITDA, which in turn depends, among other things, on our ability to generate subscribers and reduce churn. For example, our continuing failure to retain and attract wireless subscribers, particularly adding higher APRU postpaid device (versus tablet) subscribers, may make it difficult for us to generate sufficient EBITDA to maintain our covenant leverage ratio. In that case, we may not continue to satisfy this required ratio or receive waivers from our lenders, and we would be in default under these agreements, which could trigger defaults under our other debt obligations, which in turn could result in the maturities of certain debt obligations being accelerated.

In addition to the covenants in the revolving bank credit facility, the EDC Agreement and our secured equipment credit facility, certain indentures governing our notes issued by our subsidiaries limit, among other things, our ability to incur additional debt, pay dividends, create liens and sell, transfer, lease or dispose of assets. Such restrictions could adversely affect their ability to access the capital markets or engage in certain transactions.

The trading price of our common stock has been and may continue to be volatile and may not reflect our actual operations and performance.

Market and industry factors may adversely impact the market price of our common stock, regardless of our actual operations and performance. Stock price volatility and sustained decreases in our share price could subject our stockholders to losses and may adversely impact our ability to issue equity. The trading price of our common stock has been, and may continue to be, subject to fluctuations in response to various factors, some of which are beyond our control, including, but not limited to:

quarterly announcements and variations in our results of operations or those of our competitors, either alone or in comparison to analysts' expectations or prior company estimates, including announcements of subscriber counts, rates of churn, and operating margins that would result in downward pressure on our stock price;

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the cost and availability or perceived availability of additional capital and market perceptions relating to our access to capital;

• announcements by us or our competitors, or market speculation, of acquisitions, spectrum acquisitions, new products, technologies, significant contracts, commercial relationships or capital commitments;

• market and pricing risks due to concentrated ownership of stock;

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the performance of SoftBank and SoftBank's ordinary shares or speculation about the possibility of future actions SoftBank may take in connection with us;

- disruption to our operations or those of other companies critical to our network operations;
- our ability to develop and market new and enhanced technologies, products and services on a timely and cost-effective basis, including implementation of our network modernization;
- recommendations by securities analysts or changes in their estimates concerning us;
- the incurrence of additional debt, dilutive issuances of our stock, short sales or hedging of, and other derivative transactions, in our common stock;
- any significant change in our board of directors or management;
- litigation;
- changes in governmental regulations or approvals; and
- perceptions of general market conditions in the technology and communications industries, the U.S. economy and global market conditions.

Consolidation and competition in the wholesale market for wireline services, as well as consolidation of our roaming partners and access providers used for wireless services, could adversely affect our revenues and profitability.

Our Wireline segment competes with AT&T, Verizon Communications, CenturyLink, Level 3 Communications Inc., other major local incumbent operating companies, and cable operators, as well as a host of smaller competitors. Some of these companies have high-capacity, IP-based fiber-optic networks capable of supporting large amounts of voice and data traffic. Some of these companies claim certain cost structure advantages that, among other factors, may allow them to offer services at lower prices than we can. In addition, consolidation by these companies could lead to fewer companies controlling access to more cell sites, enabling them to control usage and rates, which could negatively affect our revenues and profitability.

We provide wholesale services under long-term contracts to cable television operators, which enable these operators to provide consumer and business digital telephone services. These contracts may not be renewed as they expire. Increased competition and the significant increase in capacity resulting from new technologies and networks may drive already low prices down further. AT&T and Verizon Communications continue to be our two largest competitors in the domestic long distance communications market. We and other long distance carriers depend heavily on local access facilities obtained from incumbent local exchange carriers (ILECs) to serve our long distance subscribers, and payments to ILECs for these facilities are a significant cost of service for our Wireline segment. The long distance operations of AT&T and Verizon Communications have cost and operational advantages with respect to these access facilities because those carriers serve significant geographic areas, including many large urban areas, as the ILECs.

In addition, our Wireless segment could be adversely affected by changes in rates and access fees that result from consolidation of our roaming partners and access providers, which could adversely affect our revenues and profitability.

The blurring of the traditional dividing lines among long distance, local, wireless, video and Internet services contributes to increased competition.

The traditional dividing lines among long distance, local, wireless, video and Internet services are increasingly becoming blurred. In addition, the dividing lines between voice and data services are also becoming blurred. Through mergers, joint ventures and various service expansion strategies, major providers are striving to provide integrated services in many of the markets we serve. This trend is also reflected in changes in the regulatory environment that have encouraged competition and the offering of integrated services. We expect competition to continue to intensify as a result of the entrance of new competitors or the expansion of services offered by existing competitors, and the rapid development of new technologies, products and services. We cannot predict which of many possible future technologies, products, or services will be important to maintain our competitive position or what expenditures we will be required to make in order to develop and provide these technologies, products or services. To the extent we do not keep pace with technological advances or fail to timely respond to changes in the competitive environment affecting our industry, we could lose market share or experience a decline in revenue, cash flows and net income. As a result of the financial strength and benefits of scale enjoyed by some of our competitors, they may be able to offer

services at lower prices than we can, thereby adversely affecting our revenues, growth and profitability.

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If we are unable to improve our results of operations, we face the possibility of charges for impairments of long-lived assets.

We review our long-lived assets for impairment whenever changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. If we continue to have operational challenges, including obtaining and retaining subscribers, our future revenues and cash flows may not be sufficient to recover the carrying value of our long-lived assets, and we could record asset impairments that are material to our results of operations and financial condition. If we continue to have challenges retaining subscribers and as we modernize our network, management may conclude, in future periods, that certain equipment assets will never be either deployed or redeployed, in which case cash and/or non-cash charges that could be material to our consolidated financial statements would be recognized.

We have entered into or may enter into agreements with various parties for certain business operations. Any difficulties experienced by us in these arrangements could result in additional expense, loss of subscribers and revenue, interruption of our services or a delay in the roll-out of new technology.

We have entered into or may enter into agreements with various parties for the day-to-day execution of services, provisioning, maintenance, and modernization of our wireless and wireline networks, the development and maintenance of certain systems necessary for the operation of our business, and for network equipment, handsets, devices, and other equipment. We expect our dependence on key suppliers to continue as more advanced technologies are developed.

We also have or may enter into agreements with various parties to provide customer service and related support to our wireless subscribers and outsourced aspects of our wireline network and back office functions. In addition, we have lease and sublease agreements with various parties for space on communications towers. As a result, we must rely on various parties to perform certain of our operations and, in certain circumstances, interface with our subscribers. If these various parties were unable to perform to our requirements, we may not be able to pursue alternative strategies which could adversely affect our business. Even if we are able to pursue alternative strategies, we could experience delays, interruptions, additional expenses and loss of subscribers.

The products and services utilized by us and our suppliers and service providers may infringe on intellectual property rights owned by others.

Some of our products and services use intellectual property that we own. We also purchase products from suppliers, including device suppliers, and outsource services to service providers, including billing and customer care functions, that incorporate or utilize intellectual property. We and some of our suppliers and service providers have received, and may receive in the future, assertions and claims from third parties that the products or software utilized by us or our suppliers and service providers infringe on the patents or other intellectual property rights of these third parties. These claims could require us or an infringing supplier or service provider to cease certain activities or to cease selling the relevant products and services. These claims can be time-consuming and costly to defend, and divert management resources. If these claims are successful, we could be forced to pay significant damages or stop selling certain products or services or stop using certain trademarks, which could adversely affect our results of operations.

Government regulation could adversely affect our prospects and results of operations; the FCC and state regulatory commissions may adopt new regulations or take other actions that could adversely affect our business prospects, future growth or results of operations.

The FCC and other federal, state and local, as well as international, governmental authorities have jurisdiction over our business and could adopt regulations or take other actions that would adversely affect our business prospects or results of operations.

The licensing, construction, operation, sale and interconnection arrangements of wireless telecommunications systems are regulated by the FCC and, depending on the jurisdiction, international, state and local regulatory agencies. In particular, the FCC imposes significant regulation on licensees of wireless spectrum with respect to how radio spectrum is used by licensees, the nature of the services that licensees may offer and how the services may be offered, and resolution of issues of interference between spectrum bands.

The FCC grants wireless licenses for terms of generally ten years that are subject to renewal and revocation. There is no guarantee that our licenses will be renewed. Failure to comply with FCC requirements applicable to a given license could result in revocation of that license and, depending on the nature of the non-compliance, other Sprint licenses.

The FCC recently revised its transactional “spectrum screen” that it uses to identify prospective wireless transactions that may require additional competitive scrutiny. If a proposed transaction would exceed the spectrum

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screen threshold, the FCC undertakes a more detailed analysis of relevant market conditions in the impacted geographic areas to determine whether the transaction would reduce competition without offsetting public benefits. The revised screen now includes substantial portions of the 2.5 GHz band previously excluded from the screen and that are licensed or leased to Sprint in numerous markets. As a result, future Sprint spectrum acquisitions may exceed the spectrum screen trigger for additional FCC review. Such additional review could extend the duration of the regulatory review process and there can be no assurance that such transactions will ultimately be completed in whole or in part.

Depending on their outcome, the FCC's ongoing proceedings regarding regulation of special access rates could affect the rates paid by our Wireless and Wireline segments for special access services in the future. Similarly, depending on their outcome, the FCC's proceedings on the regulatory classification of VoIP services and a pending appeal of the FCC's 2011 order reforming universal service for high cost area and intercarrier compensation could affect the intercarrier compensation rates and the level of Universal Service Fund (USF) contributions paid by us.

Various states are considering regulations over terms and conditions of service, including certain billing practices and consumer-related issues that may not be pre-empted by federal law. If imposed, these regulations could make it more difficult and expensive to implement national sales and marketing programs and could increase the costs of our wireless operations.

Degradation in network performance caused by compliance with government regulation, such as "net neutrality," loss of spectrum or additional rules associated with the use of spectrum in any market could result in an inability to attract new subscribers or higher subscriber churn in that market, which could adversely affect our revenues and results of operations. Furthermore, additional costs or fees imposed by governmental regulation could adversely affect our revenues, future growth and results of operations.

Changes to the federal Lifeline Assistance Program could negatively impact the growth of the Assurance Wireless™ and wholesale subscriber base and the profitability of the Assurance Wireless and wholesale business overall.

Virgin Mobile USA, L.P., our wholly-owned subsidiary, offers service to low-income subscribers eligible for the federal Lifeline Assistance program under the brand Assurance Wireless. Assurance Wireless provides a monthly discount to eligible subscribers in the form of free blocks of minutes and text messages. Moreover, some of our wholesale customers also offer service to subscribers eligible for the federal Lifeline Assistance program. This discount is subsidized by the Low-Income Program of the federal USF and administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company. In 2012, the FCC adopted reforms to the Low Income program to increase program effectiveness and efficiencies. More stringent eligibility and certification requirements have made it more difficult for Lifeline service providers to sign up and retain Lifeline subscribers. Some regulators and legislators have questioned the structure of the current program, and the FCC is continuing to review and implement measures to improve the program, including enforcement action involving alleged rule violations, and roll-out of the National Lifeline Accountability Database. Changes in the Lifeline program as a result of the ongoing FCC proceeding or new legislation, or potential enforcement action, could negatively impact growth in the Assurance Wireless and wholesale subscriber base and/or the profitability of the Assurance Wireless and wholesale business overall.

If our business partners and subscribers fail to meet their contractual obligations, it could negatively affect our results of operations.

The current economic environment has made it difficult for businesses and consumers to obtain credit, which could cause our suppliers, distributors and subscribers to have problems meeting their contractual obligations with us. If our suppliers are unable to fulfill our orders or meet their contractual obligations with us, we may not have the services or devices available to meet the needs of our current and future subscribers, which could cause us to lose current and potential subscribers to other carriers. In addition, if our distributors are unable to stay in business, we could lose distribution points, which could negatively affect our business and results of operations. If our subscribers are unable to pay their bills or potential subscribers feel they are unable to take on additional financial obligations, they may be forced to forgo our services, which could negatively affect our results of operations.

Our reputation and business may be harmed and we may be subject to legal claims if there is loss, disclosure or misappropriation of or access to our subscribers' or our own information or other breaches of our information security.

We make extensive use of online services and centralized data processing, including through third-party service providers. The secure maintenance and transmission of customer information is an important element of our operations. Our information technology and other systems that maintain and transmit customer information, including location or personal information, or those of service providers, may be compromised by a malicious third-party penetration of our network security, or that of a third-party service provider, or impacted by advertent or inadvertent actions or inactions by our

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employees, or those of a third-party service provider. Cyber attacks, which include the use of malware, computer viruses and other means for disruption or unauthorized access, have increased in frequency, scope and potential harm in recent years. While, to date, we have not been subject to cyber attacks or other cyber incidents which, individually or in the aggregate, have been material to our operations or financial condition, the preventive actions we take to reduce the risk of cyber incidents and protect our information technology and networks may be insufficient to repel a major cyber attack in the future. As a result, our subscribers' information may be lost, disclosed, accessed, used, corrupted, destroyed or taken without the subscribers' consent.

In addition, we and third-party service providers process and maintain our proprietary business information and data related to our business-to-business customers or suppliers. Our information technology and other systems that maintain and transmit this information, or those of service providers, may also be compromised by a malicious third-party penetration of our network security or that of a third-party service provider, or impacted by intentional or inadvertent actions or inactions by our employees or those of a third-party service provider. We also purchase equipment from third parties that could contain software defects, Trojan horses, malware, or other means by which third parties could access our network or the information stored or transmitted on such networks or equipment. As a result, our business information, or subscriber or supplier data may be lost, disclosed, accessed, used, corrupted, destroyed or taken without consent.

Any major compromise of our data or network security, failure to prevent or mitigate the loss of our services or customer information and delays in detecting any such compromise or loss could disrupt our operations, impact our reputation and subscribers' willingness to purchase our service and subject us to additional costs and liabilities, including litigation, which could be material.

Any acquisitions, strategic investments or mergers may subject us to significant risks, any of which may harm our business.

As part of our long term strategy, we regularly evaluate potential acquisitions, strategic investments and mergers and actively engage in discussions with potential counterparties. Over time, we may acquire, make investments in, or merge with companies that complement or expand our business. Some of these potential transactions could be significant relative to the size of our business and operations. Acquisitions would involve a number of risks and present financial, managerial and operational challenges, including:

- diversion of management attention from running our existing business;
- possible material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting;
- increased expenses including legal, administrative and compensation expenses related to newly hired employees;
- increased costs to integrate the networks, spectrum, technology, personnel, subscriber base and business practices of the company involved in the acquisition, strategic investment or merger with our business;
- potential exposure to material liabilities not discovered in the due diligence process or as a result of any litigation arising in connection with such transactions;
- potential adverse effects on our reported operating results due to possible write-downs of goodwill and other intangible assets associated with acquisitions;
- significant transaction expenses in connection with any such transaction, whether consummated or not;
- risks related to our ability to obtain any required regulatory approvals necessary to consummate any such transaction;
 - acquisition financing may not be available on reasonable terms or at all and any such financing could
 - significantly increase our outstanding indebtedness or otherwise affect our capital structure or credit ratings;
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any acquired or merged business, technology, service or product may significantly under-perform relative to our expectations, and we may not achieve the benefits we expect from our transaction.

Certain of these risks may also apply to the recently consummated Clearwire Acquisition. For any or all of these reasons, our pursuit of an acquisition, investment or merger may cause our actual results to differ materially from those anticipated.

Our business could be negatively impacted by threats and other disruptions.

Major equipment failures, natural disasters, including severe weather, terrorist acts or breaches of network or information technology security that affect our wireline and wireless networks, including transport facilities,

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switches, routers, microwave links, cell sites or other equipment or third-party owned local and long-distance networks on which we rely, could have a material adverse effect on our operations.

These events could disrupt our operations, require significant resources, result in a loss of subscribers or impair our ability to attract new subscribers, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

We may be required to recognize an impairment of our goodwill or indefinite-lived intangible assets, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial position and results of operations.

As a result of the SoftBank Merger and the remeasurement of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in connection with the transaction, Sprint recognized goodwill at its estimate of fair value of approximately \$6.4 billion, which has been entirely allocated to the wireless segment. Since goodwill is reflected at its estimate of fair value, there is no excess fair value over book value as of the date of the close of the SoftBank Merger. Additionally, we recorded \$41.7 billion of indefinite-lived intangible assets as of the close of the Merger. We are required to perform goodwill impairment tests for goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets at least annually and whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value exceed fair value. If any circumstances were to occur, such as a decline in stock price, a reduction in consumer demand, or for any other reason we were to experience a significant decrease in sales or an increase in costs, which had a negative impact on our estimated cash flows associated with our Wireless segment, our analysis of goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets may conclude that the carrying value exceeds the estimated fair value of the assets. If this were to occur, we would be required to recognize an impairment which could adversely affect our financial position and results of operations.

Certain subscribers are no longer required to sign service contracts for postpaid services, and we are beginning to offer subscribers equipment financing, which could result in higher churn and higher bad debt expense.

Our new Framily plan allows certain subscribers to purchase a new eligible device under an installment contract payable over 24 months through the use of the Sprint Easy Pay program. Alternatively, subscribers on our Framily plan may use their own Sprint-certified device. Subscribers who take advantage of Framily or Sprint Easy Pay are no longer required to sign service contracts to obtain postpaid service. This new service plan and the Sprint Easy Pay program may not meet our subscribers' or potential subscribers' needs, expectations, or demands. In addition, subscribers on the Framily plan or Sprint Easy Pay can discontinue their service at any time without penalty, other than the obligation of any residual commitment they may have for unpaid service or for amounts due under the installment contract for the device. We could experience reduced revenues and increased marketing costs to acquire new subscribers if we experience a churn rate higher than we expect, which could reduce our margins. Our operational and financial performance may be adversely affected if we are unable to grow our customer base and achieve the customer penetration levels that we anticipate with this business model.

Subscribers who have financed their devices through Sprint Easy Pay have the option to pay for their devices in installments over a period of up to 24 months. This program subjects us to increased risks relating to consumer credit issues, which could result in increases to our bad debt expense and write-offs of installment billing receivables. These arrangements may be particularly sensitive to changes in general economic conditions, and any declines in the credit quality of our subscriber base could have a material adverse effect on our financial position and results of operations.

Controlled Company Risks

As long as SoftBank controls us, other holders of our common stock will have limited ability to influence matters requiring stockholder approval and SoftBank's interest may conflict with ours and other stockholders.

SoftBank beneficially owns approximately 80% of the outstanding common stock of Sprint. As a result, until such time as SoftBank and its controlled affiliates hold shares representing less than a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of our outstanding common stock at a stockholder meeting, SoftBank generally will have the ability to control the outcome of any matter submitted for the vote of our stockholders, except in certain circumstances set forth in our certificate of incorporation or bylaws.

In addition, pursuant to our bylaws, we are subject to certain requirements and limitations regarding the composition of our board of directors. Many of those requirements and limitations expire on or prior to July 10, 2016. Thereafter, for so long as SoftBank and its controlled affiliates hold shares of our common stock representing at least a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of our common stock at a stockholder meeting, SoftBank will be able to

freely nominate and elect all the members of our board of directors, subject only to a requirement that a certain number of

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directors qualify as "Independent Directors," as such term is defined in the NYSE listing rules, and applicable laws. The directors elected by SoftBank will have the authority to make decisions affecting the capital structure of the Company, including the issuance of additional capital stock or options, the incurrence of additional indebtedness, the implementation of stock repurchase programs and the declaration of dividends.

The interests of SoftBank may not coincide with the interests of our other stockholders or with holders of our indebtedness. SoftBank's ability, subject to the limitations in our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, to control all matters submitted to our stockholders for approval limits the ability of other stockholders to influence corporate matters and, as a result, we may take actions that our stockholders or holders of our indebtedness do not view as beneficial. As a result, the market price of our common stock or terms upon which we issue indebtedness could be adversely affected. In addition, the existence of a controlling stockholder of Sprint may have the effect of making it more difficult for a third-party to acquire, or discouraging a third-party from seeking to acquire, the Company. A third-party would be required to negotiate any such transaction with SoftBank, and the interests of SoftBank with respect to such transaction may be different from the interests of our other stockholders or with holders of our indebtedness. In addition, the performance of SoftBank and SoftBank's ordinary shares or speculation about the possibility of future actions SoftBank may take in connection with us may adversely affect our share price or the trading price of our debt securities.

Subject to limitations in our certificate of incorporation that limit SoftBank's ability to engage in certain competing businesses in the U.S. or take advantage of certain corporate opportunities, SoftBank is not restricted from competing with us or otherwise taking for itself or its other affiliates certain corporate opportunities that may be attractive to the Company.

SoftBank's ability to eventually control our board of directors may make it difficult for us to recruit independent directors.

For so long as SoftBank and its controlled affiliates hold shares of our common stock representing at least a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of our common stock at a stockholders' meeting, SoftBank will be able to elect all of the members of our board of directors commencing three years following the effective time of the SoftBank Merger. Further, the interests of SoftBank and our other stockholders may diverge. Under these circumstances, persons who might otherwise accept an invitation to join our board of directors may decline.

Any inability to resolve favorably any disputes that may arise between the Company and SoftBank or its affiliates may adversely affect our business.

Disputes may arise between SoftBank or its affiliates and the Company in a number of areas, including:

- business combinations involving the Company;
- sales or dispositions by SoftBank of all or any portion of its ownership interest in us;
- the nature, quality and pricing of services SoftBank or its affiliates may agree to provide to the Company;
- arrangements with third parties that are exclusionary to SoftBank or its affiliates or the Company; and
- business opportunities that may be attractive to both SoftBank or its affiliates and the Company.

We may not be able to resolve any potential conflicts, and even if we do, the resolution may be less favorable than if we were dealing with an unaffiliated party.

The agreements between the Company and SoftBank or its affiliates may be amended upon agreement between the parties. While the Company is controlled by SoftBank, it may not have the leverage to negotiate amendments to these agreements if required on terms as favorable to us as those that we would negotiate with an unaffiliated third-party.

We are a "controlled company" within the meaning of the NYSE rules and, as a result, rely on exemptions from certain corporate governance requirements that provide protection to stockholders of companies that are not "controlled companies."

SoftBank owns more than 50% of the total voting power of our common shares and, accordingly, we have elected to be treated as a "controlled company" under the NYSE corporate governance standards. As a controlled company, we are exempt under the NYSE standards from the obligation to comply with certain NYSE corporate governance requirements, including the requirements:

- that a majority of our board of directors consists of independent directors;

that we have a corporate governance and nominating committee that is composed entirely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the committee's purpose and responsibilities;

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that we have a compensation committee that is composed entirely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the committee's purpose and responsibilities; and
 that an annual performance evaluation of the nominating and governance committee and compensation committee be performed.

As a result of our use of the "controlled company" exemptions, holders of our common stock and debt securities, may not have the same protection afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to all of the NYSE corporate governance requirements.

Regulatory authorities have imposed measures to protect national security and classified projects as well as other conditions that could have an adverse effect on Sprint.

As a precondition to approval of the SoftBank Merger, certain U.S. Government agencies required that SoftBank and Sprint enter into certain agreements, including a National Security Agreement (NSA) under which SoftBank and Sprint have agreed to implement certain measures to protect national security, certain of which may materially and adversely affect our operating results due to increasing the cost of compliance with security measures, and limiting our control over certain U.S. facilities, contracts, personnel, vendor selection and operations. If we fail to comply with our obligations under the NSA or other agreements, our ability to operate our business may be adversely affected.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

Item 2. Properties

Our corporate headquarters are located in Overland Park, Kansas and consist of about 3,853,000 square feet. Our gross property, plant and equipment at March 31, 2014 totaled \$18.7 billion, as follows:

	March 31, 2014 (in billions)
Wireless	\$16.1
Wireline	1.3
Corporate and other	1.3
Total	\$18.7

Properties utilized by our Wireless segment generally consist of base transceiver stations, switching equipment and towers, as well as leased and owned general office facilities and retail stores. We lease space for base station towers and switch sites for our wireless network.

Properties utilized by our Wireline segment generally consist of land, buildings, switching equipment, digital fiber optic network and other transport facilities. We have been granted easements, rights-of-way and rights-of-occupancy by railroads and other private landowners for our fiber optic network.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

In March 2009, a stockholder brought suit, *Bennett v. Sprint Nextel Corp.*, in the U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas, alleging that Sprint Communications and three of its former officers violated Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and Rule 10b-5 by failing adequately to disclose certain alleged operational difficulties subsequent to the Sprint-Nextel merger, and by purportedly issuing false and misleading statements regarding the write-down of goodwill. The plaintiff seeks class action status for purchasers of Sprint Communications common stock from October 26, 2006 to February 27, 2008. On January 6, 2011, the Court denied the motion to dismiss. Subsequently, our motion to certify the January 6, 2011 order for an interlocutory appeal was denied, and discovery is continuing. The plaintiff moved to certify a class of bondholders as well as owners of common stock, and on March 27, 2014, the court certified a class including bondholders as well as stockholders. On April 11, 2014 we filed a petition to appeal that certification order to the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals. Sprint Communications believes the complaint is without merit and intends to continue to defend the matter vigorously. We do not expect the resolution of this matter to have a material adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations.

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In addition, five related stockholder derivative suits were filed against Sprint Communications and certain of its present and/or former officers and directors. The first, *Murphy v. Forsee*, was filed in state court in Kansas on April 8, 2009, was removed to federal court, and was stayed by the court pending resolution of the motion to dismiss the Bennett case; the second, *Randolph v. Forsee*, was filed on July 15, 2010 in state court in Kansas, was removed to federal court, and was remanded back to state court; the third, *Ross-Williams v. Bennett, et al.*, was filed in state court in Kansas on February 1, 2011; the fourth, *Price v. Forsee, et al.*, was filed in state court in Kansas on April 15, 2011; and the fifth, *Hartleib v. Forsee, et. al.*, was filed in federal court in Kansas on July 14, 2011. These cases are essentially stayed while the Bennett case is in the discovery phase. We do not expect the resolution of these matters to have a material adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations.

Sprint Communications, Inc. has received a complaint purporting to assert claims on behalf of Sprint Communications, Inc. stockholders, alleging that members of the board of directors breached their fiduciary duties in agreeing to the SoftBank Merger, and otherwise challenging that transaction. There were initially five cases consolidated in state court in Johnson County, Kansas: *UFCW Local 23 and Employers Pension Fund, et al. v. Bennett, et al.*, filed on October 25, 2012; *Iron Workers Mid-South Pension Fund, et al. v. Hesse, et al.*, filed on October 25, 2012; *City of Dearborn Heights Act 345 Police and Fire Retirement System v. Sprint Nextel Corp., et al.*, filed on October 29, 2012; *Testani, et al. v. Sprint Nextel Corp., et al.*, filed on November 1, 2012; and *Patten, et al. v. Sprint Nextel Corp., et al.*, filed on November 1, 2012. Plaintiffs did not challenge the amended SoftBank Merger transaction, but sought an award of attorneys fees for their challenge of the original SoftBank Merger transaction. The court denied that motion and the consolidated state cases were dismissed with prejudice. There are two cases filed in federal court in the District of Kansas, entitled *Gerbino, et al. v. Sprint Nextel Corp., et al.*, filed on November 15, 2012, and *Steinberg, et al. v. Bennett, et al.*, filed on May 16, 2013 (and now consolidated with Gerbino); those cases were stayed pending the resolution of the state cases, and those cases were dismissed on May 16, 2014.

Sprint Communications, Inc. is also a defendant in a complaint filed by stockholders of Clearwire Corporation, asserting claims for breach of fiduciary duty by Sprint Communications, and related claims and otherwise challenging the Clearwire Acquisition. *ACP Master, LTD, et al. v. Sprint Nextel Corp., et al.*, was filed April 26, 2013 in Chancery Court in Delaware. We have moved to dismiss the suit, and a decision on that motion is pending. The plaintiffs in the ACP Master, LTD suit have also filed suit requesting an appraisal of the fair value of their Clearwire stock, and discovery is proceeding in that case. Sprint Communications, Inc. intends to defend the ACP Master, LTD case vigorously, and, because this case is still in the preliminary stage, we have not yet determined what effect the lawsuit will have, if any, on our financial position or results of operations.

Various other suits, inquiries, proceedings and claims, either asserted or unasserted, including purported class actions typical for a large business enterprise and intellectual property matters, are possible or pending against us. If our interpretation of certain laws or regulations, including those related to various federal or state matters such as sales, use or property taxes, or other charges were found to be mistaken, it could result in payments by us. While it is not possible to determine the ultimate disposition of each of these proceedings and whether they will be resolved consistent with our beliefs, we expect that the outcome of such proceedings, individually or in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, there were no material developments in the status of these legal proceedings.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

None.

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PART II

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

Common Share Data

Our common stock is traded under the stock symbol "S" on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). From January 1, 2012 through July 10, 2013, the stock that traded was the Series 1 common stock of Sprint Communications, Inc., which was formerly known as Sprint Nextel Corporation. On July 10, 2013, the SoftBank Merger closed, and after that date, the stock that trades on the NYSE is the common stock of Sprint Corporation. We currently have no non-voting common stock outstanding. The high, low and end of period common stock prices, as reported on the NYSE composite, were as follows:

	Three-month Transition Period								
	Ended March 31, 2014 Market Price			2013 Market Price			2012 Market Price		
	High	Low	End of Period	High	Low	End of Period	High	Low	End of Period
Common stock									
First quarter	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$6.22	\$5.52	\$6.21	\$3.03	\$2.10	\$2.85
Second quarter	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.50	6.12	7.02	3.33	2.30	3.26
Third quarter	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.26	5.61	6.22	5.76	3.15	5.52
Fourth quarter	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.47	5.92	10.75	6.04	4.79	5.67
Transition period	\$10.69	\$7.42	\$9.19	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Number of Stockholders of Record

As of May 19, 2014, we had approximately 30,000 common stock record holders.

Dividends

We did not declare any dividends on our common stock for all periods presented in the consolidated financial statements. We are currently restricted from paying cash dividends by the terms of our revolving bank credit facility as described under "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Liquidity and Capital Resources."

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

None.

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Performance Graph

The graph below compares the cumulative total shareholder return for the Company's common stock with the S&P® 500 Stock Index and the Dow Jones U.S. Telecommunications Index for the five fiscal years ended December 31 plus the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014. Because Sprint Corporation common stock did not commence trading until after the SoftBank Merger, the graph below reflects the cumulative total shareholder return on the Series 1 common stock of Sprint Communications, Inc., our predecessor, through July 10, 2013 and, thereafter, reflects the total shareholder return on the common stock of Sprint Corporation. The graph assumes an initial investment of \$100 on December 31, 2008 and, if any, the reinvestment of all dividends.

Value of \$100 Invested on December 31, 2008

	12/31/2008	12/31/2009	12/31/2010	12/31/2011	12/31/2012	12/31/2013	3/31/2014
Sprint Corporation	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 231.15	\$ 127.87	\$ 309.84	\$ 587.43	\$ 502.19
S&P 500 Index	\$ 100.00	\$ 126.46	\$ 145.51	\$ 148.59	\$ 172.37	\$ 228.19	\$ 232.32
Dow Jones U.S. Telecom Index	\$ 100.00	\$ 109.85	\$ 129.35	\$ 134.48	\$ 159.75	\$ 182.32	\$ 182.97

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Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The Company's financial statement presentations distinguish between the predecessor period (Predecessor) relating to Sprint Communications (formerly known as Sprint Nextel Corporation) for periods prior to the SoftBank Merger and the successor period (Successor) relating to Sprint Corporation, formerly known as Starburst II, for periods subsequent to the incorporation of Starburst II on October 5, 2012. The Successor financial information includes the activity and accounts of Sprint Corporation as of and for the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 and the year ended December 31, 2013, which includes the activity and accounts of Sprint Communications, inclusive of the consolidation of Clearwire Corporation, prospectively following completion of the SoftBank Merger, beginning on July 11, 2013. The accounts and operating activity for the Successor periods from October 5, 2012 (date of inception) to December 31, 2012, the three-month period ended March 31, 2013 and from January 1, 2013 to July 10, 2013 consist solely of the activity of Starburst II prior to the close of the SoftBank Merger, which primarily related to merger expenses that were incurred in connection with the SoftBank Merger (recognized in selling, general and administrative expense) and interest income related to the \$3.1 billion Bond issued to Starburst II by Sprint Nextel Corporation. The Predecessor financial information represents the historical basis of presentation for Sprint Communications for all periods prior to the SoftBank Merger. See "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" for additional discussions on our trends and combined information. The selected financial data presented below is not comparable for all periods presented primarily as a result of transactions such as the SoftBank Merger and acquisitions of Clearwire and certain assets of U.S. Cellular in 2013 and the acquisitions of Virgin Mobile USA, Inc. (Virgin Mobile) and third-party affiliates in 2009. All acquired companies' results of operations subsequent to their acquisition dates are included in our consolidated financial statements. See "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" for additional discussions on our trends and combined information.

	Successor				Predecessor											
	Three Months Ended March 31,		Years Ended December 31,		191 Days Ended July 10,	Three Months Ended March 31,	Years Ended December 31,									
	2014	2013	2013	2012	2013	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009						
(in millions, except per share amounts)																
Results of Operations																
Net operating revenues	\$8,875	\$—	\$16,891	\$—	\$18,602	\$8,793	\$35,345	\$33,679	\$32,563	\$32,260						
Depreciation	868	—	2,026	—	3,098	1,422	6,240	4,455	5,074	5,827						
Amortization	429	—	908	—	147	70	303	403	1,174	1,589						
Operating income (loss)	420	(14)	(970)	(33)	(885)	29	(1,820)	108	(595)	(1,398)						
Net loss	(151)	(9)	(1,860)	(27)	(1,158)	(643)	(4,326)	(2,890)	(3,465)	(2,436)						
Loss per Share and Dividends ⁽¹⁾																
Basic and diluted loss per common share	\$(0.04)		\$(0.54)		\$(0.38)		\$(0.21)		\$(1.44)		\$(0.96)		\$(1.16)		\$(0.84)	
Financial Position																
Total assets	\$84,689	\$3,122	\$86,095	\$3,115	N/A	\$50,757	\$51,570	\$49,383	\$51,654	\$55,424						
	16,299	—	16,164	—	N/A	14,025	13,607	14,009	15,214	18,280						

Property, plant and equipment, net										
Intangible assets, net	55,919	—	56,272	—	N/A	22,352	22,371	22,428	22,704	23,462
Total debt, capital lease and financing obligations (including equity unit notes)	32,778	—	33,011	—	N/A	24,500	24,341	20,274	20,191	21,061
Stockholders' equity	25,312	3,122	25,584	3,110	N/A	6,474	7,087	11,427	14,546	18,095
Cash Flow Data										
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$522	\$(2)	\$(61)	\$—	\$2,671	\$940	\$2,999	\$3,691	\$4,815	\$4,891
Capital expenditures	1,488	—	3,847	—	3,140	1,381	4,261	3,130	1,935	1,603

(1) We did not declare any dividends on our common shares in any of the periods reported.

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Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

OVERVIEW

Business Strategies and Key Priorities

Sprint is a communications company offering a comprehensive range of wireless and wireline communications products and services that are designed to meet the needs of individual consumers, businesses, government subscribers, and resellers. Unless the context otherwise requires, references to "Sprint," "we," "us," "our" and the "Company" mean Sprint Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries for all periods presented, inclusive of Successor and Predecessor periods, and references to "Sprint Communications" are to Sprint Communications, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries. The communications industry has and will continue to compete on the basis of the network quality, types of services and devices offered, and price. We are currently undergoing a significant multi-year program to upgrade our existing wireless communication network, including the decommissioning of our Nextel platform, which was successfully shut-down on June 30, 2013 (see "Overview - Network Modernization"). To support our business strategy and expected capital requirements, we amended our unsecured revolving bank credit facility in February 2014 to provide additional lender commitments to increase the total capacity to \$3.3 billion from the original \$3.0 billion. We also raised debt financing of approximately \$9.0 billion in 2013. Additionally, we raised equity funding of approximately \$5.0 billion in 2013, including the conversion of the \$3.1 billion convertible bond (Bond) Sprint Communications, Inc. issued to Starburst II, Inc. (Starburst II), a wholly-owned subsidiary of SoftBank, in 2012 and an additional \$1.9 billion equity contribution provided by SoftBank in connection with the SoftBank Merger defined below (see "Significant Transactions"). In 2012, we raised debt financing of approximately \$8.9 billion in addition to entering into a \$1.0 billion secured equipment credit facility, which was fully drawn by December 31, 2013 (see "Liquidity and Capital Resources").

Wireless segment earnings represented almost all of our total consolidated segment earnings for the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014. Within the Wireless segment, postpaid wireless service revenue represents the most significant contributors to earnings and are driven not only by the number of postpaid subscribers to our services, but also the average revenue per user (ARPU).

The following table shows the trend of our end of period postpaid subscribers by platform for the past five years and as of March 31, 2014.

	As of March 31, 2014	As of December 31,				
		2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
	(in thousands)					
Sprint platform	29,918	30,149	30,245	28,729	27,446	26,712
Nextel platform	—	—	1,632	4,285	5,666	7,255
Transactions	586	688	—	—	—	—
Total end of period postpaid subscribers	30,504	30,837	31,877	33,014	33,112	33,967

On June 30, 2013, we completed the successful shut-down of the Nextel platform. Despite the overall reduction in postpaid subscribers, primarily as a result of our action to shut-down the Nextel platform, we experienced growth in net operating revenue during the twelve month periods ended 2013 and 2012 as compared to 2011, primarily as a result of the continued adoption of smartphones and the premium data add-on charge. Prospectively, we expect to continue to focus on profitable growth through service provided on an enhanced wireless network while continuing to achieve our key priorities.

Our business strategy is to be responsive to changing customer mobility demands by being innovative and differentiated in the marketplace. Our future growth plans and strategy revolve around continuing to achieve the following three key priorities:

- Improve the customer experience;
- Strengthen our brand; and
- Generate operating cash flow.

To simplify and improve the customer experience, we continue to offer Ready NowSM, which educates our subscribers on how to use their mobile devices before they leave the store. For our business customers, we aim to increase their productivity by providing differentiated services that utilize the advantages of combining wireline IP networks with wireless technology. This differentiation enables us to retain and acquire both wireline, wireless and combined wireline-wireless subscribers on our networks. We have also continued to focus on further improving customer care. We implemented initiatives that are designed to improve call center processes and procedures, and standardized our performance measures

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through various metrics, including customer satisfaction ratings with respect to customer care, first call resolution, and calls per subscriber.

We continue to strengthen our brand through offering a broad selection of some of the most desired and iconic devices, while focusing on continued enhancements to our network and our upgrade to LTE. We distinguish the Sprint brand from other wireless providers through our offerings of unlimited talk, text and data - guaranteed for life and the recently launched Sprint FamilySM plan and Sprint Easy Pay, which allow subscribers to forgo traditional service contracts and subsidized devices in exchange for lower monthly service fees, early upgrade options, or both.

In addition to our brand and customer-oriented goals, we continue to focus on generating increased operating cash flow through competitive rate plans for postpaid and prepaid subscribers, multi-branded strategies, and effectively managing our cost structure. Certain strategic decisions, such as our network modernization plans and the availability of the iPhone®, which on average carries a higher equipment net subsidy, have resulted in a reduction in cash flows from operations. We also expect that Sprint Easy Pay will require a greater use of operating cash flows as compared to our traditional subsidized plans because the subscriber is financing the device over 24 months. However, we believe these actions will generate long-term benefits, including growth in valuable postpaid subscribers, a reduction in variable cost of service per unit and long-term accretion to cash flows from operations. See "Liquidity and Capital Resources" for more information.

Significant Transactions

On May 17, 2013, Sprint Communications closed its transaction with United States Cellular Corporation (U.S. Cellular) to acquire personal communications services (PCS) spectrum and subscribers in parts of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri and Ohio, including the Chicago and St. Louis markets, for \$480 million in cash. Sprint Communications agreed, in connection with the acquisition, to reimburse U.S. Cellular for certain network shut-down costs in these markets, the majority of which is expected to be paid by the end of 2016. These costs are expected to be approximately \$160 million on a net present value basis, but in no event will Sprint Communications' reimbursement obligation exceed \$200 million on an undiscounted basis. The additional spectrum will be used to supplement Sprint's coverage in these areas.

On July 9, 2013, Sprint Communications completed the acquisition of the remaining equity interests in Clearwire Corporation and its consolidated subsidiary Clearwire Communications LLC (together "Clearwire") that it did not previously own (Clearwire Acquisition) in an all cash transaction for approximately \$3.5 billion, net of cash acquired of \$198 million, which provides us with control of 2.5 gigahertz (GHz) spectrum and tower resources for use in conjunction with our network modernization plan. The consideration paid was preliminarily allocated to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values at the time of the Clearwire Acquisition. The allocation of consideration paid was based on management's judgment after evaluating several factors, including a preliminary valuation assessment.

On July 10, 2013, SoftBank Corp. and certain of its wholly-owned subsidiaries (together, "SoftBank") completed the merger (SoftBank Merger) with Sprint Nextel Corporation (Sprint Nextel) contemplated by the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 15, 2012 (as amended, the Merger Agreement), and the Bond Purchase Agreement, dated as of October 15, 2012 (as amended, the Bond Agreement). Pursuant to the Bond Agreement, Sprint Communications, Inc. issued a convertible bond (Bond) to Starburst II with a principal amount of \$3.1 billion, interest rate of 1%, and maturity date of October 15, 2019, which was converted into 590,476,190 shares of Sprint Communications, Inc. common stock at \$5.25 per share immediately prior to the close of the SoftBank Merger. As a result of the SoftBank Merger, Starburst II became the parent company of Sprint Nextel. Immediately thereafter, Starburst II changed its name to Sprint Corporation and Sprint Nextel changed its name to Sprint Communications, Inc.

As a result of the completion of the SoftBank Merger in which SoftBank acquired an approximate 78% interest in Sprint Corporation, and subsequent open market stock purchases, SoftBank owns approximately 80% of the outstanding voting common stock of Sprint Corporation. The SoftBank Merger consideration totaled approximately \$22.2 billion, consisting primarily of cash consideration of \$14.1 billion, net of cash acquired of \$2.5 billion, and the estimated fair value of the 22% interest in Sprint Corporation issued to the then existing stockholders of Sprint Communications, Inc. The preliminary allocation of consideration paid was based on management's judgment after

evaluating several factors, including a preliminary valuation assessment. The close of the transaction provided additional equity funding of \$5.0 billion, consisting of \$3.1 billion received by Sprint Communications, Inc. in October 2012 related to the Bond, which automatically converted to equity immediately prior to the closing of the SoftBank Merger, and \$1.9 billion cash consideration at closing of the SoftBank Merger.

In connection with the close of the SoftBank Merger, Sprint Corporation became the successor registrant to Sprint Nextel under Rule 12g-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act) and is the entity subject to the reporting

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requirements of the Exchange Act for filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) subsequent to the close of the SoftBank Merger.

Network Modernization

We are in the process of modernizing our network to allow the consolidation and optimization of our 1.9 GHz, 800 megahertz (MHz) and 2.5 GHz spectrum into our base stations. Prior to the closing of the Clearwire Acquisition, in which we acquired 2.5 GHz spectrum, this initiative to modernize our network (Network Vision) encompassed all of our approximately 38,000 CDMA cell sites. The Network Vision project, which commenced in late 2011, includes the deployment of enhanced 3G and 4G LTE technology using our 1.9 GHz spectrum and the deployment of voice technology on our 800 MHz spectrum on the majority of those 38,000 sites. We expect to be substantially complete with the deployment of enhanced 3G and 4G LTE technology using 1.9GHz spectrum by the middle of 2014, while the deployment of voice on our 800 MHz spectrum is expected to be substantially complete by the end of 2014. Some of our subscribers are experiencing network service disruptions, particularly voice service, during the construction phase of Network Vision, which, among other factors, we believe has contributed to the elevated postpaid churn rates in recent quarters (refer to the churn results table within "Results of Operations"). Based on our experience in several large markets that have reached near completion of Network Vision construction, we have observed that network-related churn elevates during the construction phase and then gradually improves to pre-construction levels over a period of several months following the achievement of substantial completion in the market. Based on the observed performance trends for the several larger markets that are now complete, we expect network-related churn results will continue to be negatively impacted by our Network Vision project, with gradual improvement beginning in the latter part of 2014.

The Network Vision project and the related shut-down of the Nextel platform have resulted in incremental charges, beginning in 2012, including, but not limited to, an increase in depreciation associated with existing assets related to both the Nextel and Sprint platforms due to changes in our estimates of the remaining useful lives of long-lived assets, changes in the expected timing and amount of asset retirement obligations, and lease exit and other contract termination costs. The Nextel platform was successfully shut-down on June 30, 2013, and the remaining infrastructure is expected to be completely decommissioned by the end of 2016.

In addition to Network Vision, we recently commenced deployment of 4G LTE technology on our 800 MHz spectrum, and we plan to continue to expand 4G LTE on our 2.5 GHz spectrum, which we expect will further enhance the quality of our network. We expect the majority of the efforts to roll out 4G LTE on our 800 MHz spectrum band to be completed by the end of 2015, subject to the timing and completion of work to reconfigure the 800 MHz band (the "Report and Order"). We expect the majority of the efforts to roll out 4G LTE on our 2.5 GHz spectrum band to be completed over the next three years. In October 2013, we announced Sprint SparkSM, which is an enhanced LTE network capability that analyzes our three spectrum bands of LTE and connects a device to the most optimal band available in the area. We expect the deployment period for this technology to correspond with the roll out of 4G LTE on our 800 MHz and 2.5 GHz spectrum bands. We are also modifying our existing backhaul architecture to enable increased capacity to our network at a lower cost by utilizing Ethernet as opposed to our existing time division multiplexing (TDM) technology. We expect to incur termination costs associated with our TDM contractual commitments with third-party vendors ranging between approximately \$125 million to \$175 million, the majority of which we expect to record through the first quarter of 2016. The cost to complete all of these initiatives to modernize our network will be significant. We expect capital expenditures of approximately \$8 billion in the calendar year 2014. As of the date of the Clearwire Acquisition, Clearwire had deployed WiMAX technology on approximately 17,000 cell towers and was in the process of deploying 4G LTE technology using the 2.5 GHz spectrum on approximately 5,400 of these sites, which has now been completed. As part of our plan to roll out 4G LTE on our 2.5 GHz spectrum band, we plan to deploy 4G LTE on approximately 4,600 more legacy Clearwire sites. In addition, we plan to cease using WiMAX technology by the end of 2015. We have also evaluated our consolidated cell tower portfolio, including the 17,000 cell towers obtained in the Clearwire Acquisition, and identified approximately 6,000 redundant sites that we expect to no longer utilize. We expect lease exit costs recorded in future periods associated with these sites to range between approximately \$50 million to \$100 million on a net present value basis. The timing of lease exit charges will be dependent upon the date we cease utilizing these sites without future economic benefit.

Ultimately, we expect Network Vision, along with our ongoing network modernization efforts, to bring financial benefit to the Company through migration to one common network, which is expected to reduce network maintenance and operating costs through capital efficiencies, reduced energy costs, lower roaming expenses, backhaul savings, and reduction in total cell sites, as well as improvements to the quality of service to subscribers. Our expectation of financial savings is

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affected by multiple variables, including our expectation of the timeliness of modernization across our existing network footprint, which is managed by Sprint but is partly dependent upon our primary original equipment manufacturers (OEMs).

Installment Billing Programs

During 2013, wireless carriers introduced new plans that allow subscribers to forgo traditional service contracts and device subsidies in exchange for lower monthly service fees, early upgrade options, or both. In the latter part of 2013, AT&T, Verizon Wireless and T-Mobile each launched early upgrade programs that include an option to purchase a device using an installment billing program. Sprint offers our own device installment billing program called Sprint Easy Pay.

Under the Sprint Easy Pay installment billing program, we expect to recognize most of the future expected installment payments at the time of sale of the device. As compared to our traditional subsidized plans, this results in better alignment of the equipment revenue with the cost of the device, which is expected to reduce the amount of subsidy recognized in our operating results. Additionally, Sprint is offering lower monthly service fees without a traditional contract as an incentive to attract subscribers to the Framily plan. These lower rates for service are available whether the subscriber brings their own handset, pays the full retail price of the handset or purchases the handset under our Sprint Easy Pay program. We expect Sprint platform postpaid ARPU to continue to decline as a result of the Framily plan; however, as a result of Sprint Easy Pay, we also expect reduced equipment net subsidy expense to offset these declines. Therefore, the combination of these two items is expected to have a net positive contribution to earnings. During the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014, the Framily plan combined with the Sprint Easy Pay program have been accretive to earnings. We expect that trend to continue with the magnitude of the impact being dependent upon the rate of subscriber adoption. We also expect that Sprint Easy Pay will require a greater use of operating cash flows in the earlier part of the installment contract, if the subscriber pays less upfront than traditional plans, because the subscriber is financing the device over 24 months.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

As discussed above, both the Clearwire Acquisition and the SoftBank Merger were completed in July 2013. As a result of these transactions, the assets and liabilities of Sprint Communications and Clearwire were preliminarily adjusted to estimated fair value on the respective closing dates. The Company's financial statement presentations distinguish between the predecessor period (Predecessor) relating to Sprint Communications for periods prior to the SoftBank Merger and the successor period (Successor) relating to Sprint Corporation, formerly known as Starburst II, for periods subsequent to the incorporation of Starburst II on October 5, 2012. The Successor financial information includes the activity and accounts of Sprint Corporation as of and for the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 and the year ended December 31, 2013, which includes the activity and accounts of Sprint Communications, inclusive of the consolidation of Clearwire Corporation, prospectively following completion of the SoftBank Merger (Post-merger period), beginning on July 11, 2013. The accounts and operating activity for the Successor periods from October 5, 2012 (date of inception) to December 31, 2012, the three-month period ended March 31, 2013, and from January 1, 2013 to July 10, 2013 consist solely of the activity of Starburst II prior to the close of the SoftBank Merger. The Predecessor financial information represents the historical basis of presentation for Sprint Communications for all periods prior to the SoftBank Merger.

As a result of the SoftBank Merger, and in order to present Management's Discussion and Analysis in a way that offers investors a more meaningful period to period comparison, in addition to presenting and discussing our historical results of operations as reported in our consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP), we have combined the 2013 Predecessor financial information with the 2013 Successor financial information, on an unaudited combined basis. The unaudited combined data consists of Predecessor information for the 191-day period ended July 10, 2013 and Successor information for the year ended December 31, 2013. The combined information for the year ended December 31, 2013 does not comply with U.S. GAAP and is not intended to represent what our consolidated results of operations would have been if the Successor had actually been formed on January 1, 2013 and acquired the Predecessor as of such date, nor have we made any attempt to either include or exclude expenses or income that would have resulted had the SoftBank Merger

actually occurred on January 1, 2013.

The following discussion covers results for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the three-month Predecessor period ended March 31, 2013 as well as the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 and the Predecessor years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. Results for the unaudited combined year ended December 31, 2013 versus the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 are also discussed, to the extent necessary, to provide an analysis of results on comparable periods although the basis of presentation may not be comparable due to the application of the acquisition method of accounting. Additionally, in certain sections we discuss the activity of the

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Predecessor 191-day period ended July 10, 2013 to the extent it provides useful information for the activity during that period. The results for the Successor 87-day period ended December 31, 2012 and three-month period ended March 31, 2013 were considered insignificant and are not comparable to the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 or three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 as the Successor entity was established on October 5, 2012 for the sole purpose of completing the SoftBank Merger. Results for the Successor 87-day period ended December 31, 2012 and three-month period ended March 31, 2013 primarily reflected merger expenses that were incurred (recognized in selling, general and administrative expense) and interest income related to the \$3.1 billion Bond issued in connection with the SoftBank Merger. We have provided information regarding certain of the elements of the acquisition method of accounting affecting the Successor period ending December 31, 2013 results to enable further comparability.

Acquisition Method of Accounting Effects to the Successor Periods Ending March 31, 2014 (Transition Period) and December 31, 2013

The allocation of the consideration transferred to assets acquired and liabilities assumed were based on preliminary estimated fair values as of the date of the SoftBank Merger, as described further in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements. As a result, the following estimated impacts of purchase price accounting are included in our results of operations for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 and year ended December 31, 2013:

- Reduced postpaid wireless revenue and wireless cost of service of approximately \$29 million and \$59 million each for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 and for the year ended December 31, 2013, respectively, as a result of preliminary purchase accounting adjustments to deferred revenue and deferred costs;

- Reduced prepaid wireless revenue of approximately \$96 million for the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 as a result of preliminary purchase accounting adjustments to eliminate deferred revenue;

- Increased rent expense of \$29 million and \$55 million for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 and year ended December 31, 2013, respectively, which was included in cost of service, primarily attributable to the write-off of deferred rents associated with our operating leases, offset by the amortization of our net unfavorable leases recorded in purchase accounting;

- Increased cost of products sold of approximately \$31 million for the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 as a result of preliminary purchase accounting adjustments to accessory inventory;

- Reduced depreciation expense of approximately \$60 million and \$400 million for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 and year ended December 31, 2013, respectively, as a result of preliminary purchase accounting adjustments reflecting a net decrease to property, plant and equipment;

- Incremental amortization expense of approximately \$359 million and \$772 million for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 and year ended December 31, 2013, respectively, which was primarily attributable to the recognition of customer relationships of approximately \$6.9 billion; and

- Decrease in pension expense of approximately \$22 million and \$46 million for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 and year ended December 31, 2013, respectively, which was primarily reflected in selling, general and administrative expense, due to the purchase accounting adjustment to unrecognized net periodic pension and other post-retirement benefits.

Predecessor 191-Day Period Ended July 10, 2013

Significant changes in the underlying trends affecting the Company's consolidated results of operations and net loss for the 191 days ended July 10, 2013 were as follows:

- We recorded a gain on previously-held Clearwire equity interests of approximately \$2.9 billion for the difference between the estimated fair value of the equity interests owned prior to the acquisition (\$5.00 per share offer price less an estimated control premium of approximately \$0.60) and the carrying value of approximately \$325 million for those previously-held equity interests; and

- Increased income tax expense was primarily attributable to taxable temporary differences as a result of the \$2.9 billion gain on the previously-held equity interests in Clearwire, which was principally attributable to the increase in the fair value of Federal Communications Commission (FCC) licenses held by Clearwire and from amortization of FCC licenses. FCC licenses are amortized over 15 years for income tax purposes but, because these licenses have an

indefinite life, they are not amortized for financial statement reporting purposes.

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Consolidated Results of Operations

The following table provides the Successor three-month periods ended March 31, 2014 (transition period) and 2013, the combined consolidated results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2013, the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 and 87 days ended December 31, 2012, the Predecessor 191-day period ended July 10, 2013, the Predecessor three-month period ended March 31, 2013, and the Predecessor years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. The Predecessor information represents the historical basis of presentation for Sprint Communications for all periods prior to the SoftBank Merger. The Successor period includes the operating activity of Sprint Corporation for the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 and the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 as well as Sprint Communications, inclusive of Clearwire prospectively from the date of the SoftBank Merger on July 10, 2013 through March 31, 2014.

	Successor Three Months Ended March 31, 2014		Combined Year Ended December 31, 2013		Successor Year Ended December 31, 2013		Predecessor 87 Days Ended December 31, 2012		Predecessor 191 Days Ended July 10, 2013		Predecessor Three Months Ended March 31, 2013		Predecessor Years Ended December 31, 2012		Predecessor Years Ended December 31, 2011	
	(in millions)															
Wireless segment earnings	\$1,837	\$—	\$4,948	\$2,178	\$—	\$2,770	\$1,395	\$4,147	\$4,267							
Wireline segment earnings	12	—	494	222	—	272	128	649	800							
Corporate, other and eliminations	(5)	(14)	(33)	(34)	(33)	1	1	7	5							
Consolidated segment earnings (loss)	1,844	(14)	5,409	2,366	(33)	3,043	1,524	4,803	5,072							
Depreciation	(868)	—	(5,124)	(2,026)	—	(3,098)	(1,422)	(6,240)	(4,455)							
Amortization	(429)	—	(1,055)	(908)	—	(147)	(70)	(303)	(403)							
Other, net	(127)	—	(1,085)	(402)	—	(683)	(3)	(80)	(106)							
Operating income (loss)	420	(14)	(1,855)	(970)	(33)	(885)	29	(1,820)	108							
Interest expense	(516)	—	(2,053)	(918)	—	(1,135)	(432)	(1,428)	(1,011)							
Equity in losses of unconsolidated investments, net	—	—	(482)	—	—	(482)	(202)	(1,114)	(1,730)							
Gain on previously-held equity interests	—	—	2,926	—	—	2,926	—	—	—							
Other income (expense), net	1	6	92	73	10	19	—	190	(3)							
Income tax expense	(56)	(1)	(1,646)	(45)	(4)	(1,601)	(38)	(154)	(254)							
Net loss	\$(151)	\$(9)	\$(3,018)	\$(1,860)	\$(27)	\$(1,158)	\$(643)	\$(4,326)	\$(2,890)							

Depreciation Expense

Successor Three-Month Transition Period Ended March 31, 2014 and Predecessor Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2013

Depreciation expense decreased \$554 million, or 39%, in the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 compared to the same Predecessor period in 2013 primarily due to the absence of accelerated depreciation associated with equipment related to our legacy Nextel and Sprint platforms. This reduction was partially offset by increased depreciation on asset additions primarily associated with our network modernization and assets

acquired as a result of the Clearwire Acquisition. The Network Vision deployment resulted in incremental charges during earlier stages of implementation including, but not limited to, an increase in depreciation associated with existing assets related to both the Nextel and Sprint platforms, due to changes in our estimates of the remaining useful lives of long-lived assets, and the expected timing and amount of asset retirement obligations, which continued to have an impact on our results of operations through 2013. The incremental effect of accelerated depreciation due to the implementation of Network Vision was approximately \$360 million during the Predecessor three-month period ended March 31, 2013, of which the majority related to the Nextel platform, compared to no such accelerated depreciation in the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014.

Successor Year Ended December 31, 2013 and Predecessor Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

Depreciation expense decreased \$4.2 billion, or 68%, for the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 primarily due to comparing results for the shortened Post-merger period to a period consisting of a full calendar year. In addition, the decrease in depreciation expense was driven by accelerated depreciation expense recognized in 2012 from our network modernization described below, with no such

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accelerated depreciation in the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 and asset revaluations as a result of the SoftBank Merger. These decreases were partially offset by increased depreciation expense on assets acquired as a result of the Clearwire Acquisition and asset additions primarily related to network initiatives.

Depreciation expense increased \$1.8 billion, or 40%, in 2012 compared to 2011. Our network modernization resulted in incremental charges during the period of implementation including, but not limited to, an increase in depreciation associated with existing assets related to both the Nextel and Sprint platforms, due to changes in our estimates of the remaining useful lives of long-lived assets, and the expected timing and amount of asset retirement obligations. In 2012, the incremental effect of accelerated depreciation due to our network initiatives was approximately \$2.1 billion, of which the majority related to the shut-down of the Nextel platform. The increase related to accelerated depreciation was slightly offset by a net decrease in depreciation as a result of assets that became fully depreciated or were retired. Combined Year Ended December 31, 2013 and Predecessor Year Ended December 31, 2012

In addition to the explanations above, the decrease in depreciation expense for the combined year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 was partially offset by increased depreciation expense primarily due to network asset additions in the Predecessor 191-day period. The incremental effect of accelerated depreciation expense totaled approximately \$800 million for the 191 days ended July 10, 2013, which was primarily related to the shut-down of the Nextel platform on June 30, 2013.

Amortization Expense

Successor Three-Month Transition Period Ended March 31, 2014 and Predecessor Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2013

Amortization expense increased \$359 million, or 513%, in the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same Predecessor period in 2013, primarily due to the recognition of definite-lived intangible assets related to customer relationships of approximately \$6.9 billion as a result of the SoftBank Merger. Customer relationship intangible assets are amortized using the sum-of-the-months'-digits method, which results in higher amortization rates in early periods that will decline over time.

Successor Year Ended December 31, 2013 and Predecessor Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

Amortization expense increased \$605 million, or 200%, for the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012, primarily due to the recognition of definite-lived intangible assets related to customer relationships of approximately \$6.9 billion as a result of the SoftBank Merger. Customer relationship intangible assets are amortized using the sum-of-the-months'-digits method, which results in higher amortization rates in early periods that will decline over time.

Amortization expense declined \$100 million, or 25%, in 2012 compared to 2011 primarily due to the absence of amortization for customer relationship intangible assets related to the 2006 acquisition of Nextel Partners, Inc. and the 2009 acquisition of Virgin Mobile USA, Inc., which became fully amortized in the second quarter 2011.

Other, net

The following table provides additional information of items included in "Other, net" for the Successor three months ended March 31, 2014, the combined consolidated results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2013, the Successor year ended December 31, 2013, the Predecessor 191-day period ended July 10, 2013, the Predecessor three months ended March 31, 2013, and the Predecessor years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.

	Successor Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 (in millions)	Combined Year Ended December 31, 2013	Successor Year Ended December 31, 2013	Predecessor 191 Days Ended July 10, 2013	Predecessor Three Months Ended March 31, 2013	Years Ended December 31, 2012	2011
Severance, exit costs and asset impairments	\$(127)	\$(961)	\$(309)	\$(652)	\$(25)	\$(298)	\$(106)
Spectrum hosting contract termination	—	—	—	—		236	—

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Gains from asset dispositions and exchanges	—	—	—	—		29	—
Other	—	(124)	(93)	(31)	22	(47)	—
Total	\$(127)	\$(1,085)	\$(402)	\$(683)	\$(3)	\$(80)	\$(106)

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Successor Three-Month Transition Period Ended March 31, 2014 and Predecessor Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2013

Other, net represented an expense of \$127 million in the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to an expense of \$3 million in the same Predecessor period in 2013. Severance, exit costs and asset impairments of \$127 million for the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 included \$14 million of severance primarily associated with reductions in force, \$11 million of lease exit costs primarily associated with retail store closures, and \$75 million of asset impairments primarily related to network equipment assets that are no longer necessary for management's strategic plans. In addition, we recognized \$31 million of costs during the period related to payments that will continue to be made under our backhaul access contracts for which we will no longer be receiving any economic benefit, of which \$4 million was recognized as "Cost of services and products." Severance, exit costs and asset impairments in the Predecessor first quarter 2013 included \$17 million of severance primarily associated with selective reductions in force and \$8 million of lease exit costs associated with taking certain Nextel platform sites off-air. A favorable ruling by the Texas Supreme Court in connection with the taxation of E911 services resulted in a non-cash benefit of \$22 million in the first quarter 2013.

Successor Year Ended December 31, 2013 and Predecessor Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

"Other, net" represented an expense of \$402 million for the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 and an expense of \$80 million and \$106 million in the Predecessor years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Severance, exit costs, and asset impairments of \$309 million for the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 included \$219 million of severance primarily associated with reductions in force and \$56 million of lease exit costs primarily associated with the decommissioning of the Nextel platform. In addition, we recognized \$53 million of payments that will continue to be made under our backhaul access contracts for which we will no longer be receiving any economic benefit, and of which \$19 million was recognized as "Cost of services and products." Severance, exit costs, and asset impairments in 2012 included lease exit costs of \$196 million associated with taking certain Nextel platform sites off-air in the second and third quarter 2012 and asset impairments, consisting of \$18 million of assets associated with a decision to utilize fiber backhaul rather than microwave backhaul and \$66 million of capitalized assets that we no longer intend to deploy as a result of the termination of the spectrum hosting arrangement with LightSquared. In addition, we had asset impairments of \$18 million in 2012 primarily related to assets that are no longer necessary for management's strategic plans and were primarily related to network asset equipment. Severance, exit costs, and asset impairments in 2011 included \$28 million of severance and exit costs associated with actions taken in the fourth quarter 2011 and \$78 million of asset impairments primarily related to assets that are no longer necessary for management's strategic plans and were primarily related to network asset equipment.

Gains from asset dispositions and exchanges in 2012 were primarily related to spectrum exchange transactions. The spectrum hosting contract termination in 2012 was due to the recognition of \$236 million of the total \$310 million paid by LightSquared in 2011 as operating income in "Other, net" due to the termination of our spectrum hosting arrangement with LightSquared.

The \$93 million reflected in "Other" for the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 included \$100 million of business combination fees paid to unrelated parties in connection with the transactions with SoftBank and Clearwire and are classified within selling, general and administrative expense in our consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss). This is partially offset by \$7 million of reimbursements related to 2012 hurricane-related charges recorded as a contra expense in cost of services in our consolidated statement of comprehensive income (loss). The amount reflected in "Other" for 2012 consisted of \$45 million of hurricane-related costs and \$19 million of expenses associated with business combinations partially offset by \$17 million in benefits resulting from favorable developments relating to access cost disputes with certain exchange carriers.

Predecessor Period of 191 Days Ended July 10, 2013

Exit costs in the Predecessor 191-day period ended July 10, 2013 included lease exit costs of \$478 million primarily associated with taking certain Nextel platform sites off-air by June 30, 2013 and \$151 million related to payments that will continue to be made under our backhaul access contracts for which we will no longer be receiving any economic benefit. Of the \$151 million of future payments, \$35 million was recognized as "Cost of services and products" and \$116 million (solely attributable to Wireless) was recognized in "Severance, exit costs and asset impairments." We

also recognized \$58 million of severance related to reductions in force in the Predecessor 191-day period ended July 10, 2013. "Other" for the Predecessor 191-day period ended July 10, 2013 included \$53 million of business combination fees paid to unrelated parties

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as described above, partially offset by a favorable ruling by the Texas Supreme Court in connection with the taxation of E911 services, which resulted in a non-cash benefit of \$22 million.

Interest Expense

Successor Three-Month Transition Period Ended March 31, 2014 and Predecessor Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2013

Interest expense increased \$84 million, or 19%, in the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same Predecessor period in 2013, primarily due to interest associated with debt issued in September and December 2013 and the debt assumed as a result of the Clearwire acquisition. This was partially offset by premium amortization which was the result of our debt being revalued in connection with the SoftBank merger. The effective interest rate, which includes capitalized interest, on the weighted average long-term debt balance of \$32.9 billion and \$24.5 billion was 6.4% and 7.3% for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 and the Predecessor three-month period ended March 31, 2013, respectively. See "Liquidity and Capital Resources" for more information on the Company's financing activities.

Successor Year Ended December 31, 2013 and Predecessor Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

Interest expense decreased \$510 million, or 36%, for the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012. The decrease was primarily due to comparing a shortened Post-merger period to a Predecessor period representing a full calendar year. This decrease was partially offset by interest expense increases as a result of the debt assumed in the Clearwire Acquisition and new debt issuances in September and December 2013. See "Liquidity and Capital Resources" for more information on the Company's financing activities.

Taking into account the Clearwire and SoftBank transactions, the Company's consolidated debt balance was approximately \$33.0 billion as of December 31, 2013. The effective interest rate, which includes capitalized interest, for the Combined year ended December 31, 2013 was 7.7% based on a weighted average long-term debt balance of \$27.5 billion. The effective interest rate, which includes capitalized interest, on the weighted average long-term debt balances of \$22.0 billion and \$19.1 billion was 7.8% and 7.4% for the Predecessor years ended 2012 and 2011, respectively. See "Liquidity and Capital Resources" for more information on the Company's financing activities.

Interest expense increased \$417 million, or 41%, in 2012 as compared to 2011, primarily due to increased weighted average long-term debt balances as a result of 2011 and 2012 debt issuances, partially offset by 2011 and 2012 debt repayments, in addition to increased effective interest rates combined with reductions in the amount of interest capitalized primarily related to spectrum licenses.

Combined Year Ended December 31, 2013 and Predecessor Year Ended December 31, 2012

In addition to the explanations above, the interest expense increase for the combined year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 was partially due to reductions in the amount of interest capitalized related to spectrum licenses.

Equity in Losses of Unconsolidated Investments, net

As a result of the Clearwire Acquisition on July 9, 2013 and the resulting consolidation of Clearwire results of operations into the accounts of the Company, the Successor period results of operations do not reflect any equity in losses of unconsolidated investments. The equity in losses of unconsolidated investments, net in the Predecessor periods primarily consists of our proportionate share of losses from our equity method investment in Clearwire. Equity in losses from Clearwire were \$202 million for the Predecessor three-month period ended March 31, 2013.

Equity in losses from Clearwire for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 included \$204 million and \$135 million, respectively, in pre-tax impairment reflecting Sprint's reduction in the carrying value of its investment in Clearwire to an estimated fair value. Equity in losses from Clearwire in 2012 and 2011 also included charges of approximately \$41 million and \$361 million, respectively, which were associated with Clearwire's write-off of certain network and other assets that no longer met its strategic plans. In addition, the year ended December 31, 2011 also included a dilution loss of approximately \$27 million primarily associated with the reduction of our non-controlling economic interest related to Clearwire's equity issuance.

Other income (expense), net

The following table provides additional information on items included in "Other income (expense), net" for the Successor three months ended March 31, 2014 (transition period) and 2013, the combined consolidated results of

operations for the year ended December 31, 2013, the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 and 87 days ended December 31, 2012,

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the Predecessor 191-day period ended July 10, 2013, the Predecessor three months ended March 31, 2013, and the Predecessor years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.

	Successor Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 (in millions)		Combined Year Ended December 31, 2013	Successor Year Ended December 31, 2013	87 Days Ended December 31, 2012	Predecessor 191 Days Ended July 10, 2013	Three Months Ended March 31, 2013	Years Ended December 31, 2012 2011	
Interest income	\$4	\$14	\$69	\$36	\$10	\$33	\$—	\$65	\$36
Gain (loss) on early retirement of debt	—	—	44	56	—	(12)	—	81	(33)
Other, net	(3)	(8)	(21)	(19)	—	(2)	—	44	(6)
Total	\$1	\$6	\$92	\$73	\$10	\$19	\$—	\$190	\$(3)

Successor Year Ended December 31, 2013 and Predecessor Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

"Other income (expense), net" represented income of \$73 million for the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to income of \$190 million and expense of \$3 million in the Predecessor years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Other, net in the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 primarily consisted of \$159 million of income related to the recognition of the remaining unaccreted convertible bond discount. In addition, the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 included a \$175 million loss related to the embedded derivative associated with the convertible bond. Gain on early retirement of debt in the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 was a result of early retirement of the Clearwire Communications LLC and Clearwire Finance, Inc. 12% secured notes due 2015 and 12% secured notes due 2017 and in the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 was attributable to the early redemption of Nextel Communications, Inc. debt. Loss on early retirement of debt in 2011 was due to the redemption of all outstanding Sprint Capital Corporation 8.375% senior notes.

Income Tax Expense

The Successor period income tax expense for the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 and the year ended December 31, 2013 of \$56 million and \$45 million, respectively, represented a consolidated effective tax rate of approximately 59% and 3%, respectively. The Predecessor period income tax expense for the three-month period ended March 31, 2013 and years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 of \$38 million, \$154 million, and \$254 million, respectively, represented a consolidated effective tax rate of approximately 6%, 4%, and 10%, respectively. The effective tax rate for the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 was significantly higher than the effective tax rate for the three-month Predecessor period ended March 31, 2013 primarily due to the decrease in the loss before income taxes and an increase in deferred tax expense related to increased tax amortization of FCC licenses assumed in the Clearwire Acquisition. The income tax expense for the Successor and Predecessor periods presented was primarily attributable to taxable temporary differences from amortization of FCC licenses and included net increases to the valuation allowance for federal and state deferred tax assets primarily related to net operating loss carryforwards generated during the respective periods of \$82 million and \$708 million, for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 and year ended December 31, 2013, respectively, and \$265 million, \$1.8 billion, and \$1.2 billion for the Predecessor three-month period ended March 31, 2013, and years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The expense for the 191 days ended July 10, 2013 of approximately \$1.6 billion was primarily attributable to the recognition of tax expense on the \$2.9 billion gain on previously-held equity interests in Clearwire in addition to the Predecessor period items noted above. The income tax expense for 2012 also included a \$69 million tax benefit resulting from the resolution of various federal and state income tax uncertainties. The income tax expense for 2011 also includes a \$59 million expense resulting from changes in corporate state income tax laws. We do not expect to record significant tax benefits on future net operating losses until circumstances justify the recognition of such benefits. Additional information related to items impacting the effective tax rates can be found in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Segment Earnings - Wireless

Wireless segment earnings are a function of wireless service revenue, the sale of wireless devices and accessories, costs to acquire subscribers, network and interconnection costs to serve those subscribers and other Wireless segment operating expenses. The costs to acquire our subscribers include the net cost at which we sell our devices, referred to as equipment net subsidies, as well as the marketing and sales costs incurred to attract those subscribers. Network costs primarily represent switch and cell site costs, backhaul costs, and interconnection costs, which generally consist of per-minute usage fees and roaming fees paid to other carriers. The remaining costs associated with operating the Wireless segment include the costs to operate our customer care organization and administrative support. Wireless service revenue, costs to acquire subscribers, and variable network and interconnection costs fluctuate with the changes in our subscriber base and their related usage, but some cost elements do not fluctuate in the short term with these changes.

As shown by the table above under "Results of Operations," Wireless segment earnings represented almost all of our total consolidated segment earnings (loss) for the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014. The wireless industry is subject to competition to retain and acquire subscribers of wireless services. Most markets in which we operate have high rates of penetration for wireless services. Wireless carriers accordingly must attract a greater proportion of new subscribers from competitors rather than from first-time subscribers. Within the Wireless segment, postpaid wireless services represent the most significant contributors to earnings, and are driven by the number of postpaid subscribers to our services, as well as ARPU. Wireless segment earnings have declined over the last several years, primarily resulting from subscriber losses associated with our Nextel platform offerings as well as increased equipment net subsidy from smartphones. Most recently, our decision to shut-down the Nextel platform accelerated the loss of subscribers on that platform; however, we focused our efforts on recapturing these subscribers on our Sprint platform, resulting in the recapture of approximately 2.6 million Nextel platform postpaid subscribers beginning with the first quarter 2011 through June 30, 2013, which was when the Nextel platform was shut-down. In addition, we have taken initiatives to strengthen the Sprint brand, continue to increase market awareness of the improvements that have been achieved in the customer experience, and provide a competitive portfolio of devices and service plans for subscriber selection which have resulted in improved Wireless segment earnings in the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same Predecessor period in 2013.

In late 2013, we introduced new service plans, which include device payment through installment billing, that allow subscribers to forgo traditional service contracts and device subsidies in exchange for lower monthly service fees, early upgrade options, or both. As the adoption rates of these plans increase throughout our base of subscribers, we expect to continue to see a decline in Sprint platform ARPU due to lower service pricing associated with our Family plan as compared to our traditional plans. However, we expect reduced subsidy expense associated with Sprint Easy Pay to more than offset these declines. We also expect the number of tablet and connected device subscribers as a percentage of the total postpaid subscriber base to increase in the fiscal year 2014, which would have a dilutive effect on ARPU.

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The following table provides an overview of the results of operations of our Wireless segment for the Successor three months ended March 31, 2014 (transition period), the combined consolidated results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2013, the Successor year ended December 31, 2013, the Predecessor 191-day period ended July 10, 2013, the Predecessor three months ended March 31, 2013, and the Predecessor years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.

	Successor Three Months Ended March 31, 2014	Combined Year Ended December 31, 2013	Successor Year Ended December 31, 2013	Predecessor 191 Days Ended July 10, 2013	Successor Three Months Ended March 31, 2013	Predecessor Three Months Ended March 31, 2012	Predecessor Years Ended December 31, 2011
Wireless Segment Earnings							
	(in millions)						
Sprint platform	\$5,719	\$23,225	\$10,983	\$12,242	\$5,773	\$22,264	\$20,052
Nextel platform	—	217	—	217	143	1,455	2,582
Total postpaid	5,719	23,442	10,983	12,459	5,916	23,719	22,634
Sprint platform	1,232	4,867	2,265	2,602	1,194	4,380	3,325
Nextel platform	—	50	—	50	33	525	1,170
Total prepaid	1,232	4,917	2,265	2,652	1,227	4,905	4,495
Other ⁽¹⁾	145	359	331	28	—	—	—
Retail service revenue	7,096	28,718	13,579	15,139	7,143	28,624	27,129
Wholesale, affiliate and other	159	545	266	279	133	483	261
Total service revenue	7,255	29,263	13,845	15,418	7,276	29,107	27,390
Cost of services (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	(2,106)	(9,045)	(4,342)	(4,703)	(2,171)	(9,017)	(8,907)
Service gross margin	5,149	20,218	9,503	10,715	5,105	20,090	18,483
Service gross margin percentage	71 %	69 %	69 %	69 %	70 %	69 %	67 %
Equipment revenue	999	3,504	1,797	1,707	813	3,248	2,911
Cost of products	(2,038)	(9,475)	(4,603)	(4,872)	(2,293)	(9,905)	(8,057)
Equipment net subsidy	(1,039)	(5,971)	(2,806)	(3,165)	(1,480)	(6,657)	(5,146)
Equipment net subsidy percentage	(104)%	(170)%	(156)%	(185)%	(182)%	(205)%	(177)%
Selling, general and administrative expense	(2,273)	(9,299)	(4,519)	(4,780)	(2,230)	(9,286)	(9,070)
Wireless segment earnings	\$1,837	\$4,948	\$2,178	\$2,770	\$1,395	\$4,147	\$4,267

(1) Represents service revenue related to the acquisition of certain assets of U.S. Cellular in the 2nd quarter 2013 and the acquisition of Clearwire in the 3rd quarter 2013.

Service Revenue

Our Wireless segment generates service revenue from the sale of wireless services and the sale of wholesale and other services. Service revenue consists of fixed monthly recurring charges, variable usage charges and miscellaneous fees such as activation fees, directory assistance, roaming, equipment protection, late payment and early termination charges, and certain regulatory related fees, net of service credits.

The ability of our Wireless segment to generate service revenue is primarily a function of:

- revenue generated from each subscriber, which in turn is a function of the types and amount of services utilized by each subscriber and the rates charged for those services; and

the number of subscribers that we serve, which in turn is a function of our ability to retain existing subscribers and acquire new subscribers.

Retail comprises those subscribers to whom Sprint directly provides wireless services, whether those services are provided on a postpaid or a prepaid basis. We also categorize our retail subscribers as prime and subprime based upon subscriber credit profiles. We use proprietary scoring systems that measure the credit quality of our subscribers using several factors, such as credit bureau information, subscriber credit risk scores and service plan characteristics.

Payment history is subsequently monitored to further evaluate subscriber credit profiles. On the Sprint platform, the mix of prime postpaid subscribers to total postpaid subscribers was 81% as of March 31, 2014 and 2013. Wholesale and affiliates are those subscribers who are served through MVNO and affiliate relationships and other arrangements through which wireless services are sold by Sprint to other companies that resell those services to subscribers.

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Successor Three-Month Transition Period Ended March 31, 2014 and Predecessor Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2013

Retail service revenue slightly decreased \$47 million for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same Predecessor period in 2013. The decrease was driven by the loss of postpaid and prepaid subscribers due to the shut-down of the Nextel platform on June 30, 2013, partially offset by the postpaid and prepaid revenues resulting from the acquisitions in 2013.

Wholesale, affiliate and other revenues increased \$26 million, or 20%, for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same Predecessor period in 2013 primarily due to an increase in revenues resulting from acquisitions in 2013. Approximately 45% of our wholesale and affiliate subscribers represent connected devices. These devices generate revenue from usage which varies depending on the solution being utilized. Average revenue per connected device is generally significantly lower than revenue from other wholesale and affiliate subscribers; however, the cost to service these subscribers is also lower resulting in a higher gross margin as a percent of revenue.

Successor Year Ended December 31, 2013 and Predecessor Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

Retail service revenue decreased \$15.0 billion, or 53%, for the year ended December 31, 2013, as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012, primarily due to comparing operating results for the shortened Post-merger period to the 2012 Predecessor period consisting of a full calendar year. In addition, there was a decline of 1.6% in average retail subscribers in the 2013 Successor period as compared to the 2012 Predecessor period primarily resulting from the shut-down of the Nextel platform on June 30, 2013. This decrease was partially offset by a higher average revenue per retail subscriber in 2013 as compared to 2012 primarily due to the \$10 premium data add-on charge for smartphones, combined with increased postpaid and prepaid revenues resulting from acquisitions in 2013.

Retail service revenue increased \$1.5 billion, or 6%, in 2012 as compared to 2011, which primarily reflects an increase in Sprint platform postpaid service revenue related to the \$10 premium data add-on charge required for smartphones and continued popularity of unlimited and bundled plans, combined with increases in roaming and other fees. The increase was also driven by continued subscriber growth from our Assurance Wireless brand as well as a growing number of subscribers on our remaining prepaid brands who are choosing higher rate plans as a result of the increased availability of smartphones.

Wholesale, affiliate and other revenues decreased \$217 million, or 45%, for the year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012, primarily due to comparing operating results for the shortened Post-merger period to the 2012 Predecessor period consisting of a full calendar year. The decrease was partially offset by an increase in revenues resulting from acquisitions in 2013, combined with growth in our MVNO's reselling postpaid services and connected devices. At December 31, 2013, approximately 43% of our wholesale and affiliate subscribers represented connected devices. These devices generate revenue from usage which varies depending on the solution being utilized. Average revenue per connected device is generally significantly lower than revenue from other wholesale and affiliate subscribers; however, the cost to service these subscribers is also lower resulting in a higher gross margin as a percent of revenue.

Wholesale, affiliate and other revenues increased \$222 million, or 85%, for 2012 as compared to 2011 primarily as a result of growth in our MVNO's reselling prepaid services. Specifically, growth in subscribers on the Lifeline program offered through our MVNO's reselling prepaid services, which is similar to our Assurance Wireless offering, contributed to revenue growth. Approximately 33% of our wholesale and affiliate subscribers in 2012 represented a growing number of connected devices.

Combined Year Ended December 31, 2013 and Predecessor Year Ended December 31, 2012

In addition to the explanations above, retail service revenue for the combined year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 increased \$94 million primarily from the consolidation of Clearwire and subscriber growth mainly in our Virgin prepaid brand as prepaid subscribers are choosing higher rate plans as a result of the increased availability of smartphones. In addition, Sprint platform postpaid service revenue increased due to our \$10 premium data add-on charge required for all smartphones combined with a reduction in the number of subscribers eligible for certain plan discounts due to policy changes and fewer customer care credits.

In addition to the explanations above, wholesale, affiliate and other revenue for the combined year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the same Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 increased due to slight growth in the reselling of prepaid services by MVNO's and affiliates.

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Average Monthly Service Revenue per Subscriber and Subscriber Trends

The table below summarizes average number of retail subscribers for the Successor three months ended March 31, 2014 (transition period), the combined consolidated results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2013, the Successor year ended December 31, 2013, the Predecessor 191-day period ended July 10, 2013, the Predecessor three months ended March 31, 2013, and the Predecessor years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. Additional information about the number of subscribers, net additions (losses) to subscribers, and average rates of monthly postpaid and prepaid subscriber churn for each quarter since the first quarter 2011 may be found in the tables on the following pages.

	Successor Three Months Ended March 31, 2014	Combined Year Ended December 31, 2013	Successor Year Ended December 31, 2013	Predecessor 191 Days Ended July 10, 2013	Predecessor Three Months Ended March 31, 2013	Years Ended December 31, 2012 2011	
	(subscribers in thousands)						
Average postpaid subscribers	30,639	31,124	30,957	31,296	31,566	32,462	32,935
Average prepaid subscribers	16,097	15,901	16,040	15,793	15,686	15,291	13,672
Average retail subscribers	46,736	47,025	46,997	47,089	47,252	47,753	46,607

The table below summarizes ARPU for the Successor three months ended March 31, 2014 (transition period), the combined consolidated results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2013, the Successor year ended December 31, 2013, the Predecessor 191-day period ended July 10, 2013, the Predecessor three months ended March 31, 2013, and the Predecessor years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. Additional information about ARPU for each quarter since the first quarter 2011 may be found in the tables on the following pages.

	Successor Three Months Ended March 31, 2014	Combined Year Ended December 31, 2013	Successor Year Ended December 31, 2013	Predecessor 191 Days Ended July 10, 2013	Predecessor Three Months Ended March 31, 2013	Years Ended December 31, 2012 2011	
ARPU ⁽¹⁾ :							
Postpaid	\$62.98	\$63.29	\$63.46	\$63.10	\$62.47	\$60.84	\$57.27
Prepaid	\$27.07	\$26.62	\$26.64	\$26.57	\$26.08	\$26.72	\$27.40
Average retail	\$50.61	\$50.89	\$50.89	\$50.85	\$50.39	\$49.92	\$48.51

(1) ARPU is calculated by dividing service revenue by the sum of the monthly average number of subscribers in the applicable service category. Changes in average monthly service revenue reflect subscribers for either the postpaid or prepaid service category who change rate plans, the level of voice and data usage, the amount of service credits which are offered to subscribers, plus the net effect of average monthly revenue generated by new subscribers and deactivating subscribers. Combined ARPU for 2013 aggregates service revenue from the Predecessor 191-day period ended July 10, 2013 and the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 divided by the sum of the monthly average subscribers during the year ended December 31, 2013.

Successor Three-Month Transition Period Ended March 31, 2014 and Predecessor Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2013

Postpaid ARPU for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 increased as compared to the same Predecessor period in 2013 primarily due to the shut-down of the Nextel platform on June 30, 2013 and the impact of losing subscribers who carried a lower average revenue per subscriber. This increase was partially offset by a lower revenue per subscriber carried by subscribers acquired in the Clearwire and U.S. Cellular acquisitions and growth in sales of tablets, which also carry a lower revenue per subscriber. We expect Sprint platform postpaid ARPU

to decline during fiscal year 2014 as a result of lower service fees associated with Family plan subscribers; however, as a result of Sprint Easy Pay, we also expect the reduced equipment net subsidy expense to offset these declines. Prepaid ARPU for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 increased compared to the same Predecessor period in 2013 primarily due to the impact of a higher revenue per subscriber carried by subscribers acquired in the Clearwire acquisition combined with an increase in ARPU primarily for the Virgin Mobile prepaid brands as subscribers chose higher priced plans.

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Successor Year Ended December 31, 2013 and Predecessor Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

Postpaid ARPU for the year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the Predecessor period in 2012 increased primarily due to higher monthly recurring revenues, including the \$10 premium data add-on charges for all smartphones and device protection fees, combined with other fee increases and a reduction in the number of subscribers eligible for certain plan discounts due to policy changes and fewer customer care credits. The increase in postpaid ARPU was partially offset by lower variable usage-based revenues due to the popularity of unlimited plan options, combined with a lower revenue per subscriber carried by subscribers acquired in the Clearwire and U.S. Cellular acquisitions and growth in sales of tablets, which also carry a lower revenue per subscriber. Prepaid ARPU for the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 declined primarily as a result of the impact of purchase price accounting to eliminate deferred revenues, partially offset by the impact of a higher revenue per subscriber carried by subscribers acquired in the Clearwire Acquisition. Postpaid ARPU for 2012 increased as compared to 2011 primarily due to increased revenues from the \$10 premium data add-on charges for all smartphones and increases in roaming and other fees. Prepaid ARPU declined for 2012 compared to 2011 primarily as a result of net additions of our Assurance Wireless brand whose subscribers carry a lower ARPU, partially offset by an increase in ARPU for the remaining prepaid brands as subscribers are choosing higher priced plans to take advantage of international offerings and the increased availability of smartphones. Average retail ARPU increased for 2012 compared to 2011 primarily as a result of the increased postpaid ARPU which was partially offset by an increased weighting of average prepaid subscribers to average retail subscribers which carry a lower ARPU.

Combined Year Ended December 31, 2013 and Predecessor Year Ended December 31, 2012

In addition to the explanations above, prepaid ARPU for the combined year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 declined primarily as a result of a decrease in ARPU for our Assurance Wireless brand due to a lower number of active Assurance subscribers as a percentage of the average number of Assurance subscribers, primarily as a result of the recertification process. This decrease was partially offset by an increase in ARPU for primarily the Virgin prepaid brands as subscribers are choosing higher priced plans due to the increased availability of smartphones. ARPU as it relates to our Assurance Wireless brand was also impacted as a result of the recertification process because those subscribers no longer had a revenue impact after December 31, 2012, but continued to be included in the prepaid subscriber based until deactivation in the second quarter 2013.

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The following table shows (a) net additions (losses) of wireless subscribers, (b) our total subscribers, and (c) end of period connected device subscribers as of the end of each quarterly period beginning with the first quarter 2011.

	March 31, 2011	June 30, 2011	Sept 30, 2011	Dec 31, 2011	March 31, 2012	June 30, 2012	Sept 30, 2012	Dec 31, 2012	March 31, 2013	June 30, 2013	Sept 30, 2013	Dec 31, 2013	March 31, 2014
Net additions (losses) (in thousands) ⁽¹⁾													
Sprint platform:													
Postpaid	253	226	265	539	263	442	410	401	12	194	(360)	58	(23)
Prepaid	1,406	1,149	839	899	870	451	459	525	568	(486)	84	322	(36)
Wholesale and affiliates ⁽²⁾	389	519	835	954	785	388	14	(243)	(224)	(228)	181	302	21
Total Sprint platform	2,048	1,894	1,939	2,392	1,918	1,281	883	683	356	(520)	(95)	682	(38)
Nextel platform:													
Postpaid	(367)	(327)	(309)	(378)	(455)	(688)	(866)	(644)	(572)	(1,060)	—	—	—
Prepaid	(560)	(475)	(354)	(392)	(381)	(310)	(440)	(376)	(199)	(255)	—	—	—
Total Nextel platform	(927)	(802)	(663)	(770)	(836)	(998)	(1,306)	(1,020)	(771)	(1,315)	—	—	—
Transactions ⁽²⁾ :													
Postpaid	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(179)	(175)	(127)	(10)
Prepaid	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(20)	(56)	(103)	(5)
Wholesale	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	25	69
Total Transactions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(199)	(218)	(205)	(84)
Total retail postpaid	(114)	(101)	(44)	161	(192)	(246)	(456)	(243)	(560)	(1,045)	(535)	(69)	(33)
Total retail prepaid	846	674	485	507	489	141	19	149	369	(761)	28	219	(4)
Total wholesale and affiliate	389	519	835	954	785	388	14	(243)	(224)	(228)	194	327	28
Total Wireless	1,121	1,092	1,276	1,622	1,082	283	(423)	(337)	(415)	(2,034)	(313)	477	(40)
End of period subscribers (in thousands) ⁽¹⁾													
Sprint platform:													
Postpaid ⁽³⁾	27,699	27,925	28,190	28,729	28,992	29,434	29,844	30,245	30,257	30,451	30,091	30,149	29,988
Prepaid	9,941	11,090	11,929	12,828	13,698	14,149	14,608	15,133	15,701	15,215	15,299	15,621	15,588
Wholesale and affiliates ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	4,910	5,429	6,264	7,218	8,003	8,391	8,405	8,162	7,938	7,710	7,862	8,164	8,310
Total Sprint platform	42,550	44,444	46,383	48,775	50,693	51,974	52,857	53,540	53,896	53,376	53,252	53,934	53,886
Nextel platform:													
Postpaid	5,299	4,972	4,663	4,285	3,830	3,142	2,276	1,632	1,060	—	—	—	—
Prepaid	3,182	2,707	2,353	1,961	1,580	1,270	830	454	255	—	—	—	—
Total Nextel platform	8,481	7,679	7,016	6,246	5,410	4,412	3,106	2,086	1,315	—	—	—	—
Transactions ⁽²⁾ :													
Postpaid	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	173	815	688	58

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Prepaid	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	39	704	601	55
Wholesale	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	106	131	20
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	212	1,625	1,420	1,3
Transactions													
Total retail postpaid ⁽³⁾	32,998	32,897	32,853	33,014	32,822	32,576	32,120	31,877	31,317	30,624	30,906	30,837	30
Total retail prepaid	13,123	13,797	14,282	14,789	15,278	15,419	15,438	15,587	15,956	15,254	16,003	16,222	15
Total wholesale and affiliates ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾	4,910	5,429	6,264	7,218	8,003	8,391	8,405	8,162	7,938	7,710	7,968	8,295	8,5
Total Wireless	51,031	52,123	53,399	55,021	56,103	56,386	55,963	55,626	55,211	53,588	54,877	55,354	54

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Supplemental data - connected devices

End of period subscribers (in thousands)⁽³⁾

Retail postpaid	715	727	762	783	791	809	817	813	824	798	834	922	968
Wholesale and affiliates	1,883	1,920	1,956	2,077	2,217	2,361	2,542	2,670	2,803	3,057	3,298	3,578	3,882
Total	2,598	2,647	2,718	2,860	3,008	3,170	3,359	3,483	3,627	3,855	4,132	4,500	4,850

A subscriber is defined as an individual line of service associated with each device activated by a customer.

Subscribers that transfer from their original service category classification to another platform, or another service line within the same platform, are reflected as a net loss to the original service category and a net addition to their new service category. There is no net effect for such subscriber changes to the total wireless net additions (losses) or end of period subscribers.

We acquired approximately 352,000 postpaid subscribers and 59,000 prepaid subscribers through the acquisition of assets from U.S. Cellular when the transaction closed on May 17, 2013. We acquired approximately 788,000 postpaid subscribers (excluding 29,000 Sprint wholesale subscribers transferred to Transactions postpaid subscribers that were originally recognized as part of our Clearwire MVNO arrangement), 721,000 prepaid subscribers, and 93,000 wholesale subscribers as a result of the Clearwire Acquisition when the transaction closed on July 9, 2013.

Subscribers through some of our MVNO relationships have inactivity either in voice usage or primarily as a result of the nature of the device, where activity only occurs when data retrieval is initiated by the end-user and may occur infrequently. Although we continue to provide these subscribers access to our network through our MVNO relationships, approximately 1,421,000 subscribers at March 31, 2014 through these MVNO relationships have been inactive for at least six months, with no associated revenue during the six-month period ended March 31, 2014.

End of period connected devices are included in total retail postpaid or wholesale and affiliates end of period subscriber totals for all periods presented.

The following table shows (a) our average rates of monthly postpaid and prepaid subscriber churn and (b) our recapture of Nextel platform subscribers that deactivated but remained as subscribers on the Sprint platform as of the end of each quarterly period beginning with the first quarter 2011.

	March 31, 2011	June 30, 2011	Sept 30, 2011	Dec 31, 2011	March 31, 2012	June 30, 2012	Sept 30, 2012	Dec 31, 2012	March 31, 2013	June 30, 2013	Sept 30, 2013	Dec 31, 2013	March 31, 2014
Monthly subscriber churn rate ⁽¹⁾													
Sprint platform:													
Postpaid	1.78%	1.72%	1.91%	1.99%	2.00%	1.69%	1.88%	1.98%	1.84%	1.83%	1.99%	2.07%	2.11%
Prepaid	3.41%	3.25%	3.43%	3.07%	2.92%	3.16%	2.93%	3.02%	3.05%	5.22%	3.57%	3.01%	4.33%
Nextel platform:													
Postpaid	1.95%	1.92%	1.91%	1.89%	2.09%	2.56%	4.38%	5.27%	7.57%	33.90%	—	—	—
Prepaid	6.94%	7.29%	7.02%	7.18%	8.73%	7.18%	9.39%	9.79%	12.46%	32.13%	—	—	—
Transactions ⁽²⁾ :													
Postpaid	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26.64%	6.38%	5.48%	5.48%
Prepaid	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16.72%	8.84%	8.18%	5.11%
Total retail postpaid	1.81%	1.75%	1.91%	1.98%	2.01%	1.79%	2.09%	2.18%	2.09%	2.63%	2.09%	2.15%	2.18%

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Total retail prepaid 4.36% 4.14% 4.07% 3.68% 3.61% 3.53% 3.37% 3.30% 3.26% 5.51% 3.78% 3.22% 4.35%

Nextel platform subscriber recaptures

Rate⁽³⁾:

Postpaid 27% 27% 27% 39% 46% 60% 59% 51% 46% 34% — — —

Prepaid 27% 21% 21% 25% 23% 32% 34% 50% 34% 39% — — —

Subscribers⁽⁴⁾:

Postpaid 124 113 103 168 228 431 516 333 264 364 — — —

Prepaid 260 171 141 152 137 143 152 188 67 101 — — —

Churn is calculated by dividing net subscriber deactivations for the quarter by the sum of the average number of subscribers for each month in the quarter. For postpaid accounts comprising multiple subscribers, such as family plans and enterprise accounts, net deactivations are defined as deactivations in excess of subscriber activations in a particular account within 30 days. Postpaid and Prepaid churn consist of both voluntary churn, where the subscriber makes his or her own determination to cease being a subscriber, and involuntary churn, where the subscriber's service is terminated due to a lack of payment or other reasons.

(2) Subscriber churn related to the acquisition of assets from U.S. Cellular and the Clearwire Acquisition.

Represents the recapture rate defined as the Nextel platform postpaid or prepaid subscribers, as applicable, that switched from the Nextel platform but activated service on the Sprint platform during each period over the total Nextel platform subscriber deactivations in the period for postpaid and prepaid, respectively.

Represents the Nextel platform postpaid and prepaid subscribers, as applicable, that switched from the Nextel platform during each period but remained with the Company as subscribers on the Sprint platform. Subscribers that deactivated service on the Nextel platform and activated service on the Sprint platform are included in the Sprint platform net additions for the applicable period.

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The following table shows our postpaid and prepaid ARPU as of the end of each quarterly period beginning with the first quarter 2011.

	Predecessor								Successor		Combined		Dec 2013	
	March 31, 2011	June 30, 2011	Sept 30, 2011	Dec 31, 2011	March 31, 2012	June 30, 2012	Sept 30, 2012	Dec 31, 2012	March 31, 2013	June 30, 2013	10 Days Ended July 10, 2013	Sept 30, 2013		Sept 30, 2013
ARPU														
Sprint platform:														
Postpaid	\$58.52	\$59.07	\$60.20	\$61.22	\$62.55	\$63.38	\$63.21	\$63.04	\$63.67	\$64.20	\$64.71	\$64.24	\$64.28	\$64.28
Prepaid	\$25.76	\$25.53	\$25.35	\$25.16	\$25.64	\$25.49	\$26.19	\$26.30	\$25.95	\$26.96	\$26.99	\$25.14	\$25.33	\$26.99
Nextel platform:														
Postpaid	\$44.35	\$43.68	\$42.78	\$41.91	\$40.94	\$40.25	\$38.65	\$37.27	\$35.43	\$36.66	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—
Prepaid	\$35.46	\$34.63	\$35.62	\$34.91	\$35.68	\$37.20	\$34.73	\$35.59	\$31.75	\$34.48	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—
Transactions⁽¹⁾:														
Postpaid	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$59.87	\$35.75	\$37.44	\$40.00	\$36.66
Prepaid	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$19.17	\$12.78	\$40.62	\$43.20	\$40.62
Total retail postpaid	\$56.17	\$56.67	\$57.65	\$58.59	\$59.88	\$60.88	\$61.18	\$61.47	\$62.47	\$63.59	\$64.55	\$63.48	\$63.69	\$63.69
Total retail prepaid	\$28.39	\$27.53	\$27.19	\$26.62	\$26.82	\$26.59	\$26.77	\$26.69	\$26.08	\$27.02	\$26.96	\$25.86	\$26.04	\$27.02

(1) Subscriber ARPU related to the acquisition of assets from U.S. Cellular and the Clearwire Acquisition.

(2) Combined ARPU for the quarterly period ending September 30, 2013 aggregates service revenue from the Predecessor 10-day period ended July 10, 2013 and the Successor three-month period ended September 30, 2013 divided by the sum of the monthly average subscribers during the three months ended September 30, 2013.

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Subscriber Results

Sprint Platform Subscribers

Retail Postpaid — During the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014, net postpaid subscriber losses were 231,000 as compared to net additions of 12,000 in the Predecessor three-month period ended March 31, 2013, inclusive of 516,000 and 16,000 net additions of tablet devices, respectively, which generally have a significantly lower ARPU as compared to other wireless subscribers. The absence of Nextel platform recaptures is the primary driver for the change from net additions in 2013 to net losses in 2014. During 2013, net postpaid subscriber losses were 96,000 as compared to net additions of 1.5 million and 1.3 million in 2012 and 2011, respectively. The change to net losses in 2013 from net additions in 2012 and 2011 was primarily related to the absence of Nextel platform recaptures in the second half of 2013 as the shutdown of that network was completed on June 30, 2013. Nextel platform and U. S. Cellular recaptures in 2013 totaled 734,000. In addition, we had approximately 564,000 net additions of tablet devices and approximately 190,000 net additions of connected devices in 2013, which were all offset by net losses of approximately 1,584,000 on the Sprint platform. Substantially all Sprint platform net additions in 2012 and approximately 508,000 in 2011 represented postpaid subscribers that deactivated service on the Nextel platform. In addition, churn increased when comparing the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 to the same Predecessor period in 2013 primarily due to increased competition and network-related churn impacted by Network Vision. Churn also increased and postpaid gross subscriber additions declined during 2013 as compared to 2012. We expect churn results will continue to be negatively impacted by Network Vision, with gradual improvement in network-related churn beginning in the latter part of 2014. In addition, some wireless carriers have recently undertaken various aggressive marketing efforts to incent subscribers to switch carriers. As a result, these efforts could have a negative impact on churn which would have a negative effect on earnings.

Retail Prepaid — During the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014, we lost 364,000 net prepaid subscribers as compared to adding 568,000 in the Predecessor three-month period ended March 31, 2013, primarily due to the timing and impact of churn related to the annual recertification of Assurance Wireless subscribers occurring earlier in 2014 compared to 2013, combined with a decline in gross subscriber additions across all prepaid brands. During 2013, we added 488,000 net prepaid subscribers as compared to adding 2.3 million and 4.3 million in 2012 and 2011, respectively. In combination with the significant impact of reduced subscriber additions due to the Assurance Wireless recertification, our decline in net additions in 2013 compared to 2012 was also due to continued competitive pressures in 2012 resulting in promotional offerings that drove increased net additions. Also contributing to the decline in net additions in 2013 was the absence of Nextel platform recaptures in the second half of 2013 as the shutdown of that network was completed. Approximately 168,000 prepaid subscriber additions deactivated service on the Nextel platform in 2013 as compared to 620,000 in 2012 and 724,000 in 2011. Our decrease in net prepaid additions in 2012 as compared to 2011 was primarily due to a decline in gross subscriber additions on Assurance Wireless due to lower response rates and a lower subscriber application approval rate resulting from complexities associated with new federal regulations as well as an increase in churn primarily related to FCC mandated efforts to remove duplicate Lifeline accounts between carriers.

The federal Lifeline program under which Assurance Wireless operates requires applicants to meet certain eligibility requirements and existing subscribers must recertify as to those requirements annually. New regulations in 2012, which impact all Lifeline carriers, impose stricter rules on the subscriber eligibility requirements and recertification. These new regulations also required a one-time recertification of the entire June 1, 2012 subscriber base by December 31, 2012. Accounts of subscribers who failed to respond by December 31, 2012 were suspended and made subject to our prepaid churn rules as described below (or 365 days in a limited number of states). However, subscribers could re-apply prior to being deactivated and also had the ability to receive by-the-minute service at their own expense. We deactivated the accounts of approximately 1.2 million subscribers in the second quarter 2013 primarily related to the recertification process.

Prepaid subscribers are generally deactivated between 60 and 150 days from the later of the date of initial activation or replenishment; however, prior to account deactivation, targeted retention programs can be offered to qualifying subscribers to maintain ongoing service by providing up to an additional 150 days to make a replenishment.

Subscribers targeted through these retention offers are not included in the calculation of churn until their retention

offer expires without a replenishment to their account. As a result, end of period prepaid subscribers include subscribers engaged in these retention programs, however, the number of these subscribers as a percentage of our total prepaid subscriber base has remained consistent over the past four quarters. Assurance Wireless and Clearwire subscribers are excluded from these targeted retention programs.

Wholesale and Affiliate Subscribers — Wholesale and affiliate subscribers represent customers that are served on our networks through companies that resell our wireless services to their subscribers, customers residing in affiliate territories

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and connected devices that utilize our network. Of the 8.4 million Sprint Platform subscribers included in wholesale and affiliates, approximately 46% represent connected devices. Wholesale and affiliate subscriber net additions were 212,000 during the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to net losses of 224,000 during the Predecessor three-month period ended March 31, 2013, inclusive of net additions of connected devices totaling 304,000 and 133,000, respectively. Net additions were primarily attributable to growth in connected device subscribers as compared to net losses in the Predecessor three-month period 2013 from the Lifeline programs offered by our MVNO's selling prepaid services affected by new federal regulations, similar to the impact on our Assurance Wireless brand in Retail Prepaid above. Wholesale and affiliate subscriber net additions were 31,000 during 2013 as compared to 944,000 and 2.7 million in 2012 and 2011, respectively, inclusive of net additions of connected devices totaling 908,000, 593,000, and 217,000 during 2013, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Our decline in net additions in 2013 as compared to 2012, as well as 2012 compared to 2011, was primarily due to targeted efforts in 2013 and 2012 to reduce inactive subscriber accounts by our wholesale MVNO customers as well as net losses attributable to new Lifeline program recertification regulations as discussed in Retail Prepaid above, partially offset by increases in connected devices and growth in wholesale postpaid resellers.

Transactions Subscribers

As part of the acquisition of assets from U.S. Cellular, which closed in May 2013, we acquired 352,000 postpaid subscribers and 59,000 prepaid subscribers. As part of the Clearwire Acquisition in July 2013, we acquired 788,000 postpaid subscribers (exclusive of Sprint platform wholesale subscribers acquired through our MVNO relationship with Clearwire that were transferred to postpaid subscribers within Transactions), 721,000 prepaid subscribers, and 93,000 wholesale subscribers. For the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014, we had net postpaid subscriber losses of 102,000, net prepaid subscriber losses of 51,000 and net wholesale subscriber additions of 69,000, of which approximately 3,000 postpaid subscribers were recaptured on the Sprint platform. For the remainder of the year ended December 31, 2013, we had net postpaid subscriber losses of 481,000, net prepaid subscriber losses of 179,000 and net wholesale subscriber additions of 38,000, of which approximately 106,000 and 8,000 postpaid and prepaid subscribers, respectively, were recaptured on the Sprint platform.

Cost of Services

Cost of services consists primarily of:

- costs to operate and maintain our networks, including direct switch and cell site costs, such as rent, utilities, maintenance, labor costs associated with network employees, and spectrum frequency leasing costs;
- fixed and variable interconnection costs, the fixed component of which consists of monthly flat-rate fees for facilities leased from local exchange carriers based on the number of cell sites and switches in service in a particular period and the related equipment installed at each site, and the variable component of which generally consists of per-minute use fees charged by wireline providers for calls terminating on their networks, which fluctuate in relation to the level and duration of those terminating calls;
- long distance costs paid to the Wireline segment;
- costs to service and repair devices;
- regulatory fees;
- roaming fees paid to other carriers; and
- fixed and variable costs relating to payments to third parties for the use of their proprietary data applications, such as messaging, music, TV, and navigation services by our subscribers.

Successor Three-Month Transition Period Ended March 31, 2014 and Predecessor Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2013

Cost of services decreased \$65 million, or 3%, for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same Predecessor period in 2013, primarily reflecting reduced network costs such as rent, utilities and backhaul costs related to the shut-down of the Nextel platform in June 2013 combined with a decrease in service and repair costs due to a decline in the volume and frequency of repairs and a decrease in roaming fees due to lower volume and rates, partially offset by net increases as a result of the Clearwire Acquisition.

Successor Year Ended December 31, 2013 and Predecessor Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

Cost of services decreased \$4.7 billion, or 52%, for the Successor year ended December 31, 2013, as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012, primarily due to comparing operating results for the shortened Post-merger period to the 2012 Predecessor period consisting of a full calendar year. In addition, we had reduced network costs such as

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rent and utilities in 2013 as a result of the shut-down of the Nextel platform in June 2013 combined with a decrease in service and repair costs due to a decline in the volume and frequency of repairs. These decreases were partially offset by additional network costs due to the modernization of our network as well as the net impact of the Clearwire Acquisition.

Cost of services increased \$110 million, or 1%, in 2012 compared to 2011, reflecting an increase in rent expense primarily due to the cell site leases renegotiated in 2011 in connection with our network modernization and the shutdown of the Nextel platform and higher backhaul costs primarily due to increased capacity. These increases were partially offset by a decrease in payments to third-party vendors for use of their proprietary data applications and premium services as a result of more favorable rates provided by contract renegotiations and a decline in long distance network costs as a result of lower market rates. In addition, service and repair costs decreased due to a decline in the volume and frequency of repairs, which was slightly offset by an increase in the cost per unit of devices utilized for service and repair due to the growth in smartphone popularity.

Combined Year Ended December 31, 2013 and Predecessor Year Ended December 31, 2012

In addition to the explanations above, cost of services for the combined year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 decreased as a result of a reduction in payments to third-party vendors for use of their proprietary data applications and premium services as a result of more favorable contract rates. These decreases were partially offset by higher backhaul costs primarily due to increased capacity.

Equipment Net Subsidy

We recognize equipment revenue and corresponding costs of devices when title and risk of loss passes to the indirect dealer or end-use subscriber, assuming all other revenue recognition criteria are met. Our marketing plans assume that devices will be sold under the traditional device subsidy model or the device installment payment model. Under the traditional device subsidy model, we offer certain incentives to retain and acquire subscribers such as new devices at discounted prices. The cost of these incentives is recorded as a reduction to equipment revenue upon activation of the device with a service contract. Under the current installment payment model, the device is sold at full retail price and we recognize most of the future expected installment payments at the time of sale of the device, which results in the recognition of significantly less equipment net subsidy.

Cost of products includes equipment costs (primarily devices and accessories), order fulfillment related expenses, and write-downs of device and accessory inventory related to shrinkage and obsolescence. Additionally, cost of products is reduced by any rebates that are earned from the equipment manufacturers. Cost of products in excess of the net revenue generated from equipment sales is referred to in the industry as equipment net subsidy. We also make incentive payments to certain indirect dealers, who purchase the iPhone® directly from Apple. Those payments are recognized as selling, general and administrative expenses when the device is activated with a Sprint service plan because Sprint does not recognize any equipment revenue or cost of products for those transactions. (See Selling, General and Administrative Expense below.)

Successor Three-Month Transition Period Ended March 31, 2014 and Predecessor Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2013

Equipment revenue increased \$186 million, or 23%, for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same Predecessor period in 2013. The increase in equipment revenue was primarily due to higher average sales prices per postpaid and prepaid device sold combined with the impact of a different revenue recognition model related to our installment billing program for device purchases. The increase was partially offset by fewer postpaid and prepaid handsets sold. Cost of products declined \$255 million, or 11%, for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same Predecessor period in 2013, primarily due to fewer postpaid and prepaid handsets sold, slightly offset by higher average cost per device sold for postpaid and prepaid devices.

Successor Year Ended December 31, 2013 and Predecessor Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

Equipment revenue decreased \$1.5 billion, or 45%, and cost of products declined \$5.3 billion, or 54%, for the Successor year ended December 31, 2013, as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012, primarily due to comparing operating results for the shortened Post-merger period to the 2012 Predecessor period consisting of a full calendar year. In addition, the decrease in both equipment revenue and cost of products was due to fewer postpaid

handsets sold, which was partially offset by higher average sales prices per postpaid and prepaid device sold as well as increases in prepaid handsets sold.

Equipment revenue increased \$337 million, or 12%, in 2012 compared to 2011 and cost of products increased \$1.8 billion, or 23%, in 2012 compared to 2011. The increase in both equipment revenue and cost of products is primarily due to a higher average sales price and cost per device sold for postpaid and prepaid devices, particularly driven by the

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introduction of the more expensive iPhone to postpaid and prepaid subscribers, partially offset by a decline in the number of postpaid and prepaid devices sold.

Combined Year Ended December 31, 2013 and Predecessor Year Ended December 31, 2012

Equipment revenues for the combined year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 increased primarily due to higher average sales prices per postpaid and prepaid device sold as well as increases in prepaid volumes, partially offset by fewer postpaid handsets sold. Cost of products decreased primarily from fewer postpaid handsets sold although at a higher average cost per handset, partially offset by an increase in average cost per prepaid handset due to increased sales of more expensive 4G and LTE devices combined with fewer sales of low cost Assurance wireless handsets.

Selling, General and Administrative Expense

Sales and marketing costs primarily consist of subscriber acquisition costs, including commissions paid to our indirect dealers, third-party distributors and retail sales force for new device activations and upgrades, residual payments to our indirect dealers, payments made to OEMs for direct source equipment, payroll and facilities costs associated with our retail sales force, marketing employees, advertising, media programs and sponsorships, including costs related to branding. General and administrative expenses primarily consist of costs for billing, customer care and information technology operations, bad debt expense and administrative support activities, including collections, legal, finance, human resources, corporate communications, strategic planning, and technology and product development.

Successor Three-Month Transition Period Ended March 31, 2014 and Predecessor Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2013

Sales and marketing expense was \$1.4 billion representing an increase of \$70 million, or 5%, for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same Predecessor period in 2013. The increase was primarily due to higher media spend and commission expense, partially offset by a reduction in labor related costs due to our reduction in force and retail store closures.

General and administrative costs were \$897 million, representing a decrease of \$27 million, or 3%, for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same Predecessor period in 2013, primarily reflecting a decrease in customer care costs primarily due to lower call volumes and labor related initiatives, partially offset by an increase in bad debt expense. Bad debt expense was \$155 million for the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014, representing a \$72 million, or 87%, increase as compared to bad debt expense of \$83 million for the same Predecessor period in 2013. The increase in bad debt expense primarily reflects the impact of increased receivables related to our installment billing program. We reassess our allowance for doubtful accounts quarterly.

Changes in our allowance for doubtful accounts are largely attributable to the analysis of historical collection experience and changes, if any, in credit policies established for subscribers.

Successor Year Ended December 31, 2013 and Predecessor Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

Sales and marketing expense was \$2.6 billion for the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 representing a decrease of \$2.6 billion, or 50%, as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 primarily due to comparing operating results for the shortened Post-merger period to the 2012 Predecessor period consisting of a full calendar year. In addition, we had a reduction in commissions expense resulting from our decrease in postpaid subscriber gross additions, which was partially offset by increased costs resulting from the Clearwire Acquisition and higher media spend.

Sales and marketing expense was \$5.3 billion, an increase of \$165 million, or 3%, in 2012 from 2011 primarily due to increased reimbursements for point-of-sale discounts for iPhones of \$238 million, which are directly sourced by distributors from Apple and accounted for as sales expense, partially offset by a reduction in commissions expense resulting from a shift in channel mix combined with our decrease in subscriber gross additions. Point-of-sale discounts are included in the determination of equipment net subsidy when we purchase and resell devices.

General and administrative costs were \$1.9 billion for the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 representing a decrease of \$2.1 billion, or 53%, as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012, primarily due to comparing operating results for the shortened Post-merger period to the 2012 Predecessor period consisting of a full calendar year, partially offset by additional IT and overhead costs as a result of the Clearwire Acquisition. Bad debt expense was \$260 million, a decrease of \$281 million in the Successor period 2013 from the Predecessor year ended

December 31, 2012, and \$541 million, a decrease of \$11 million in 2012 from 2011. The decrease is primarily related to comparing a shortened Post-merger period to the 2012 Predecessor period consisting of a full calendar year. We reassess our allowance for doubtful accounts quarterly. Changes in our allowance for doubtful accounts are largely attributable to the analysis of historical

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collection experience and changes, if any, in credit policies established for subscribers. On the Sprint platform, the mix of prime postpaid subscribers to total postpaid subscribers was 82%, 81% and 80% as of December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Combined Year Ended December 31, 2013 and Predecessor Year Ended December 31, 2012

In addition to the increases in the explanations above, the increase in sales and marketing expense for the combined year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 was also due to increased commissions expense resulting from growth in prepaid sales.

In addition to the explanations above, general and administrative costs decreased for the combined year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 also as a result of lower customer care costs primarily due to lower call volumes and fewer calls per subscriber. In addition, the decrease in bad debt expense reflects a decrease in accounts written off, lower average write-off per account, and a decline in involuntary churn.

Segment Earnings - Wireline

We provide a broad suite of wireline voice and data communications services to other communications companies and targeted business and consumer subscribers. In addition, we provide voice, data and IP communication services to our Wireless segment and IP and other services to cable MSOs. Cable MSOs resell our local and long distance services and use our back office systems and network assets in support of their telephone service provided over cable facilities primarily to residential end-use subscribers. We are one of the nation's largest providers of long distance services and operate all-digital global long distance and Tier 1 IP networks. Our services and products include domestic and international data communications using various protocols such as multiprotocol label switching technologies (MPLS), IP, managed network services, Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), Session Initiated Protocol (SIP), and traditional voice services. Our IP services can also be combined with wireless services. Such services include our Sprint Mobile Integration service, which enables a wireless handset to operate as part of a subscriber's wireline voice network, and our DataLinkSM service, which uses our wireless networks to connect a subscriber location into their primarily wireline wide-area IP/MPLS data network, making it easy for businesses to adapt their network to changing business requirements. In addition to providing services to our business customers, the wireline network is carrying increasing amounts of voice and data traffic for our Wireless segment as a result of growing usage by our wireless subscribers.

We continue to assess the portfolio of services provided by our Wireline business and are focusing our efforts on IP-based data services and de-emphasizing stand-alone voice services and non-IP-based data services. We also provide wholesale voice local and long distance services to cable MSOs, which they offer as part of their bundled service offerings, as well as traditional voice and data services for their enterprise use. However, the digital voice services we provide to our cable MSOs have become large enough in scale that they have decided to in-source these services and, as a result, we expect this business to continue to decline over time and be insignificant to the Wireline business by the end of fiscal year 2014. For the fiscal year 2014, we expect wireline segment earnings to decline significantly as compared to 2013 as a result of the final transition to in-sourcing of one of our larger cable MSO's. We also continue to provide voice services to residential consumers. Our Wireline segment markets and sells its services primarily through direct sales representatives.

Wireline segment earnings are primarily a function of wireline service revenue, network and interconnection costs, and other Wireline segment operating expenses. Network costs primarily represent special access costs and interconnection costs, which generally consist of domestic and international per-minute usage fees paid to other carriers. The remaining costs associated with operating the Wireline segment include the costs to operate our customer care and billing organizations in addition to administrative support. Wireline service revenue and variable network and interconnection costs fluctuate with the changes in our customer base and their related usage, but some cost elements do not fluctuate in the short term with the changes in our customer usage. Our wireline services provided to our Wireless segment are generally accounted for based on market rates, which we believe approximate fair value. The Company generally re-establishes these rates at the beginning of each calendar year. Over the past several years, there has been an industry wide trend of lower rates due to increased competition from other wireline and wireless

communications companies as well as cable and Internet service providers. For the fiscal year 2014, we expect wireline segment earnings to decline by approximately \$150 to \$160 million as compared to 2013 to reflect changes in market prices for services provided by our Wireline segment to our Wireless segment. Declines in wireline segment earnings related to intercompany pricing rates do not affect our consolidated results of operations as our Wireless segment benefits from an equivalent reduction in cost of service.

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The following table provides an overview of the results of operations of our Wireline segment for the Successor three months ended March 31, 2014 (transition period), the combined consolidated results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2013, the Successor year ended December 31, 2013, the Predecessor 191-day period ended July 10, 2013, the Predecessor three months ended March 31, 2013, and the Predecessor years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011.

	Successor Three Months Ended March 31, 2014	Combined Year Ended December 31, 2013	Successor Year Ended December 31, 2013	Predecessor 191 Days Ended July 10, 2013	Three Months Ended March 31, 2013	Years Ended December 31, 2012 2011	
Wireline Segment Earnings	(in millions)						
Voice	\$352	\$1,490	\$719	\$771	\$352	\$1,627	\$1,915
Data	62	326	138	188	94	398	460
Internet	345	1,660	747	913	434	1,781	1,878
Other	11	61	32	29	13	75	73
Total net service revenue	770	3,537	1,636	1,901	893	3,881	4,326
Cost of services and products	(668)	(2,637)	(1,235)	(1,402)	(661)	(2,781)	(3,005)
Service gross margin	102	900	401	499	232	1,100	1,321
Service gross margin percentage	13 %	25 %	25 %	26 %	26 %	28 %	31 %
Selling, general and administrative expense	(90)	(406)	(179)	(227)	(104)	(451)	(521)
Wireline segment earnings	\$12	\$494	\$222	\$272	\$128	\$649	\$800

Wireline Revenue

Successor Three-Month Transition Period Ended March 31, 2014 and Predecessor Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2013

Voice Revenues

Voice revenues remained flat for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same Predecessor period in 2013. Overall rate declines were primarily due to the decline in prices for the sale of services to our Wireless segment which were offset by increases in international hubbing volumes in the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014. Voice revenues generated from the sale of services to our Wireless segment represented 25% of total voice revenues for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to 28% for the Predecessor three-month period ended March 31, 2013.

Data Revenues

Data revenues reflect sales of data services, primarily Private Line and managed network services bundled with non-IP-based data access. Data revenues decreased \$32 million, or 34%, for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same Predecessor period in 2013 as a result of customer churn, primarily related to Private Line. Data revenues generated from the provision of services to the Wireless segment represented 42% of total data revenue for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to 49% for the Predecessor three-month period ended March 31, 2013.

Internet Revenue

IP-based data services revenue reflects sales of Internet services, including MPLS, VoIP, SIP, and managed services bundled with IP-based data access. IP-based data services decreased \$89 million, or 21%, for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same Predecessor period in 2013, primarily due to fewer IP customers, and in particular, the final transition to in-sourcing of one of our larger cable MSO's. Sale of services to our Wireless segment represented 11% of total Internet revenues in both the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 and the Predecessor three-month period ended March 31, 2013.

Other Revenues

Other revenues, which primarily consist of sales of customer premises equipment, decreased \$2 million, or 15%, in the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014, as compared to the same Predecessor period in 2013.

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Successor Year Ended December 31, 2013 and Predecessor Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

Voice Revenues

Voice revenues decreased \$908 million, or 56%, for the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 primarily due to comparing operating results for the shortened Post-merger period to a period consisting of a full calendar year. Voice revenues decreased \$288 million, or 15%, in 2012 as compared to 2011 primarily driven by overall price declines of which \$174 million was related to the decline in prices for the sale of services to our Wireless segment as well as volume declines due to customer churn. Voice revenues generated from the sale of services to our Wireless segment represented 33% of total voice revenues for the year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to 32% and 34% for the years ended 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Data Revenues

Data revenues reflect sales of data services, primarily Private Line, and managed network services bundled with non-IP-based data access. Data revenues decreased \$260 million, or 65%, for the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 primarily due to comparing operating results for the shortened Post-merger period to a period consisting of a full calendar year. Data revenues decreased \$62 million, or 13%, in 2012 as compared to 2011 as a result of customer churn driven by the focus to no longer provide frame relay and asynchronous transfer mode (ATM) services, which was phased out early in 2013. Data revenues generated from the provision of services to the Wireless segment represented 50% of total data revenue for the year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to 44% and 35% for the years ended 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Internet Revenue

IP-based data services revenue reflects sales of Internet services, including MPLS, VoIP, SIP, and managed services bundled with IP-based data access. IP-based data services decreased \$1.0 billion, or 58%, for the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 primarily due to comparing operating results for the shortened Post-merger period to a period consisting of a full calendar year. IP-based data services decreased \$97 million, or 5%, in 2012 as compared to 2011 primarily due to the in-sourcing of digital voice products by certain cable MSOs. Sale of services to our Wireless segment represented 11% of total Internet revenues for both the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 and 8% for the year ended December 31, 2011.

Other Revenues

Other revenues, which primarily consist of sales of customer premises equipment, decreased \$43 million, or 57% in the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012, primarily due to comparing operating results for the shortened Post-merger period to a period consisting of a full calendar year. Other revenues increased \$2 million, or 3%, in 2012 as compared to 2011.

Combined Year Ended December 31, 2013 and Predecessor Year Ended December 31, 2012

Voice Revenues

In addition to the explanations above, voice revenues for the combined year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 decreased as a result of overall volume and price declines, of which \$53 million was related to the decline in prices for the sale of services to our Wireless segment, as well as volume declines due to customer churn.

Data Revenues

In addition to the explanations above, data revenues for the combined year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 decreased as a result of customer churn driven by the focus to no longer provide frame relay and ATM services.

Internet Revenue

In addition to the explanations above, Internet revenues for the combined year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 decreased primarily due to fewer IP customers.

Costs of Services and Products

Successor Three-Month Transition Period Ended March 31, 2014 and Predecessor Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2013

Costs of services and products include access costs paid to local phone companies, other domestic service providers and foreign phone companies to complete calls made by our domestic subscribers, costs to operate and maintain

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our networks, and costs of equipment. Costs of services and products increased \$7 million, or 1%, in the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same Predecessor period in 2013 primarily due to higher contractual rates impacting facility costs. Service gross margin percentage decreased from 26% in the Predecessor three-month period ended March 31, 2013 to 13% in the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 primarily as a result of a decrease in net service revenue combined with a slight increase in cost of services and products.

Successor Year Ended December 31, 2013 and Predecessor Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

Costs of services and products include access costs paid to local phone companies, other domestic service providers and foreign phone companies to complete calls made by our domestic subscribers, costs to operate and maintain our networks, and costs of equipment. Costs of services and products decreased \$1.5 billion, or 56%, in the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 primarily due to comparing operating results for the shortened Post-merger period to a period consisting of a full calendar year. Costs of services and products decreased \$224 million, or 7%, in 2012 from 2011 primarily due to lower access expense as a result of savings initiatives and declining voice, data and Internet volumes. Service gross margin percentage decreased from 31% in 2011 to 28% in 2012 and to 25% in 2013, primarily as a result of a decrease in net service revenue partially offset by a decrease in cost of services and products.

Combined Year Ended December 31, 2013 and Predecessor Year Ended December 31, 2012

In addition to the explanations above, costs of services and products for the combined year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 decreased primarily due to lower access expense as a result of declining voice, data and Internet volumes.

Selling, General and Administrative Expense

Successor Three-Month Transition Period Ended March 31, 2014 and Predecessor Three-Month Period Ended March 31, 2013

Selling, general and administrative expense decreased \$14 million, or 13%, in the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 as compared to the same Predecessor period in 2013. The decrease was primarily due to a reduction in shared administrative and employee related costs required to support the Wireline segment as a result of the decline in revenue. Total selling, general and administrative expense as a percentage of net services revenue was 12% in each of the three-month periods ended March 31, 2014 (Successor) and 2013 (Predecessor).

Successor Year Ended December 31, 2013 and Predecessor Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

Selling, general and administrative expense decreased \$272 million, or 60%, in the Successor year ended December 31, 2013, as compared to the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012, primarily due to comparing operating results for the shortened Post-merger period to a period consisting of a full calendar year. Selling, general and administrative expense decreased \$70 million, or 13%, in 2012 as compared to 2011 primarily due to a reduction in shared administrative and employee related costs required to support the Wireline segment as a result of the decline in revenue. Total selling, general and administrative expense as a percentage of net services revenue was 11% for the year ended December 31, 2013 and 12% in both the years ended 2012 and 2011.

Combined Year Ended December 31, 2013 and Predecessor Year Ended December 31, 2012

In addition to the explanations above, selling, general and administrative expense for the combined year ended December 31, 2013 as compared to the Predecessor period in 2012 decreased primarily due to a reduction in shared administrative and employee related costs required to support the Wireline segment as a result of the decline in revenue.

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LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Cash Flow

	Successor Three Months Ended March 31, 2014	Combined Year Ended December 31, 2013 (in millions)	Successor Year Ended December 31, 2013	Predecessor 191 Days Ended July 10, 2013	Successor Three Months Ended March 31, 2013	Predecessor Three Months Ended March 31, 2013	Predecessor Years Ended December 31, 2012	Predecessor Years Ended December 31, 2011
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$522	\$2,610	\$(61)	\$2,671	\$940	\$2,999	\$3,691	
Net cash used in investing activities	\$(1,756)	\$(24,493)	\$(18,108)	\$(6,385)	\$(1,158)	\$(6,375)	\$(3,443)	
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	\$(160)	\$24,419	\$24,528	\$(109)	\$142	\$4,280	\$26	

Operating Activities

Net cash provided by operating activities of approximately \$522 million in the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 decreased \$418 million from the same Predecessor period in 2013. The decrease was due to decreased cash received from customers of \$365 million primarily as a result of increases in installment billing receivables and increased interest payments of \$254 million related to the debt issued in September 2013. These decreases were partially offset by decreases in vendor and labor-related payments of \$219 million.

Net cash used in operating activities of approximately \$61 million in the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 decreased \$3.1 billion from the same Predecessor period in 2012. The decrease was primarily due to comparing a shortened Post-merger period to a period consisting of a full calendar year and also included \$180 million of call redemption premiums paid to retire the Clearwire debt and approximately \$225 million of interest payments related to Clearwire debt. Net cash provided by operating activities in 2013, on a combined basis, of approximately \$2.6 billion decreased \$389 million as compared to the Predecessor in 2012. In addition to the explanations above, the decrease was primarily due to increased vendor and labor-related payments of \$475 million and increased cash paid for interest of approximately \$213 million primarily as a result of less interest capitalized related to spectrum licenses used for our network modernization. This was partially offset by increased cash received from customers of \$699 million.

Net cash provided by operating activities of \$3.0 billion in 2012 decreased \$692 million from the same period in 2011. The decrease resulted from increases in vendor and labor-related payments of \$1.5 billion, which primarily related to an increase in the average cost of postpaid and prepaid devices sold and increased cash paid for interest of \$339 million primarily due to an increase in the weighted average long-term debt balance and effective interest rate. This was partially offset by increased cash received from customers of \$1.1 billion primarily due to increases in postpaid ARPU and total net subscribers. Included in our vendor and labor related payments was \$108 million in pension contribution payments made during 2012.

Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities in the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 increased by approximately \$598 million as compared to the same Predecessor period in 2013, primarily due to increased purchases of short-term investments of approximately \$100 million, decreased proceeds of approximately \$360 million from sales and maturities of short-term investments, and increases in capital expenditures and expenditures relating to FCC licenses of \$100 million each. In addition, as part of an amended exchangeable notes agreement we had with Clearwire, they elected to draw \$80 million in March 2013. As a result of the Clearwire Acquisition, the exchangeable notes agreement was terminated and no notes remain outstanding.

Net cash used in investing activities for the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 increased by approximately \$11.7 billion as compared to the related Predecessor period in 2012, primarily due to increased cash paid related to the SoftBank Merger of \$14.1 billion, net of cash acquired. This increase was partially offset by decreased purchases of short-term investments of approximately \$1.5 billion, increased proceeds of approximately \$200 million from sales and maturities of short-term investments and a reduction in capital expenditures of approximately \$400 million as a

result of comparing a shortened Post-merger period to a period consisting of a full calendar year. Net cash used in investing activities for 2012 increased by \$2.9 billion from 2011, primarily due to increases of \$2.4 billion in purchases of short-term investments and \$1.1 billion in capital expenditures, partially offset by an increase of \$533 million in proceeds from sales and maturities of short-term investments. Increases in capital expenditures were primarily related to spend for our network modernization, partially offset by reductions to legacy equipment spend. We also recognized \$128 million in the form of a note receivable from Clearwire in 2012 as a result of the additional investment provided in the

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fourth quarter 2011. In addition, we purchased Clearwire Corporation Class A Common Stock and Clearwire Communications LLC Class B Interests from Eagle River for \$100 million in December 2012.

Financing Activities

Net cash used in financing activities was \$160 million during the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014, which was primarily due to principal payments on our secured equipment credit facility of approximately \$127 million. Net cash provided by financing activities was \$142 million during the Predecessor three-month period ended March 31, 2013, which included net borrowings of approximately \$149 million under our secured equipment credit facility.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$24.5 billion during the Successor year ended December 31, 2013, which included proceeds from the issuance of common stock and warrants of approximately \$18.6 billion related to the SoftBank Merger. In addition, the Company issued \$9.0 billion in unregistered debt with registration rights consisting of a September 11, 2013 issuance of \$2.25 billion aggregate principal amount of 7.250% notes due 2021 and \$4.25 billion aggregate principal amount of 7.875% notes due 2023, and a December 12, 2013 issuance of \$2.5 billion aggregate principal amount of 7.125% notes due 2024, each guaranteed by Sprint Communications. We also incurred approximately \$147 million of debt issuance costs. These increases, along with net borrowings under our secured equipment credit facility of approximately \$444 million, were offset by the retirement of approximately \$3.3 billion principal amount of Clearwire debt.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$4.3 billion during 2012. During 2012, the Company issued senior notes, guaranteed notes, and a convertible bond, as well as had drawdowns on the secured equipment credit facility totaling, in the aggregate, approximately \$9.2 billion and redeemed the remaining \$4.8 billion of Nextel Communications, Inc. senior notes. In addition, we incurred \$134 million of debt financing costs in 2012.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$26 million during 2011. During 2011, the Company repaid certain debt obligations, including \$1.65 billion of Sprint Capital Corporation 7.625% senior notes, the early redemption of \$2.0 billion of Sprint Capital Corporation 8.375% senior notes and repayment of \$250 million of the \$750 million loan agreement with Export Development Canada (EDC Agreement). The reductions in debt obligations were offset by proceeds from issuances of \$1.0 billion of aggregate principal amount of 11.5% senior notes due 2021 and \$3.0 billion of aggregate principal amount of 9% guaranteed notes due 2018 in a private placement in November 2011. We also paid \$86 million for debt financing costs associated with our November 2011 debt issuances and fourth quarter credit facility amendments.

Working Capital

As of March 31, 2014 (Successor), we had working capital of \$1.9 billion. As of December 31, 2013 (Successor), we had working capital of \$2.4 billion compared to \$4.9 billion as of December 31, 2012 (Predecessor). Our working capital as of March 31, 2014, December 31, 2013 and December 31, 2012 included accrued capital expenditures for unbilled services totaling approximately \$1.2 billion, \$1.4 billion, and \$900 million, respectively, related to our network modernization. Our decline in working capital from December 31, 2013 to March 31, 2014 was primarily a result of a decrease in cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$1.4 billion, primarily as a result of cash paid for capital expenditures of approximately \$1.5 billion, partially offset by cash provided by operating activities of approximately \$500 million. The decrease in cash and cash equivalents was partially offset by decreases in accrued expenses and other current liabilities of approximately \$800 million. In addition to the decrease in accrued capital expenditures, accrued expenses and other current liabilities included decreases of approximately \$300 million in employee accruals related to short-term and long-term incentive payments and defined contribution plan matching contribution payments. The balance of the decline in working capital was due to changes in other current assets and liabilities. In addition to the increase in accrued capital expenditures, our decline in working capital from the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 as compared to the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 was also the result of increases of approximately \$500 million in accrued severance and exit costs primarily associated with severance actions taken in the fourth quarter 2013 and accrued exit costs related to the shut-down of the Nextel platform and decreases of approximately \$700 million in short-term investments. Also contributing to the decline in working capital was an increase in the current portion of long-term debt of approximately \$600 million which was primarily due to the Clearwire Communications, LLC and Clearwire Finance, Inc. 8.25% Exchangeable Notes due

2040 becoming exchangeable at any time, at the holder's option, as a result of the close of the Clearwire Acquisition for a fixed amount of cash. The balance is due to changes in other current assets and liabilities.

Available Liquidity

As of March 31, 2014, our liquidity, including cash, cash equivalents, short-term investments and available borrowing capacity under our revolving bank credit facility was \$8.6 billion. Our cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments totaled \$6.2 billion and \$7.5 billion as of the Successor periods ended March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 compared to \$8.2 billion as of December 31, 2012 (Predecessor). As of March 31, 2014, approximately \$914 million in letters

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of credit were outstanding under our \$3.3 billion revolving bank credit facility, including the letter of credit required by the 2004 FCC Report and Order. Certain indentures that govern our outstanding notes also require compliance with various covenants, including covenants that limit the ability of the Company and its subsidiaries to sell all or substantially all of its assets, and limit the ability of the Company and its subsidiaries to incur indebtedness and liens, each as defined by the terms of the indentures and supplemental indentures. As a result of the outstanding letters of credit, which directly reduce the availability of the revolving bank credit facility, we had approximately \$2.4 billion of borrowing capacity available under the revolving bank credit facility as of March 31, 2014. Our revolving bank credit facility expires in February 2018.

On May 16, 2014, certain wholly-owned subsidiaries of Sprint entered into a two-year committed facility (the Receivables Facility) to sell certain accounts receivable on a revolving basis, subject to a maximum funding limit of \$1.3 billion. Sales of eligible receivables occur daily and are settled on a monthly basis. Sprint pays a fee for the drawn and undrawn portions of the Receivables Facility. The receivables primarily consist of wireless service charges currently due from subscribers and are short-term in nature.

Strategic Initiatives**Apple Contract**

Our commitment with Apple requires us to purchase a minimum number of smartphones. Since our launch of the iPhone, we have sold in excess of 16.6 million iPhones and continue to project that we will meet our minimum obligation over the contract term.

Network Capital Expenditures

We are currently in the process of modernizing our network and deploying new technology to allow for the consolidation and optimization of our existing 800 MHz and 1.9 GHz spectrum, along with the 2.5 GHz spectrum into our base stations. Our expected timeline, our capital needs to maintain and operate our existing infrastructure, and our integration of the recently acquired Clearwire 2.5 GHz spectrum are expected to require substantial amounts of capital expenditures and increased operating expenditures during the period of integration and deployment.

Long-Term Debt and Scheduled Maturities

There were no debt issuances and we made principal payments of approximately \$127 million on our secured equipment credit facility during the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014. The following debt issuances and retirements occurred during the year ended December 31, 2013:

	Date	Interest rate	Maturity	Amount (in millions)
Issuances:				
Senior notes	September 2013	7.875%	2023	\$4,250
Senior notes	September 2013	7.250%	2021	2,250
Senior notes	December 2013	7.125%	2024	2,500
Secured equipment credit facility ⁽¹⁾	Various	2.030%	2017	704
Total issuances				\$9,704
Retirements:				
iPCS, Inc. first-lien secured notes	May 2013	Floating rate	2013	\$300
Clearwire Communications LLC senior secured notes ⁽²⁾	September 2013	12.000%	2015	414
Clearwire Communications LLC second-priority secured notes ⁽²⁾	October 2013	12.000%	2017	175
Clearwire Communications LLC senior secured notes ⁽²⁾	December 2013	12.000%	2015	2,349
		12.000%	2017	325

Clearwire Communications LLC second-priority secured notes ⁽²⁾	December 2013			
Secured equipment credit facility ⁽¹⁾	Various	2.030%	2017	111
Total retirements				\$3,674

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- In May 2012, certain of our subsidiaries entered into a \$1.0 billion secured equipment credit facility that expires in March 2017 to finance equipment-related purchases from Ericsson for our network modernization. The facility is secured by a lien on the equipment purchased and is fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Sprint Communications, Inc. The facility was equally divided into two consecutive tranches of \$500 million, which were both fully drawn as of December 31, 2013. Repayments of outstanding amounts under the secured equipment credit facility cannot be re-drawn. The cost of funds under this facility includes a fixed interest rate of 2.03%, and export credit agency premiums and other fees that, in total, equate to an expected effective interest rate of approximately 6%.
- (1) Communications, Inc. The facility was equally divided into two consecutive tranches of \$500 million, which were both fully drawn as of December 31, 2013. Repayments of outstanding amounts under the secured equipment credit facility cannot be re-drawn. The cost of funds under this facility includes a fixed interest rate of 2.03%, and export credit agency premiums and other fees that, in total, equate to an expected effective interest rate of approximately 6%.
- (2) Notes of Clearwire Communications LLC were also direct obligations of Clearwire Finance, Inc. and were guaranteed by certain Clearwire subsidiaries.

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The following graph depicts our future fiscal year principal maturities of debt as of March 31, 2014:

* This table excludes (i) our unsecured revolving bank credit facility, which will expire in 2018 and has no outstanding balance, and under which \$914 million in letters of credit are outstanding, (ii) vendor financing notes assumed in the Clearwire Acquisition, and (iii) all capital leases and other financing obligations.

Liquidity and Capital Resource Requirements

To meet our short- and long-term liquidity requirements, we look to a variety of funding sources. Our existing liquidity balance and cash generated from operating activities is our primary source of funding. In addition to cash flows from operating activities, we rely on the ability to issue debt and equity securities, the ability to issue other forms of financing, and the borrowing capacity available under our credit facilities to support our short- and long-term liquidity requirements. We believe our existing available liquidity and cash flows from operations will be sufficient to meet our funding requirements through the next twelve months, including debt service requirements and other significant future contractual obligations. To maintain an adequate amount of available liquidity and execute according to the timeline of our current business plan, which includes network deployment and maintenance, subscriber growth, data usage capacity needs and the expected achievement of a cost structure intended to achieve more competitive margins, we may need to raise additional funds from external resources. If we are unable to fund our remaining capital needs from external resources on terms acceptable to us, we would need to modify our existing business plan, which could adversely affect our expectation of long-term benefits to results from operations and cash flows from operations.

The terms and conditions of our revolving bank credit facility, which expires in February 2018, require that, at the end of each fiscal quarter, the ratio (Leverage Ratio) of total indebtedness to trailing four quarters earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization and other non-recurring items (adjusted EBITDA each as defined in the applicable agreement), not exceed 6.25 to 1.0 at any quarter end through June 30, 2014. After June 30, 2014, the Leverage Ratio declines on a scheduled basis, as determined by the credit agreement, until the ratio becomes fixed at 4.0 to 1.0 for the fiscal quarter ending December 31, 2016 and each fiscal quarter ending thereafter. The unsecured EDC Agreement and secured equipment credit facility were amended on March 12, 2013 and June 24, 2013, respectively, to provide for terms similar to those of the amended revolving bank credit facility, except that under the terms of the EDC Agreement and secured equipment credit facility, repayments of outstanding amounts cannot be re-drawn. As of March 31, 2014, our Leverage Ratio, as defined by the amended revolving bank credit facility, EDC Agreement, and secured equipment credit facility was 5.5 to 1.0. In addition, since our leverage ratio exceeded 2.5 to 1.0 at period end, we were also restricted from paying cash dividends.

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In determining our expectation of future funding needs in the next twelve months and beyond, we have considered:

- projected revenues and expenses relating to our operations, including the impacts related to our installment billing program;
- availability of up to \$1.3 billion in funding as a result of the execution of the Receivables Facility in May 2014;
- continued availability of a revolving bank credit facility in the amount of \$3.3 billion, which expires in February 2018;
- any scheduled payments or anticipated redemptions related to capital lease and debt obligations assumed in the Clearwire Acquisition;
- anticipated levels and timing of capital expenditures, including the capacity and upgrading of our networks and the deployment of new technologies in our networks, and FCC license acquisitions taking into consideration the 2.5 GHz spectrum acquired in the Clearwire Acquisition;
- anticipated payments under the Report and Order, as supplemented;
- any additional contributions we may make to our pension plan;
- any scheduled principal payments; and
- other future contractual obligations, including our network modernization plan, and general corporate expenditures.

Our ability to fund our capital needs from external sources is ultimately affected by the overall capacity and terms of the banking and securities markets, as well as our performance and our credit ratings. Given our recent financial performance as well as the volatility in these markets, we continue to monitor them closely and to take steps to maintain financial flexibility at a reasonable cost of capital.

The following outlooks and credit ratings from Moody's Investor Service, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, and Fitch Ratings for certain of Sprint Corporation's outstanding obligations were:

Rating Agency	Rating				
	Issuer Rating	Unsecured Notes	Guaranteed Notes	Bank Credit Facility	Outlook
Moody's	Ba3	B1	Ba2	Baa3	Stable
Standard and Poor's	BB-	BB-	BB+	BB+	Stable
Fitch	B+	B+	BB	BB	Stable

We expect to remain in compliance with our covenants through the next twelve months, although there can be no assurance that we will do so. Although we expect to improve our Sprint platform postpaid subscriber results, and execute on our network modernization and integration plans, if we do not meet our expectations of adding higher ARPU, postpaid device (versus tablet) subscribers, depending on the severity of any difference in actual results versus what we currently anticipate, it may make it difficult for us to generate sufficient EBITDA to remain in compliance with our covenants or be able to meet our debt service obligations, which could result in acceleration of our indebtedness. If such unforeseen events occur, we may engage with our lenders to obtain appropriate waivers or amendments of our credit facilities or refinance borrowings, although there is no assurance we would be successful in any of these actions.

A default under certain of our borrowings could trigger defaults under certain of our other debt obligations, which in turn could result in the maturities being accelerated. Certain indentures that govern our outstanding notes also require compliance with various covenants, including covenants that limit the Company's ability to sell all or substantially all of its assets, limit the Company and its subsidiaries' ability to incur indebtedness and liens, each as defined by the terms of the indentures.

CURRENT BUSINESS OUTLOOK

The Company expects calendar year 2014 consolidated segment earnings to be between \$6.7 billion and \$6.9 billion and calendar year 2014 capital expenditures to be approximately \$8 billion.

The above discussion is subject to the risks and other cautionary and qualifying factors set forth under "Forward-Looking Statements" and "Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors" in this transition report.

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FUTURE CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

The following table sets forth our current estimates as to the amounts and timing of contractual payments as of March 31, 2014. Future events, including additional purchases of our securities and refinancing of those securities, could cause actual payments to differ significantly from these amounts. See "Item 1A. Risk Factors."

Future Contractual Obligations	Total	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2016	Fiscal Year 2017	Fiscal Year 2018	Fiscal Year 2019 and thereafter
	(in millions)						
Notes, credit facilities and debentures ⁽¹⁾	\$50,003	\$3,225	\$3,041	\$5,810	\$3,236	\$4,871	\$29,820
Capital leases and financing obligation ⁽²⁾	617	135	111	87	73	58	153
Operating leases ⁽³⁾	16,641	2,197	2,047	1,952	1,888	1,840	6,717
Spectrum leases and service credits ⁽⁴⁾	6,887	188	191	203	211	213	5,881
Purchase orders and other commitments ⁽⁵⁾	23,206	13,398	4,346	2,651	783	610	1,418
Total	\$97,354	\$19,143	\$9,736	\$10,703	\$6,191	\$7,592	\$43,989

(1) Includes outstanding principal and estimated interest payments. Interest payments are based on management's expectations for future interest rates in the case of any variable rate debt.

(2) Represents capital lease payments including interest and financing obligation related to the sale and subsequent leaseback of multiple tower sites.

(3) Includes future lease payments related to cell and switch sites, real estate, network equipment and office space.

(4) Includes future spectrum lease payments as well as service credits related to commitments to provide services to certain lessors and reimburse lessors for certain capital equipment and third-party service expenditures, over the term of the lease.

(5) Includes service, spectrum, network equipment, devices, asset retirement obligations and other executory contracts, including our contract with Apple. Excludes blanket purchase orders in the amount of \$23 million. See below for further discussion.

"Purchase orders and other commitments" include minimum purchases we commit to purchase from suppliers over time and/or the unconditional purchase obligations where we guarantee to make a minimum payment to suppliers for goods and services regardless of whether we take delivery. These amounts do not represent our entire anticipated purchases in the future, but generally represent only our estimate of those items for which we are committed. Our estimates are based on assumptions about the variable components of the contracts such as hours contracted, number of subscribers, pricing, and other factors. In addition, we are party to various arrangements that are conditional in nature and create an obligation to make payments only upon the occurrence of certain events, such as the delivery of functioning software or products. Because it is not possible to predict the timing or amounts that may be due under these conditional arrangements, no such amounts have been included in the table above. The table above also excludes approximately \$23 million of blanket purchase order amounts since their agreement terms are not specified. No time frame is set for these purchase orders and they are not legally binding. As a result, they are not firm commitments. Our liability for uncertain tax positions was \$160 million as of March 31, 2014. Due to the inherent uncertainty of the timing of the resolution of the underlying tax positions, it is not practicable to assign this liability to any particular year(s) in the table.

The table above does not include remaining costs to be paid in connection with the fulfillment of our obligations under the Report and Order. The Report and Order requires us to make a payment to the U.S. Treasury at the conclusion of the band reconfiguration process to the extent that the value of the 1.9 GHz spectrum we received exceeds the total of the value of licenses for spectrum in the 700 MHz and 800 MHz bands that we surrendered under the decision plus the actual costs, or qualifying costs, that we incur to retune incumbents and our own facilities. From the inception of the

program through March 31, 2014, we have incurred approximately \$3.4 billion of costs directly attributable to the spectrum reconfiguration program. This amount does not include any of our internal network costs that we have preliminarily allocated to the reconfiguration program for capacity sites and modifications for which we may request credit under the reconfiguration program. We estimate, based on our experience to date with the reconfiguration program and on information currently available, that our total direct costs attributable to complete the spectrum reconfigurations will range between \$3.6 and \$3.7 billion. Accordingly, we believe that it is unlikely that we will be required to make a payment to the U.S. Treasury.

OFF-BALANCE SHEET FINANCING

On May 16, 2014, certain wholly owned subsidiaries of Sprint entered into the Receivables Facility, a two-year committed facility to sell certain accounts receivable on a revolving basis, subject to a maximum funding limit of \$1.3 billion. Sales of eligible receivables occur daily and are settled on a monthly basis. Sprint pays a fee for the drawn and undrawn portions of the Receivables Facility. The receivables primarily consist of wireless service charges currently due from subscribers and are short-term in nature.

Sprint's other off-balance sheet arrangements consist of the guarantee liabilities that arise from the option provided to our subscribers to purchase, on a monthly basis, access to unlimited data coupled with an annual trade-in right, as discussed under Guarantee Liabilities in the Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates below.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

Sprint applies those accounting policies that management believes best reflect the underlying business and economic events, consistent with U.S. GAAP. Sprint's more critical accounting policies include those related to the basis of presentation, allowance for doubtful accounts, valuation and recoverability of our equity method investment in Clearwire prior to the acquisition of the remaining equity interests on July 9, 2013, valuation and recoverability of long-lived assets, and evaluation of goodwill and indefinite-lived assets for impairment. Inherent in such policies are certain key assumptions and estimates made by management. Management regularly updates its estimates used in the preparation of the financial statements based on its latest assessment of the current and projected business and general economic environment. These critical accounting policies have been discussed with Sprint's Board of Directors. Sprint's significant accounting policies and estimates are summarized in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

We maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts for estimated losses that result from failure of our subscribers to make required payments. Our estimate of the allowance for doubtful accounts considers a number of factors for each type of receivable, including installment receivables, such as collection experience, installment billing arrangements, aging of the accounts receivable portfolios, credit quality of the subscriber base, and other qualitative considerations. To the extent that actual loss experience differs significantly from historical trends, the required allowance amounts could differ from our estimate. A 10% change in the amount estimated to be uncollectible would result in a corresponding change in bad debt expense of approximately \$20 million for the Wireless segment and no material change for the Wireline segment.

Valuation and Recoverability of Long-lived Assets

Long-lived assets consist primarily of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets subject to amortization. Changes in technology or in our intended use of these assets, as well as changes in economic or industry factors or in our business or prospects, may cause the estimated period of use or the value of these assets to change. Property, plant and equipment are generally depreciated on a straight-line basis over estimated economic useful lives. Certain network assets are depreciated using the group life method. Depreciable life studies are performed periodically to confirm the appropriateness of depreciable lives for certain categories of property, plant and equipment. These studies take into account actual usage, physical wear and tear, replacement history and assumptions about technology evolution. When these factors indicate that an asset's useful life is different from the previous assessment, we depreciate the remaining book values prospectively over the adjusted remaining estimated useful life. Depreciation rates for assets using the group life method are revised periodically as required under this method. Changes made as a result of depreciable life studies and rate changes generally do not have a material effect on depreciation expense. Long-lived assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Long-lived asset groups were determined based upon certain factors including assessing the lowest level for which identifiable cash flows are largely independent of the cash flows of other groups of assets and liabilities. If the total of the expected undiscounted future cash flows is less than the carrying amount of our assets, a loss is recognized for the difference between the estimated fair value and carrying value of the assets. Impairment analyses, when performed, are based on our current business and technology strategy, views of growth rates for our business, anticipated future economic and regulatory conditions and expected technological availability. Our estimate of undiscounted cash flows exceeded the carrying value of these assets by more than 10%. If we

experience significant operational challenges, including retaining and attracting subscribers, future cash flows of the Company may not be sufficient to recover the carrying value of our wireless asset group, and we could record asset impairments that are material to Sprint's consolidated results of operations and financial condition.

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In addition to the analysis described above, certain assets that have not yet been deployed in the business, including network equipment, cell site development costs and software in development will be expensed if events or changes in circumstances cause the Company to conclude the assets are no longer needed to meet management's strategic plans and are no longer probable of being deployed. Refer to Results of Operations for additional information on asset impairments.

Evaluation of Goodwill and Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets for Impairment

As a result of the SoftBank Merger, Sprint recognized goodwill at its acquisition-date estimate of fair value of approximately \$6.4 billion, which has been entirely allocated to the wireless segment. The determination of the estimated fair value of goodwill required judgment and was based upon numerous assumptions and estimates. Our FCC licenses and our Sprint and Boost Mobile tradenames were recorded at their acquisition-date estimated fair values of \$35.7 billion and \$5.9 billion, respectively, in connection with the SoftBank Merger and have been entirely allocated to the wireless segment. We have identified the FCC licenses and the Sprint and Boost Mobile tradenames as indefinite-lived intangible assets after considering the expected use of the assets, the regulatory and economic environment within which they are being used, and the effects of obsolescence on their use. We estimated the acquisition-date fair value of FCC licenses using the Greenfield direct value method, which approximates fair value through estimating the discounted future cash flows of a hypothetical start-up business. Assumptions key in estimating fair value under this method include, but are not limited to, capital expenditures, subscriber activations and deactivations, revenues and expenses, market share achieved, tax rates in effect and discount rate. We estimated the acquisition-date fair value of our Sprint and Boost Mobile tradenames using the relief from royalty method, which estimates the amount a market participant would pay to use the tradenames. Assumptions key in estimating fair value under this method include, but are not limited to, revenues, royalty rates, tax rates in effect and discount rate. Sprint evaluates the carrying value of our indefinite-lived assets, including goodwill, at least annually or more frequently whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may exceed its estimated fair value.

As a result of the remeasurement of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in connection with the SoftBank Merger, Sprint recognized goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets at their estimated fair value as of the SoftBank Merger Date. Consequently, there is no excess fair values over carrying values as of the SoftBank Merger Date, and the risk associated with potential impairment of goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets in future reporting periods is heightened. Differences in the Company's actual future cash flows, operating results, growth rates, capital expenditures, cost of capital, discount rates and other assumptions as compared to the estimates utilized for the purpose of valuing indefinite-lived intangible assets as a result of the SoftBank Merger, as well as a significant adverse change in legal factors or in the business climate, unanticipated competition, a significant decline in the Company's stock price and related market capitalization, and/or slower growth rates, could affect the results of our impairment assessment and potentially lead to a future material impairment of our indefinite-lived intangible assets, including goodwill.

Guarantee Liabilities

Under one of our wireless service plans, we offer an option to our subscribers to purchase, on a monthly basis, access to unlimited data coupled with an annual trade-in right (the option). At the trade-in date, a subscriber, who has elected to purchase a device in an installment billing arrangement, will receive a credit in the amount of the outstanding balance of the installment contract provided the subscriber trades-in an eligible used device in good working condition and purchases a new device from Sprint. Additionally, the subscriber must have purchased the option for the 12 consecutive months preceding the trade-in. When a subscriber elects the option, the total estimated arrangement proceeds associated with the subscriber are reduced by the estimated fair value of the fixed-price trade-in credit (guarantee liability) and the remaining proceeds are allocated amongst the other deliverables in the arrangement. The guarantee liability is estimated based on assumptions, including, but not limited to, the expected fair value of the used device at trade-in, subscribers' estimated remaining balance of the remaining installment payments, and the probability and timing of the trade-in. When the subscriber elects to exercise the trade-in right, the difference between the outstanding balance of the installment receivable and the estimated fair value of the returned device is recorded as a reduction of the guarantee liability. If the subscriber elects to stop purchasing the option prior to, or after, becoming

eligible to exercise the trade-in right, we recognize the amount of the associated guarantee liability as operating revenue. At each reporting date, we reevaluate our estimate of the guarantee liability. If all subscribers, who elected the option, were to claim their benefit at the earliest contractual time of eligible trade-in, the maximum amount of the guarantee liability (i.e., the estimated unpaid balance of the subscribers' installment contracts) would be approximately \$265 million at March 31, 2014. This amount is not an indication of the Company's expected loss exposure because it does not consider the expected fair value of the used handset, which is required to be returned to us in good working condition at

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trade-in, nor does it consider the probability and timing of trade-in. The total guarantee liabilities associated with the option, which are recorded in "Accrued expenses and other current liabilities" in the consolidated balance sheets, were immaterial.

NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In July 2013, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued authoritative guidance regarding Income Taxes (Topic 740): Presentation of an Unrecognized Tax Benefit When a Net Operating Loss Carryforward, a Similar Tax Loss, or a Tax Credit Carryforward Exists (a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force), which amends existing guidance related to the financial presentation of unrecognized tax benefits by requiring an entity to net its unrecognized tax benefits against the deferred tax assets for all available same-jurisdiction loss or other tax carryforwards that would apply in settlement of the uncertain tax positions. The amendments were effective January 1, 2014, were applied prospectively to all unrecognized tax benefits that existed at the effective date, and did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

In April 2014, the FASB issued authoritative guidance regarding Reporting of Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity, which changes the criteria for determining which disposals can be presented as discontinued operations and modifies related disclosure requirements. The updated guidance defines discontinued operations as a disposal of a component or group of components that is disposed of or is classified as held for sale and represents a strategic shift that has, or will have, a major effect on an entity's operations and financial results. Additionally, the disclosure requirements for discontinued operations were expanded and new disclosures for individually significant dispositions that do not qualify as discontinued operations are required. The guidance is effective prospectively for fiscal years and interim reporting periods within those years beginning after December 15, 2014, with early adoption permitted for transactions that have not been reported in financial statements previously issued or available for issuance. The standard will be effective for the Company's fiscal year beginning April 1, 2015 and will be applied to relevant future transactions.

FINANCIAL STRATEGIES

General Risk Management Policies

Our board of directors has adopted a financial risk management policy that authorizes us to enter into derivative transactions, and all transactions comply with the policy. We do not purchase or hold any derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes with the exception of equity rights obtained in connection with commercial agreements or strategic investments, usually in the form of warrants to purchase common shares.

Derivative instruments are primarily used for hedging and risk management purposes. Hedging activities may be done for various purposes, including, but not limited to, mitigating the risks associated with an asset, liability, committed transaction or probable forecasted transaction. We seek to minimize counterparty credit risk through stringent credit approval and review processes, credit support agreements, continual review and monitoring of all counterparties, and thorough legal review of contracts. Exposure to market risk is controlled by regularly monitoring changes in hedge positions under normal and stress conditions to ensure they do not exceed established limits.

OTHER INFORMATION

We routinely post important information on our website at www.sprint.com/investors. Information contained on or accessible through our website is not part of this transition report.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

We include certain estimates, projections and other forward-looking statements in our annual, quarterly and current reports, and in other publicly available material. Statements regarding expectations, including performance assumptions and estimates relating to capital requirements, as well as other statements that are not historical facts, are forward-looking statements.

These statements reflect management's judgments based on currently available information and involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements.

With respect to these forward-looking statements, management has made assumptions regarding, among other things, subscriber and network usage, subscriber growth and retention, pricing, operating costs, the timing of various events, and the economic and regulatory environment.

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Future performance cannot be assured. Actual results may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Some factors that could cause actual results to differ include:

- our ability to retain and attract subscribers and to manage credit risks associated with our subscribers;
- the ability of our competitors to offer products and services at lower prices due to lower cost structures;
- our ability to operationalize the anticipated benefits from the SoftBank, Clearwire and U.S. Cellular transactions;
- our ability to comply with restrictions imposed by the U.S. Government as a precondition to our merger with SoftBank;
- our ability to fully integrate the operations of Clearwire and access and utilize its spectrum;
- the effects of vigorous competition on a highly penetrated market, including the impact of competition on the price we are able to charge subscribers for services and equipment we provide and on the geographic areas served by Sprint's wireless networks;
- the impact of equipment net subsidy costs; the impact of increased purchase commitments; the overall demand for our service offerings, including the impact of decisions of new or existing subscribers between our postpaid and prepaid service offerings; and the impact of new, emerging and competing technologies on our business;
- our ability to provide the desired mix of integrated services to our subscribers;
- the ability to generate sufficient cash flow to fully implement our network modernization and integration plans to improve and enhance our networks and service offerings, improve our operating margins, implement our business strategies and provide competitive new technologies;
- the effective implementation of our network modernization plans, including timing, execution, technologies, costs, and performance of our network;
- our ability to retain subscribers acquired during transactions and mitigate related increases in churn;
- our ability to continue to access our spectrum and additional spectrum capacity;
- changes in available technology and the effects of such changes, including product substitutions and deployment costs;
- our ability to obtain additional financing on terms acceptable to us, or at all;
- volatility in the trading price of our common stock, current economic conditions and our ability to access capital;
- the impact of unrelated parties not meeting our business requirements, including a significant adverse change in the ability or willingness of such parties to provide devices or infrastructure equipment for our networks;
- the costs and business risks associated with providing new services and entering new geographic markets;
- potential increase in subscriber churn, bad debt expense and write-offs related to our Family Plan or Easy Pay Plan;
- the effects of any material impairment of our goodwill or indefinite-lived intangible assets;
- the effects of any future merger or acquisition involving us, as well as the effect of mergers, acquisitions and consolidations, and new entrants in the communications industry, and unexpected announcements or developments from others in the communications industry;
- unexpected results of litigation filed against us or our suppliers or vendors;
- the costs or potential customer impact of compliance with regulatory mandates including, but not limited to, compliance with the FCC's Report and Order to reconfigure the 800 MHz band and government regulation regarding "net neutrality";
- equipment failure, natural disasters, terrorist acts or breaches of network or information technology security;
- one or more of the markets in which we compete being impacted by changes in political, economic or other factors such as monetary policy, legal and regulatory changes, or other external factors over which we have no control;

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the impact of being a "controlled company" exempt from many corporate governance requirements of the NYSE; and other risks referenced from time to time in this transition report and other filings of ours with the SEC. The words "may," "could," "should," "estimate," "project," "forecast," "intend," "expect," "anticipate," "believe," "target," "plan," "providing guidance" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are found throughout this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, and elsewhere in this transition report. Readers are cautioned that other factors, although not listed above, could also materially affect our future performance and operating results. The reader should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this transition report. We are not obligated to publicly release any revisions to forward-looking statements to reflect events after the date of this transition report, including unforeseen events.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are primarily exposed to the market risk associated with unfavorable movements in interest rates, foreign currencies, and equity prices. The risk inherent in our market risk sensitive instruments and positions is the potential loss arising from adverse changes in those factors.

Interest Rate Risk

The communications industry is a capital-intensive, technology-driven business. We are subject to interest rate risk primarily associated with our borrowings. Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates could adversely affect earnings and cash flows. Specific interest rate risk includes: the risk of increasing interest rates on variable rate debt and the risk of increasing interest rates for planned new fixed rate long-term financings or refinancings. Approximately 95% of our debt as of March 31, 2014 was fixed-rate debt. While changes in interest rates impact the fair value of this debt, there is no impact to earnings and cash flows because we intend to hold these obligations to maturity unless market and other conditions are favorable.

We perform interest rate sensitivity analyses on our variable rate debt. These analyses indicate that a one percentage point change in interest rates would have had an annual pre-tax impact of \$12 million on our consolidated statements of operations and cash flows for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014. We also perform a sensitivity analysis on the fair market value of our outstanding debt. A 10% decline in market interest rates is estimated to result in a \$1.2 billion increase in the fair market value of our debt to \$35.4 billion.

Foreign Currency Risk

We may enter into forward contracts and options in foreign currencies to reduce the impact of changes in foreign exchange rates. Our foreign exchange risk management program focuses on reducing transaction exposure to optimize consolidated cash flow. We use foreign currency derivatives to hedge our foreign currency exposure related to settlement of international telecommunications access charges and the operation of our international subsidiaries. The dollar equivalent of our net foreign currency payables from international settlements was approximately \$3 million and the net foreign currency receivables from international operations was approximately \$4 million as of March 31, 2014. The potential immediate pre-tax loss to us that would result from a hypothetical 10% change in foreign currency exchange rates based on these positions would be less than \$1 million.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

The consolidated financial statements required by this item begin on page F-1 of this transition report on Form 10-K and are incorporated herein by reference. The financial statements of Clearwire up through the date of acquisition, as required under Regulation S-X, are included in Item 15 of this transition report on Form 10-K and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None.

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Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Disclosure controls are procedures that are designed with the objective of ensuring that information required to be disclosed in our reports under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, such as this transition report on Form 10-K, is reported in accordance with the SEC's rules. Disclosure controls are also designed with the objective of ensuring that such information is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

In connection with the preparation of this transition report on Form 10-K, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures. Based on this evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the design and operation of the disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2014 in providing reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in reports we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and in providing reasonable assurance that the information is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms.

Internal controls over our financial reporting continue to be updated as necessary to accommodate modifications to our business processes and accounting procedures. There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Our internal control system was designed to provide reasonable assurance to our management and board of directors regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes. Our management conducted an assessment of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2014. This assessment was based on the criteria set forth by the 1992 Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in Internal Control—Integrated Framework. Based on this assessment, management believes that, as of March 31, 2014, our internal control over financial reporting was effective. Our independent registered public accounting firm has issued a report on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. This report appears on page F-2.

Item 9B. Other Information

Disclosure of Iranian Activities under Section 13(r) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Section 219 of the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 added Section 13(r) to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Section 13(r) requires an issuer to disclose in its annual or quarterly reports, as applicable, whether it or any of its affiliates knowingly engaged in certain activities, including, among other matters, transactions or dealings relating to the government of Iran. Disclosure is required even where the activities, transactions or dealings are conducted outside the U.S. by non-U.S. affiliates in compliance with applicable law, and whether or not the activities are sanctionable under U.S. law.

After the SoftBank Merger, SoftBank acquired control of Sprint. During the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014, SoftBank, through one of its non-U.S. subsidiaries, provided telecommunications services in Iran to Telecommunications Services Company (MTN Irancell) and Mobile Telecommunication Company of Iran, one or both of which are or may be government-controlled entities. During the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014, SoftBank estimates that gross revenues were approximately \$12,000 and no net profit was generated. This subsidiary also provided telecommunications services to a single account at the Embassy of Iran in Japan. During the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014, SoftBank estimates that gross revenues and net profit generated by such services were under \$2,000 and \$1,000 respectively. Sprint was not involved in, and did not receive any revenue from, any of these activities. The relevant SoftBank subsidiary is in the process of terminating the arrangements with Telecommunications Services Company (MTN Irancell) and Mobile Telecommunication Company

of Iran. With respect to the single account at the Embassy of Iran in Japan, the relevant SoftBank subsidiary is obligated under contract to continue such account.

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PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

The information required by this item regarding our directors is incorporated by reference to the information set forth under the captions “Proposal 1. - Election of Directors—Nominees for Director,” “Board Operations—Board Committees” in our proxy statement relating to our 2014 annual meeting of stockholders, which will be filed with the SEC, and with respect to family relationships, to Part I of this transition report under “Executive Officers of the Registrant.” The information required by this item regarding our executive officers is incorporated by reference to Part I of this transition report under the caption titled “Executive Officers of the Registrant.” The information required by this item regarding compliance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 by our directors, executive officers and holders of ten percent of a registered class of our equity securities is incorporated by reference to the information set forth under the caption “Security Ownership - Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance” in our proxy statement relating to our 2014 annual meeting of stockholders, which will be filed with the SEC.

We have adopted the Sprint Corporation Code of Conduct, which applies to all of our directors, officers and employees. The Code of Conduct is publicly available on our website at <http://www.sprint.com/governance>. If we make any amendment to our Code of Conduct, other than a technical, administrative or non-substantive amendment, or if we grant any waiver, including any implicit waiver, from a provision of the Code of Conduct that applies to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, we will disclose the nature of the amendment or waiver on our website at the same location. Also, we may elect to disclose the amendment or waiver in a current report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

The information required by this item regarding compensation of executive officers and directors is incorporated by reference to the information set forth under the captions “Director Compensation,” “Executive Compensation,” and “Board Operations—Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation” in our proxy statement relating to our 2014 annual meeting of stockholders, which will be filed with the SEC.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

The information required by this item, other than the equity compensation plan information presented below, is incorporated by reference to the information set forth under the captions “Security Ownership—Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners” and “Security Ownership—Security Ownership of Directors and Executive Officers” in our proxy statement relating to our 2014 annual meeting of stockholders, which will be filed with the SEC.

Compensation Plan Information

Currently we sponsor two active equity incentive plans, the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan (2007 Plan) and our Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP). We also sponsor the 1997 Long-Term Incentive Program (1997 Program) and the Nextel Incentive Equity Plan (Nextel Plan). All outstanding options under the Management Incentive Stock Option Plan (MISOP) expired in 2012. Under the 2007 Plan, we may grant stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance shares, performance units and other equity-based and cash awards to our employees, outside directors and certain other service providers. The Compensation Committee of our board of directors, or one or more executive officers should the Compensation Committee so authorize, will determine the terms of each award. No new grants can be made under the 1997 Program, the Nextel Plan, or the MISOP.

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The following table provides information about the shares of common stock that may be issued upon exercise of awards as of March 31, 2014.

Plan Category	Number of Securities To be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights		Weighted Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in Column (a))	
	(a)	(b)		(c)	(d)
Equity compensation plans approved by stockholders of common stock	69,970,798	(1)(2)	\$6.47	(3) 197,690,874	(4)(5)(6)
Equity compensation plans not approved by stockholders of common stock	826,569	(7)	\$17.12	—	
Total	70,797,367			197,690,874	

- Includes 36,926,585 shares covered by options and 27,728,162 restricted stock units under the 2007 Plan, and 4,772,538 shares covered by options and 41,336 restricted stock units outstanding under the 1997 Program. Also
- (1) includes purchase rights to acquire 502,177 shares of common stock accrued at March 31, 2014 under the ESPP. Under the ESPP, each eligible employee may purchase common stock at quarterly intervals at a purchase price per share equal to 95% of the market value on the last business day of the offering period.
- (2) Included in the total of 69,970,798 shares are 27,728,162 restricted stock units under the 2007 Plan, which will be counted against the 2007 Plan maximum in a 2.5 to 1 ratio. The weighted average exercise price does not take into account the shares of common stock issuable upon vesting of restricted stock units issued under the 1997 Program or the 2007 Plan. These restricted stock units have no
- (3) exercise price. The weighted average purchase price also does not take into account the 502,177 shares of common stock issuable as a result of the purchase rights accrued under the ESPP; the purchase price of these shares was \$8.75 for each share.
- (4) Of these shares, 118,945,355 shares of common stock were available under the 2007 Plan. Through March 31, 2014, 147,427,179 cumulative shares came from the 1997 Program, the Nextel Plan and the MISOP.
- (5) Includes 78,745,519 shares of common stock available for issuance under the ESPP after issuance of the 502,177 shares purchased in the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 offering. See note 1 above.
- (6) No new awards may be granted under the 1997 Program, the Nextel Plan, or the MISOP.
- (7) Consists of 826,569 options outstanding under the Nextel Plan. There are no deferred shares outstanding under the Nextel Plan.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference to the information set forth under the captions “Certain Relationships and Other Transactions” and “Board Operations—Independence of Directors” in our proxy statement relating to our 2014 annual meeting of stockholders, which will be filed with the SEC.

Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference to the information set forth under the caption “Ratification of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm” in our proxy statement relating to our 2014 annual meeting of stockholders, which will be filed with the SEC.

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PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

1. The consolidated financial statements of Sprint Corporation filed as part of this transition report are listed in the Index to Consolidated Financial Statements.
2. The consolidated financial statements of Clearwire Corporation through the date of acquisition filed as part of this transition report are listed in the Index to Consolidated Financial Statements.
3. The exhibits filed as part of this transition report are listed in the Exhibit Index

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SIGNATURES

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

SPRINT CORPORATION

(Registrant)

By /s/ DANIEL R. HESSE
 Daniel R. Hesse
 Chief Executive Officer and President

Date: May 23, 2014

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 indicated on the 23rd day of May, 2014.

/s/ DANIEL R. HESSE
Daniel R. Hesse
Chief Executive Officer and President
(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ JOSEPH J. EUTENEUER
Joseph J. Euteneuer
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

/s/ PAUL W. SCHIEBER, JR.
Paul W. Schieber, Jr.
Vice President and Controller
(Principal Accounting Officer)

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SIGNATURES

SPRINT CORPORATION

(Registrant)

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 indicated on the 23rd day of May, 2014.

/s/ MASAYOSHI SON
Masayoshi Son, Chairman

/s/ DANIEL R. HESSE
Daniel R. Hesse, Director

/s/ RONALD D. FISHER
Ronald D. Fisher, Vice Chairman

/s/ FRANK IANNA
Frank Ianna, Director

/S/ GORDON M. BETHUNE
Gordon M. Bethune, Director

/s/ MICHAEL G. MULLEN
Michael G. Mullen, Director

/s/ ROBERT R. BENNETT
Robert R. Bennett, Director

/s/ SARA MARTINEZ TUCKER
Sara Martinez Tucker, Director

/s/ MARCELO CLAURE
Marcelo Claure, Director

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Exhibit Index

Exhibit No.	Exhibit Description	Form	Incorporated by Reference		Filed/Furnished Herewith
			SEC File No.	Exhibit Filing Date	
(2) Plan of Acquisition, Reorganization, Arrangement, Liquidation or Succession					
2.1**	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of July 27, 2009, by and among Sprint Nextel Corporation, Sprint Mozart, Inc. and Virgin Mobile USA, Inc.	8-K	001-04721	2.1	7/8/2009
2.2**	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 15, 2012, by and among Sprint Nextel Corporation, SoftBank Corp., Starburst I, Inc., Starburst II, Inc. and Starburst III, Inc.	8-K	001-04721	2.1	10/15/2012
2.3	First Amendment to Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated November 29, 2012, by and among Sprint Nextel Corporation, SoftBank Corp., Starburst I, Inc., Starburst II, Inc. and Starburst III, Inc.	10-Q	001-04721	2.5	5/6/2013
2.4	Second Amendment to Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated April 12, 2013, by and among Sprint Nextel Corporation, SoftBank Corp., Starburst I, Inc., Starburst II, Inc. and Starburst III, Inc.	10-Q	001-04721	2.6	5/6/2013
2.5**	Third Amendment to Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated June 10, 2013, by and among Sprint Nextel Corporation, SoftBank Corp., Starburst I, Inc., Starburst II, Inc. and Starburst III, Inc.	8-K	001-04721	2.1	6/11/2013
2.6**	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of December 17, 2012, by and among Sprint Nextel Corporation, Collie Acquisition Corp. and Clearwire Corporation	8-K	001-04721	2.1	12/18/2012
2.7**	First Amendment to Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of April 18, 2013, by and among Sprint Nextel Corporation, Collie Acquisition Corp. and Clearwire Corporation (Filed as Annex-2 to Clearwire Corporation's Proxy Statement)	DEFM 14A	001-34196		4/23/2014
2.8**		8-K	001-04721	2.1	5/22/2013

Second Amendment to Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 21, 2013, by and among Sprint Nextel Corporation, Collie Acquisition Corp. and Clearwire Corporation

2.9**	Third Amendment to Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated June 20, 2013, by and among Sprint Nextel Corporation, Collie Acquisition Corp. and Clearwire Corporation	8-K	001-04721	2.1	6/21/2013
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(3) Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation	8-K	001-04721	3.1	7/11/2013
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3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws	8-K	001-04721	3.2	8/7/2013
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(4) Instruments Defining the Rights of Security Holders, including Indentures

4.1	Indenture, dated as of October 1, 1998, by and among Sprint Capital Corporation, Sprint Corporation and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (as successor to Bank One, N.A.)	10-Q	001-04721	4(b)	11/2/1998
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			SEC File No.	Exhibit Filing Date	
4.2	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 15, 1999, by and among Sprint Capital Corporation, Sprint Corporation and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (as successor to Bank One, N.A.)	8-K	001-04721	4(b) 2/3/1999	
4.3	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of October 15, 2001, by and among Sprint Capital Corporation, Sprint Corporation and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (as successor to Bank One, N.A.)	8-K	001-04721	99 10/29/2001	
4.4	Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 11, 2013, by and among Sprint Corporation, Sprint Capital Corporation, Sprint Communications, Inc. and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (as successor to Bank One, N.A.)	8-K	001-04721	4.5 9/11/2013	
4.5	Indenture, dated as of November 20, 2006, by and between Sprint Nextel Corporation and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.	8-K	001-04721	4.1 11/9/2011	
4.6	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 9, 2011, by and between Sprint Nextel Corporation and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.	8-K	001-04721	4.2 11/9/2011	
4.7	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 9, 2011, by and among Sprint Nextel Corporation, the Subsidiary Guarantors and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.	8-K	001-04721	4.3 11/9/2011	
4.8	Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 1, 2012, by and between Sprint Nextel Corporation and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.	8-K	001-04721	4.1 3/1/2012	
4.9	Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 1, 2012, by and among Sprint Nextel Corporation, the Subsidiary Guarantors and	8-K	001-04721	4.2 3/1/2012	

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust
Company, N.A.

4.10	Fifth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of August 14, 2012, by and between Sprint Nextel Corporation and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.	8-K	001-04721	4.1	8/14/2012
4.11	Sixth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 14, 2012, by and between Sprint Nextel Corporation and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.	8-K	001-04721	4.1	11/14/2012
4.12	Seventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of November 20, 2012, by and between Sprint Nextel Corporation and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.	8-K	001-04721	4.1	11/20/2012
4.13	Eighth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 11, 2013, by and among Sprint Corporation, Sprint Communications, Inc. and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.	8-K	001-04721	4.4	9/11/2013

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			SEC File No.	Exhibit Filing Date	
4.14	Indenture, dated as of September 11, 2013, by and between Sprint Corporation and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.	8-K	001-04721	4.1	9/11/2013
4.15	First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 11, 2013, by and among Sprint Corporation, Sprint Communications, Inc. and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.	8-K	001-04721	4.2	9/11/2013
4.16	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 11, 2013, by and among Sprint Corporation, Sprint Communications, Inc. and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.	8-K	001-04721	4.3	9/11/2013
4.17	Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 12, 2013, by and among Sprint Corporation, Sprint Communications, Inc. and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.	8-K	001-04721	4.1	12/12/2013
4.18	2021 Notes Registration Rights Agreement, dated September 11, 2013, by and among Sprint Corporation, Sprint Communications, Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC as representative of the initial purchasers	8-K	001-04721	10.1	9/11/2013
4.19	2023 Notes Registration Rights Agreement, dated September 11, 2013, by and among Sprint Corporation, Sprint Communications, Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC as representative of the initial purchasers	8-K	001-04721	10.2	9/11/2013
4.20	2024 Notes Registration Rights Agreement, dated December 12, 2013, by and among Sprint Corporation, Sprint Communications, Inc. and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated as representative of the initial purchasers	8-K	001-04721	10.1	12/12/2013
(10) Material Contracts					
10.1		8-K	001-04721	10.1	10/15/2012

Bond Purchase Agreement, dated as of October 15, 2012, by and between Sprint Nextel Corporation and Sprint Corporation (then known as “Starburst II, Inc.”)

10.2	First Amendment to Bond Purchase Agreement, dated as of October 15, 2012, entered into as of June 10, 2013, by and between Sprint Nextel Corporation and Sprint Corporation (then known as “Starburst II, Inc.”)	8-K	001-04721	10.1	6/11/2013
10.3	Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of December 17, 2012, by and among Clearwire Corporation, Clearwire Communications, LLC and Clearwire Finance, Inc., as issuers and Sprint Nextel Corporation, as purchaser	8-K	001-04721	10.1	12/18/2012
10.4	First Amendment to the Note Purchase Agreement, dated January 31, 2013 by and among Clearwire Corporation, Clearwire Communications LLC, Clearwire Finance, Inc. and Sprint Nextel Corporation	10-K	001-04721	10.3	2/28/2013

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Exhibit No.	Exhibit Description	Form	Incorporated by Reference		Filed/Furnished Herewith
			SEC File No.	Exhibit Filing Date	
10.5	Second Amendment to the Note Purchase Agreement, dated as of February 26, 2013, by and among Clearwire Corporation, Clearwire Communications LLC, Clearwire Finance, Inc. and Sprint Nextel Corporation	10-K	001-04721	10.4	2/28/2013
10.6	Credit Agreement, dated as of February 28, 2013, by and among Sprint Nextel Corporation, as Borrower, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, and the lenders named therein	8-K	001-04721	10.1	3/5/2013
10.7	Incremental Amendment No. 1, dated as of April 2, 2013, to the Credit Agreement, dated as of February 28, 2013, among Sprint Nextel Corporation, the Subsidiary Guarantors party thereto, the Lenders thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent	10-Q	001-04721	10.4	5/6/2013
10.8	Incremental Amendment No. 2, dated as of February 10, 2014, to the Credit Agreement, dated as of February 28, 2013, among Sprint Communications, Inc. (f/k/a Sprint Nextel Corporation), the Subsidiary Guarantors party thereto, the Lenders thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent	10-K	001-04721	10.8	2/24/2014
10.9	Waiver to Credit Agreement, dated as of September 9, 2013, by and among Sprint Communications, Inc., JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent and Lender, and the lenders party thereto	8-K	001-04721	10.3	9/11/2013
10.10	Warrant Agreement for Sprint Corporation Common Stock, dated as of July 10, 2013, by and between Sprint Corporation and Starburst I, Inc.	8-K	001-04721	10.6	7/11/2013
10.11	Form of Indemnification Agreement to be entered into by and between Sprint Corporation and certain of its directors	8-K	001-04721	10.1	7/11/2013
10.12	Form of Indemnification Agreement to be entered into by and between Sprint	8-K	001-04721	10.2	7/11/2013

Corporation and certain of its officers

10.13	Form of Indemnification Agreement to be entered into by and between Sprint Corporation and certain individuals who serve as both a director and officer of Sprint Corporation	8-K	001-04721	10.3	7/11/2013
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(10) Executive Compensation Plans and Arrangements

10.14	Form of Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement (Non-Affiliate Director Form) under the Nextel Amended and Restated Incentive Equity Plan	10-Q	000-19656	10.4	11/8/2004
10.15	Summary of 2007 Long-Term Incentive Plan	10-K	001-04721	10.23	3/1/2007
10.16	Summary of 2008 Long-Term Incentive Plan	8-K	001-04721		3/25/2008
10.17	Summary of 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan	8-K	001-04721		1/26/2009

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10.18	First Amended Summary of 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan	8-K/A	001-04721	3/22/2010	
10.19	Second Amended Summary of 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan	8-K/A	001-04721	2/28/2011	
10.20	Summary of 2010 Short-Term Incentive Plan	8-K	001-04721	3/3/2010	
10.21	Amended Summary of 2010 Short-Term Incentive Plan	8-K/A	001-04721	7/8/2010	
10.22	Summary of 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan	8-K	001-04721	3/22/2010	
10.23	Amended Summary of 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan	8-K/A	001-04721	2/28/2011	
10.24	Second Amended Summary of 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan	8-K/A	001-04721	2/28/2012	
10.25	Summary of 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan	8-K	001-04721	2/28/2011	
10.26	Amended Summary of 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan	8-K/A	001-04721	2/28/2012	
10.27	Summary of 2011 Short-Term Incentive Plan	8-K	001-04721	2/28/2011	
10.28	Amended Summary of 2011 Short-Term Incentive Plan	8-K	001-04721	8/2/2011	
10.29	Summary of 2012 Short-Term Incentive Plan and 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan	8-K	001-04721	2/28/2012	
10.30	Summary of 2013 Long Term Incentive Plan	8-K	001-04721	7/30/2013	
10.31	Amended Summary of 2013 Long Term Incentive Plan	8-K/A	001-04721	9/20/2013	
10.32	Summary of 2013 Short-Term Incentive Compensation Plan	8-K	001-04721	3/5/2013	
10.33	Amended Summary of 2013 Short-Term Incentive Compensation Plan	8-K/A	001-04721	7/30/2013	
10.34	Form of Award Agreement (awarding stock options) under the 2009 Long-Term	10-Q	001-04721	10.2	5/8/2009

Incentive Plan for executive officers with
Nextel employment agreements

10.35	Form of Award Agreement (awarding stock options) under the 2009 Long-Term Incentive Plan for all other executive officers other than those with Nextel employment agreements	10-Q	001-04721	10.3	5/8/2009
10.36	Form of Award Agreement (awarding stock options) under the 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan for executive officers with Nextel employment agreements	10-Q	001-04721	10.1	5/5/2010
10.37	Form of Award Agreement (awarding stock options) under the 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan for all other executive officers other than those with Nextel employment agreements	10-Q	001-04721	10.2	5/5/2010

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10.38	Form of Award Agreement (awarding restricted stock units) under the 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan for executive officers with Nextel employment agreements	10-Q	001-04721	10.3	5/5/2010	
10.39	Form of Award Agreement (awarding restricted stock units) under the 2010 Long-Term Incentive Plan for all other executive officers	10-Q	001-04721	10.4	5/5/2010	
10.40	Form of Award Agreement (awarding stock options) under the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan for executive officers with Nextel employment agreements	10-Q	001-04721	10.1	5/5/2011	
10.41	Form of Award Agreement (awarding stock options) under the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan for all other executive officers other than those with Nextel employment agreements	10-Q	001-04721	10.2	5/5/2011	
10.42	Form of Award Agreement (awarding restricted stock units) under the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan for executive officers with Nextel employment agreements	10-Q	001-04721	10.3	5/5/2011	
10.43	Form of Award Agreement (awarding restricted stock units) under the 2011 Long-Term Incentive Plan for all other executive officers other than those with Nextel employment agreements	10-Q	001-04721	10.4	5/5/2011	
10.44	Form of Award Agreement (awarding stock options) under the 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan for executives officers with Nextel employment agreements	10-K	001-04721	10.34	2/28/2013	
10.45	Form of Award Agreement (awarding stock options) under the 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan for all other executive officers other than those with Nextel employment agreements	10-K	001-04721	10.32	2/28/2013	
10.46		10-K	001-04721	10.35	2/28/2013	

	Form of Award Agreement (awarding restricted stock units) under the 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan for executive officers with Nextel employment agreements				
10.47	Form of Award Agreement (awarding restricted stock units) under the 2012 Long-Term Incentive Plan for all other executive officers other than those with Nextel employment agreements	10-K	001-04721	10.33	2/28/2013
10.48	Form of Evidence of Award Agreement (awarding restricted stock units) under the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan to Robert L. Johnson	10-Q	001-04721	10.20	11/6/2013
10.49	Form of Evidence of Award Agreement (awarding restricted stock units) under the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan to Section 16 officers other than Robert L. Johnson	10-Q	001-04721	10.21	11/6/2013
10.50	Form of Evidence of Award Agreement (awarding performance-based restricted stock units) under the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan to Robert L. Johnson	10-Q	001-04721	10.22	11/6/2013

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10.51	Form of Evidence of Award Agreement (awarding performance-based restricted stock units) under the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan to Joseph J. Euteneuer	10-Q	001-04721	10.24	11/6/2013	
10.52	Form of Evidence of Award Agreement (awarding performance-based restricted stock units) under the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan to Section 16 officers other than Messrs. Robert L. Johnson and Joseph J. Euteneuer	10-Q	001-04721	10.23	11/6/2013	
10.53	Form of Stock Option Agreement under the Stock Option Exchange Program (for certain Nextel Communication Inc. employees)	Sch. TO-I	005-41991	d(2)	5/17/2010	
10.54	Form of Stock Option Agreement under the Stock Option Exchange Program (for all other employees other than those with Nextel employment agreements)	Sch. TO-I/A	005-41991	d(3)	5/21/2010	
10.55	Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, effective December 31, 2008, by and between Daniel R. Hesse and Sprint Nextel Corporation	8-K	001-04721	10.1	12/19/2008	
10.56	Letter Agreement, dated May 4, 2012, by and between Sprint Nextel Corporation and Daniel R. Hesse	8-K	001-04721	10.1	5/4/2012	
10.57	First Amendment to Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated November 16, 2012, by and between Sprint Nextel Corporation and Daniel R. Hesse	8-K	001-04721	10.4	11/20/2012	
10.58	Employment Agreement, dated September 18, 2013, by and between Daniel R. Hesse and Sprint Corporation	8-K	001-04721	10.1	9/20/2013	
10.59	Daniel R. Hesse - Stock Option Retention Award Agreement	10-Q	001-04721	10.12	11/6/2013	
10.60		10-Q	001-04721	10.13	11/6/2013	

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Daniel R. Hesse - Restricted Stock Unit
Retention Award Agreement

10.61	Employment Agreement, executed December 20, 2010, effective April 4, 2011, by and between Joseph J. Euteneuer and Sprint Nextel Corporation	8-K	001-04721	10.1	12/21/2010
10.62	First Amendment to Employment Agreement, dated November 20, 2012, by and between Sprint Nextel Corporation and Joseph J. Euteneuer	8-K	001-04721	10.3	11/20/2012
10.63	Second Amendment to Employment Agreement, dated November 11, 2013, by and between Joseph J. Euteneuer and Sprint Communications, Inc.	8-K	001-04721	10.1	11/12/2013
10.64	Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, effective December 31, 2008, by and between Steven L. Elfman and Sprint Nextel Corporation	10-K	001-04721	10.27.1	2/27/2009
10.65	First Amendment to Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated November 16, 2012, by and between Sprint Nextel Corporation and Steven L. Elfman	8-K	001-04721	10.2	11/20/2012

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10.66	Second Amendment to the Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated September 10, 2013, by and between Steven L. Elfman and Sprint Communications, Inc.	8-K	001-04721	10.1	9/11/2013	
10.67	Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, effective December 31, 2008, by and between Robert L. Johnson and Sprint Nextel Corporation	10-K	001-04721	10.26.1	2/27/2009	
10.68	Compensatory Agreement, dated June 11, 2008, by and between Robert L. Johnson and Sprint Nextel Corporation	10-Q	001-04721	10.3	8/6/2008	
10.69	Letter, dated May 24, 2010, to Robert L. Johnson regarding the Sprint Nextel Corporation Relocation Program	10-Q	001-04721	10.1	8/5/2010	
10.70	Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, effective December 31, 2008, by and between Charles R. Wunsch and Sprint Nextel Corporation	10-K	001-04721	10.29	2/27/2009	
10.71	First Amendment to Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, effective November 6, 2012, by and between Sprint Nextel Corporation and Charles R. Wunsch	10-K	001-04721	10.43.2	2/28/2013	
10.72	Employment Agreement, effective October 3, 2012, by and between Sprint Nextel Corporation and Stephen Bye					*
10.73	First Amendment to Employment Agreement, dated December 20, 2012 by and between Sprint Nextel Corporation and Stephen Bye					*
10.74	Employment Agreement, effective April 29, 2009, by and between Matthew Carter and Sprint Nextel Corporation	10-K	001-04721	10.33	2/26/2010	
10.75	First Amendment to Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, effective November 6, 2012, by and between Sprint Nextel Corporation and Matthew Carter Jr.	10-K	001-04721	10.44.3	2/28/2013	

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10.76	Employment Agreement, effective September 6, 2013 by and between Sprint Corporation and Brandon Dow Draper	10-Q	001-04721	10.25	11/6/2013	
10.77	Brandon Dow Draper Sign-On Award of Restricted Stock Units	10-Q	001-04721	10.26	11/6/2013	
10.78	First Amendment to Employment Agreement, dated February 21, 2014, by and between Sprint Corporation and Brandon Dow Draper					*
10.79	Employment Agreement, effective October 2, 2012, by and between Sprint Nextel Corporation and Jeffrey D. Hallock	10-K	001-04721	10.78	2/24/2014	
10.80	First Amendment to Employment Agreement, dated January 8, 2013, by and between Sprint Nextel Corporation and Jeffrey D. Hallock	10-K	001-04721	10.79	2/24/2014	

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10.81	Amended and Restated Agreement Regarding Special Compensation and Post Employment Restrictive Covenants, dated December 31, 2008, by and between Sprint Nextel Corporation and Paul W. Schieber	10-K	001-04721	10.80	2/24/2014	
10.82	First Amendment to Amended and Restated Agreement Regarding Special Compensation and Post Employment Restrictive Covenants, dated December 11, 2012, by and between Sprint Nextel Corporation and Paul W. Schieber	10-K	001-04721	10.81	2/24/2014	
10.83	Employment Agreement, dated September 27, 2012 and effective as of January 2, 2013, by and between Sprint Nextel Corporation and Michael Schwartz	10-K	001-04721	10.48.1	2/28/2013	
10.84	First Amendment to Employment Agreement, dated December 10, 2012, by and between Sprint Nextel Corporation and Michael Schwartz	10-K	001-04721	10.48.2	2/28/2013	
10.85	Sprint Corporation 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan	8-K	001-04721	10.2	9/20/2013	
10.86	Sprint Corporation Change in Control Severance Plan	8-K	001-04721	10.3	9/20/2013	
10.87	Sprint Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, as amended and restated effective November 14, 2013					*
10.88	Sprint Nextel Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended and restated effective August 29, 2013					*
10.89	Executive Deferred Compensation Plan, as amended and restated effective January 1, 2008	10-K	001-04721	10.35	2/27/2009	
10.90	Summary of Director Compensation Programs	10-Q	001-04721	10.19	11/6/2013	
10.91		10-K	001-04721	10.37	2/27/2009	

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Director's Deferred Fee Plan, as amended
and restated effective January 1, 2008

10.92	Form of Award Agreement (awarding restricted stock units) under the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan for non-employee directors	10-Q	001-04721	10.10	5/9/2007
10.93	Form of Election to Defer Delivery of Shares subject to RSUs (Outside Directors)	10-K	001-04721	10.51	2/27/2012
10.94	Form of Indemnification Agreement between Sprint Nextel and its Directors and Officers	10-K	001-04721	10.55	3/1/2007
10.95	Nextel Communications, Inc. Amended and Restated Incentive Equity Plan as of January 1, 2008	10-K	001-04721	10.56	2/27/2012
10.96	Summary of 2014 Short-Term Incentive Compensation Plan	8-K	001-04721		2/24/2014

(12) Statement re Computation of Ratios

12	Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges				*
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(21) Subsidiaries of the Registrant

21	Subsidiaries of the Registrant				*
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(23) Consents of Experts and Counsel					
23.1	Consent of KPMG LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm				*
23.2	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm				*
23.3	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP, Independent Auditors				*
23.4	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm				*
(31) and (32) Officer Certifications					
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 13a-14(a)				*
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 13a-14(a)				*
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002				*
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002				*
(101) Formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language)					
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document				*
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document				*
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document				*

101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document	*
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document	*
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document	*

*Filed or furnished, as required.

** Schedules and/or exhibits not filed will be furnished to the SEC upon request, pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors and Stockholders of
Sprint Corporation
Overland Park, Kansas

We have audited the accompanying Successor consolidated balance sheets of Sprint Corporation and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of March 31, 2014, December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related Successor consolidated statements of comprehensive loss, cash flows and stockholders' equity for the period from October 5, 2012 (date of incorporation) through December 31, 2012, the year ended December 31, 2013, and the three-month period ended March 31, 2014. We also have audited the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2014, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (1992) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. The Company's management is responsible for these consolidated financial statements, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements and an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the consolidated financial statements included 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. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the company's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, and effected by the company's board of directors, management, and other personnel to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of internal control over financial reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Also, projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Sprint Corporation and subsidiaries as of March 31, 2014, December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related Successor results of their operations and their cash flows for the period from October 5, 2012 (date of incorporation) through December 31, 2012, the year ended December 31, 2013 and the three-month period ended

March 31, 2014 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of March 31, 2014, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (1992) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

As discussed in Notes 1 and 3 to the consolidated financial statements, on July 10, 2013, SoftBank Corp. completed a merger with Sprint Communications, Inc. (formerly Sprint Nextel Corporation) by which Sprint Corporation was the acquiring company of Sprint Communications, Inc. and applied the acquisition method of accounting as of the merger date.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP
Kansas City, Missouri
May 23, 2014

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors and Stockholders

Sprint Corporation:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheet of Sprint Communications, Inc. (formerly Sprint Nextel Corporation) and subsidiaries (the Predecessor Company) as of December 31, 2012, and the related consolidated statements of comprehensive loss, cash flows and stockholders' equity for the 191 day period ended July 10, 2013, and each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2012. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Predecessor Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We did not audit the financial statements of Clearwire Corporation and its consolidated subsidiary Clearwire Communications, LLC (collectively, "Clearwire") as of December 31, 2012 and for the two-year period ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. The Predecessor Company's investment in Clearwire included \$674 million at December 31, 2012 and its equity in losses of Clearwire included \$1.1 billion and \$1.7 billion for the years 2012 and 2011, respectively. The financial statements of Clearwire as of December 31, 2012 and for the two-year period ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to those amounts included for Clearwire, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (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, based on our audits and the report of the other auditors, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Predecessor Company as of December 31, 2012, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the 191 day period ended July 10, 2013, and each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2012, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Sprint Communications, Inc. adopted accounting guidance regarding the presentation of the consolidated statement of comprehensive loss in 2011 and testing indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment in 2012.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Kansas City, Missouri

October 21, 2013

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	Successor			Predecessor
	March 31,	December 31,	December 31,	
	2014	2013	2012	2012

(in millions, except share and per share data)

ASSETS

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents	\$4,970	\$6,364	\$5	\$ 6,351
Short-term investments	1,220	1,105	—	1,849
Accounts and notes receivable, net	3,607	3,570	6	3,658
Device and accessory inventory	982	1,205	—	1,200
Deferred tax assets	128	186	—	1
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	672	628	—	700
Total current assets	11,579	13,058	11	13,759
Investments	146	143	3,104	1,053
Property, plant and equipment, net	16,299	16,164	—	13,607
Intangible assets				
Goodwill	6,383	6,434	—	359
FCC licenses and other	41,978	41,824	—	20,677
Definite-lived intangible assets, net	7,558	8,014	—	1,335
Other assets	746	458	—	780
Total assets	\$84,689	\$86,095	\$3,115	\$ 51,570

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$3,163	\$3,312	\$—	\$ 3,487
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	5,544	6,363	4	5,008
Current portion of long-term debt, financing and capital lease obligations	991	994	—	379
Total current liabilities	9,698	10,669	4	8,874
Long-term debt, financing and capital lease obligations	31,787	32,017	—	23,962
Deferred tax liabilities	14,207	14,227	1	7,047
Other liabilities	3,685	3,598	—	4,600
Total liabilities	59,377	60,511	5	44,483

Commitments and contingencies

Stockholders' equity:

Common stock (Successor), voting, par value \$0.01 per share, 9.0 billion authorized, 3.941 billion and 3.934 billion issued at March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013	39	39	—	—
Class B common stock (Successor), voting, par value \$0.01 per share, 25.0 million authorized, 3.106 million issued at December 31, 2012	—	—	—	—
Common stock (Predecessor), voting, par value \$2.00 per share, 6.5 billion authorized, 3.010 billion issued at December 31, 2012	—	—	—	6,019
Paid-in capital	27,354	27,330	3,137	47,016
Accumulated deficit	(2,038)	(1,887)	(27)	(44,815)
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	(43)	102	—	(1,133)

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Total stockholders' equity	25,312	25,584	3,110	7,087
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$84,689	\$86,095	\$3,115	\$ 51,570
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	Successor				Predecessor			
	Three Months Ended March 31, 2014	2013 (Unaudited)	Year Ended December 31, 2013	87 Days Ended December 31, 2012	191 Days Ended July 10, 2013	Three Months Ended March 31, 2013 (Unaudited)	Year Ended December 31, 2012 2011	
	(in millions, except per share amounts)							
Net operating revenues	\$8,875	\$ —	\$16,891	\$—	\$18,602	\$ 8,793	\$35,345	\$33,679
Net operating expenses:								
Cost of services and products (exclusive of depreciation and amortization included below)	4,660	—	9,777	—	10,545	4,933	20,841	19,015
Selling, general and administrative	2,371	14	4,841	33	5,067	2,336	9,765	9,592
Severance, exit costs and asset impairments	127	—	309	—	652	25	298	106
Depreciation	868	—	2,026	—	3,098	1,422	6,240	4,455
Amortization	429	—	908	—	147	70	303	403
Other, net	—	—	—	—	(22)	(22)	(282)	—
	8,455	14	17,861	33	19,487	8,764	37,165	33,571
Operating income (loss)	420	(14)	(970)	(33)	(885)	29	(1,820)	108
Other (expense) income:								
Interest expense	(516)	—	(918)	—	(1,135)	(432)	(1,428)	(1,011)
Equity in losses of unconsolidated investments, net	—	—	—	—	(482)	(202)	(1,114)	(1,730)
Gain on previously-held equity interests	—	—	—	—	2,926	—	—	—
Other income (expense), net	1	6	73	10	19	—	190	(3)
	(515)	6	(845)	10	1,328	(634)	(2,352)	(2,744)
(Loss) income before income taxes	(95)	(8)	(1,815)	(23)	443	(605)	(4,172)	(2,636)
Income tax expense	(56)	(1)	(45)	(4)	(1,601)	(38)	(154)	(254)
Net loss	(151)	(9)	(1,860)	(27)	(1,158)	(643)	(4,326)	(2,890)
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax:								
Foreign currency translation adjustment	1	—	3	—	(8)	(2)	(4)	2
Unrealized holding gains (losses) on securities:								

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Unrealized holding gains (losses) on securities	1	—	6	—	(4)	1	5	6	
Less: Reclassification adjustment for realized gains included in net loss	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(3) (4	
Net unrealized holding gains (losses) on securities	1	—	6	—	(4	)	1	2	2
Unrecognized net periodic pension and other postretirement benefits:										
Net actuarial (loss) gain	(147	)	—	93	—	—	—	(404	) (349
Less: Amortization of actuarial loss included in net loss	—	—	—	—	35	15	65	55		
Net unrecognized net periodic pension and other postretirement benefits	(147	)	—	93	—	35	15	(339	) (294
Other comprehensive (loss) income	(145	)	—	102	—	23	14	(341	) (290
Comprehensive loss	\$ (296) \$ (9)	\$ (1,758) \$ (27)	\$ (1,135) \$ (629) \$ (4,667) \$ (3,180
Basic and diluted net loss per common share	\$ (0.04)		\$ (0.54)		\$ (0.38) \$ (0.21) \$ (1.44) \$ (0.96
Basic and diluted weighted average common shares outstanding	3,949		3,475		3,027	3,013	3,002	2,995		

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	Successor		Year Ended December 31, 2013	87 Days Ended December 31, 2012	Predecessor		2012	2011
	Three Months Ended March 31, 2014	2013 (Unaudited)			191 Days Ended July 10, 2013	Three Months Ended March 31, 2013 (Unaudited)			Years Ended December 31, 2011
(in millions)								
Cash flows from operating activities:								
Net loss	\$(151)	\$ (9)	\$(1,860)	\$(27)	\$(1,158)	\$(643)	\$(4,326)	\$(2,890)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:								
Asset impairments	75	—	—	—	—	—	102	78
Depreciation and amortization	1,297	—	2,934	—	3,245	1,492	6,543	4,858
Provision for losses on accounts receivable	153	—	261	—	194	83	561	559
Share-based and long-term incentive compensation expense	35	—	98	—	37	17	82	73
Deferred income tax expense (benefit)	46	(1)	32	1	1,586	24	209	231
Equity in losses of unconsolidated investments, net	—	—	—	—	482	202	1,114	1,730
Gain on previously-held equity interests	—	—	—	—	(2,926)	—	—	—
Interest expense related to beneficial conversion feature on convertible bond	—	—	—	—	247	—	—	—
Gains from asset dispositions and exchanges	—	—	—	—	—	—	(29)	—
Contribution to pension plan	(10)	—	(7)	—	—	—	(108)	(136)
Spectrum hosting contract termination	—	—	—	—	—	—	(236)	—
Call premiums paid on debt redemptions	—	—	(180)	—	—	—	—	—
	(74)	—	(160)	—	9	14	4	(12)

Amortization and accretion
of long-term debt premiums
and discounts

Other changes in assets and
liabilities:

Accounts and notes receivable	(232)	(11)	(558)	(6)	150	215	(892)	(729)
Inventories and other current assets	173	—	(391)	—	298	243	(486)	(238)
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	(490)	8	25	3	280	(734)	577	90
Non-current assets and liabilities, net	(340)	—	(379)	—	207	16	(11)	48
Other, net	40	11	124	29	20	11	(105)	29
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	522	(2)	(61)	—	2,671	940	2,999	3,691
Cash flows from investing activities:								
Capital expenditures	(1,488)	—	(3,847)	—	(3,140)	(1,381)	(4,261)	(3,130)
Expenditures relating to FCC licenses	(152)	—	(146)	—	(125)	(55)	(198)	(258)
Reimbursements relating to FCC licenses	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	135
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	—	—	(14,112)	—	(4,039)	—	—	—
Investment in Clearwire (including debt securities)	—	—	—	—	(308)	(80)	(228)	(331)
Investment and derivative in Sprint Communications, Inc.	—	—	—	(3,100)	—	—	—	—
Proceeds from sales and maturities of short-term investments	920	—	1,715	—	2,445	1,281	1,513	980
Purchases of short-term investments	(1,035)	—	(1,719)	—	(1,221)	(926)	(3,212)	(830)
Other, net	(1)	—	1	—	3	3	11	(9)
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,756)	—	(18,108)	(3,100)	(6,385)	(1,158)	(6,375)	(3,443)

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	Successor		Year Ended December 31, 2013	87 Days Ended December 31, 2012	Predecessor		2012	2011
	Three Months Ended March 31, 2014	2013 (Unaudited)			191 Days Ended July 10, 2013	Three Months Ended March 31, 2013 (Unaudited)			Years Ended December 31, 2012	2011
(in millions)								
Cash flows from financing activities:								
Proceeds from debt and financings	—	—	9,500	—	204	204	9,176	4,000
Repayments of debt and capital lease obligations	(159)	—	(3,378)	—	(362)	(59)	(4,791)	(3,906)
Debt financing costs	(1)	—	(147)	—	(11)	(10)	(134)	(86)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock and warrants, net	—	—	18,567	3,105	60	7	29	18
Other, net	—	—	(14)	—	—	—	—	—
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(160)	—	24,528	3,105	(109)	142	4,280	26
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(1,394)	(2)	6,359	5	(3,823)	(76)	904	274
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	6,364	5	5	—	6,351	6,351	5,447	5,173
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$4,970	\$ 3	\$6,364	\$5	\$2,528	\$ 6,275	\$6,351	\$5,447
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 (in millions)

	Predecessor		Paid-in Capital	Treasury Shares		Accumulated Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income	Total
	Common Stock Shares	Amount		Shares	Amount			
Balance, December 31, 2010	3,008	\$6,016	\$46,841	20	\$ (227)	\$ (37,582)	\$ (502)	\$14,546
Net loss						(2,890)		(2,890)
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax							(290)	(290)
Issuance of common shares, net	7	14	—	(1)	21	(17)		18
Share-based compensation expense			43					43
Conversion of series 2 to series 1 common shares	(19)	(38)	(168)	(19)	206			—
Balance, December 31, 2011	2,996	\$5,992	\$46,716	—	\$—	\$ (40,489)	\$ (792)	\$11,427
Net loss						(4,326)		(4,326)
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax							(341)	(341)
Issuance of common shares, net	14	27	2					29
Share-based compensation expense			44					44
Beneficial conversion feature on convertible bond			254					254
Balance, December 31, 2012	3,010	\$6,019	\$47,016	—	\$—	\$ (44,815)	\$ (1,133)	\$7,087
Net loss						(1,158)		(1,158)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax							23	23
Issuance of common stock, net	16	33	27					60
Share-based compensation expense			18					18
Conversion of convertible debt	590	1,181	1,919					3,100
Balance, July 10, 2013	3,616	\$7,233	\$48,980	—	\$—	\$ (45,973)	\$ (1,110)	\$9,130
			Successor Common Stock				Accumulated	
			Shares	Amount	Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income	Total
Balance, October 5, 2012 ⁽¹⁾			—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—
Capital contribution by SoftBank					3,105			3,105
Net loss						(27)		(27)
Expenses incurred by SoftBank for the benefit of Sprint					32			32
Balance, December 31, 2012 ⁽¹⁾					\$3,137	\$ (27)	\$—	\$3,110

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Net loss			(1,860)		(1,860)
Expenses incurred by SoftBank for the benefit of Sprint		97				97	
Other comprehensive income, net of tax					102	102	
Issuance of common stock to SoftBank upon acquisition	3,076	31	18,370			18,401	
Issuance of common stock to Sprint stockholders upon acquisition	851	8	5,336			5,344	
Conversion of Sprint vested stock-based awards upon acquisition			193			193	
Issuance of warrant to SoftBank prior to acquisition			139			139	
Return of capital to SoftBank prior to acquisition			(14	)		(14)
Issuance of common stock, net	7	—	27	—		27	
Share-based compensation expense			45			45	
Balance, December 31, 2013	3,934	\$39	\$27,330	\$ (1,887	) \$ 102	\$25,584	
Net loss				(151	)	(151)
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax					(145	) (145)
Issuance of common stock, net	7	—	—			—	
Share-based compensation expense			24			24	
Balance, March 31, 2014	3,941	\$39	\$27,354	\$ (2,038	) \$ (43	) \$25,312	

For the successor period beginning October 5, 2012 and ending December 31, 2012, there were approximately 3 million shares of Class B common stock of Starburst II, Inc. issued and outstanding with an immaterial value.

(1) These shares were exchanged in connection with the issuance of common stock to SoftBank upon completion of the Merger.

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Note 1. Description of Operations

Sprint Corporation, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is a communications company offering a comprehensive range of wireless and wireline communications products and services that are designed to meet the needs of individual consumers, businesses, government subscribers and resellers. We have organized our operations to meet the needs of our targeted subscriber groups through focused communications solutions that incorporate the capabilities of our wireless and wireline services.

The Wireless segment includes retail, wholesale, and affiliate service revenue from a wide array of wireless voice and data transmission services and equipment revenue from the sale of wireless devices and accessories in the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The Wireline segment includes revenue from domestic and international wireline voice and data communication services, including services to the cable multiple systems operators that resell our local and long distance services and use our back office systems and network assets in support of their telephone service provided over cable facilities primarily to residential end-use subscribers.

On July 10, 2013, SoftBank Corp. and certain of its wholly-owned subsidiaries (together, "SoftBank") completed the merger (SoftBank Merger) with Sprint Nextel Corporation (Sprint Nextel) contemplated by the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 15, 2012 (as amended, the Merger Agreement), and the Bond Purchase Agreement, dated as of October 15, 2012 (as amended, the Bond Agreement). As a result of the SoftBank Merger, Starburst II, Inc. (Starburst II), a wholly-owned subsidiary of SoftBank became the parent company of Sprint Nextel. Immediately thereafter, Starburst II changed its name to Sprint Corporation and Sprint Nextel changed its name to Sprint Communications, Inc. In addition, in connection with the closing of the SoftBank Merger, Sprint Corporation became the successor registrant to Sprint Nextel under Rule 12g-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act) and is the entity subject to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act for filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) subsequent to the close of the SoftBank Merger. In addition, in order to align with SoftBank's reporting schedule, our Board of Directors approved a change in our fiscal year end to March 31, effective March 31, 2014. As a result, this transition report is for the three-month period of January 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014.

References herein to fiscal year 2014 refer to the twelve-month period ending March 31, 2015. See Note 3. Significant Transactions for additional information regarding the SoftBank Merger and related transactions. Unless the context otherwise requires, references to "Sprint," "we," "us," "our" and the "Company" mean Sprint Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries for all periods presented, inclusive of Successor and Predecessor periods described below, and references to "Sprint Communications" are to Sprint Communications, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

In connection with the change of control, as a result of the SoftBank Merger, Sprint Communications' assets and liabilities were adjusted to fair value on the closing date of the SoftBank Merger. The consolidated financial statements distinguish between the predecessor period (Predecessor) relating to Sprint Communications for periods prior to the SoftBank Merger and the successor period (Successor) relating to Sprint Corporation, formerly known as Starburst II, for periods subsequent to the incorporation of Starburst II on October 5, 2012. The Successor financial information includes the activity and accounts of Sprint Corporation as of and for the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 and the year ended December 31, 2013, which includes the activity and accounts of Sprint Communications, inclusive of the consolidation of Clearwire Corporation (Clearwire), prospectively following completion of the SoftBank Merger (Post-merger period), beginning on July 11, 2013 and the three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014. The accounts and operating activity for the Successor periods from October 5, 2012 (date of inception) to December 31, 2012, the three-month period ended March 31, 2013, and from January 1, 2013 to July 10, 2013 consist solely of the activity of Starburst II prior to the close of the SoftBank Merger, which primarily related to merger expenses that were incurred in connection with the SoftBank Merger (recognized in selling, general

and administrative expense) and interest related to the \$3.1 billion convertible bond (Bond) Sprint Communications, Inc. issued to Starburst II. The Predecessor financial information represents the historical basis of presentation for Sprint Communications for all periods prior to the SoftBank Merger. As a result of the preliminary valuation of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at fair value at the time of the SoftBank Merger, the financial statements for the Successor period are presented on a measurement basis different than the Predecessor period (Sprint Communications historical cost) and are, therefore, not comparable. See Note 3. Significant Transactions for additional information regarding the SoftBank Merger.

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On July 9, 2013, Sprint Communications completed the acquisition of the remaining equity interests in Clearwire that it did not already own for approximately \$3.5 billion, net of cash acquired, or \$5.00 per share (Clearwire Acquisition). The consideration paid was allocated to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated preliminary fair values at the time of the Clearwire Acquisition. The effects of the Clearwire Acquisition are included in the Predecessor period financial information and are therefore included in the allocation of the consideration transferred at the closing date of the SoftBank Merger.

Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Other Information

Consolidation Policies and Estimates

The consolidated financial statements include our accounts, those of our 100% owned subsidiaries, and subsidiaries we control or in which we have a controlling financial interest. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation. Prior to the close of the Clearwire Acquisition, we applied the equity method of accounting to the investment in Clearwire because we did not have a controlling vote or the ability to control operating and financial policies.

The consolidated financial statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP). This requires management of the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the consolidated financial statements. Significant estimates and assumptions are used for, but are not limited to, depreciable lives of assets, fair value of identified purchased tangible and intangible assets in a business combination, fair value assessments for purposes of impairment testing, and litigation reserves.

We completed several significant transactions in 2013 (See Note 3. Significant Transactions). Estimating fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of an acquisition or merger requires the use of significant judgments. While the ultimate responsibility resides with management, for material acquisitions or mergers we retain the services of certified valuation specialists to assist with estimating the fair value of certain acquired assets and assumed liabilities, including intangible assets.

Acquired intangible assets, excluding goodwill, were valued using a discounted cash flow methodology based on future cash flows specific to the type of intangible asset purchased. Net property, plant and equipment was valued using a cost approach, which estimates the fair value of property, plant and equipment needed to replace the functionality provided by the existing property, plant and equipment. Assumed liabilities were valued based on estimates of fair value, which is generally equal to anticipated expenditures to be incurred to satisfy the assumed obligations, including contractual liabilities assumed, which require the exercise of professional judgment.

These estimates are inherently subject to judgment and actual results could differ. Allocations of the purchase price for acquisitions or mergers are based on estimates of the fair value of the net assets acquired as discussed above, and are subject to finalization of the purchase price allocation during the measurement period. During the measurement period, the Company will adjust assets and liabilities if new information is obtained about facts or circumstances that existed as of the acquisition date that, if known, would have changed the recognition and/or measurement of those assets and liabilities as of that date.

Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents generally include highly liquid investments with maturities at the time of purchase of three months or less. These investments may include money market funds, certificates of deposit, U.S. government and government-sponsored debt securities, corporate debt securities, municipal securities, bank-related securities, and

credit and debit card transactions in process.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

An allowance for doubtful accounts is established to cover probable and reasonably estimable losses. Because of the number of subscriber accounts, it is not practical to review the collectability of each of those accounts individually to

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determine the amount of allowance for doubtful accounts each period, although some account level analysis is performed with respect to large wireless and wireline subscribers. The estimate of allowance for doubtful accounts considers a number of factors, including collection experience, installment billing arrangements, aging of the accounts receivable portfolios, credit quality of the subscriber base and other qualitative considerations, including macro-economic factors. Amounts written off against the allowance for doubtful accounts, net of recoveries and other adjustments, were \$106 million and \$98 million for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 and year ended December 31, 2013, and \$374 million, \$105 million, \$549 million, and \$519 million for the Predecessor 191-day period ended July 10, 2013, the unaudited three-month period ended March 31, 2013, and years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. See Note 4. Installment Receivables for additional information as it relates to the allowance for doubtful accounts specifically attributable to installment receivables.

Device and Accessory Inventory

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined by the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method. Costs of devices and related revenues generated from device sales (equipment net subsidy) are recognized at the time of sale. Expected equipment net subsidy is not recognized prior to the time of sale because the promotional discount decision is generally made at the point of sale and because the equipment net subsidies are expected to be recovered through service revenues.

The net realizable value of devices and other inventory is analyzed on a regular basis. This analysis includes assessing obsolescence, sales forecasts, product life cycle, marketplace and other considerations. If assessments regarding the above factors adversely change, we may be required to sell devices at a higher subsidy or potentially record expense in future periods prior to the point of sale.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment (PP&E), including improvements that extend useful lives, are recognized at cost. Depreciation on property, plant and equipment is generally calculated using the straight-line method based on estimated economic useful lives of 3 to 30 years for buildings and improvements and network equipment, site costs and related software and 3 to 12 years for non-network internal use software, office equipment and other. Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the shorter of the lease term or the estimated useful life of the respective assets. We calculate depreciation on certain network assets using the group life method. Accordingly, ordinary asset retirements and disposals on those assets are charged against accumulated depreciation with no gain or loss recognized. Gains or losses associated with all other asset retirements or disposals are recognized in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss. Depreciation rates for assets are revised periodically to account for changes, if any, related to management's strategic objectives, technological changes or obsolescence. Repair and maintenance costs and research and development costs are expensed as incurred.

We capitalize costs for network and non-network software developed or obtained for internal use during the application development stage. These costs are included in PP&E and, when the software is placed in service, are depreciated over estimated useful lives of 3 to 5 years. Costs incurred during the preliminary project and post-implementation stage, as well as maintenance and training costs, are expensed as incurred.

Investments

Short-term investments are recognized at amortized cost and classified as current assets on the consolidated balance sheets when the original maturities at purchase are greater than three months but less than one year. Certain investments are accounted for using the equity method based on the Company's ownership interest and ability to exercise significant influence. Accordingly, the initial investment is recognized at cost and subsequently adjusted to recognize the Company's share of earnings or losses of the investee in each reporting period subsequent to the investment date.

Long-Lived Asset Impairment

Sprint evaluates long-lived assets, including intangible assets subject to amortization, for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset group may not be recoverable. Asset groups are determined at the lowest level for which identifiable cash flows are largely independent of cash flows of other groups of assets and liabilities. When the carrying amount of a long-lived asset group is not recoverable and exceeds its fair value, an

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impairment loss is recognized equal to the excess of the asset group's carrying value over the estimated fair value. See Note 10. Severance, Exit Costs and Asset Impairments for additional information on asset impairments.

Certain assets that have not yet been deployed in the business, including network equipment, cell site development costs and software in development, are periodically assessed to determine recoverability. Network equipment and cell site development costs are expensed whenever events or changes in circumstances cause the Company to conclude the assets are no longer needed to meet management's strategic network plans and will not be deployed. Software development costs are expensed when it is no longer probable that the software project will be deployed. Network equipment that has been removed from the network is also periodically assessed to determine recoverability. If we experience significant operational challenges, including retaining and attracting subscribers, future cash flows of the Company may not be sufficient to recover the carrying value of our wireless asset group, and we could record asset impairments that are material to Sprint's consolidated results of operations and financial condition.

Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets

Our indefinite-lived intangible assets primarily consist of goodwill, certain of our trademarks and FCC licenses. Goodwill represents the excess of consideration paid over the estimated fair value of the net tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired in business combinations. In determining whether an intangible asset, other than goodwill, is indefinite-lived, we consider the expected use of the assets, the regulatory and economic environment within which they are being used, and the effects of obsolescence on their use. We assess our indefinite-lived intangible assets, including goodwill, for impairment at least annually or, if necessary, more frequently, whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the asset may be impaired.

As a result of the remeasurement of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in connection with the SoftBank Merger, Sprint recognized goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets at their estimated fair value as of the SoftBank Merger Date. Consequently, there is no excess fair values over carrying values as of the SoftBank Merger Date, and the risk associated with potential impairment of goodwill and other indefinite-lived intangible assets in future reporting periods is heightened. Differences in the Company's actual future cash flows, operating results, growth rates, capital expenditures, cost of capital, discount rates and other assumptions as compared to the estimates utilized for the purpose of valuing indefinite-lived intangible assets as a result of the SoftBank Merger, as well as a significant adverse change in legal factors or in the business climate, unanticipated competition, a significant decline in the Company's stock price and related market capitalization, and/or slower growth rates, could affect the results of our impairment assessment and potentially lead to a future material impairment of our indefinite-lived intangible assets, including goodwill.

Guarantee Liabilities

Under one of our wireless service plans, we offer an option to our subscribers to purchase, on a monthly basis, access to unlimited data coupled with an annual trade-in right (the option). At the trade-in date, a subscriber, who has elected to purchase a device in an installment billing arrangement, will receive a credit in the amount of the outstanding balance of the remaining installment payments provided the subscriber trades-in an eligible used device in good working condition and purchases a new device from Sprint. Additionally, the subscriber must have purchased the option for the 12 consecutive months preceding the trade-in. When a subscriber elects the option, the total estimated arrangement proceeds associated with the subscriber are reduced by the estimated fair value of the fixed-price trade-in credit (guarantee liability) and the remaining proceeds are allocated amongst the other deliverables in the arrangement. The guarantee liability is estimated based on assumptions, including, but not limited to, the expected fair value of the used device at trade-in, subscribers' estimated remaining balance of the installment receivable, and the probability and timing of the trade-in. When the subscriber elects to exercise the trade-in right, the difference between the outstanding balance of the installment receivable and the estimated fair value of the returned device is recorded as a reduction of

the guarantee liability. If the subscriber elects to stop purchasing the option prior to, or after, becoming eligible to exercise the trade-in right, we recognize the amount of the associated guarantee liability as operating revenue. At each reporting date, we reevaluate our estimate of the guarantee liability. If all subscribers, who elected the option, were to claim their benefit at the earliest contractual time of eligible trade-in, the maximum amount of the guarantee liability (i.e., the estimated unpaid balance of the subscribers' installment contracts) would be approximately \$265 million as of March 31, 2014. This amount is not an indication of the Company's expected loss exposure because it does not consider the expected fair value of the used handset, which is required to be returned to us in good working condition at

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trade-in, nor does it consider the probability and timing of trade-in. The total guarantee liabilities associated with the option, which are recorded in "Accrued expenses and other current liabilities" in the consolidated balance sheets, were immaterial.

Benefit Plans

We provide a defined benefit pension plan and certain other postretirement benefits to certain employees, and we sponsor a defined contribution plan for all employees.

As of March 31, 2014 (Successor), December 31, 2013 (Successor) and December 31, 2012 (Predecessor), the fair value of our pension plan assets and certain other postretirement benefit plan assets in aggregate was \$1.8 billion, \$1.8 billion and \$1.6 billion, respectively, and the fair value of our projected benefit obligations in aggregate was \$2.4 billion, \$2.3 billion and \$2.7 billion, respectively. As a result, the plans were underfunded by approximately \$600 million, \$500 million and \$1.1 billion at March 31, 2014, December 31, 2013, and December 31, 2012, respectively, and were recorded as a net liability in our consolidated balance sheets. A cash contribution of \$10 million was made to the defined benefit pension plan in the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014, and future contributions totaling approximately \$68.5 million are expected to be paid during the fiscal year 2014.

The offset to the pension liability is recorded in equity as a component of "Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)," net of tax, including \$147 million, \$93 million and \$404 million for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014, year ended December 31, 2013, and Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012, respectively, which is amortized to "Selling, general and administrative" in Sprint's consolidated statements of comprehensive loss. The change in the net liability of the plan in the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 and year ended December 31, 2013 was affected primarily by a change in the discount rate used to estimate the projected benefit obligation, decreasing from 5.3% to 4.9% for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 and increasing from 4.3% to 5.3% for the Successor year ended December 31, 2013. We intend to make future cash contributions to the pension plan in an amount necessary to meet minimum funding requirements according to applicable benefit plan regulations.

As of December 31, 2005, the pension plan was amended to freeze benefit plan accruals for participants. The objective for the investment portfolio of the pension plan is to achieve a long-term nominal rate of return, net of fees, which exceeds the plan's long-term expected rate of return on investments for funding purposes which was 7.75% at March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013. To meet this objective, our investment strategy for most of the year ended December 31, 2013 was governed by an asset allocation policy, whereby a targeted allocation percentage is assigned to each asset class as follows: 41% to U.S. equities; 18% to international equities; 21% to fixed income investments; 10% to real estate investments; and 10% to other investments including hedge funds. Actual allocations are allowed to deviate from target allocation percentages by plus or minus 5%. As of December 1, 2013, the target allocation percentage assigned to each asset class was revised as follows: 38% to U.S. equities; 16% to international equities; 28% to fixed income investments; 9% to real estate investments; and 9% to other investments including hedge funds and remains consistent at March 31, 2014. The long-term expected rate of return on investment for funding purposes is 7.75% for the fiscal year 2014.

Investments of the pension plan are measured at fair value on a recurring basis which is determined using quoted market prices or estimated fair values. As of March 31, 2014, 48% of the investment portfolio was valued at quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; 33% was valued using quoted prices for similar assets in active or inactive markets, or other observable inputs; and 19% was valued using unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity.

Under our defined contribution plan, participants may contribute a portion of their eligible pay to the plan through payroll withholdings. For the Successor year ended December 31, 2013 and the three-month transition period ended

March 31, 2014, the Company matched 100% of the participants' pre-tax and Roth contribution (in aggregate) on the first 3% of eligible compensation and 50% of the participants' pre-tax and Roth (in aggregate) contribution on the next 2% of eligible compensation up to a maximum matching contribution of 4%. For the Predecessor years ended 2012 and 2011, the Company matched 50% of participants' contributions up to 2% of their eligible compensation. Fixed matching contributions totaled approximately \$15 million and \$35 million for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 and year ended 2013, respectively, and \$32 million, \$15 million, \$30 million and \$31 million for the Predecessor 191-day period ended July 10, 2013, unaudited three-month period ended March 31, 2013, and years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Prior to 2013, the Company also made discretionary matching contributions, as determined by the Board of Directors of the Company, equal to 100% of participants' contributions up to 3.95% of eligible compensation, or \$60 million,

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in the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012, and 1.2% of eligible compensation, or \$20 million in the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2011, based upon the attainment of certain profitability levels.

Revenue Recognition

Operating revenues primarily consist of wireless service revenues, revenues generated from device and accessory sales, revenues from wholesale operators and third-party affiliates, as well as long distance voice, data and Internet revenues. Service revenues consist of fixed monthly recurring charges, variable usage charges and miscellaneous fees such as activation fees, directory assistance, roaming, equipment protection, late payment and early termination charges, interest, and certain regulatory related fees, net of service credits and other adjustments. We generally recognize service revenues as services are rendered, assuming all other revenue recognition criteria are met. We recognize revenue for access charges and other services charged at fixed amounts ratably over the service period, net of credits and adjustments for service discounts, billing disputes and fraud or unauthorized usage. As a result of the cutoff times of our multiple billing cycles each month, we are required to estimate the amount of subscriber revenues earned but not billed from the end of each billing cycle to the end of each reporting period. These estimates are based primarily on rate plans in effect and our historical usage and billing patterns. Regulatory fees and costs are recorded gross. The largest component of the regulatory fees is the universal service fund, which represented no more than 2% for all periods presented in the consolidated statements of comprehensive loss.

We recognize equipment revenue and corresponding costs of devices when title and risk of loss passes to the indirect dealer or end-use subscriber. For arrangements involving multiple deliverables such as equipment and service, revenue is allocated to the deliverables based on their relative selling price. Equipment revenue is limited to the amount of non-contingent consideration received when the device is sold to a subscriber. Equipment revenue is also reduced by the estimated amount of imputed interest associated with installment receivables for subscribers who elect to finance the purchase of a device over a 24-month period. Often, we subsidize the cost of the device as an incentive to retain and acquire subscribers. The cost of these incentives are recorded as a reduction to equipment revenue upon activation of the device and a service contract.

If a multiple-element arrangement includes an option to purchase, on a monthly basis, access to unlimited data coupled with an annual trade-in right, the amount of the total arrangement consideration is reduced by the estimated fair value of the trade-in right or the guarantee and the remaining proceeds are then allocated amongst the other deliverables in the arrangement.

The accounting estimates related to the recognition of revenue require us to make assumptions about numerous factors such as future billing adjustments for disputes with subscribers, unauthorized usage, future returns, mail-in rebates on device sales, the fair value of a trade-in right and the total arrangement consideration.

Dealer Commissions

Cash consideration given by us to a dealer or end-use subscriber is presumed to be a reduction of revenue unless we receive, or will receive, an identifiable benefit in exchange for the consideration, and the fair value of such benefit can be reasonably estimated, in which case the consideration will be recorded as a selling expense. We compensate our dealers using specific compensation programs related to the sale of our devices and our subscriber service contracts, or both. When a commission is earned by a dealer solely due to a selling activity relating to wireless service, the cost is recorded as a selling expense. When a commission is earned by a dealer due to the dealer selling one of our devices, the cost is recorded as a reduction to equipment revenue. Commissions are generally earned upon sale of device, service, or both, to an end-use subscriber. Incentive payments to dealers for sales associated with devices and service contracts are classified as contra-revenue, to the extent the incentive payment is reimbursement of loss on the device, and selling expense for the amount associated with the selling effort. Incentive payments to certain indirect dealers who purchase the iPhone® directly from Apple are recognized as selling expense when the device is activated with a

Sprint service plan because Sprint does not recognize any equipment revenue or cost of products for those transactions.

Severance and Exit Costs

Liabilities for severance and exit costs are recognized based upon the nature of the cost to be incurred. For involuntary separation plans that are completed within the guidelines of our written involuntary separation plan, a liability is recognized when it is probable and reasonably estimable. For voluntary separation plans (VSP) a liability is recognized when

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the VSP is irrevocably accepted by the employee. For one-time termination benefits, such as additional severance pay or benefit payouts, and other exit costs, such as lease termination costs, the liability is measured and recognized initially at fair value in the period in which the liability is incurred, with subsequent changes to the liability recognized as adjustments in the period of change. Severance and exit costs associated with business combinations are recorded in the results of operations when incurred.

Compensation Plans

As of March 31, 2014, Sprint sponsored three incentive plans: the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan (2007 Plan); the 1997 Long-Term Incentive Program (1997 Program); and the Nextel Incentive Equity Plan (Nextel Plan) (together, "Compensation Plans"). Sprint previously also sponsored the Management Incentive Stock Option Plan (MISOP), which was deregistered in the first quarter 2012 after all outstanding options under the MISOP expired. Sprint also sponsors an Employee Stock Purchase Plan (ESPP). Under the 2007 Plan, we may grant share and non-share based awards, including stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance shares, performance units and other equity-based and cash awards to employees, outside directors and other eligible individuals as defined by the plan. As of March 31, 2014, the number of shares available and reserved for future grants under the 2007 Plan and ESPP totaled approximately 198 million common shares. The Compensation Committee of our board of directors, or one or more executive officers should the Compensation Committee so authorize, as provided in the 2007 Plan, will determine the terms of each share and non-share based award. No new grants can be made under the 1997 Program or the Nextel Plan. We use new shares to satisfy share-based awards or treasury shares, if available.

The fair value of each option award is estimated on the grant date using the Black-Scholes option valuation model, based on several assumptions including the risk-free interest rate, volatility, expected dividend yield and expected term. No options were granted during the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014. During the Successor year ended December 31, 2013, the Company granted 1.7 million stock options with weighted average grant date fair value of \$3.63 per share based upon assumptions of a risk free interest rate of 2.01%, weighted average expected volatility of 42.3%, expected dividend yield of 0% and expected term of 7.5 years. In general, options are granted with an exercise price equal to the market value of the underlying shares on the grant date, vest on an annual basis over three or four years, and have a contractual term of ten years. As of March 31, 2014, 43 million options were outstanding, of which 37 million options were exercisable.

The fair value of each restricted stock unit award is calculated using the share price at the date of grant. Restricted stock units generally have performance and service requirements or service requirements only with vesting periods ranging from one to three years. Employees and directors who are granted restricted stock units are not required to pay for the shares but generally must remain employed with us, or continue to serve as a member of our board of directors, until the restrictions lapse, which is typically three years for employees and one year for directors. Certain restricted stock units outstanding as of March 31, 2014, are entitled to dividend equivalents paid in cash, if dividends are declared and paid on common shares, but performance-based restricted stock units are not entitled to dividend equivalent payments until the applicable performance and service criteria have been met. During the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014, an insignificant number of service-only restricted stock units were granted. During the Successor year ended December 31, 2013, the Company granted 18 million service only and performance-based restricted stock units with a weighted average grant date fair value of \$6.23 per share. During the Predecessor 191-day period ended July 10, 2013, approximately 2 million service only and performance-based restricted stock units were granted with a weighted average grant date fair value of \$5.96 per share. At March 31, 2014, 28 million restricted stock unit awards were outstanding.

Compensation Costs

The cost of employee services received in exchange for share-based awards classified as equity is measured using the estimated fair value of the award on the date of the grant, and that cost is recognized over the period that the award recipient is required to provide service in exchange for the award. Awards of instruments classified as liabilities are measured at the estimated fair value at each reporting date through settlement. Share-based compensation cost related to awards with graded vesting is recognized using the straight-line method.

Pre-tax share and non-share based compensation charges from our incentive plans included in net loss were \$35 million and \$98 million for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 and year ended December 31,

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2013, respectively, \$37 million and \$17 million for the Predecessor 191-day period ended July 10, 2013 and unaudited three month-period ended March 31, 2013, respectively, and \$82 million and \$73 million for the Predecessor years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The net income tax benefit (expense) recognized in the consolidated financial statements for share-based compensation awards was \$12 million and \$34 million for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 and year ended December 31, 2013, respectively, \$2 million and \$(1) million for the Predecessor 191-day period ended July 10, 2013 and unaudited three-month period March 31, 2013, respectively, and \$14 million and \$13 million for the Predecessor years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. As of March 31, 2014, there was \$101 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested incentive awards that are expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 2.03 years.

Advertising Costs

We recognize advertising expense when incurred as selling, general and administrative expense. Advertising expenses totaled \$408 million and \$697 million for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 and year ended December 31, 2013, respectively, \$858 million and \$409 million for the Predecessor 191-day period ended July 10, 2013 and unaudited three-month period March 31, 2013, respectively, and \$1.4 billion for each of the Predecessor years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

New Accounting Pronouncements

In July 2013, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued authoritative guidance regarding Income Taxes (Topic 740): Presentation of an Unrecognized Tax Benefit When a Net Operating Loss Carryforward, a Similar Tax Loss, or a Tax Credit Carryforward Exists (a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force), which amends existing guidance related to the financial presentation of unrecognized tax benefits by requiring an entity to net its unrecognized tax benefits against the deferred tax assets for all available same-jurisdiction loss or other tax carryforwards that would apply in settlement of the uncertain tax positions. The amendments were effective January 1, 2014, were applied prospectively to all unrecognized tax benefits that existed at the effective date, and did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

In April 2014, the FASB issued authoritative guidance regarding Reporting of Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity, which changes the criteria for determining which disposals can be presented as discontinued operations and modifies related disclosure requirements. The updated guidance defines discontinued operations as a disposal of a component or group of components that is disposed of or is classified as held for sale and represents a strategic shift that has, or will have, a major effect on an entity's operations and financial results. Additionally, the disclosure requirements for discontinued operations were expanded and new disclosures for individually significant dispositions that do not qualify as discontinued operations are required. The guidance is effective prospectively for fiscal years and interim reporting periods within those years beginning after December 15, 2014, with early adoption permitted for transactions that have not been reported in financial statements previously issued or available for issuance. The standard will be effective for the Company's fiscal year beginning April 1, 2015 and will be applied to relevant future transactions.

Note 3. Significant Transactions

Acquisition of Assets from U.S. Cellular

On November 6, 2012, Sprint Communications entered into a definitive agreement with United States Cellular Corporation (U.S. Cellular) to acquire personal communications services (PCS) spectrum and subscribers in parts of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri and Ohio, including the Chicago and St. Louis markets, for \$480 million in cash. Sprint Communications agreed, in connection with the acquisition, to reimburse U.S. Cellular for certain network shut-down costs in these markets. These costs are expected to be approximately \$160 million on a net present

value basis, but in no event will Sprint Communications' reimbursement obligation exceed \$200 million on an undiscounted basis. The additional spectrum will be used to supplement Sprint's coverage in these areas. In addition, Sprint Communications and U.S. Cellular entered into transition services agreements for services to be provided by U.S. Cellular during the period after closing and prior to the transfer of the acquired subscribers to Sprint's network. The transaction closed on May 17, 2013. Of the total purchase price, approximately \$605 million and \$32 million was allocated to spectrum and customer relationships, respectively.

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Acquisition of Remaining Interest in Clearwire

On July 9, 2013 (Clearwire Acquisition Date), Sprint Communications completed the Clearwire Acquisition.

Immediately prior to the completion of the Clearwire Acquisition, Sprint Communications owned 739,010,818 shares of Clearwire Common Stock representing approximately 50.1% of a non-controlling voting interest of the total issued and outstanding common stock. As a result of the Clearwire Acquisition, each share of common stock of Clearwire, par value \$0.0001 per share, other than shares owned by Sprint Communications, was converted into the right to receive \$5.00 per share in cash. The cash consideration paid totaled approximately \$3.5 billion, net of cash acquired of \$198 million. Approximately \$125 million of the cash consideration was accrued as "Accrued expenses and other current liabilities" on the consolidated balance sheet for dissenting shares relating to stockholders who exercised their appraisal rights.

Consideration

The fair value of consideration, which is measured at the estimated fair value of each element of consideration transferred as of the Clearwire Acquisition Date, was determined as the sum of (a) cash transferred to Clearwire stockholders, which included \$125 million of cash, which was held in escrow for dissenting shares, (b) the estimated fair value of Clearwire shares held by Sprint Communications immediately preceding the acquisition and (c) share-based payment awards (replacement awards) exchanged for awards held by Clearwire employees. The fair value of the consideration transferred was based on the most reliable measure for each element of consideration, which was determined to be the market price of Clearwire common shares as of the Clearwire Acquisition Date for all non-cash consideration.

The estimated fair value of the consideration transferred, based on the market price of Clearwire common shares, as determined using the closing price on the NASDAQ as of the Clearwire Acquisition Date, consisted of the following:

Consideration:

Cash to acquire the remaining equity interests of Clearwire	\$3,681
Estimated value of Sprint's previously-held equity interests ⁽¹⁾	3,251
Liability to holders of Clearwire equity awards for services provided in the pre-acquisition period ⁽²⁾	59
Total purchase price to be allocated	\$6,991

⁽¹⁾ Equals the estimated fair value of Sprint Communications' previously-held equity interest in Clearwire valued at \$4.40 per share, which represented an approximate 12% discount to Sprint Communications' acquisition price for (1) shares not held by Sprint Communications prior to the Clearwire Acquisition Date. The difference between \$4.40 and the per share merger consideration of \$5.00 represents an estimate of a control premium, which would not generally be included in the valuation of Sprint Communications' non-controlling interest.

⁽²⁾ \$47 million of the liability was paid in cash pursuant to the Clearwire Merger Agreement.

Acquisition-related costs (included in selling, general and administrative in the results of operations) for the Clearwire Acquisition totaled approximately \$19 million, of which \$2 million were recognized in the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 and \$17 million and \$1 million were recognized in the Predecessor 191-day period ended July 10, 2013 and unaudited three-month period ended March 31, 2013, respectively.

Preliminary Purchase Price Allocation

The consideration transferred has been preliminarily allocated to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values at the time of the Clearwire Acquisition. The preliminary allocation of consideration transferred was based on management's judgment after evaluating several factors, including a preliminary valuation assessment. Additional analysis, including, but not limited to, the value of intangible assets, and any associated tax impacts, could result in a change in the total amount of goodwill. The preliminary allocation represents management's current best

estimate of fair value, but these amounts could change as additional information is obtained and evaluated.

Adjustments made since the initial purchase price allocation decreased recorded goodwill by approximately \$273 million and are primarily attributable to a reduction of approximately \$270 million made to deferred tax liabilities as a result of additional analysis. The remaining adjustments were insignificant.

Of the total acquisition-related costs, the contingent acquisition-related costs paid by, or incurred by, Sprint Communications, approximately \$7 million were recorded as an expense in the Predecessor period. The following table summarizes the preliminary purchase price allocation of consideration in the Clearwire Acquisition:

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Preliminary Purchase Price Allocation (in millions):

Current assets	\$778	
Property, plant and equipment	1,245	
Identifiable intangibles	12,870	
Goodwill	433	
Other assets	25	
Current liabilities	(1,070)
Long-term debt	(4,288)
Deferred tax liabilities	(2,130)
Other liabilities	(872)
Net assets acquired	\$6,991	

The excess of the consideration transferred over the estimated fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed was recorded as goodwill. Goodwill includes expected synergies from combining the businesses such as cost synergies from reduced network-related expenses through the elimination of redundant assets and enhanced spectrum positions, which are expected to provide greater network coverage. None of the goodwill resulting from the acquisition, which is allocated to the Wireless segment, is deductible for income tax purposes.

Identifiable intangible assets acquired in the Clearwire Acquisition include the following:

	Estimated Fair Value (in millions)	Weighted Average Useful Life (in years)
Indefinite-lived intangible assets:		
Federal Communications Commission (FCC) licenses	\$11,884	n/a
Intangible assets subject to amortization:		
Favorable spectrum and tower leases	986	21
	\$12,870	

FCC licenses consist of the 2.5 gigahertz (GHz) spectrum acquired. Favorable spectrum and tower leases resulted from the favorable difference between the terms of the Clearwire tower and spectrum leases acquired and the current market terms for those leases at the Clearwire Acquisition Date (see Note 8. Intangible Assets).

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Loss for the period from July 10, 2013 to December 31, 2013

The following supplemental information presents the financial results of Clearwire operations included in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Loss for the period from July 10, 2013 through December 31, 2013:

	From July 10, 2013 through December 31, 2013 (in millions)
Total revenues	\$340
Net loss	\$(1,017)
SoftBank Transaction	

As discussed above, the SoftBank Merger was completed on July 10, 2013 (SoftBank Merger Date). Sprint Communications, Inc. stockholders received consideration in a combination of both cash and stock, subject to proration. Cash consideration paid in the SoftBank Merger was \$14.1 billion, net of cash acquired of \$2.5 billion and

the estimated fair value of the 22% interest in Sprint Corporation issued to the then existing stockholders of Sprint Communications, Inc. SoftBank provided an equity contribution of \$1.9 billion to Sprint at the close of the SoftBank Merger, which was not distributed to the then existing stockholders and is intended to be used for general corporate purposes.

In addition, pursuant to the Bond Agreement, on October 15, 2012, Sprint Communications, Inc. issued a Bond to Starburst II with a principal amount of \$3.1 billion, interest rate of 1%, and maturity date of October 15, 2019, which was converted into 590,476,190 shares of Sprint Communications, Inc. common stock at \$5.25 per share immediately prior to the close of the SoftBank Merger. As a result of the completion of the SoftBank Merger and subsequent open market stock

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purchases, SoftBank owns approximately 80% of the outstanding voting common stock of Sprint Corporation and other Sprint stockholders own the remaining approximately 20% as of March 31, 2014, which consisted of common shares issued pursuant to the Merger Agreement.

Consideration Transferred

The fair value of consideration transferred, which is measured at the estimated fair value of each element of consideration transferred as of the SoftBank Merger Date, was determined as the sum of (a) cash transferred to Sprint Communications stockholders, (b) the number of shares of Sprint issued to Sprint Communications stockholders and (c) share-based payment awards (replacement awards) exchanged for awards held by Sprint employees. The fair value of the consideration transferred was based on the most reliable measure for each element of consideration, which was determined to be the market price of Sprint common shares as of July 11, 2013 for all non-cash consideration.

The estimated fair value of the consideration transferred, based on the market price of Sprint common stock, as determined using the closing price of Sprint common stock on the New York Stock Exchange as of July 11, 2013, and the investments by SoftBank consisted of the following:

Consideration transferred and investments by SoftBank (in millions):

Cash consideration paid to Sprint Communications stockholders	\$16,640
Issuance of Sprint Corporation common stock to former Sprint Communications stockholders	5,344
Estimated value of Sprint Corporation equity awards issued to holders of Sprint Communications equity awards for service provided in the pre-combination period	193
Total purchase price to be allocated	22,177
Convertible Bond	3,100
Additional capital contribution made by SoftBank	1,900
Total consideration transferred and investments by SoftBank	\$27,177

The fair value of the investments by SoftBank was determined based on the cash transferred, including \$3.1 billion to purchase the Bond and \$1.9 billion at the close of the SoftBank Merger. Merger-related costs (included in selling, general and administrative in the results of operations) for the SoftBank Merger totaled approximately \$129 million, of which \$32 million were recognized in the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012 and \$97 million (\$9 million for the unaudited three-month Successor period ended March 31, 2013) were recognized in the Successor year ended December 31, 2013.

Preliminary Purchase Price Allocation

The consideration transferred has been preliminarily allocated to assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values as of the SoftBank Merger Date, inclusive of the Clearwire Acquisition described above. The preliminary allocation of consideration transferred was based on management's judgment after evaluating several factors, including a preliminary valuation assessment. Additional analysis, including, but not limited to, the value of intangible assets, and any associated tax impacts, could result in a change in the total amount of goodwill. The preliminary allocation represents management's current best estimate of fair value, but these amounts could change as additional information is obtained and evaluated. In addition, because approximately \$46 million of certain merger-related fees of Sprint Communications, the acquiree, were contingent upon the closing of the SoftBank Merger, these fees were not recorded as an expense subsequent to the close of the transaction. However, these fees are reflected in the preliminary purchase price allocation. Of the total acquisition-related costs, approximately \$73 million of contingent merger-related costs paid by, or incurred by SoftBank on behalf of, the accounting acquirer, formerly Starburst II, were recorded as an expense in the Successor year ended December 31, 2013. Adjustments made since the initial purchase price allocation decreased recorded goodwill by approximately \$436 million. Indefinite-lived intangible assets increased by approximately \$254 million due to additional analysis performed by management

during the fourth quarter of 2013 related to the value assigned to certain FCC licenses. Deferred tax liabilities decreased approximately \$135 million primarily due to adjustments related to FCC licenses. The remaining adjustments were insignificant.

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The following table summarizes the preliminary purchase price allocation of consideration transferred:

Preliminary Purchase Price Allocation (in millions):

Current assets	\$8,475	
Investments	133	
Property, plant and equipment	14,558	
Identifiable intangibles	50,626	
Goodwill	6,383	
Other assets	227	
Current liabilities	(10,636)
Long-term debt	(29,481)
Deferred tax liabilities	(14,122)
Other liabilities	(3,986)
Net assets acquired, prior to conversion of the Bond	22,177	
Conversion of Bond	3,100	
Net assets acquired, after conversion of the Bond	\$25,277	

The excess of the consideration transferred over the estimated fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed was recorded as goodwill. Goodwill includes expected synergies such as cost synergies related to scaled purchasing and other additional cost savings. Goodwill resulting from the SoftBank Merger is allocated to the Wireless segment, substantially all of which is not expected to be deductible for income tax purposes. Gross contractual receivables acquired and included within current assets above totaled approximately \$3.4 billion for which the estimated fair value is \$3.2 billion. The difference is the estimated amount of Sprint Communication's allowance for doubtful accounts at the SoftBank Merger Date.

Identifiable intangible assets acquired in the SoftBank Merger include the following:

	Estimated Fair Value (in millions)	Weighted Average Useful Life
Indefinite-lived intangible assets:		
FCC licenses	\$35,723	n/a
Trademarks	5,935	n/a
Intangible assets subject to amortization:		
Customer relationships	6,923	8
Other definite-lived intangible assets		
Favorable spectrum leases	884	23
Favorable tower leases	589	6
Trademarks	520	34
Other	52	10
	\$50,626	

Indefinite-lived intangible assets consist of 1.9 GHz, 800 megahertz (MHz), 900 MHz, and 2.5 GHz FCC licenses as well as the Sprint and Boost Mobile trademarks. Intangible assets subject to amortization consist of customer relationships, favorable spectrum and tower leases resulting from the favorable difference between the terms of the tower and spectrum leases acquired and the current market terms for those leases at the SoftBank Merger date, and the Virgin Mobile trade name (see Note 8. Intangible Assets).

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Pro Forma Financial Information

The following unaudited pro forma consolidated results of operations assume that the SoftBank Merger and Clearwire Acquisition were completed as of January 1, 2012 for 2013 and 2012, respectively.

	Years Ended December 31,	
	2013	2012
	(in millions)	
Net operating revenues	\$35,953	\$35,918
Net loss	\$(4,290)	\$(5,141)
Basic loss per common share	\$(1.12)	\$(1.35)

The unaudited pro forma financial information was prepared to illustrate the pro forma effect of the combination of Sprint, Sprint Communications and Clearwire using the consideration transferred as of each acquisition date as though the acquisition date for each transaction occurred on January 1, 2012. The preparation of the pro forma financial information also assumed a preliminary purchase price allocation of the consideration transferred among the assets acquired and liabilities assumed for each acquiree. The pro forma financial information adjusts the actual combined results for items that are recurring in nature and directly attributable to the Clearwire Acquisition and SoftBank Merger. The pro forma net loss provided excludes certain non-recurring items such as Sprint's gain on its previously held interest in Clearwire and transaction costs associated with the Clearwire Acquisition and SoftBank Merger. As a result, the pro forma financial information presented above excludes a net gain of \$1.4 billion (See Note 5.

Investments) and acquisition related costs of approximately \$169 million.

This pro forma financial information has been prepared based on estimates and assumptions, which management believes are reasonable, and is not necessarily indicative of the consolidated financial position or results of operations that Sprint would have achieved had the Clearwire Acquisition and/or the SoftBank Merger actually occurred at January 1, 2012 or at any other historical date, nor is it reflective of our expected actual financial positions or results of operations for any future period.

Note 4. Installment Receivables

Certain subscribers have the option to purchase their devices in installments over a 24-month period. The carrying value of installment receivables approximate fair value as the receivables are recorded at their present value, net of the deferred interest and allowance for credit losses. At the time of sale, we impute the interest on the installment receivable and record it as a reduction to equipment revenue and as a reduction to the face amount of the related receivable. Interest income is recognized over the term of the installment contract as operating revenue. Short-term installment receivables are recorded in "Accounts and notes receivable, net" and long-term installment receivables are recorded in "Other assets" in the consolidated balance sheets.

The following table summarizes the installment receivables:

	Successor	
	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013
	(in millions)	
Installment receivables, gross	\$740	\$ 201
Deferred interest	(77)	(10)
Installment receivables, net of deferred interest	663	191
Allowance for credit losses	(47)	(3)

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Installment receivables, net	\$616	\$ 188
Classified on the consolidated balance sheets as:		
Accounts and notes receivable, net	\$299	\$ 95
Other assets	317	93
Installment receivables, net	\$616	\$ 188

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We categorize our installment receivables as prime and subprime based upon subscriber credit profiles. We use proprietary scoring systems that measure the credit quality of our receivables using several factors, such as credit bureau information, subscriber credit risk scores and service plan characteristics. Payment history is subsequently monitored to further evaluate credit profiles. Prime subscriber receivables are those with lower delinquency risk and subprime subscriber receivables are those with higher delinquency risk. Subscribers within the subprime category may be required to pay a down payment on their equipment purchases. In addition, certain subscribers within the subprime category are required to pay an advance deposit. The balance of installment receivables on a gross basis by credit category as of March 31, 2014 were approximately 65% prime and 35% subprime. As of December 31, 2013, the total installment receivables balance related to prime subscribers since the installment billing program was not available to subprime subscribers until the beginning of 2014. As of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the amount of past due installment receivables were immaterial for both credit categories.

Activity in the deferred interest and allowance for credit losses for the installment receivables since the inception of the program in September 2013 was as follows:

	Successor Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 (in millions)	Year Ended December 31, 2013
Deferred interest and allowance for credit losses, beginning of period	\$13	\$—
Bad debt expense	44	3
Write-offs, net of recoveries	—	—
Change in deferred interest on short-term and long-term installment receivables	67	10
Deferred interest and allowance for credit losses, end of period	\$124	\$13

Note 5. Investments

The components of investments were as follows:

	Successor March 31, 2014 (in millions)	December 31, 2013	Predecessor December 31, 2012	December 31, 2012
Marketable equity securities	\$50	\$ 49	\$ —	\$ 45
Equity method and other investments	96	94	—	1,008
Bond investment	—	—	2,929	—
Bond derivative	—	—	175	—
	\$146	\$ 143	\$ 3,104	\$ 1,053

The bond investment, together with the bond derivative, for the Successor period relate to the convertible bond issued by Sprint Communications, Inc. (See Note 9. Long-term debt, financing and capital lease obligations) to Starburst II in connection with the Bond Agreement (See Note 3. Significant Transactions), which was accounted for as an available-for-sale investment carried at its estimated fair value by Starburst II.

Marketable equity securities

Investments in marketable equity securities are recognized at fair value and are considered available-for-sale securities. Accordingly, unrealized holding gains and losses on these securities are recognized in accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of related income tax. Realized gains or losses are measured and reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss into "Other income (expense), net" in Sprint's consolidated statements of comprehensive loss based on identifying the specific investments sold or where an other-than-temporary impairment exists.

Consolidation of Clearwire

Sprint's Ownership Interest and Equity in Earnings/Losses

Immediately prior to the Clearwire Acquisition, Sprint Communications held approximately 50.1% of non-controlling voting interest and a 6.0% non-controlling economic interest in Clearwire Corporation as well as a 44.1% non-controlling economic interest in Clearwire Communications LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Clearwire Corporation, (together, "Clearwire") for which the carrying value totaled \$325 million. Prior to the close of the Clearwire Acquisition, we applied equity method accounting to the investment in Clearwire.

Equity in losses from Clearwire were \$482 million, \$202 million, \$1.1 billion, and \$1.7 billion for the 191-day Predecessor period ended July 9, 2013, Predecessor three-month period ended March 31, 2013 (unaudited), and Predecessor

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years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The equity in losses from our investment in Clearwire consisted of our share of Clearwire's net loss and other adjustments, if any, such as non-cash impairment of our investment, gains or losses associated with the dilution of our ownership interest resulting from Clearwire's equity issuances, derivative losses associated with the change in fair value of the embedded derivative included in exchangeable notes between Clearwire and Sprint, and other items recognized by Clearwire Corporation that did not affect our economic interest. Sprint's equity in losses for the Predecessor period ended July 9, 2013, includes a \$65 million derivative loss associated with the change in fair value of the embedded derivative. Equity in losses from Clearwire for the Predecessor years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 included a \$204 million and \$135 million, respectively, pre-tax impairment reflecting a reduction in the carrying value of the investment in Clearwire to an estimated fair value and pre-tax dilution loss of \$27 million for the year ended December 31, 2011. The Predecessor years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 also included charges of approximately \$41 million and \$361 million, respectively, which were associated with Clearwire's write-off of certain network and other assets that no longer met its strategic plans.

Subsequent to the Clearwire Acquisition, Clearwire is consolidated as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sprint. In connection with the acquisition, Sprint recorded a pre-tax gain of approximately \$2.9 billion to "Gain on previously-held equity interests" in its Predecessor consolidated statement of comprehensive loss immediately preceding the Clearwire Acquisition resulting from the difference between the estimated fair value of the interests owned prior to the acquisition (\$5.00 per share offer price less an estimated control premium of approximately \$0.60) and the carrying value of approximately \$325 million for those previously-held equity interests.

Summarized financial information for Clearwire for the periods preceding the Clearwire Acquisition is as follows:

	January 1 -	Years Ended December 31,	
	July 9, 2013	2012	2011
	(in millions)		
Revenues	\$666	\$1,265	\$1,254
Operating expenses	(1,285)	(2,644)	(3,645)
Operating loss	\$(619)	\$(1,379)	\$(2,391)
Net loss from continuing operations before non-controlling interests	\$(1,102)	\$(1,744)	\$(2,856)
Net loss from discontinued operations before non-controlling interests	\$—	\$(168)	\$(82)

Note 6. Financial Instruments

Cash and cash equivalents, accounts and notes receivable, and accounts payable are carried at cost, which approximates fair value. Short-term investments (consisting primarily of time deposits, commercial paper, and Treasury securities), totaling approximately \$1.2 billion and \$1.1 billion as of the Successor periods ended March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively, and \$1.8 billion as of the Predecessor period ended December 31, 2012, are recorded at amortized cost, and the respective carrying amounts approximate fair value using quoted prices in active markets. The fair value of marketable equity securities totaling \$50 million and \$49 million as of the Successor periods ended March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, and \$45 million as of the Predecessor period ended December 31, 2012, are measured on a recurring basis using quoted prices in active markets.

The estimated fair value of the majority of our current and long-term debt, excluding the Bond and our credit facilities, is determined based on quoted prices in active markets or by using other observable inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data. At March 31, 2013 (Predecessor), the outstanding

carrying value under our credit facilities, which totaled \$945 million (unaudited) and approximated fair value at the time of transfer, was transferred out of estimated fair value using observable inputs and into estimated fair value using unobservable inputs due to the lack of an available pricing source. To estimate the fair value of Bond issued by Sprint Communications, Inc. to Starburst II (see Note 3. Significant Transactions) and its related bond derivative, a convertible bond pricing model was used based on the relevant interest rates, conversion feature and other significant inputs not observable in the market. The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the Bond and its related bond derivative are the credit condition of the companies, probability and timing of conversion, and discount for lack of marketability. Significant increases or decreases

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in any of those inputs, in isolation, would result or could have resulted in a significantly lower or higher fair value measurement. Immediately preceding the close of the SoftBank Merger on July 10, 2013, the Bond was converted into shares of Sprint Communications. As a result, there is no balance for the Bond or its related bond derivative as of December 31, 2013 or thereafter.

The following table presents carrying amounts and estimated fair values of current and long-term debt, and the available-for-sale bond investment and its related bond derivative:

	Predecessor		Estimated Fair Value Using Input Type		Total estimated fair value
	Carrying amount at December 31, 2012 (in millions)	Quoted prices in active markets	Observable	Unobservable	
Current and long-term debt	\$23,569	\$17,506	\$6,118	\$3,104	\$26,728
	Successor		Estimated Fair Value Using Input Type		Total estimated fair value
	Carrying amount at December 31, 2012 (in millions)	Quoted prices in active markets	Observable	Unobservable	
Bond investment	\$2,929	\$—	\$—	\$2,929	\$2,929
Bond derivative	\$175	\$—	\$—	\$175	\$175
	Predecessor		Estimated Fair Value Using Input Type		Total estimated fair value
	Carrying amount at December 31, 2013 (in millions)	Quoted prices in active markets	Observable	Unobservable	
Current and long-term debt	\$32,485	\$27,000	\$5,356	\$1,389	\$33,745
	Successor		Estimated Fair Value Using Input Type		Total estimated fair value
	Carrying amount at March 31, 2014 (in millions)	Quoted prices in active markets	Observable	Unobservable	
Current and long-term debt	\$32,277	\$27,516	\$5,421	\$1,262	\$34,199

The following is a reconciliation of recurring unobservable assets:

Successor		Conversion of Convertible Bond	Accretion of bond discount recognized as interest income	Change in value of derivative	Realization of Gain on Bond recognized in other income, net	Transfers In (Out) of Unobservable Inputs	Balances as of December 31, 2013
Balances as of December 31, 2012	Net purchases						
(in millions)							

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Bond investment	\$2,929	\$ —	\$ (3,100)	\$12	\$ —	\$ 159	\$ —	\$ —
Bond derivatives	\$175	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ (175)	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —

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Note 7. Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment consists primarily of network equipment and other long-lived assets used to provide service to our subscribers. As a result of our network modernization and shut-down of the Nextel platform, estimated useful lives of related equipment were shortened, causing incremental depreciation charges during this period of implementation. The incremental effect of accelerated depreciation expense totaled approximately \$800 million and \$360 million for the Predecessor 191-day period ended July 10, 2013 and unaudited three month-period March 31, 2013, respectively, and \$2.1 billion for the Predecessor year ended December 31, 2012, of which the majority related to shortened useful lives of Nextel platform assets for all periods.

The components of property, plant and equipment, and the related accumulated depreciation for the Predecessor and Successor periods were as follows:

	Successor		Predecessor
	March 31, 2014	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
	(in millions)		
Land	\$265	\$ 265	\$ 330
Network equipment, site costs and related software	14,902	13,524	37,692
Buildings and improvements	745	725	4,893
Non-network internal use software, office equipment and other	866	794	1,860
Construction in progress	1,970	2,677	3,123
Less: accumulated depreciation	(2,449)	(1,821)	(34,291)
Property, plant and equipment, net	\$16,299	\$ 16,164	\$ 13,607

Network equipment, site costs and related software includes switching equipment, cell site towers, site development costs, radio frequency equipment, network software, digital fiber optic cable, transport facilities and transmission-related equipment. Buildings and improvements principally consists of owned general office facilities, retail stores and leasehold improvements. Non-network internal use software, office equipment and other primarily consists of furniture, information technology systems and equipment and vehicles. Construction in progress, which is not depreciated until placed in service, primarily includes materials, transmission and related equipment, labor, engineering, site development costs, interest and other costs relating to the construction and development of our network.

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Note 8. Intangible Assets

Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets

Our indefinite-lived intangible assets consists of FCC licenses, which were acquired primarily through FCC auctions and business combinations, certain of our trademarks, and goodwill. At March 31, 2014, we held 1.9 GHz, 800 MHz, 900 MHz and 2.5 GHz FCC licenses authorizing the use of radio frequency spectrum to deploy our wireless services. As long as the Company acts within the requirements and constraints of the regulatory authorities, the renewal and extension of these licenses is reasonably certain at minimal cost. Accordingly, we have concluded that FCC licenses are indefinite-lived intangible assets.

	Predecessor December 31, 2012 (in millions)	Net Additions	July 10, 2013
FCC licenses	\$20,268	\$12,580	\$32,848
Trademarks	409	—	409
Goodwill	359	715	1,074
	\$21,036	\$13,295	\$34,331
	Successor July 11, 2013 (in millions)	Net Additions	December 31, 2013
FCC licenses	\$35,723	\$166	⁽¹⁾ \$35,889
Trademarks	5,935	—	5,935
Goodwill	6,434	—	6,434
	\$48,092	\$166	\$48,258
	December 31, 2013 (in millions)	Net Additions	March 31, 2014
FCC licenses	\$35,889	\$154	\$36,043
Trademarks	5,935	—	5,935
Goodwill	6,434	(51)	⁽²⁾ 6,383
	\$48,258	\$103	\$48,361

(1) Net additions for the Successor period ended December 31, 2013 consisted of approximately \$62 million in deposits made to acquire additional FCC licenses that are pending FCC approval.

(2) Net reduction to goodwill for the Successor three-month transition period ended March 31, 2014 of approximately \$51 million was the result of purchase price allocation adjustments associated with the SoftBank Merger.

During the Predecessor period from January 1, 2013 through July 10, 2013, Sprint acquired approximately \$605 million of 1.9 GHz spectrum and \$11.9 billion of 2.5 GHz spectrum from U.S. Cellular and Clearwire, respectively (see Note 3. Significant Transactions). The net additions during the Predecessor 191-day period ended July 10, 2013 and the unaudited three-month period ended March 31, 2013, also included approximately \$91 million and \$45 million, respectively, of costs related to our 2004 FCC Report and Order to reconfigure the 800 MHz band (Report and Order) (see Note 13. Commitments and Contingencies).

The amounts reflected in the July 11, 2013 column represents the preliminary estimated fair value of each class of indefinite-lived intangible assets resulting from the SoftBank Merger (see Note 3. Significant Transactions). Trademarks, which include our Sprint and Boost Mobile tradenames, have also been identified as indefinite-lived intangible assets. The net additions for FCC licenses during the period from July 11, 2013 through March 31, 2014 were primarily as a result of work related to our Report and Order (see Note 13. Commitments and Contingencies).

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Goodwill represents the excess of consideration paid over the estimated fair value of net tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired in business combinations. We recognized \$6.4 billion of goodwill associated with the SoftBank Merger in the Successor period (see Note 3. Significant Transactions).

Intangible Assets Subject to Amortization

Customer relationships are amortized using the sum-of-the-months' digits method, while all other definite-lived intangible assets are amortized using the straight line method over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets. We reduce the gross carrying value and associated accumulated amortization when specified intangible assets become fully amortized. Amortization expense related to favorable spectrum and tower leases are recognized in cost of services. During the quarter ended September 30, 2013, we recorded \$6.9 billion of customer relationships, \$884 million of favorable spectrum leases, \$589 million of favorable tower leases, \$520 million for trademarks and \$52 million of other intangible assets as a result of the preliminary allocation of the SoftBank Merger and Clearwire Acquisition (see Note 3. Significant Transactions).

	Useful Lives	Successor March 31, 2014			December 31, 2013			Predecessor December 31, 2012		
		Gross Carrying Value	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Value	Gross Carrying Value	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Value	Gross Carrying Value	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Value
(in millions)										
Customer relationships	4 to 8 years	\$6,923	\$ (1,289)	\$5,634	\$6,923	\$ (875)	\$6,048	\$234	\$ (230)	\$4
Other intangible assets:										
Favorable spectrum leases	23 years	884	(30)	854	884	(20)	864	—	—	—
Favorable tower leases	3 to 7 years	589	(80)	509	589	(52)	537	—	—	—
Trademarks	34 years	520	(12)	508	520	(8)	512	1,168	(681)	487
Reacquired rights	9 to 14 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,571	(785)	786
Other	4 to 10 years	60	(7)	53	58	(5)	53	138	(80)	58
Total other intangible assets		2,053	(129)	1,924	2,051	(85)	1,966	2,877	(1,546)	1,331
Total definite-lived intangible assets		\$8,976	\$ (1,418)	\$7,558	\$8,974	\$ (960)	\$8,014	\$3,111	\$ (1,776)	\$1,335
					Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2015	Fiscal Year 2016	Fiscal Year 2017	Fiscal Year 2018	
					(in millions)					
Estimated amortization expense					\$1,676	\$1,426	\$1,161	\$881	\$664	

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Note 9. Long-Term Debt, Financing and Capital Lease Obligations

	Interest Rates	Maturities	Successor March 31, 2014 (in millions)	December 31, 2013	Predecessor December 31, 2012
Notes					
Senior notes					
Sprint Corporation	7.13 - 7.88%	2021 - 2024	\$9,000	\$ 9,000	\$ —
Sprint Communications, Inc.	6.00 - 11.50%	2016 - 2022	9,280	9,280	9,280
Sprint Capital Corporation	6.88 - 8.75%	2019 - 2032	6,204	6,204	6,204
Guaranteed notes					
Sprint Communications, Inc.	7.00 - 9.00%	2018 - 2020	4,000	4,000	4,000
Secured notes					
iPCS, Inc.	3.49%	2014	181	181	481
Clearwire Communications LLC ⁽¹⁾	14.75%	2016	300	300	—
Exchangeable notes					
Clearwire Communications LLC ⁽¹⁾	8.25%	2040	629	629	—
Convertible bonds					
Sprint Communications, Inc.	1.00%	2019	—	—	3,100
Credit facilities					
Bank credit facility	2.75%	2018	—	—	—
Export Development Canada	3.58%				