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# What is FiberTower?

*FiberTower, a leading backhaul services provider, increasing the overall quality of wireless networks*

- ▶ Facilities based **hybrid fiber/microwave** backhaul provider delivering the critical link between wireless consumer access and the core network
- ▶ Long track record: Delivering **service quality & operational efficiencies** with backhaul & premise access solutions since 2003
- ▶ Operating networks in **13 major markets** with **extensive, nationwide spectrum** footprint in the 24GHz & 39 GHz bands
- ▶ Utilizing unique and optimal mix of fixed wireless and fiber technologies to provide **highly scalable, cost effective solutions** for advanced wireless networks
- ▶ Among 500 fastest growing technology companies in North America (#100)<sup>1</sup>

## Products & Services

- ▶ SONET: nxT1, DS-3, OC-n
- ▶ Ethernet: 5mb to 1Gig
- ▶ Wavelengths: Inter & Intra Metro
- ▶ TDM to Ethernet Migration
- ▶ Carrier Class, Highly Scalable

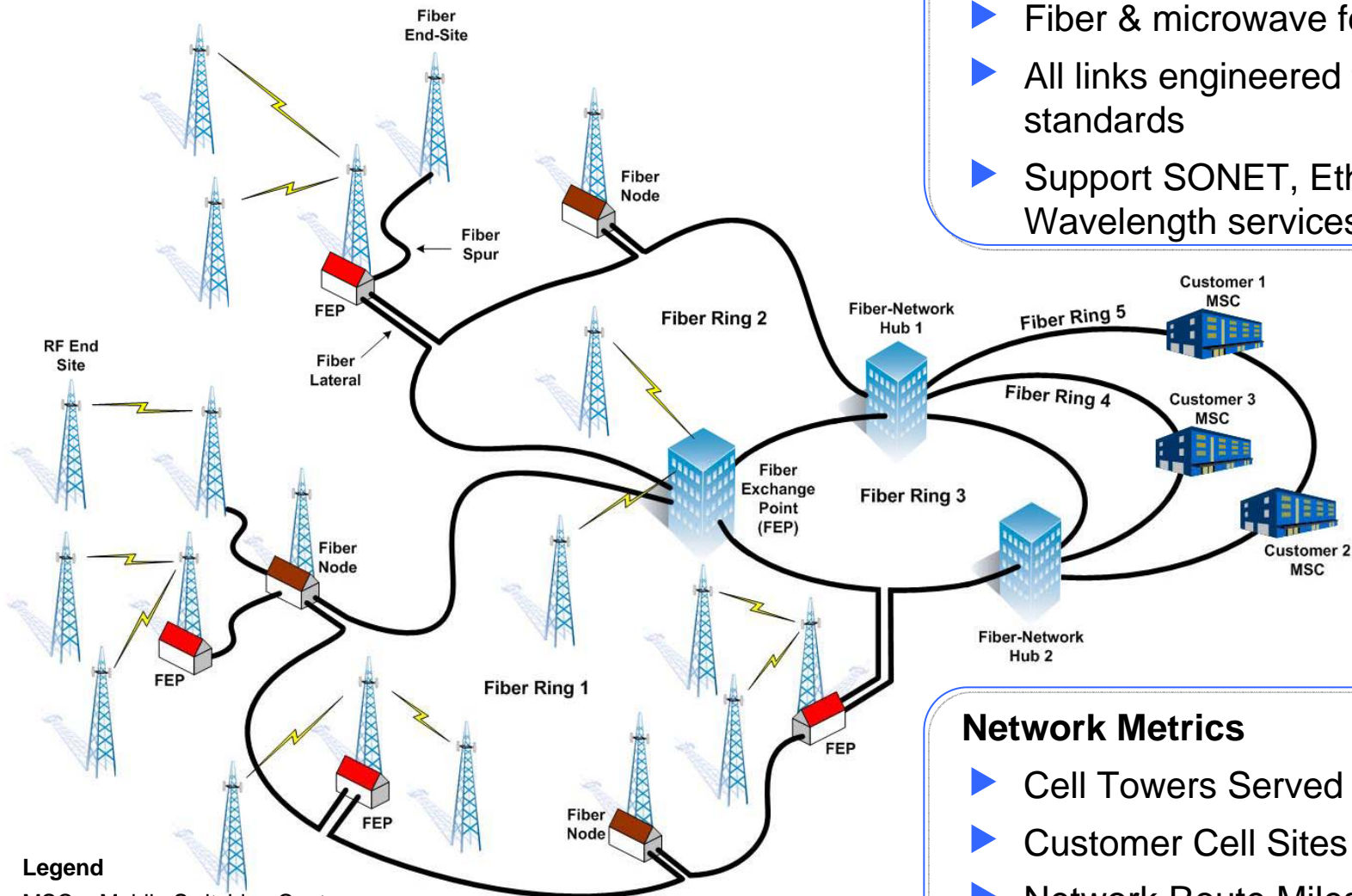
<sup>1</sup> Source: Deloitte's 2009 Technology Fast 500™ Ranking



# FiberTower Backhaul Network Architecture

## Key Network Facts

- ▶ Fiber-based core optical network
- ▶ Fiber & microwave fed cell sites
- ▶ All links engineered to carrier class standards
- ▶ Support SONET, Ethernet, Wavelength services



## Network Metrics

- ▶ Cell Towers Served > 3,100
- ▶ Customer Cell Sites > 6,200
- ▶ Network Route Miles > 12,800

### Legend

MSC = Mobile Switching Center  
FEP = Fiber Exchange Point  
RF = Radio Frequency



# FiberTower Competitive Advantages

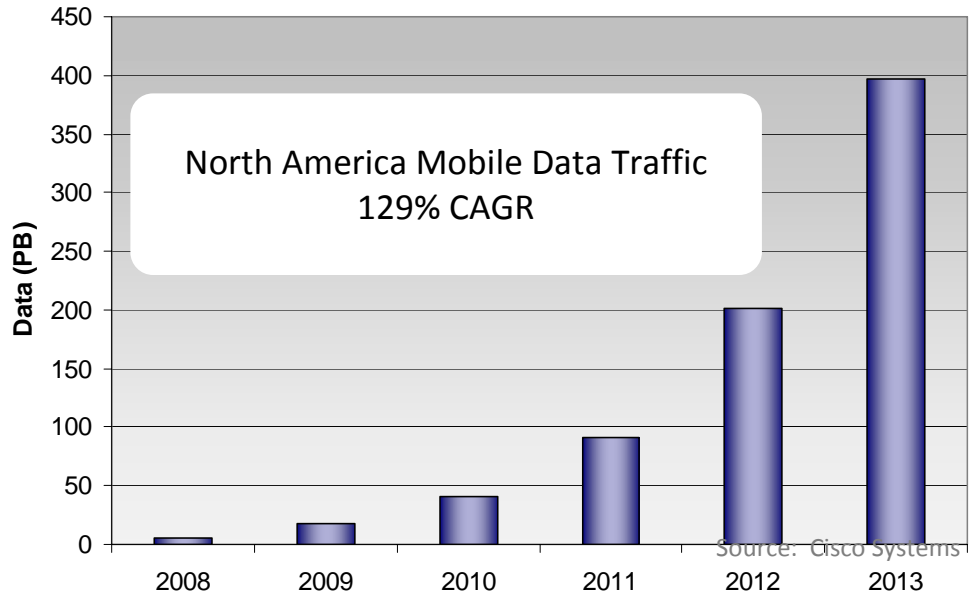
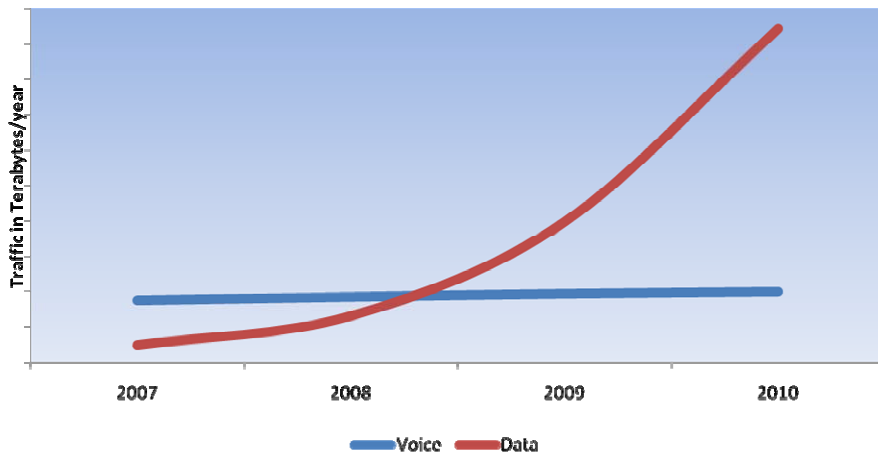
	KEY REQUIREMENT	FIBERTOWER COMPETITIVE POSITION
LEVEL 1 (Table Stakes)	SCALABLE BANDWIDTH SOLUTIONS	HIGH CAPACITY FIBER NETWORK & MICROWAVE EXTENSIONS
	COMPELLING ECONOMICS	HISTORY OF PROVEN ECONOMICS
LEVEL 2 (Differentiation)	COVERAGE SOLUTION	FIBER/MICROWAVE HYBRID SOLUTIONS MAXIMIZE COVERAGE
	ETHERNET VARIATIONS	LEADER IN INNOVATIONS WITH FIRST MOVER ADVANTAGE
LEVEL 3 (Critical)	SERVICE DELIVERY	COMMITMENT TO ON TIME DELIVERY
	NETWORK QUALITY	TRACK RECORD OF SUCCESS



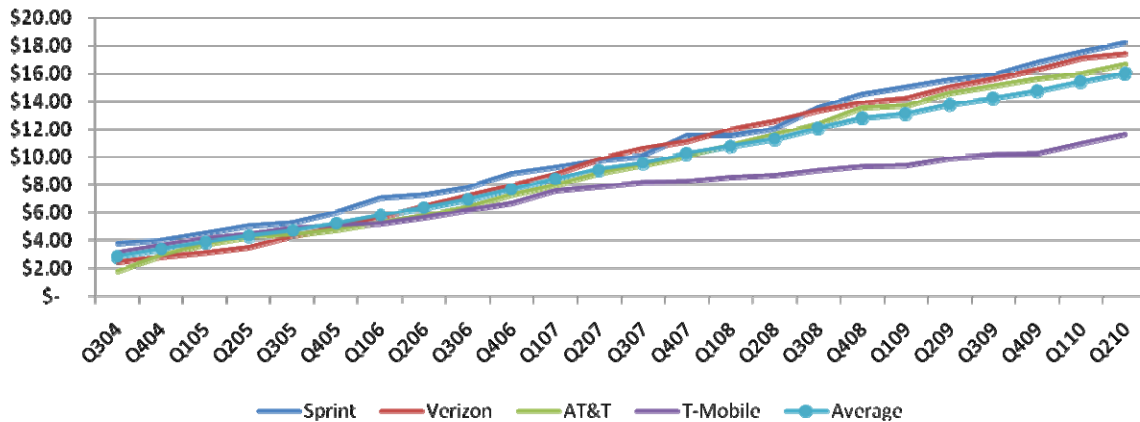
# Growing Market: Data is Here

**Expecting 50% to 100% growth in bandwidth per year for the next 5 years**

**Mobile Network Traffic (US)**



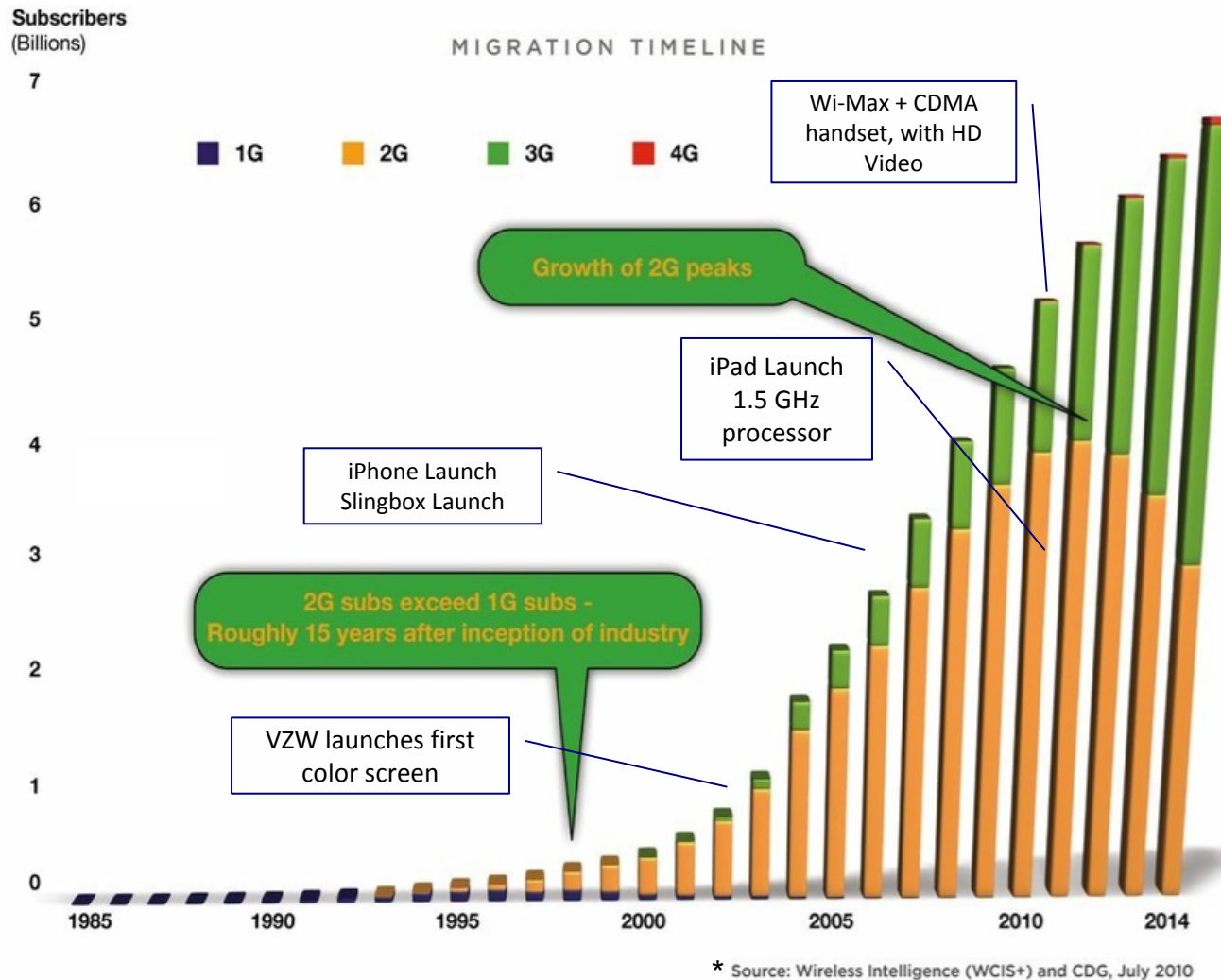
**US Wireless Market: Data ARPU (2004-10)**



Apple's Face Time :  
3 Mbps / minute



# Cellular Penetration

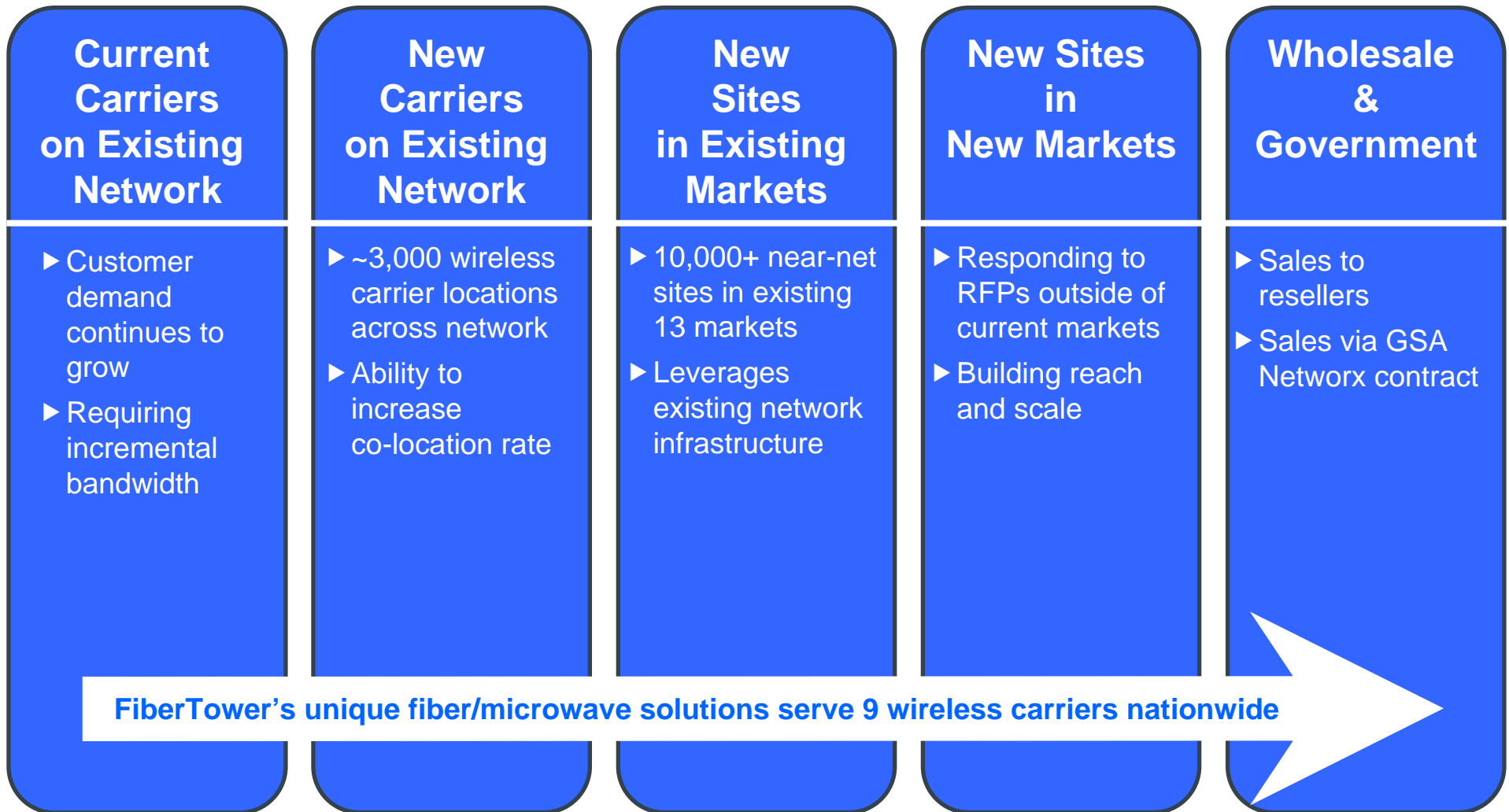


- ▶ Migration from legacy networks to support data
- ▶ Wireless carriers investing in next generation network upgrades
- ▶ FiberTower examples:
  - VZW-Ohio & MetroPCS in various markets
  - Both support LTE solutions

**Mobile Penetration > 100% in the United States\***



# Strategies to Capturing Growth



# Mid-Year 2010 Highlights

## **Demonstrated tangible operating progress:**

- ▶ Substantially increased sales: Bookings YTD exceeded all of 2009
- ▶ Achieved positive Adjusted EBITDA in July
- ▶ Deploying more fiber & building more sites
- ▶ Expecting to drive accelerated revenue growth in 2H10

## **Maintaining our solid foundation:**

- ▶ Innovation: Leading and expanding Ethernet solution
- ▶ Dedicated to customer service, quality offerings & technical capabilities
- ▶ Established industry relationships



# 2010 Operating Highlights

(\$ in millions,  
except EPS and Rev/Site)

	Three Months Ended			Six Months Ended		
	June 30 2009	June 30 2010	% Change	June 30 2009	June 30 2010	% Change
Revenue	\$ 15.6	\$ 18.4	17.9%	\$ 30.3	\$ 36.2	19.5%
Revenue, net of ETL	\$ 15.6	\$ 18.1	16.2%	\$ 30.3	\$ 35.3	16.6%
Cost of Revenue	\$ 14.2	\$ 15.2	7.0%	\$ 28.3	\$ 29.2	3.2%
S&M and G&A*	\$ 5.7	\$ 5.7	0.0%	\$ 12.8	\$ 11.9	(7.0)%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ (3.2)	\$ (0.7)	78.7%	\$ (8.2)	\$ (2.0)	75.6%
Adjusted EBITDA, net of ETL	\$ (3.2)	\$ (1.0)	70.1%	\$ (8.2)	\$ (2.8)	65.9%
Net Income/ Loss**	\$ 20.8	\$ (13.1)	NM	\$ 47.5	\$ (24.9)	NM
Diluted EPS	\$ 1.36	\$ (0.28)	NM	\$ 3.13	\$ (0.54)	NM
Capital Expenditures	\$ 2.4	\$ 6.5	177.6%	\$ 4.7	\$ 9.0	93.6%
Rev/ Site	\$ 1,666	\$ 1,954	17.3%	\$ 1,619	\$ 1,930	19.2%
Rev/ Site, net of ETL	\$ 1,666	\$ 1,925	15.5%	\$ 1,619	\$ 1,884	16.4%

- ▶ Revenue, net of ETL, increased 16.2% & 16.6% Y-O-Y for the 3 & 6 months, respectively
- ▶ Incremental margins exceeded 93+%
- ▶ Aggressively managing S&M and G&A expenses
- ▶ Increased CAPEX to support new sites
- ▶ Adjusted EBITDA, net of ETL, up 70.1% & 65.9% Y-O-Y for the 3 & 6 months, respectively

\* **Sales and Marketing, General and Administrative**

\*\* **Recorded gain on early extinguishment of debt of \$44.6M in Q209 and of \$98.3M in 1H09**  
**Definitions and reconciliations to GAAP are at the end of the presentation.**



# Key Investment Highlights

- ▶ Increasing demand for backhaul alternatives & demand at sites
  - Exploding wireless data traffic
  - Providing opportunity to accelerate growth
- ▶ Leveraging competitive advantages
  - Established, pure-play, carrier-neutral backhaul provider
  - Unique hybrid fiber/microwave solution creates coverage & economic advantages
  - Strong, long standing customer relationships: Wireless carriers, fiber service providers & tower operators
- ▶ Evolving network to support new products and higher standards
  - Expanding Ethernet capabilities
  - Deploying a higher percentage of fiber-fed sites
- ▶ Capturing higher margin opportunities
  - Delivering improved financial performance
  - Driving positive Adjusted EBITDA – achieved in July 2010
  - Striving for cash flow sustainability



# Appendix



# Q2 2010 Site Level Performance

<i>\$ in thousands, except per site level</i>	Three Months Ended	
	Jun 30, 2010	Monthly Per Deployed Site*
Revenue (Net of ETL)	\$ 18,113	\$ 1,925
Early Termination Liability (ETL)	275	29
Revenue	\$ 18,388	\$ 1,954
Direct Site Costs (Rent/Fiber/Other)	10,711	1,138
Market Operations Costs (Techs)	1,265	134
Market Level EBITDA (Field EBITDA)	\$ 6,412	\$ 682
<b>Market Level EBITDA (net of ETL)</b>	<b>6,137</b>	<b>652</b>
Cost of Service - Impairment of Long-Lived Assets	931	99
Indirect Network Costs	2,116	225
Stock-Based Compensation (in Cost of Service)	182	19
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$ 3,183</b>	<b>\$ 338</b>
Sales & Marketing**	1,130	120
General & Administrative**	4,610	490
Depreciation & Amortization	7,038	748
<b>Loss from Operations</b>	<b>\$ (9,595)</b>	<b>\$ (1,020)</b>
Total Other Income/(Expense)	(3,456)	(367)
<b>Net Loss</b>	<b>\$ (13,051)</b>	<b>\$ (1,387)</b>
Net Adjustments to EBITDA*	12,095	1,286
<b>Adjusted EBITDA (Excluding ETL)</b>	<b>\$ (956)</b>	<b>\$ (102)</b>

- ▶ New revenue growth on existing network has produced high incremental margins given fixed cost nature of the network
- ▶ Market-Level EBITDA margins over 30%
- ▶ Ability to continue to leverage existing network to drive incremental EBITDA and improve Return on Invested Capital
- ▶ New investments to support scale on S&M and G&A

\* *Per site results calculated by dividing consolidated results by 3,136 Deployed Sites and dividing by three months*

\*\* *S&M and G&A include non-cash stock-based compensation, which is added back to Adjusted EBITDA*

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# 2010 Investment Objectives

Sales Growth Opportunities	Targets
Existing Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Grow revenue/site through new sales on existing sites</li><li>▶ Capture additional high incremental margins offering short paybacks on capital</li></ul>
New Network Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Invest in EBITDA+ sites from Day 0 by pursuing adequate revenue/site</li><li>▶ Identify path to &gt;25% ROI</li></ul>

- ▶ 2010 Investment Objectives includes mix of investments in existing markets, such as collocation additions and dark fiber plus allocations for new site construction
- ▶ Maintenance capital spending currently represents <\$10 million per year



# 2010 Financial Outlook

*\$ in millions*

	2010 Expected Range		Growth vs FY 2009	
	Low	High	Low	High
Revenue	\$ 74.0	\$ 77.0	17.1%	21.8%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ (2.0)	\$ 1.0	N/M	N/M
Capital Expenditures	\$ 25.0	\$ 30.0	94.5%	133.4%

- ▶ Management reaffirmed previous 2010 guidance, which is net of ETL\*
- ▶ FiberTower expects run-rate revenue growth to accelerate during the year through a combination of on-net growth and new deployments\*
- ▶ FiberTower expects to achieve Adjusted EBITDA positive no later than Q3 2010\*

\* As of August 6, 2010.



# Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) financial measure, to monitor the financial performance of operations. This measurement, together with GAAP measures such as revenue and loss from operations, assists management in its decision-making processes relating to the operation of the business. Adjusted EBITDA is defined as net income (loss) from operations before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, impairment and restructuring charges, stock-based compensation, gain on early extinguishment of debt, debt exchange expenses and other income (expense). Adjusted EBITDA is not a substitute for operating income, net income (loss), or cash flow used in operating activities as determined in accordance with GAAP, as a measure of performance or liquidity. In addition, the presentation of Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. This non-GAAP financial measure should be viewed in addition to, and not as an alternative for, the reported financial results as determined in accordance with GAAP.

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# Reconciliation to Adjusted EBITDA

<i>\$ in thousands</i>	<b>Unaudited Quarterly Financials</b>				
	<b>Three months ended</b>			<b>Six months ended</b>	
	<b>June 30 2009</b>	<b>March 31 2010</b>	<b>June 30 2010</b>	<b>June 30 2009</b>	<b>June 30 2010</b>
Net income (loss)	\$ 20,791	\$ (11,808)	\$ (13,051)	\$ 47,503	\$ (24,859)
Adjustments:					
Depreciation and amortization	7,004	6,371	7,038	14,027	13,409
Stock-based compensation	873	903	879	2,274	1,782
Interest income	(73)	(25)	(29)	(227)	(54)
Interest expense	12,280	3,362	3,486	27,395	6,848
Gain on early extinguishment of debt, net	(44,577)	-	-	(98,248)	-
Impairment of long-lived assets and other charges and credits	102	(73)	996	194	923
Income tax provision (benefit)	381	-	-	(1,087)	-
Adjusted EBITDA	( 3,219 )	( 1,270 )	( 681 )	( 8,169 )	( 1,951 )
Early termination liability	-	( 587 )	( 275 )	-	( 862 )
Adjusted EBITDA, net of ETL	\$ ( 3,219 )	\$ ( 1,857 )	\$ ( 956 )	\$ ( 8,169 )	\$ ( 2,813 )

- ▶ Revenue recorded associated with an early termination liability (ETL) of certain circuits:
  - Q110: \$587,000
  - Q210: \$275,000



# Reconciliation to Operating Expenses

*\$ in thousands*

**Three Months Ended**

**June 30, 2010**

**Cost of Service Revenue Components**

Direct Site Costs	\$	10,711
Market Operations Costs (Techs)		1,265
Cost of Service - Impairment of Long-Lived Assets		931
Indirect Network Costs		2,116
Stock-Based Compensation		182

**Cost of Service Revenue**

**\$ 15,205**

