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# Altice USA Announces Results as of Early Participation Date on Transactions to Combine Its Suddenlink and Optimum Businesses under a Single Credit Silo

**Satisfaction of minimum tender condition**  
**Acceptance of 99.23% or \$5.48 billion of Original Notes of the Suddenlink silo tendered for exchange**  
**Successful pricing of new term loan**

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- In relation to Altice USA, Inc.'s ("**Altice USA**", NYSE:ATUS) intention to further simplify its structure and operations by combining (the "**Combination**") the Suddenlink (Cequel) and Optimum (Cablevision) businesses under a single credit silo, Altice US Finance I Corporation (the "**Issuer**") and Cequel Communications Holdings I, LLC and Cequel Capital Corporation (collectively, the "**Senior Notes Co-Issuers**" and together with the Issuer, the "**Issuers**") today announced that the Early Participation Date (as defined below) of the previously announced Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation (each as defined and described below) expired at 5:00 p.m., New York time, on October 16, 2018 (such time and date, the "**Early Participation Date**") and confirmed that, as of the Early Participation Date, they have received valid tenders of:

- (i) the Issuer's 5.375% senior secured notes due 2023 (the "2023 Original Notes") in exchange for the Issuer's new 5.375% senior secured notes due 2023 (the "2023 New Notes");
- (ii) the Issuer's 5.500% senior secured notes due 2026 (the "2026 Original Notes" and together with the 2023 Original Notes, the "Original Senior Secured Notes") in exchange for the Issuer's new 5.500% senior secured notes due 2026 (the "2026 New Notes");
- (iii) the Senior Notes Co-Issuers' 5.125% senior notes due 2021 originally issued on May 16, 2013 (the "2021 May Original Notes") in exchange for the Senior Notes Co-Issuers' new 5.125% senior notes due 2021 (the "2021 May New Notes");
- (iv) the Senior Notes Co-Issuers' 5.125% senior notes due 2021 originally issued on September 9, 2014 (the "2021 September Original Notes") in exchange for the Senior Notes Co-Issuers' new 5.125% senior notes due 2021 (the "2021 September New Notes");
- (v) the Senior Notes Co-Issuers' 7.750% senior notes due 2025 (the "2025 Original Notes") in exchange for the Senior Notes Co-Issuers' new 7.750% senior notes due 2025 (the "2025 New Notes"), and;
- (vi) the Senior Notes Co-Issuers' 7.500% senior notes due 2028 (the "2028 Original Notes" and together with the 2023 Original Notes, the 2026 Original Notes, the 2021 May Original Notes, the 2021 September Original Notes and the Original 2025 Notes, the "Original Notes") in exchange for the Senior Notes Co-Issuers' new 7.500% senior notes due 2028 (the "2028 New Notes" and together with the 2023 New Notes, 2026 New Notes, 2021 May New Notes, 2021 September New Notes and 2025 New Notes, the "New Notes"),

and, in the case of the Consent Solicitation Notes (as defined below) delivery of corresponding consents, from holders of the aggregate principal amount of each series of Original Notes as set out in the table below.

In addition, Altice USA announces that on October 15, 2018, CSC Holdings, LLC

(“**Optimum**”) successfully entered into a new \$1.275 billion 7-year Senior Secured Term Loan B maturing January 2026 (the “**Senior Secured Term Loan B**”), providing for the refinancing of the entire \$1.25 billion principal amount of loans under Cequel’s (“**Suddenlink’s**”) existing Term Loan Facility and other transaction costs related to the credit silo Combination. The new Senior Secured Term Loan B will have a margin of 225bps over Libor and was issued with an original issue discount of 25bps.

On October 2, 2018, the Issuers announced the commencement of (A) an offer to exchange (the “**Exchange Offer**”) any and all of its outstanding Original Notes held by eligible holders for the corresponding New Notes upon the terms and conditions of the offering memorandum dated as of October 2, 2018 (the “**Offering Memorandum**”) and (B) a solicitation of consents (the “**Consent Solicitation**” and, together with the Exchange Offer, the “**Offer**”) from eligible holders of the 2023 Original Notes, the 2026 Original Notes, the 2025 Original Notes and the 2028 Original Notes (the “**Consent Solicitation Notes**”) to make certain proposed amendments to the indentures (the “**Consent Solicitation Notes Indentures**”) governing the Consent Solicitation Notes, pursuant to which substantially all of the restrictive covenants, certain events of default and certain additional covenants, rights and obligations contained in the Consent Solicitation Notes Indentures will be amended (the “**Proposed Amendments**”). The terms and conditions of the Offer are set forth in the Offering Memorandum. Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined have the meanings ascribed to them in the Offering Memorandum.

As at the Early Participation Date, the following Original Notes had been validly tendered and not validly withdrawn or revoked:

Title of Original Notes / CUSIP	Aggregate Principal Amount Outstanding	Early-Tendered Principal Amount	Early-Tendered Principal Amount (%)
5.375% Secured Notes due 2023 / 02155FAA3 / U0207AAA3	\$1,100,000,000	\$1,095,493,000	99.59%
5.500% Secured Notes due 2026 / 02155FAC9 / U0207AAB1	\$1,500,000,000	\$1,493,432,000	99.56%
5.125% Senior Notes due 2021 / 15672WAE4 / U15684AG5	\$750,000,000	\$739,279,000	98.57%
5.125% Senior Notes due 2021 / 15672WAF1 / U15684 AH3	\$500,000,000	\$492,899,000	98.58%
7.750% Senior Notes due 2025 / 02155EAA6 / U0206XAA4	\$620,000,000	\$610,698,000	98.50%
7.500% Senior Notes due 2028 / 15672WAJ3 / U15684AK6	\$1,050,000,000	\$1,045,443,000	99.57%

As a result of the valid tender of (i) 2023 Original Notes representing in excess of 50% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2023 Original Notes outstanding and (ii) 2026 Original Notes representing in excess of 50% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2026 Original Notes outstanding, in each case which have not been validly withdrawn or revoked, the Minimum Tender Condition has been satisfied.

As a result of obtaining the Requisite Consents with respect to each series of Consent Solicitation Notes as at the Early Participation Date, the relevant Issuers and the Original Senior Secured Notes Trustees and Original Senior Notes Trustees, as applicable, under the Consent Solicitation Notes Indentures are expected to promptly execute and deliver supplemental indentures to the Consent Solicitation Notes Indentures (the “**Supplemental Indentures**”) (such date of execution and delivery, the “**Consent Effective Date**”), pursuant

to which the Proposed Amendments will be effected; provided that the Proposed Amendments will only become operative immediately prior to the occurrence of the Combination on the Combination Date.

The Offer will expire at 11:59 p.m., New York time, on October 30, 2018, unless extended (such time and date, as the same may be extended, the “**Expiration Time**”). Tenders of the Original Notes pursuant to the Offer (and, in the case of the Consent Solicitation Notes, related consents) could only be withdrawn prior to the earlier to occur of (i) the Early Participation Date and (ii) the date on which the Minimum Tender Condition is satisfied (the “**Withdrawal Deadline**”), but not thereafter. As described in the Offering Memorandum, since the Withdrawal Deadline has occurred, Original Notes that have been or will be validly tendered in the Offer may not be withdrawn or revoked, except if the Offer is terminated or otherwise not completed or as otherwise provided by law. Any Original Notes not tendered and exchanged pursuant to the Offer will remain outstanding and the eligible holders of such Original Notes will be subject to the terms of the Supplemental Indentures even though they may not consent to the Proposed Amendments.

Eligible holders of each series of Original Notes who properly tendered and did not validly withdraw such Original Notes prior to the Early Participation Date will be entitled to receive the applicable Exchange Consideration and Early Participation Premium, as described under “*Terms of the Exchange Offer*” in the Offering Memorandum. The Original Notes will not receive any cash interest payment in respect of accrued and unpaid interest on any Exchange Date. Interest on each series of the New Notes will be deemed to accrue as described under “*Terms of the Exchange Offer*” in the Offering Memorandum. It is expected that no later than the second Business Day following the Early Participation Date, the Issuer will issue New Senior Secured Notes and the Senior Notes Co-Issuers will issue New Senior Notes in exchange for Original Notes validly tendered and not withdrawn prior to the Early Participation Date (reflecting the applicable Exchange Consideration and the Early Participation Premium). In addition, \$2,750,000 in aggregate will be payable on a pro rata basis on the First Exchange Date to eligible participating holders of the 2023 Original Notes who properly tendered (and did not validly withdraw) 2023 Original Notes prior to the Early Participation Date and \$3,750,000 in aggregate will be payable on a pro rata basis on the First Exchange Date to eligible participating holders of the 2026 Original Notes who properly tendered (and did not validly withdraw) 2026 Original Notes prior to the Early Participation Date.

The Offer is being made solely pursuant to the Offering Memorandum, which more fully sets forth and governs the terms and conditions of the Offer, how to tender the Original Notes in the Offer and deliver Consents thereby, and certain conditions to the Offer. The Offering Memorandum contains important information that should be read carefully before any decision is made with respect to the Offer. Documents relating to the Exchange Offers and Consent Solicitations have only be distributed to eligible holders of Original Notes who certify that they are either a “qualified institutional buyer” under Rule 144A or not a “U.S. person” and outside the United States under Regulation S for purposes of applicable securities laws (“**Eligible Holders**”); provided that persons resident in a member state of the European Economic Area must be a qualified investor (within the meaning of Article 2(1)(e) of Directive 2003/71/EC and any relevant implementing measure in each member state of the European Economic Area). The complete terms and conditions of the Exchange Offers and Consent Solicitations are described in the Offering Memorandum, copies of which may

be obtained by contacting Lucid Issuer Services Limited, the exchange agent and information agent in connection with the Exchange Offers and Consent Solicitations, at +44 20 7704 0880, via email to [altice@lucid-is.com](mailto:altice@lucid-is.com) or via [www.lucid-is.com/altice](http://www.lucid-is.com/altice).

Holders of Original Notes with questions regarding the Offer procedures should contact the Exchange Agent and Information Agent for further information. For more information concerning the Offer, queries should be directed to the Joint Dealer Managers: Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC Eleven Madison Avenue, NY New York 10010-3629 United States, +1 800 820 1653 (toll-free), +1 212 538 1862 (collect) and Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC 200 West Street, NY New York 10282, +1 800 828 3182 (toll-free), +1 212 357 1452 (collect).

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*The New Notes have not been and will not be registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or any state securities laws or the securities laws of any other jurisdiction. Therefore, the New Notes may not be offered or sold in the United States absent an applicable exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any applicable state securities laws.*

## **FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This press release contains certain estimates and other “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the federal securities laws, including Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Forward looking statements generally are accompanied by words such as “will”, “expect”, “outlook” “anticipate,” “intend,” “plan,” “believe,” “seek,” “see,” “will,” “would,” “target,” or other similar words, phrases or expressions and variations or negatives of these words. Forward-looking statements by their nature address matters that are, to different degrees, uncertain, such as statements regarding the expected timing of completion of the Exchange Offers and other statements that are not historical facts. These statements are based on the current expectations of Altice USA management and are not predictions of actual performance.

These statements are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties regarding Altice USA’s businesses and actual results may differ materially. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to those described in the offering memorandum and consent solicitation statement and the documents incorporated by reference therein.

The forward-looking statements in this press release speak only as of date of this announcement. Altice USA undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof, except as required by applicable laws or regulations.

## **About Altice USA**

Altice USA (NYSE:ATUS) provides broadband communications and video services in the

United States, delivering broadband, pay television, telephony services, proprietary content and advertising services to approximately 4.9 million Residential and Business customers across 21 states through its Optimum and Suddenlink brands.

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