

# Liberty Broadband Reports First Quarter 2024 Financial Results

ENGLEWOOD, Colo.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Liberty Broadband Corporation ("Liberty Broadband") (Nasdaq: LBRDA, LBRDK, LBRDP) today reported first quarter 2024 results.

Headlines include<sup>(1)</sup>:

- Fair value of Charter investment was \$13.4 billion as of March 31<sup>st</sup>
- Liberty Broadband did not sell Charter shares to Charter from February 1, 2024 through April 30, 2024 as its fully diluted equity interest in Charter remained below 26%<sup>(2)</sup>
- From February 1, 2024 through April 30, 2024, Liberty Broadband repurchased 103 thousand LBRDK shares at an average price per share of \$79.88 for total cash consideration of \$8.2 million
- In the first quarter, GCI<sup>(3)</sup> revenue was flat at \$245 million, generated \$37 million in operating income and Adjusted OIBDA<sup>(4)</sup> was flat at \$90 million

#### Share Repurchases

From February 1, 2024 through April 30, 2024, Liberty Broadband repurchased 103 thousand shares of Series C Liberty Broadband common stock (Nasdaq: LBRDK) at an average cost per share of \$79.88 for total cash consideration of \$8.2 million. The total remaining repurchase authorization for Liberty Broadband as of April 30, 2024 is approximately \$1.7 billion.

#### Charter Ownership

Under the terms of Liberty Broadband and Charter's stockholder agreement, Liberty Broadband has sold and will continue to sell to Charter a number of shares of Charter Class A common stock as is necessary to maintain Liberty Broadband's percentage equity interest at 26%<sup>(2)</sup> on a fully diluted basis. Such sales are executed by Liberty Broadband monthly based on Charter's repurchase activity in the month prior.

From February 1, 2024 through April 30, 2024, Liberty Broadband did not sell Charter shares to Charter as its fully diluted equity interest in Charter remained below 26%<sup>(2)</sup>.

#### Balance Sheet

The following presentation is provided to separately identify cash and liquid investments, debt and public holdings of Liberty Broadband as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2024.

(amounts in millions)	12	12/31/2023		/31/2023 3/31/2		/31/2024
Cash and Cash Equivalents:						
GCI Holdings	\$	79	\$	70		
Corporate and Other		79		38		
Total Liberty Broadband Consolidated Cash	\$	158	\$	108		
Fair Value of Public Holdings in Charter <sup>(a)</sup>	\$	17,984	\$	13,385		
Debt:						
Senior Notes <sup>(b)</sup>	\$	600	\$	600		
Senior Credit Facility		394		334		
Tower Obligations and Other <sup>(c)</sup>		91		90		
Total GCI Holdings Debt	\$	1,085	\$	1,024		
GCI Leverage <sup>(d)</sup>		2.9x		2.8x		
Charter Margin Loan	\$	1,460	\$	1,480		
3.125% Exchangeable Senior Debentures due 2053 <sup>(e)</sup>		1,265		1,265		
Total Corporate Level Debt	\$	2,725	\$	2,745		
Total Liberty Broadband Debt	\$	3,810	\$	3,769		
Fair market value adjustment and deferred loan costs		12		(45)		
Tower obligations and finance leases (excluded from GAAP Debt)		(86)		(85)		
Total Liberty Broadband Debt (GAAP)	\$	3,736	\$	3,639		
	<u>.</u>		<u> </u>			
Other Financial Obligations:						
Preferred Stock <sup>(f)</sup>		180		180		

a) Represents fair value of the investment in Charter as of December 31, 2023 and March 31, 2024.

- b) Principal amount of Senior Notes.
- c) Includes the Wells Fargo Note Payable and current and long-term obligations under tower obligations and finance leases.
- d) As defined in GCI's credit agreement.
- e) Principal amount of Exchangeable Senior Debentures exclusive of fair market value adjustments.
- f) Liquidation value of preferred stock. Preferred stock has a 7% coupon, \$25 per share liquidation preference plus accrued and unpaid dividends and 1/3 vote per share. The redemption date is the first business day following March 8, 2039. The preferred stock is considered a liability for GAAP purposes.

Liberty Broadband cash decreased \$50 million in the first quarter primarily due to proceeds from Charter share sales and borrowing under the Charter margin loan being more than offset by share repurchases and other investing activities. GCI cash decreased \$9 million in the first quarter as cash from operations was more than offset by debt repayment and capital expenditures (net of grant proceeds) during the period.

Liberty Broadband debt decreased \$41 million in the first quarter as GCI repaid \$60 million under its senior credit facility, partially offset by additional borrowing under the Charter margin loan. There is \$820 million of available capacity under the Charter margin loan. GCI's credit facility has undrawn capacity of \$457 million (net of letters of credit), and GCI's leverage as defined in its credit agreement is 2.8x.

# GCI Operating and Financial Results

(amounts in millions, except operating metrics)		1Q23		1Q24	% Change
GCI Consolidated Financial Metrics					
Revenue					
Consumer	\$	118	\$	117	(1)%
Business		128		128	—%
Total revenue	\$	246	\$	245	—%
Operating income	\$	29	\$	37	28%
Operating income margin (%)	•	11.8%	•	15.1%	330bps
Adjusted OIBDA <sup>(a)</sup>	\$	90	\$	90	—%
Adjusted OIBDA margin <sup>(a)</sup> (%)	Ţ	36.6%	,	36.7%	10bps
GCI Consumer					
Financial Metrics					
Revenue					
Data	\$	59	\$	60	2%
Wireless		47		47	—%
Other		12		10	(17)%
Total revenue	\$	118	\$	117	(1)%
Operating Metrics					
Data:					
Cable modem subscribers <sup>(b)</sup>	1	59,100		159,800	—%
Wireless:					
Lines in service <sup>(c)</sup>	1	93,700		199,000	3%

Financial Metrics			
Revenue			
Data	\$ 106	\$ 108	2%
Wireless	13	12	(8)%
Other	 9	8	(11)%
Total revenue	\$ 128	\$ 128	%

# a) See reconciling schedule 1.

- b) A cable modem subscriber is defined by the purchase of cable modem service regardless of the level of service purchased. If one entity purchases multiple cable modem service access points, each access point is counted as a subscriber. Data cable modem subscribers as of March 31, 2024, include 900 subscribers that were reclassified from GCI Business to GCI Consumer subscribers in the first quarter of 2024 and are not new additions.
- c) A wireless line in service is defined as a wireless device with a monthly fee for services. Wireless lines in service as of March 31, 2024, include 1,800 lines that were reclassified from GCI Business to GCI Consumer lines in the first quarter of 2024 and are not new additions.

Unless otherwise noted, the following discussion compares financial information for the three months ended March 31, 2024 to the same period in 2023.

GCI revenue was flat in the first quarter. Consumer revenue was down 1% driven by declines in video revenue, partially offset by demand for consumer data. Business revenue was flat as growth in data was offset by declines in wireless and other revenues.

Operating income increased by \$8 million in the first quarter driven by lower depreciation expense as certain assets became fully depreciated during 2023. Adjusted OIBDA was flat in line with revenue.

In the first quarter, GCI spent \$46 million, net, on capital expenditures. Capital expenditure spending was related primarily to improvements to the wireless and data networks in rural Alaska. GCI's net capital expenditures for the full year 2024 are expected to be approximately \$200 million related to additional high-returning investments in middle and last mile connectivity, with continued network expansion in GCI's most important markets in rural Alaska including the Bethel and AU-Aleutians fiber projects.

# FOOTNOTES

- 1) Liberty Broadband will discuss these highlights and other matters on Liberty Broadband's earnings conference call that will begin at 11:15 a.m. (E.T.) on May 8, 2024. For information regarding how to access the call, please see "Important Notice" later in this document.
- 2)Calculated pursuant to the stockholder agreement between Liberty Broadband and Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter").

- 3) Liberty Broadband's principal operating asset is GCI Holdings, LLC ("GCI" or "GCI Holdings"), Alaska's largest communications provider. Liberty Broadband also holds an interest in Charter.
- 4)For a definition of Adjusted OIBDA and Adjusted OIBDA margin and applicable reconciliations, see the accompanying schedules.

# NOTES

#### LIBERTY BROADBAND FINANCIAL METRICS

(amounts in millions)		1Q23		1Q24
Revenue	•		•	
GCI Holdings	\$	246	\$	245
Corporate and other				
Total Liberty Broadband Revenue	\$	246	\$	245
Operating Income				
GCI Holdings	\$	29	\$	37
Corporate and other		(13)		(9)
Total Liberty Broadband Operating Income	\$	16	\$	28
Adjusted OIBDA				
GCI Holdings	\$	90	\$	90
Corporate and other		(8)		(5)
Total Liberty Broadband Adjusted OIBDA	\$	82	\$	85

**Important Notice:** Liberty Broadband (Nasdaq: LBRDA, LBRDK, LBRDP) will discuss Liberty Broadband's earnings release on a conference call which will begin at 11:15 a.m. (E.T.) on May 8, 2024. The call can be accessed by dialing (877) 407-3944 or (412) 902-0038, passcode 13742820, at least 10 minutes prior to the start time. The call will also be broadcast live across the Internet and archived on our website. To access the webcast go to https://www.libertybroadband.com/investors/news-events/ir-calendar. Links to this press release and replays of the call will also be available on Liberty Broadband's website.

This press release includes certain forward-looking statements under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements about business strategies, market potential, future financial prospects, capital expenditures, matters relating to Liberty Broadband's equity interest in Charter and Charter's buyback of common stock, Liberty Broadband's participation in Charter's buyback of common stock, the continuation of our stock repurchase program and other matters that are not historical facts. These forwardlooking statements involve many risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements, including, without limitation, possible changes in market acceptance of new products or services, competitive issues, regulatory matters affecting our businesses, continued access to capital on terms acceptable to Liberty Broadband, changes in law and government regulations, the availability of investment opportunities, general market conditions (including as a result of inflationary pressures) and market conditions conducive to stock repurchases. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this press release, and Liberty Broadband expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to disseminate any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement contained herein to reflect any change in Liberty Broadband's expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based. Please refer to the publicly filed documents of Liberty Broadband, including the most recent Forms 10-K and 10-Q, for additional information about Liberty Broadband and about the risks and uncertainties related to Liberty Broadband which may affect the statements made in this press release.

# NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

To provide investors with additional information regarding our financial results, this press release includes a presentation of Adjusted OIBDA, which is a non-GAAP financial measure, for Liberty Broadband (and certain of its subsidiaries) and GCI Holdings together with a reconciliation to that entity or such businesses' operating income, as determined under GAAP. Liberty Broadband defines Adjusted OIBDA as operating income (loss) plus depreciation and amortization, stock-based compensation, transaction costs, separately reported litigation settlements, restructuring and impairment charges. Further, this press release includes Adjusted OIBDA margin which is also a non-GAAP financial measure. Liberty Broadband defines Adjusted OIBDA margin as Adjusted OIBDA divided by revenue.

Liberty Broadband believes Adjusted OIBDA is an important indicator of the operational strength and performance of its businesses by identifying those items that are not directly a reflection of each business' performance or indicative of ongoing business trends. In addition, this measure allows management to view operating results and perform analytical comparisons and benchmarking between businesses and identify strategies to improve performance. Because Adjusted OIBDA is used as a measure of operating performance, Liberty Broadband views operating income as the most directly comparable GAAP measure. Adjusted OIBDA is not meant to replace or supersede operating income or any other GAAP measure, but rather to supplement such GAAP measures in order to present investors with the same information that Liberty Broadband's management considers in assessing the results of operations and performance of its assets. Please see the tables below for applicable reconciliations.

# SCHEDULE 1

The following table provides a reconciliation of GCI's operating income to its Adjusted OIBDA for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2024.

# GCI HOLDINGS ADJUSTED OIBDA RECONCILIATION

(amounts in millions)	1Q23	1Q24
GCI Holdings Operating Income	\$ 29	\$ 37
Depreciation and amortization	58	50
Stock-based compensation	 3	3

# GCI Holdings Adjusted OIBDA

#### SCHEDULE 2

The following table provides a reconciliation of operating income (loss) calculated in accordance with GAAP to Adjusted OIBDA for Liberty Broadband for the three months ended March 31, 2023 and March 31, 2024.

#### LIBERTY BROADBAND ADJUSTED OIBDA RECONCILIATION

(amounts in millions)	1Q23	1Q24
Liberty Broadband Operating Income	\$ 16	\$ 28
Depreciation and amortization	58	50
Stock-based compensation	8	7
Liberty Broadband Adjusted OIBDA	\$ 82	\$ 85
GCI Holdings	\$ 90	\$ 90
Corporate and other	(8)	(5)

# LIBERTY BROADBAND CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION (unaudited)

	Ма	arch 31, 2024	December 31, 2023	
		amounts	in millions,	
	e	xcept sh	are amounts	
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	108	158	
Trade and other receivables, net of allowance for credit losses				
of \$5 and \$5, respectively		186	178	
Prepaid and other current assets		56	94	
Total current assets		350	430	
Investment in Charter, accounted for using the equity method		12,281	12,116	
Property and equipment, net		1,078	1,053	
Intangible assets not subject to amortization				
Goodwill		755	755	
Cable certificates		550	550	
Other		40	40	
Intangible assets subject to amortization, net		449	461	
Other assets, net		237	236	
Total assets	\$	15,740	15,641	

Liabilities and Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 94	86
Deferred revenue	29	30
Current portion of debt	3	3
Other current liabilities	 67	59
Total current liabilities	 193	178
Long-term debt, net, including \$1,200 and \$1,255 measured at		
fair value, respectively	3,636	3,733
Obligations under tower obligations and finance leases,	0.4	20
excluding current portion	81	83
Long-term deferred revenue Deferred income tax liabilities	2 255	65
Preferred stock	2,255 201	2,216
	139	202 141
Other liabilities	 	
Total liabilities	 6,582	6,618
Equity		
Series A common stock, \$.01 par value. Authorized 500,000,000		
shares; issued and outstanding 18,235,286 and 18,233,573 at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively	_	
Series B common stock, \$.01 par value. Authorized 18,750,000		
shares; issued and outstanding 2,023,432 and 2,025,232 at		
March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively	—	_
Series C common stock, \$.01 par value. Authorized 500,000,000		
shares; issued and outstanding 122,589,251 and 123,704,814 at		
March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively	1	1
Additional paid-in capital	3,018	3,107
Accumulated other comprehensive earnings (loss), net of taxes	35	52
Retained earnings	 6,084	5,843
Total stockholders' equity	9,138	9,003
Non-controlling interests	 20	20
Total equity	 9,158	9,023
Commitments and contingencies	 	
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 15,740	15,641

# LIBERTY BROADBAND CORPORATION

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS INFORMATION (unaudited)

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Revenue	\$ 245	246
Operating costs and expenses:		
Operating expense (exclusive of depreciation and amortization shown separately below)	62	62
Selling, general and administrative, including stock-based compensation	105	110
Depreciation and amortization	50	58
	217	230
Operating income (loss)	28	16
Other income (expense):		
Interest expense (including amortization of deferred loan fees)	(51)	(45)
Share of earnings (losses) of affiliate	280	248
Gain (loss) on dilution of investment in affiliate	, ,	(27)
Realized and unrealized gains (losses) on financial instruments, net	76	(114)
Other, net	4	14
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	309	92
Income tax benefit (expense)	(68)	(23)
Net earnings (loss)	241	69
Less net earnings (loss) attributable to the non-controlling interests		
Net earnings (loss) attributable to Liberty Broadband shareholders	<mark>\$</mark> 241	69
Basic net earnings (loss) attributable to Series A, Series B and Series C Liberty Broadband shareholders per common share	\$ 1.69	0.47
Diluted net earnings (loss) attributable to Series A, Series B and Series C Liberty Broadband shareholders per common share	\$ 1.69	0.47

# LIBERTY BROADBAND CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS INFORMATION (unaudited)

	Three months ende March 31,		
	2024		2023
	amounts in millions		
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net earnings (loss)	\$	241	69
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings (loss) to net cash from operating activities:			

Depreciation and amortization	50	58
Stock-based compensation	7	8
Share of (earnings) losses of affiliate, net	(280)	(248)
(Gain) loss on dilution of investment in affiliate	28	27
Realized and unrealized (gains) losses on financial		
instruments, net	(76)	114
Deferred income tax expense (benefit)	44	22
Other, net	(1)	(1)
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Current and other assets	39	(6)
Payables and other liabilities		(2)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	52	41
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(61)	(54)
Grant proceeds received for capital expenditures	15	—
Cash received for Charter shares repurchased by Charter	81	42
Other investing activities, net	(17)	
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	18	(12)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Borrowings of debt	20	1,248
Repayments of debt, tower obligations and finance leases	(62)	(1,416)
Repurchases of Liberty Broadband common stock	(89)	(40)
Indemnification payment to Qurate Retail		(24)
Other financing activities, net	(1)	(3)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(132)	(235)
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(62)	(206)
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, beginning of period	176	400
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period	\$ 114	194

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