



Enabling the Lifestyle of

# **Better Broadband... And Beyond**

## Clearfield Investor Presentation

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May 2026

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Certain important factors could have a material impact on the Company’s performance, including, without limitation: our business is dependent on interdependent management information systems; inflationary price pressures and uncertain availability of components, raw materials, labor and logistics used by us and our suppliers could negatively impact our profitability; we rely on single-source suppliers, which could cause delays, increase costs or prevent us from completing customer orders; we depend on the availability of sufficient supply of certain materials and global disruptions in the supply chain for these materials could prevent us from meeting customer demand for our products; a significant percentage of our sales in the last three fiscal years have been made to a small number of customers, and the loss of these major customers could adversely affect us; further consolidation among our customers may result in the loss of some customers and may reduce sales during the pendency of business combinations and related integration activities; we may be subject to risks associated with acquisitions, and the risks could adversely affect future operating results; we have exposure to movements in foreign currency exchange rates; adverse global economic conditions and geopolitical issues could have a negative effect on our business, and results of operations and financial condition; growth may strain our business infrastructure, which could adversely affect our operations and financial condition; product defects or the failure of our products to meet specifications could cause us to lose customers and sales or to incur unexpected expenses; we are dependent on key personnel; cyber-security incidents, including ransomware, data breaches or computer viruses, could disrupt our business operations, damage our reputation, result in increased expense, and potentially lead to legal proceedings; natural disasters, extreme weather conditions or other catastrophic events could negatively affect our business, financial condition, and operating results; pandemics and other health crises could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and operating results; to compete effectively, we must continually improve existing products and introduce new products that achieve market acceptance; if the telecommunications market does not continue to expand, our business may not grow as fast as we expect, which could adversely impact our business, financial condition and operating results; changes in U.S. government funding programs may cause our customers and prospective customers to delay, reduce, or accelerate purchases, leading to unpredictable and irregular purchase cycles; intense competition in our industry may result in price reductions, lower gross profits and loss of market share; our success depends upon adequate protection of our patent and intellectual property rights; we face risks associated with expanding our sales outside of the United States; expectations relating to environmental, social and governance matters may increase our cost of doing business and expose us to reputational harm and potential liability; our operating results may fluctuate significantly from quarter to quarter, which may make budgeting for expenses difficult and may negatively affect the market price of our common stock; our stock price has been volatile historically and may continue to be volatile - the price of our common stock may fluctuate significantly; anti-takeover provisions in our organizational documents, Minnesota law and other agreements could prevent or delay a change in control of our Company; and other factors set forth in Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors of Clearfield’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2025 as well as other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company undertakes no obligation to update these statements to reflect actual events unless required by law.*

## Our Mission

Enabling the lifestyle better broadband provides

## What We Do

Clearfield provides fiber protection, fiber management and fiber delivery solutions that enable rapid and cost-effective fiber-fed deployment in communications networks and data centers



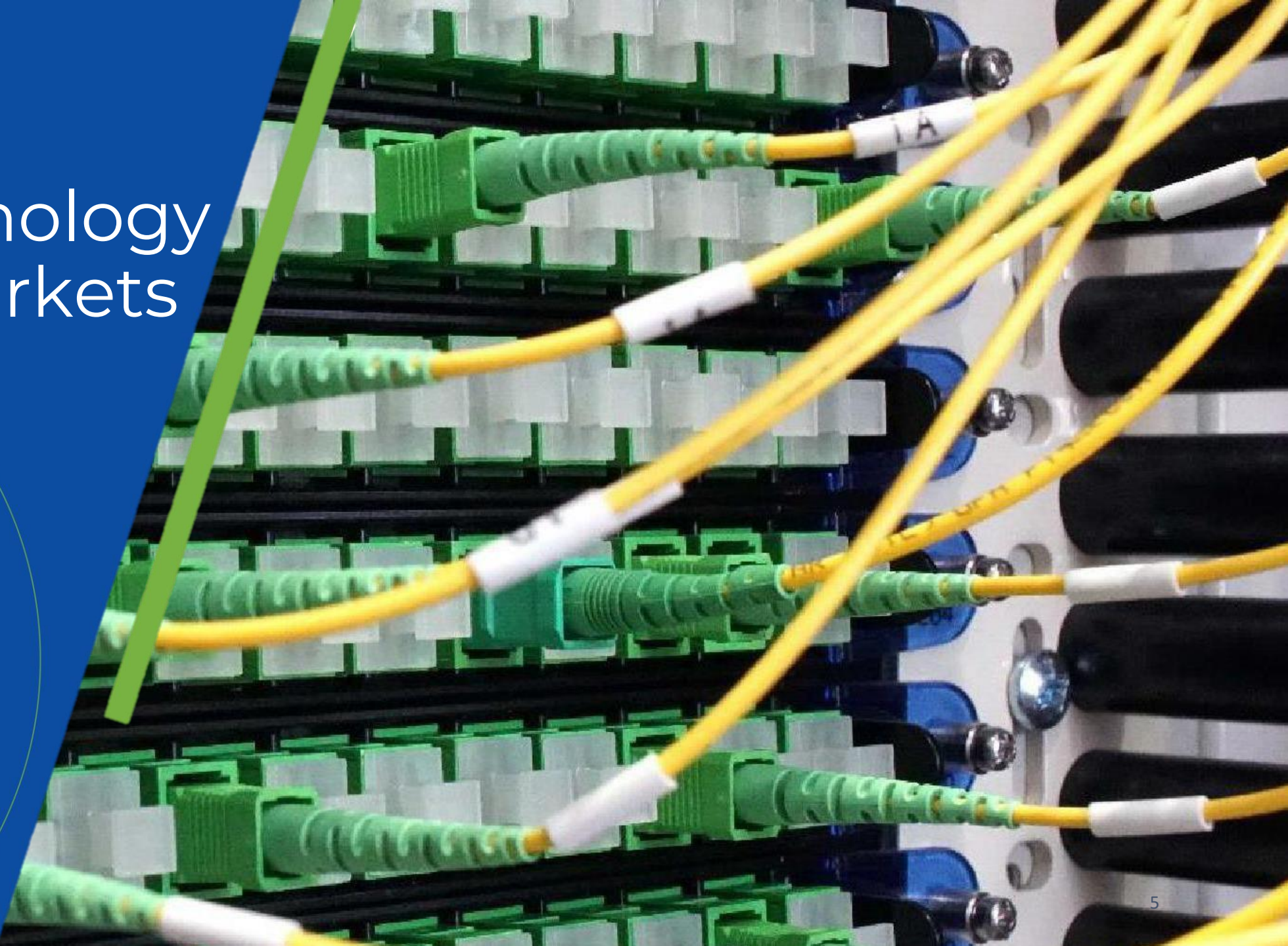
# Why We Win

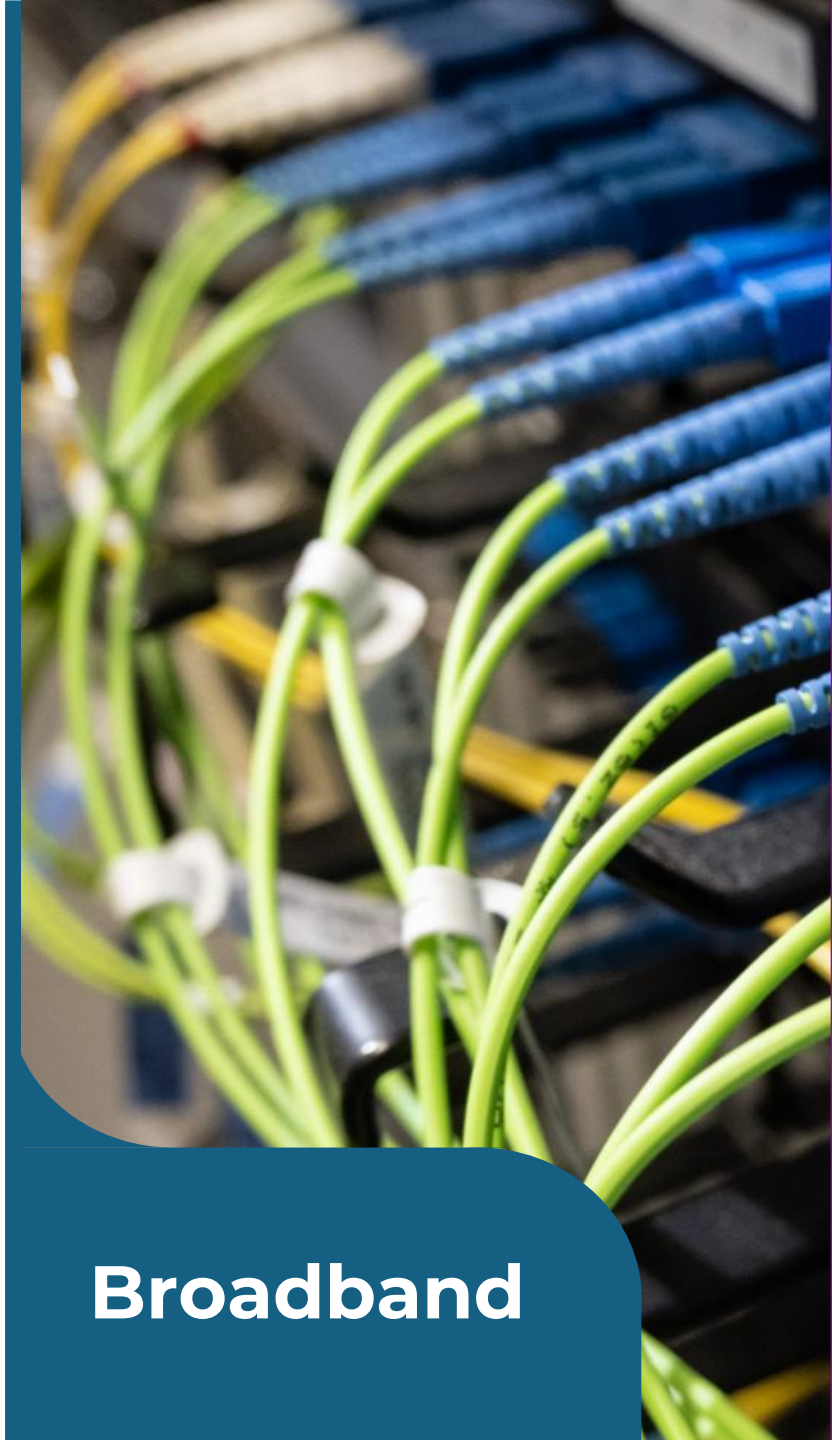
- Attractive Total Cost of Ownership through Reduced Installation Cost and Maintenance Time
- Customer Testing Shows Clearfield's FastPass™ Approach Cuts Install Time Required for Homes Passed by 50%
- Singularly Focused on Serving the Fiber Market
- Delivery of a Comprehensive Solution with Unsurpassed Technical Support
- Commitment to Quality and Customers



Providing Optimized Price Performance and Deep Technical Expertise

# Product and Technology Across Markets





**Broadband**






**Wireless**



**Data Center**

# Our Scalable, Uniform & Cost-Effective Product Platform

Fiber Management			Fiber Protection & Delivery
<b>FieldSmart® Passive Architecture</b>  <p>Passive panels, frames, cabinets, wall boxes, and pedestals for the inside plant, outside plant and access network</p>	<b>FieldSmart® Active Architecture</b>  <p>Powered cabinets for the outside plant and access network</p>	<b>Clearview®</b>  <p>Patented cassettes that connect multiple fiber optic cables</p>	<b>FieldShield® &amp; YOURx®</b>  <p>Fiber pathway and protection system consisting of microducts, cables, drop cables, connectors and terminals</p>

## Value Propositions

✓ Craft-friendly – requires less skilled labor and overall labor time

✓ Designed to reduce permitting and right-of-way

✓ Faster turn-up time for quicker revenue per subscriber

# Modular and Scalable Products

FieldSmart®  
FiberFlex Active  
Cabinets



CraftSmart®  
FiberFirst Pedestal



CraftSmart® Fiber  
Protection Vault



CraftSmart®  
Deploy Reel TAP  
Box



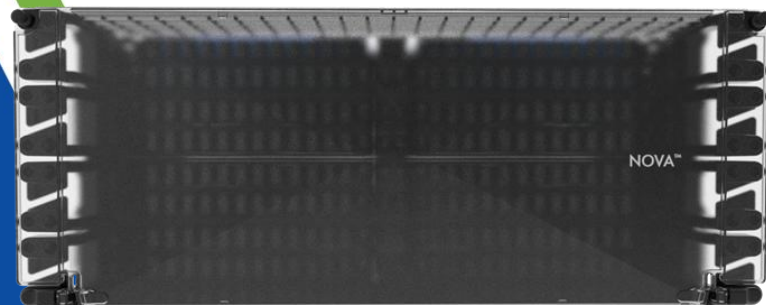
TetherSmart®  
Terminal and  
Hardened  
Connectors



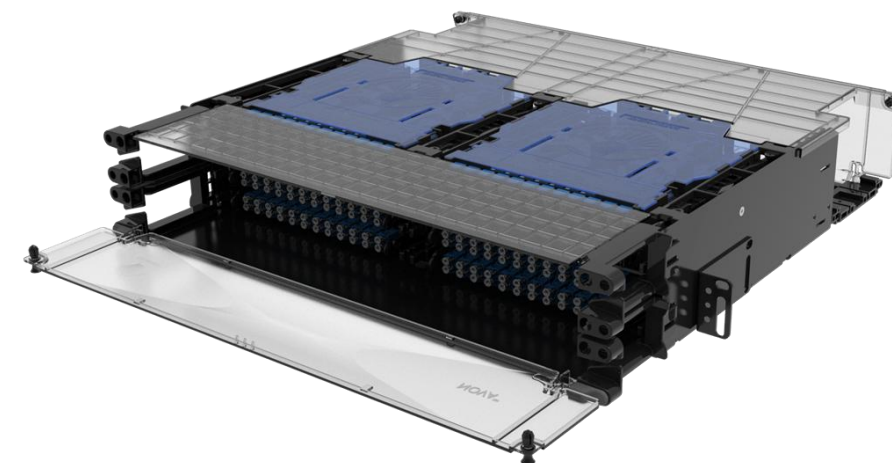
Clearview®  
Cassette



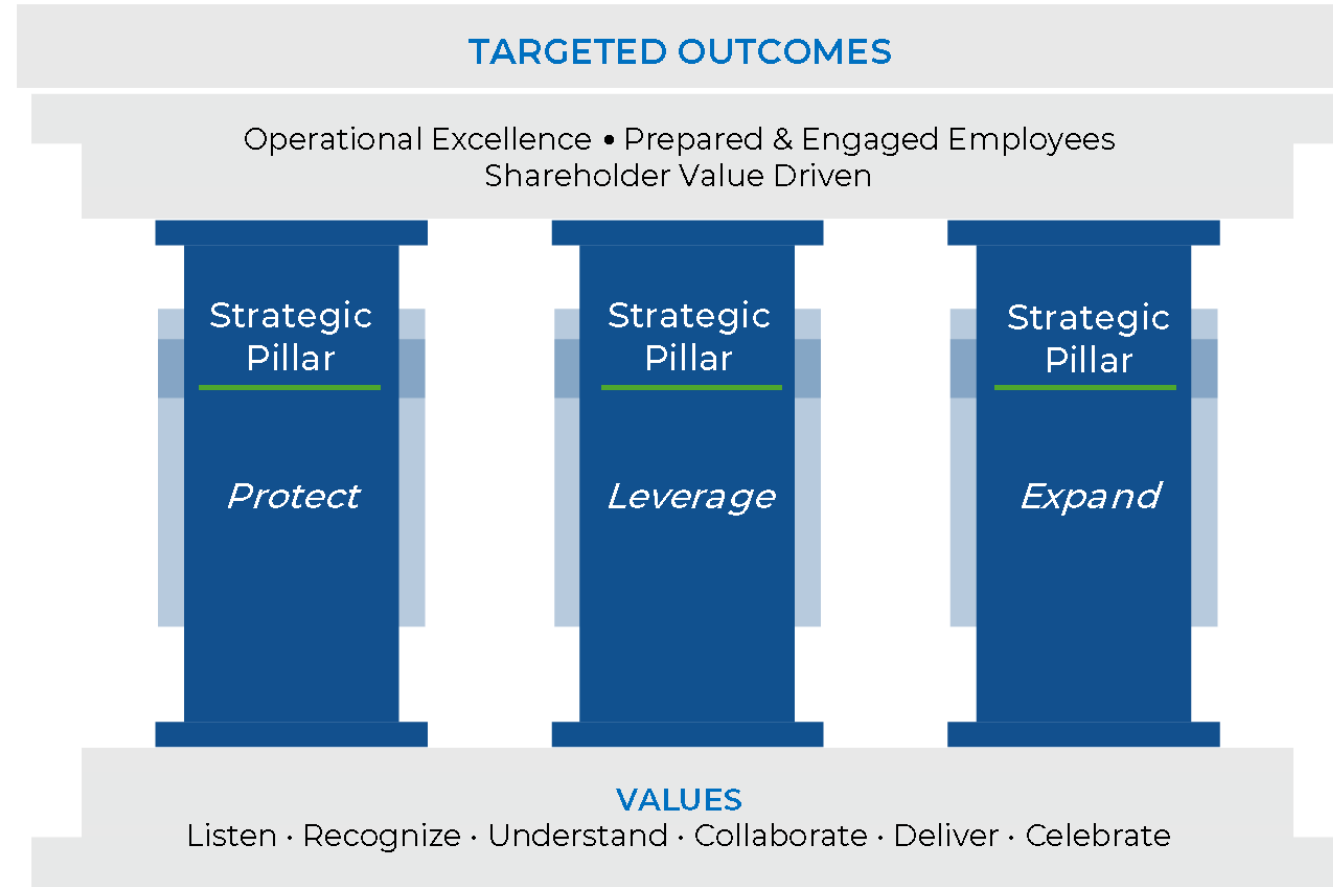
# Clearfield NOVA™ High Density Panel



- **NOVA™** makes fiber infrastructure simpler, smarter, and ready for tomorrow; whether building **hyperscale data center**, a **co-location edge**, or a **high-demand enterprise network**
- Building on the legacy cassette, **NOVA™ Cassette** is a modular, field-friendly solution simplifies deployment, reduces downtime, and scales effortlessly
- **Cassette features** a tool-less installation and integrated **patented designation card**; reducing installation time by 40% while **improving** first-pass yield and network reliability
- Used **market research** and **Voice of Customer** data to provide a product customers and distributors are excited about



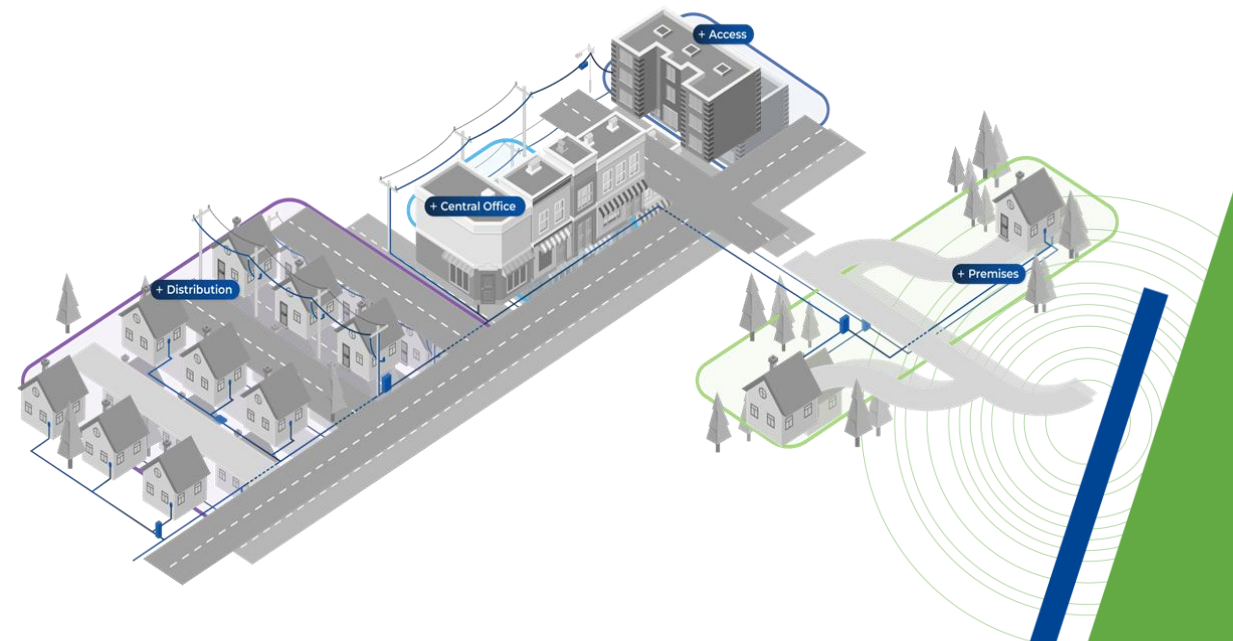
# Three Pillar Growth Strategy



Clearfield Will Use its Position as a Leading Provider of Fiber Distribution and Management Equipment in the Tier 2 and Tier 3 U.S. Broadband Service Provider Market for Continued Growth

# Broadband Connectivity for Residential and Commercial Networks

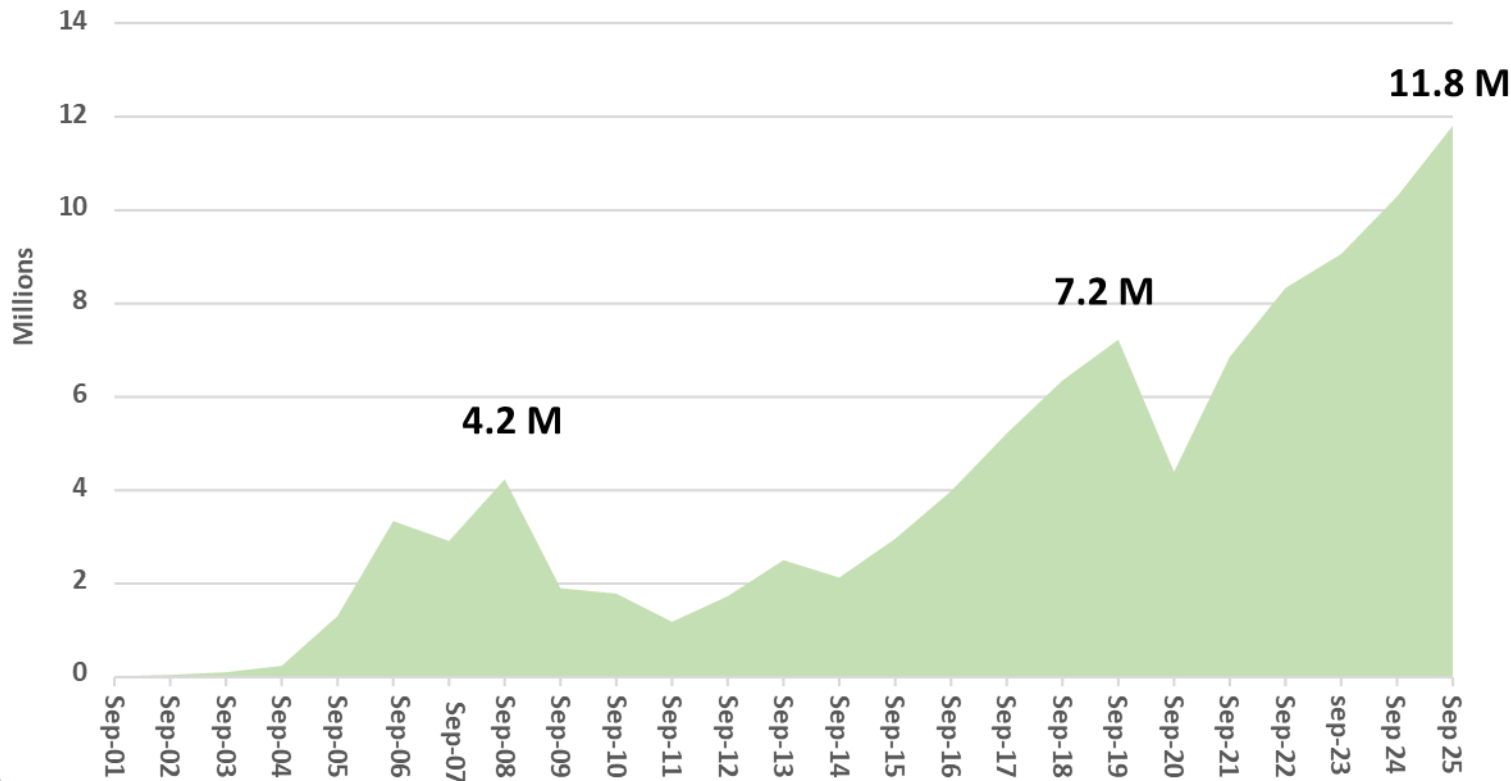
- Clearfield’s field-proven platform delivers faster installs, lower labor costs, and predictable performance across residential and commercial broadband networks.
- Trusted by municipalities, cooperatives, ISPs, Tribal Nations, and carriers of all sizes to extend fiber the right way- reliably and economically.
- Our craft-friendly products like FieldShield<sup>®</sup>, YOURx<sup>®</sup>, and CraftSmart<sup>®</sup> reduce time to connect and ensure every home passed becomes a home connected.



# MARKET UPDATE - BROADBAND

## 2025 Sets A New Record For The Highest Annual FTTH Growth

**Annual Homes-Marketed (All Years Ending Q3)  
2025 FBA/RVA Provider Study**



Source: RVA (12/9/2025)

**11.8M**

Homes Passed by Network Operators in the Twelve Months Ending 9/30/25

**98.3M**

Cumulative Homes Passed by Network Operators Year-To-Date

**8.4M**

Unique Homes Newly Passed by Network Operators in the Twelve Months Ending 9/30/25

**84.6M**

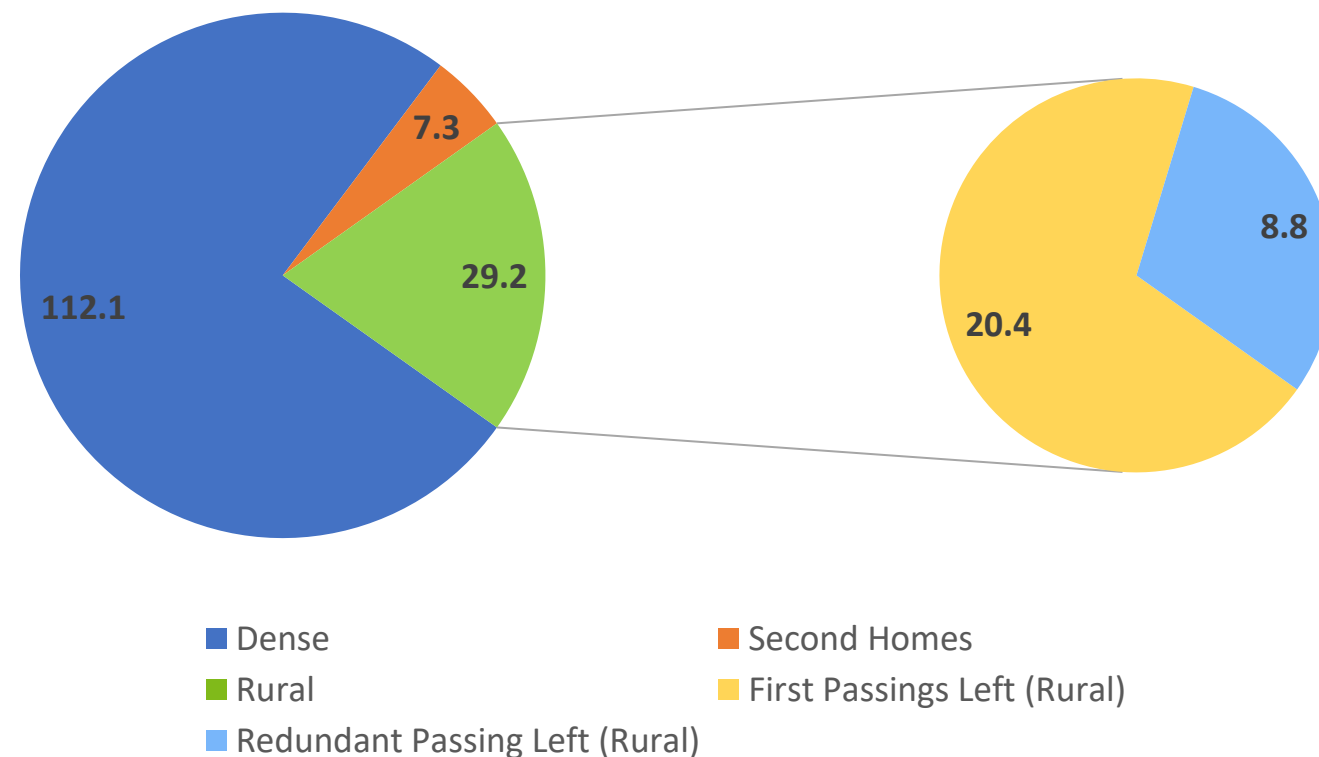
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# MARKET UPDATE: BROADBAND – RURAL, OUR SWEET SPOT

## Estimated Rural TAM of \$6 Billion Over Ten Years

- Projected \$50/HH passed (29.2 Million HHs)
- Projected \$250/HH connected (40% take-rate)
- Estimated 8.8mn/HH with at least Two Fiber Providers

**Estimated Number of Passings by Household Category in Millions**



*\*Forecast assumes 10M in household growth and 2M rural not buildable (off grid). The number of redundant passings is most speculative.  
Source: RVA (12/10/2024), Clearfield*

# Broadband Connectivity

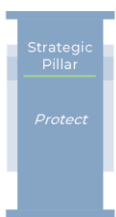
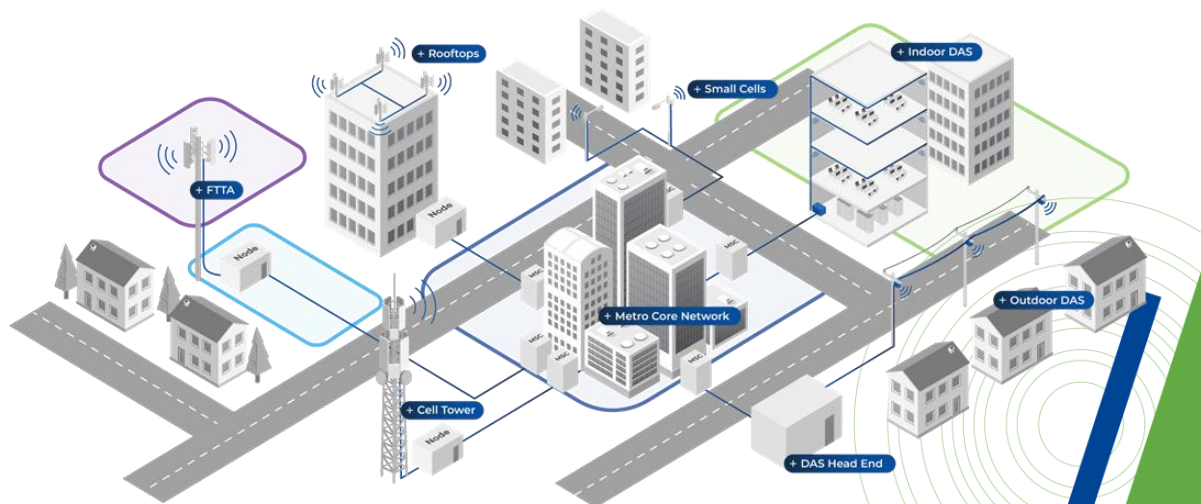
## Customer Profile: Hawaii Telcom

- Our long-standing relationship with Hawaiian Telcom demonstrates Clearfield's commitment to protecting and strengthening our core broadband market.
- Hawaiian Telcom is working to make Hawaii the first fully fiber-enabled state, supported by our modular, craft-friendly solutions designed for efficiency and reliability.
- Clearview Blue Cassettes, FieldSmart FxDS frames, and PON cabinets provide the flexibility and speed Hawaiian Telcom needs to deploy fiber efficiently across challenging terrain.
- By delivering dependable products that perform in challenging environments, we reinforce our leadership in rural and community broadband.



# Fiber Connectivity Solutions for Next-Gen Wireless Networks

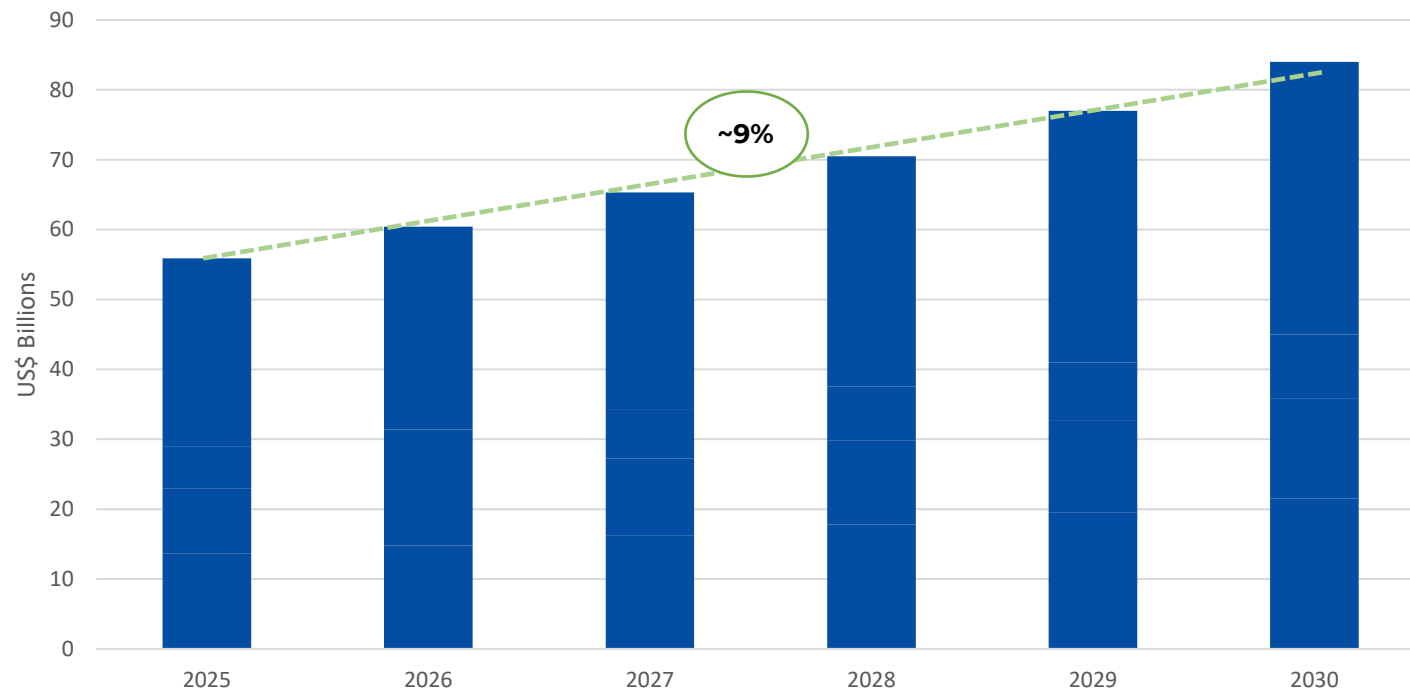
- Clearfield enables rapid, repeatable, and cost-effective deployments across 5G, Fixed Wireless Access (FWA), C-RAN, and O-RAN environments.
- Our portfolio supports every segment of the wireless network from Metro Core to Cell Site, ensuring scalable, low-latency connectivity.
- As operators densify networks and shift toward virtualized architectures, Clearfield provides modular, field-ready solutions that keep pace with evolving demands.
- With a practical, field-engineered approach, we help customers deploy faster, connect more, and control costs- the same Clearfield advantage, expanded to wireless.



# MARKET UPDATE – WIRELESS

## Infrastructure Investment Momentum Driving the Next Phase of 5G Growth

U.S. Wireless Network Infrastructure Growth Forecast 2025-2030



Source: Dell’Oro Group, Omdia, Grand View Research, SNS Insider

**\$20B**

U.S. Backhaul market by 2030 – 5G densification drives fiber transport demand

**\$13B**

U.S. Small Cell market by 2030 – urban densification and private networks

**\$8B**

U.S. Indoor / Outdoor DAS market by 2030 – venues & campuses expand coverage

**\$37B**

U.S. Metro Core market by 2030 – wireless backhaul links into fiber core

# Connectivity for Wireless Backhaul

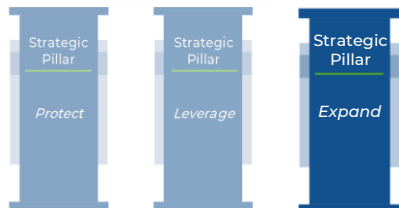
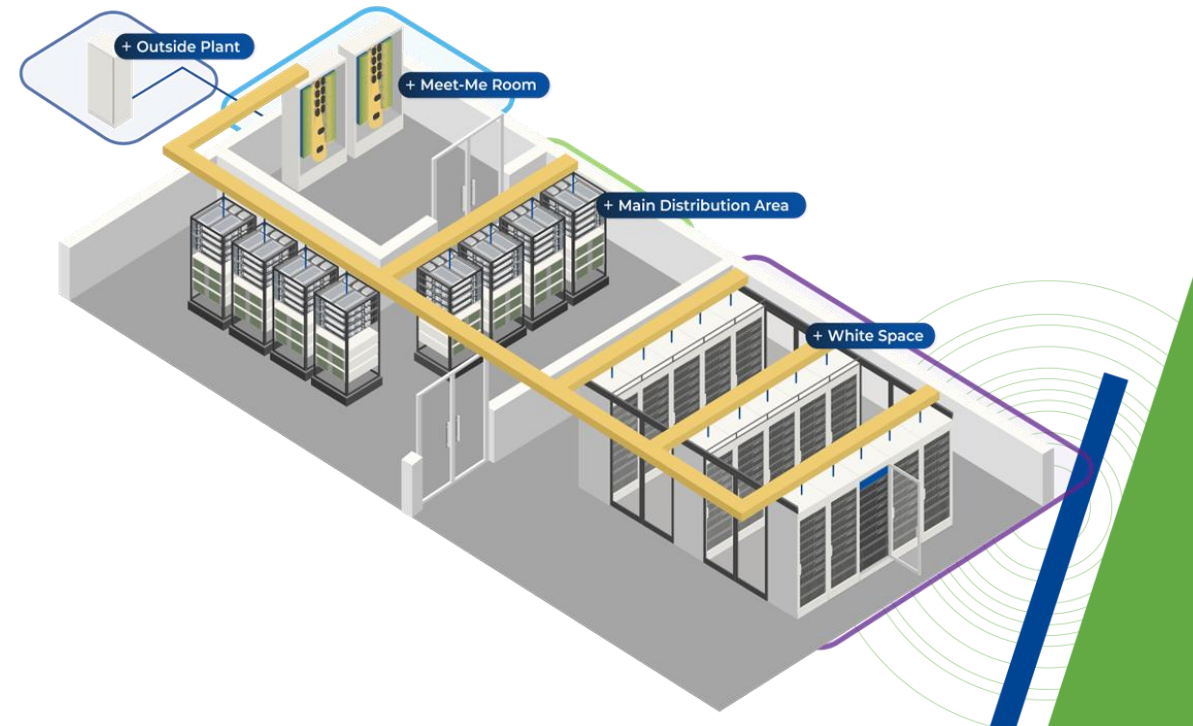
## Customer Profile: Ziplly Fiber

- The modularity, scalability, and reliability that define our broadband leadership now enable us to connect data-intensive applications closer to the user.
- Our powered cabinets and fiber-management platforms let service providers, such as Ziplly, use their existing fiber to support edge compute, wireless backhaul, and low-latency local services.
- By extending our broadband expertise into edge and wireless environments, we help customers turn their existing networks into new platforms for growth.



# Redefining Fiber Simplicity for the Data Center

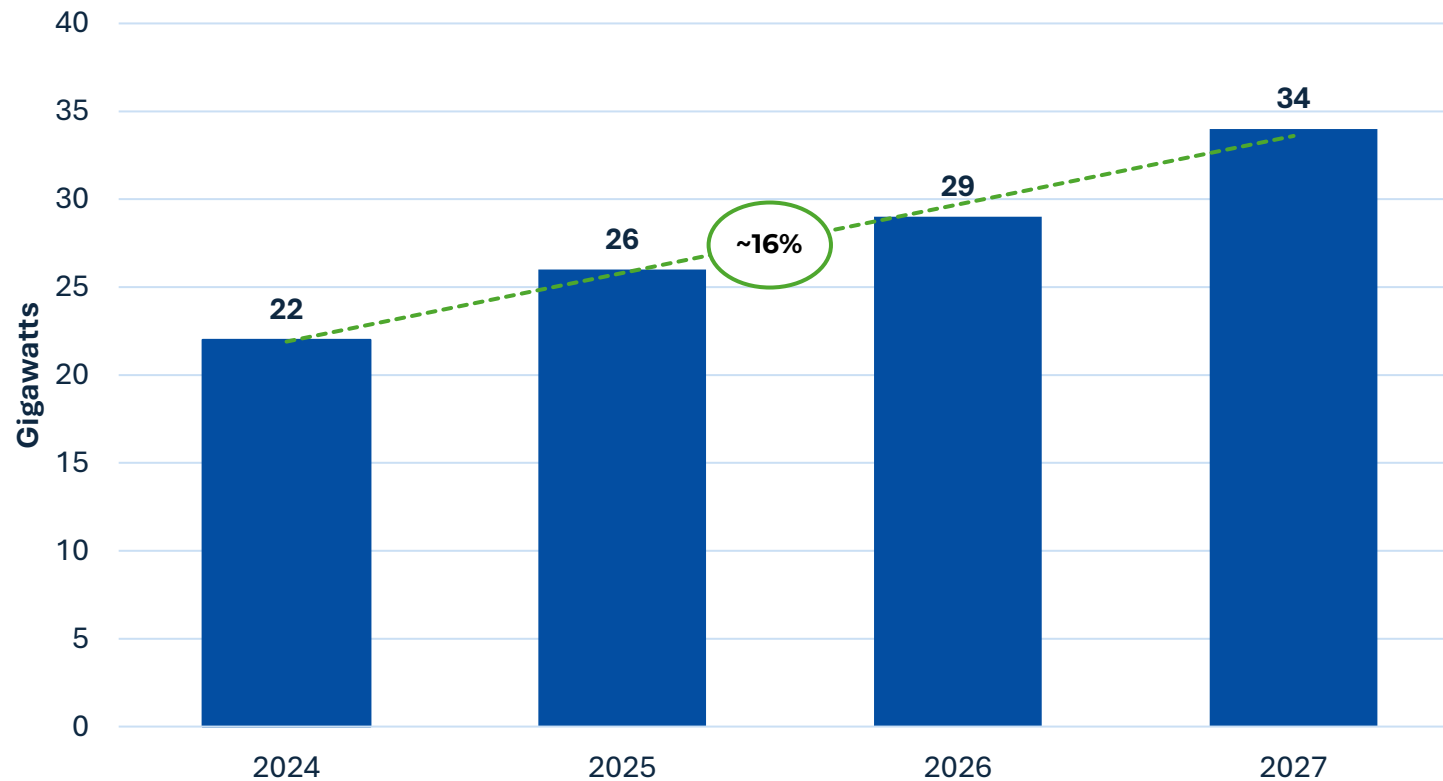
- Clearfield brings 20+ years of fiber-deployment expertise to simplify the physical layer for data centers and edge facilities.
- Engineered for low-latency, edge-ready environments, Clearfield connects compute to users with the same field-tested reliability trusted in broadband.



# MARKET UPDATE – DATA CENTER

## Strong Momentum in NA Data Center Capacity Driven by AI Investment

**NA Data Center Capacity (gigawatts) 2023-2027**



Source: JLL, Mckinsey, Dell'Oro Group

**~16%**

CAGR of Gigawatts installed across North America.

**\$500B**

capital investment in data center infrastructure by 2030

**800G**

optics adoption is driving high-density fiber architectures.

**x4**

fiber connections required in AI cluster compared to traditional data center.

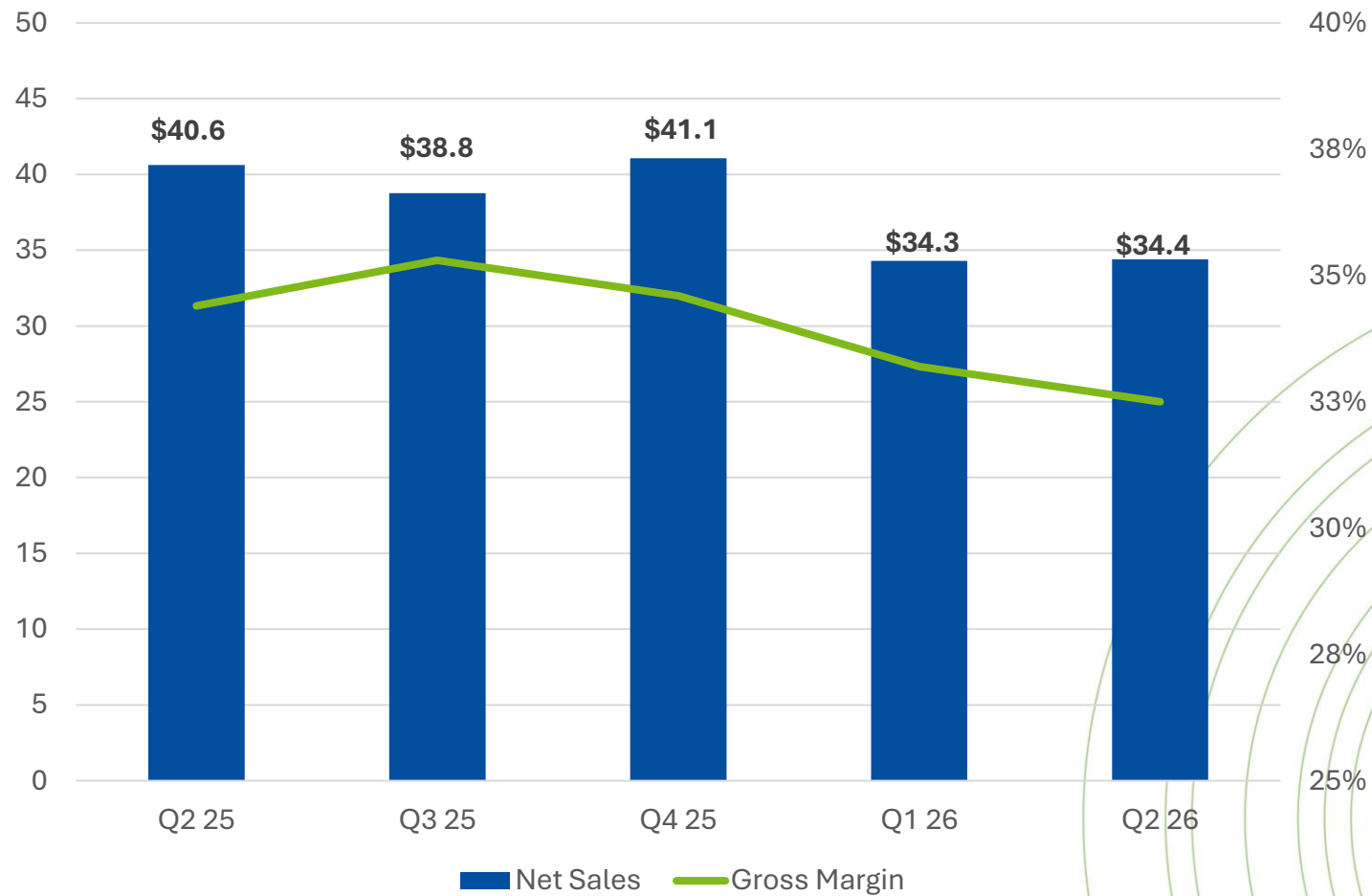
# Financial Performance



# FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

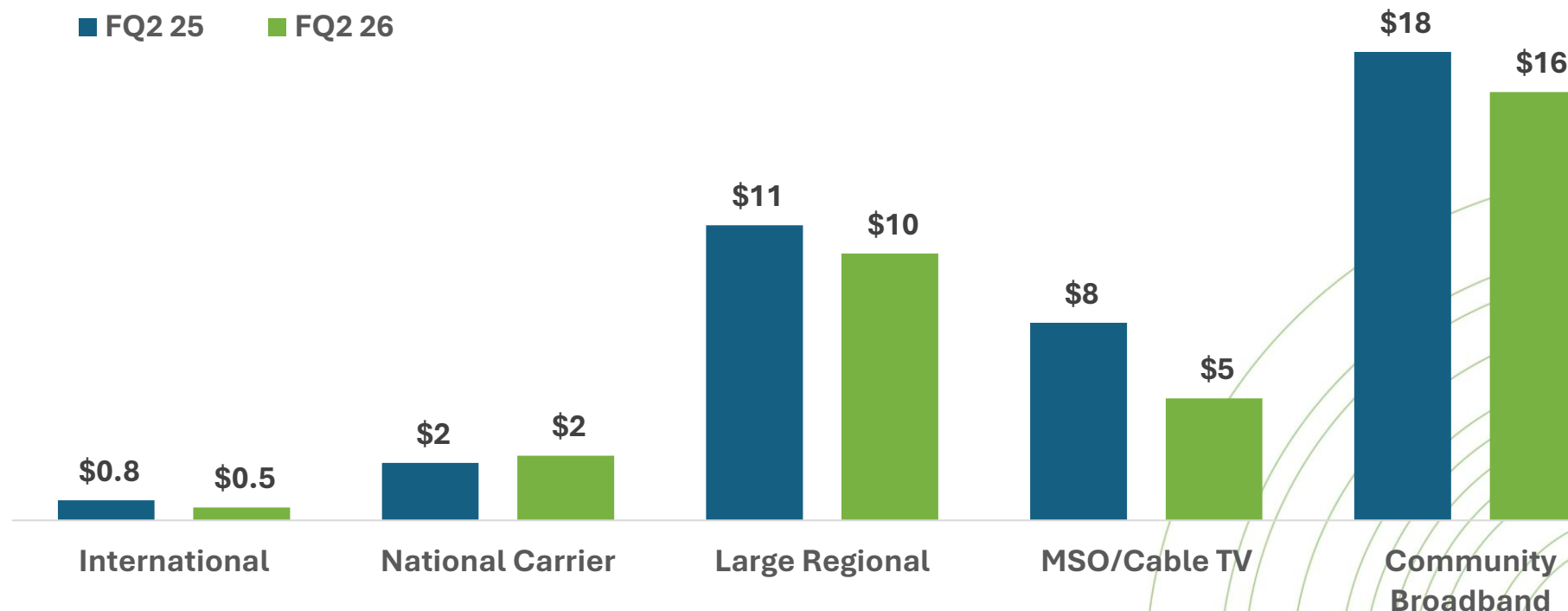
## Revenue and Gross Profit Trends

\$ in millions



# Net Sales Comparison by Market

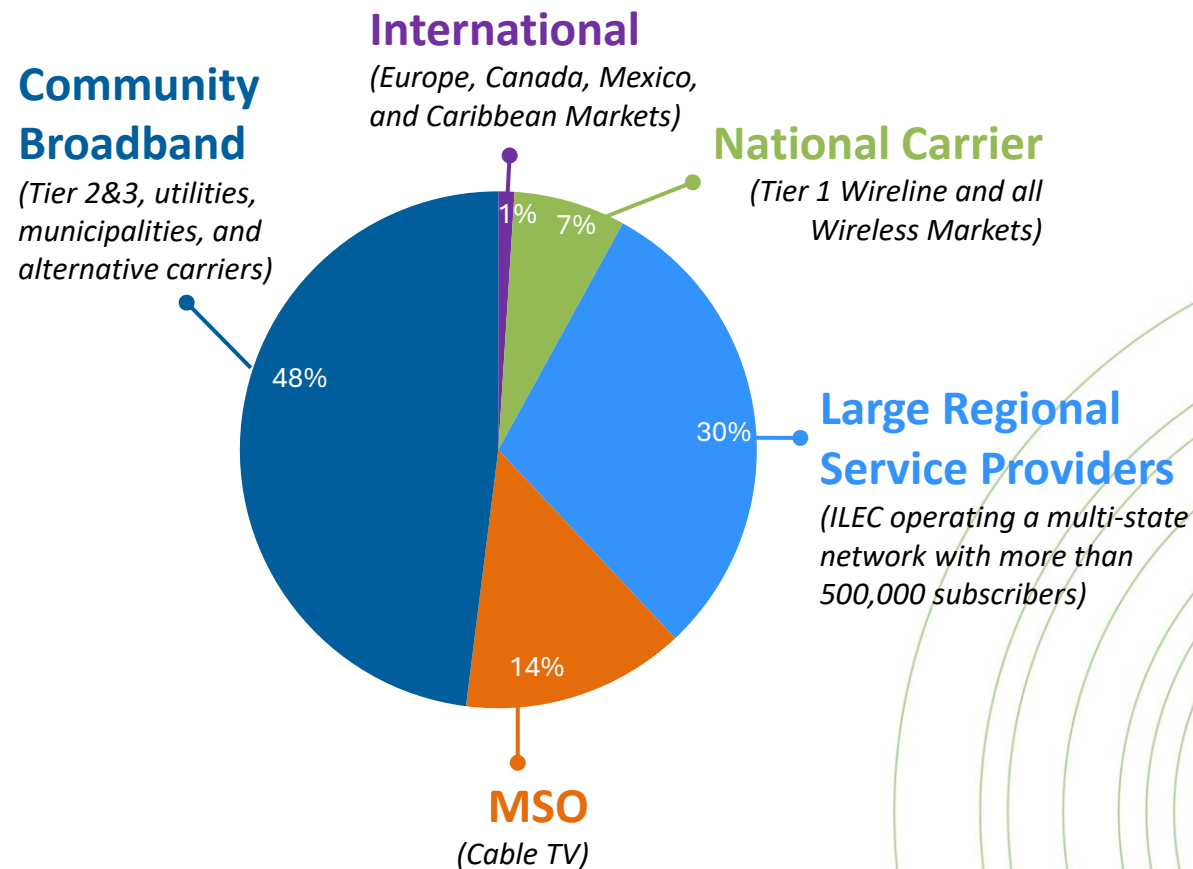
Quarterly Net Sales<sup>1</sup>



All dollar figures in millions

<sup>1</sup>Based on net sales of \$34.4 million for Clearfield and Point of Sales (POS) reporting from distributors who resell our product line into these markets. The Company previously listed Legacy Market in this slide. However, the Company no longer serves this market as it divested itself of its copper product line manufacturing in FY25 Q4 and sales for FY26 Q2 were immaterial.

# Q2 FY26 Net Sales Composition Ended 3/31/26<sup>1</sup>

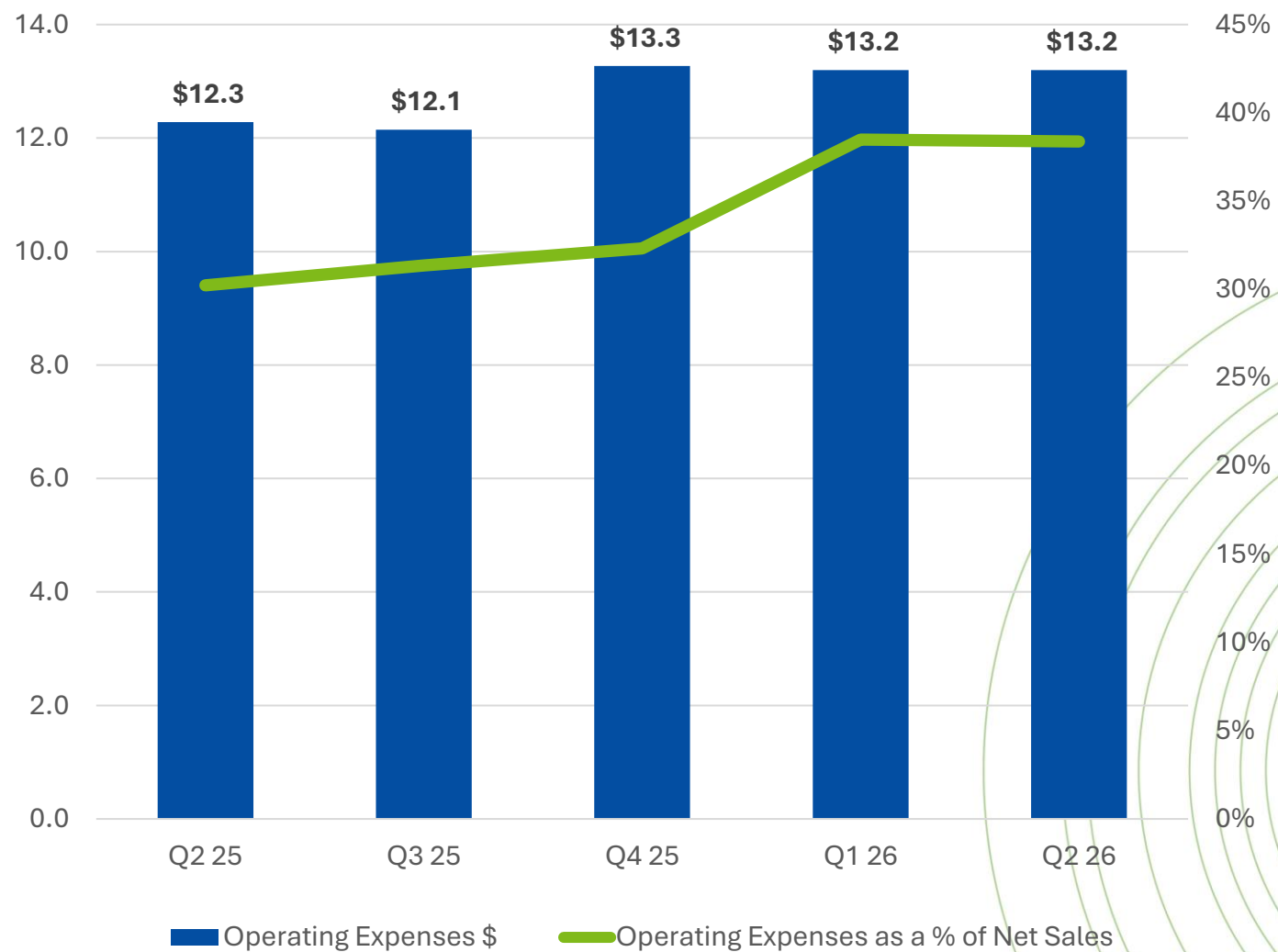


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# FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

## Operating Expenses

\$ in millions

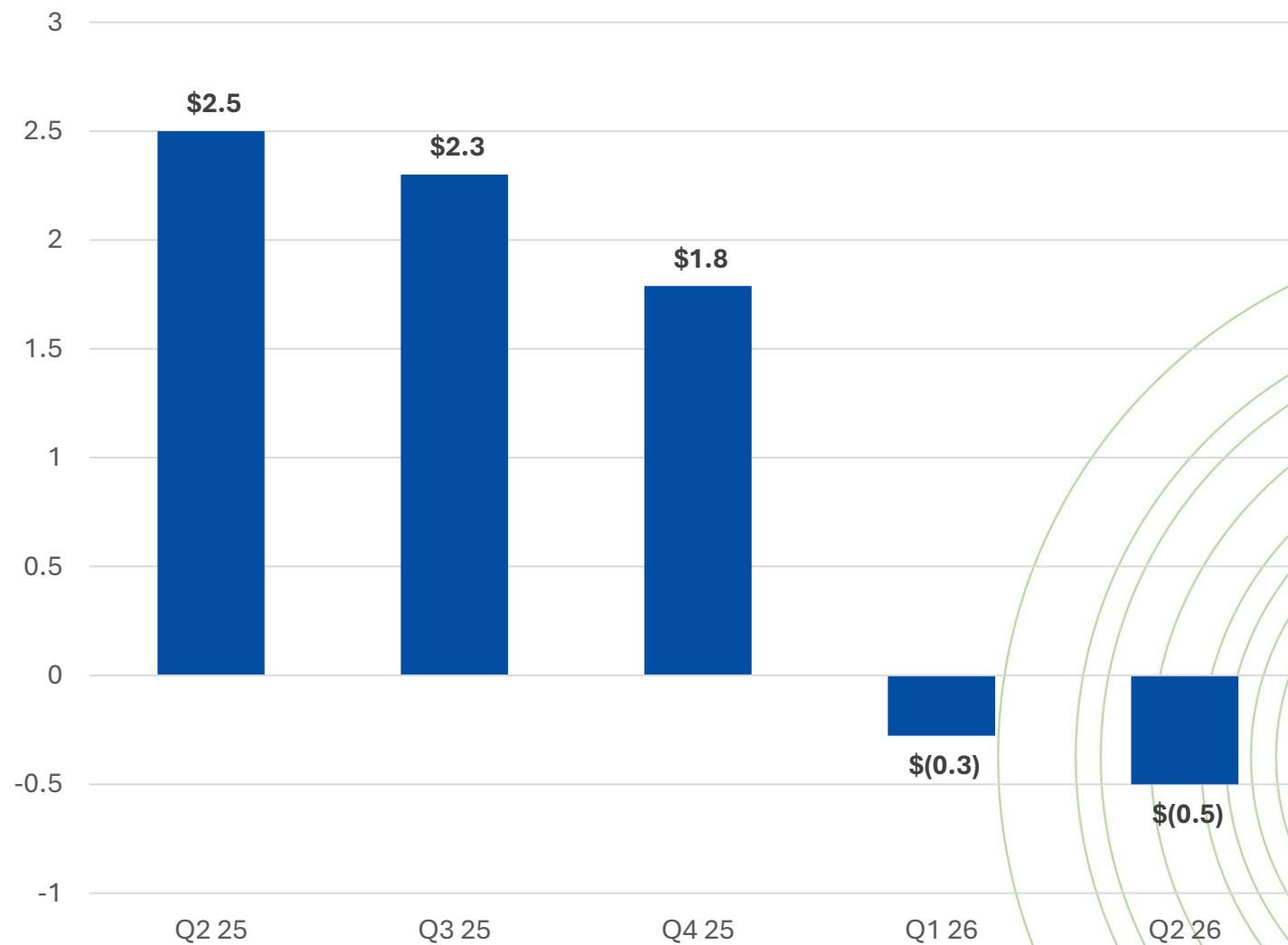


# FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

## Net Income

\$ in millions

### Quarterly Net (Loss) Income



## FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

# Balance Sheet at March 31, 2026

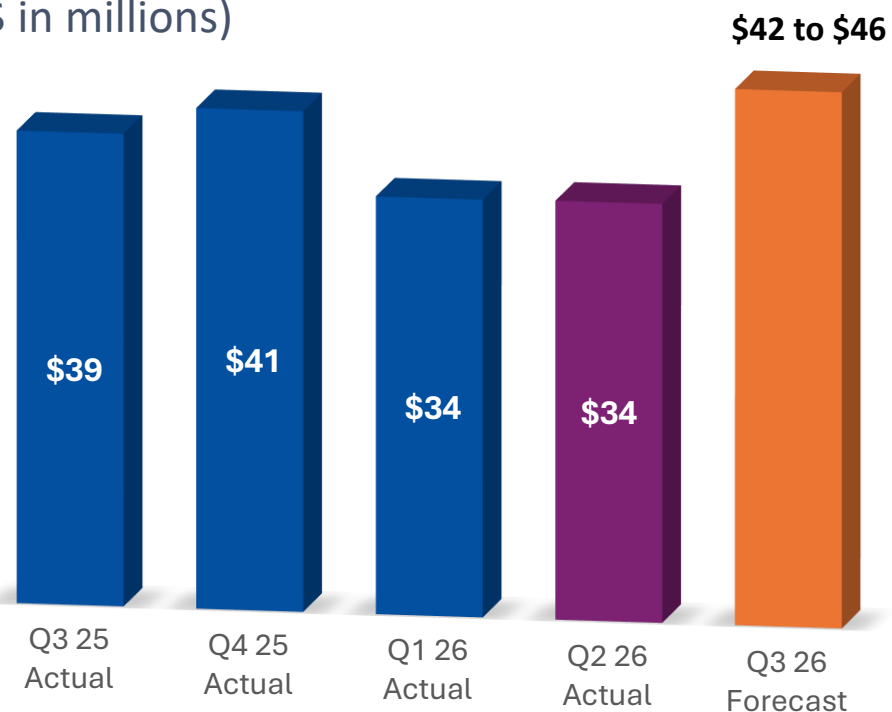
- The Company's balance sheet remains strong with \$147 million in cash, short-term and long-term investments, and no debt.
- The Company repurchased 237,000 shares for \$7.3 million during the 3-month period ended March 31, 2026. Our share buyback authorization was increased from \$65 million to \$85 million in November 2025. The Company had \$15.9 million available for additional repurchases as of March 31, 2026.
- Backed by our healthy balance sheet and renewed focus on our core North American operations, we believe we are well positioned to pursue larger customer opportunities and strategic initiatives to strengthen our market position and expand our product portfolio.

# Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2026 Highlights

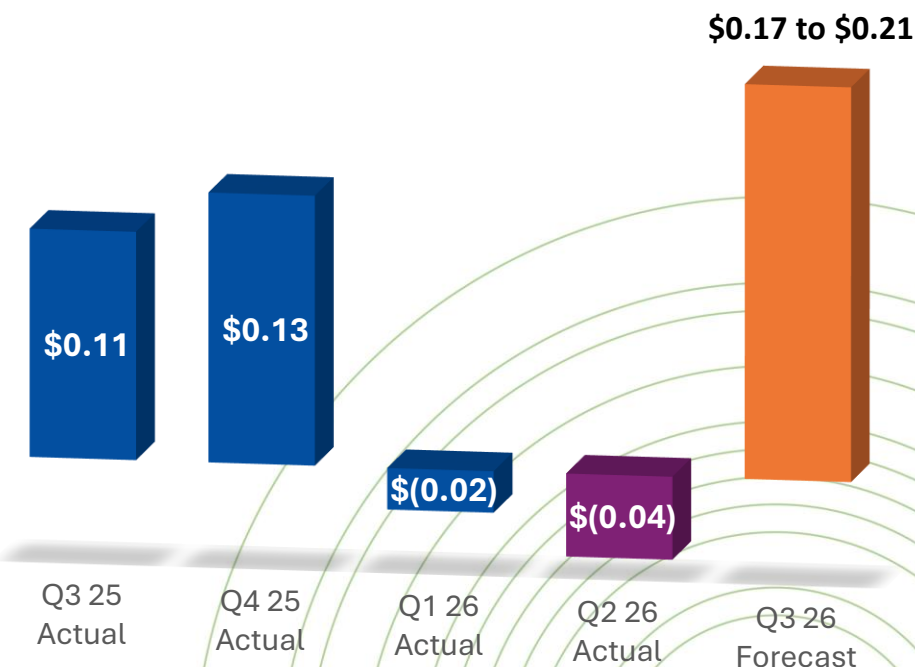
- Net sales from continuing operations of \$34.4 million and net loss per share from continuing operations of \$0.04, both toward top end of guidance range.
- Order backlog increased 39% from December 31, 2025, to \$31.6 million.
- Share buybacks totaled \$7.3 million with \$15.9 million remaining available for repurchase.

# Fiscal 2026 Financial Outlook

Quarterly Net Sales  
(\$ in millions)



Net Income (Loss) Per Share  
(\$)



**Annual Net Sales of \$160M to \$170M**  
**Annual Net Income Per Share \$0.48 to \$0.62**

*All figures are presented on a continuing operations basis, consistent with Clearfield's fiscal year 2025 financial statements. FY26 Q3 and fiscal year 2026 net sales and net income per diluted share guidance issued are effective as of May 6, 2026. The Company's FY 26 Q3 and full fiscal year 2026 guidance reflects the potential supply chain constraints of optical fiber, as well as our current understanding of the impact of the evolving tariff situation, which could contribute to uncertainty in our business and in the macroeconomic environment.*

# Executive Management Team



**Cheri Beranek**

*President & Chief Executive Officer*

- Co-founded Clearfield in 2008
- One of twelve CEOs to receive the Ernst & Young 2023 Entrepreneur Of The Year National Award
- Previously President of APA Cables & Networks (Clearfield's predecessor organization)
- Over 20 years of experience in executive roles at high-growth tech companies, including Americable, Transition Networks, and Digi International



**Daniel Herzog**

*Chief Financial Officer*

- CFO of Clearfield since 2011
- Previously Chief Financial Officer of Americable (which was acquired by Clearfield's predecessor organization, APA Cables and Networks)
- Held financial leadership roles in both public and private companies, including Schwing America and Computer Designed Systems



**Johnny Hill**

*Chief Operating Officer*

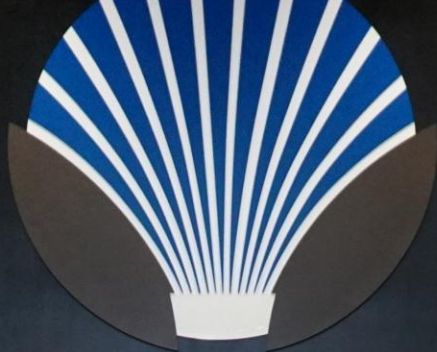
- Co-founded Clearfield in 2008
- Previously VP of engineering and product management
- Over 15 years of strategic and hands-on experience in the telecommunications networking industry



**Anis Khemakhem**

*Chief Commercial Officer*

- CMO of Clearfield since 2025
- Previously held leadership positions at Clearfield, Amphenol and Carlisle Interconnect Technologies
- Has experience in strategic development from his time as Senior Market Development and Strategy Manager at TE Connectivity and earlier as a Senior Development Engineer at ADC Telecommunications



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