
UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 10-Q

(Mark one)

☒ QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2014

OR

☐ TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number: 1-8606

Verizon Communications Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

23-2259884

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

140 West Street

New York, New York

(Address of principal executive offices)

10007

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (212) 395-1000

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer ☒

Accelerated filer ☐

Non-accelerated filer ☐ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company ☐

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

At June 30, 2014, 4,145,232,133 shares of the registrant's common stock were outstanding, after deducting 97,142,107 shares held in treasury.

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Part I - Financial Information

Item 1. Financial Statements

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income Verizon Communications Inc. and Subsidiaries

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
(dollars in millions, except per share amounts) (unaudited)	2014	2013	2014	2013
Operating Revenues	\$ 31,483	\$ 29,786	\$ 62,301	\$ 59,206
Operating Expenses				
Cost of services and sales (exclusive of items shown below)	12,087	11,033	23,276	21,965
Selling, general and administrative expense	7,550	8,047	15,882	16,195
Depreciation and amortization expense	4,161	4,151	8,298	8,269
Total Operating Expenses	23,798	23,231	47,456	46,429
Operating Income	7,685	6,555	14,845	12,777
Equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated businesses	(43)	120	1,859	115
Other income and (expense), net	66	25	(828)	64
Interest expense	(1,164)	(514)	(2,378)	(1,051)
Income Before Provision For Income Taxes	6,544	6,186	13,498	11,905
Provision for income taxes	(2,220)	(988)	(3,188)	(1,852)
Net Income	\$ 4,324	\$ 5,198	\$ 10,310	\$ 10,053
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	\$ 110	\$ 2,952	\$ 2,149	\$ 5,855
Net income attributable to Verizon	4,214	2,246	8,161	4,198
Net Income	\$ 4,324	\$ 5,198	\$ 10,310	\$ 10,053
Basic Earnings Per Common Share				
Net income attributable to Verizon	\$ 1.02	\$.78	\$ 2.15	\$ 1.46
Weighted-average shares outstanding (in millions)	4,147	2,865	3,789	2,866
Diluted Earnings Per Common Share				
Net income attributable to Verizon	\$ 1.01	\$.78	\$ 2.15	\$ 1.46
Weighted-average shares outstanding (in millions)	4,153	2,872	3,795	2,873
Dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.530	\$ 0.515	\$ 1.060	\$ 1.030

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income
Verizon Communications Inc. and Subsidiaries

(dollars in millions) (unaudited)	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net Income	\$ 4,324	\$ 5,198	\$ 10,310	\$ 10,053
Other comprehensive loss, net of taxes				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	9	12	(940)	(136)
Unrealized loss on cash flow hedges	(81)	(12)	(164)	(18)
Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities	11	(26)	12	(15)
Defined benefit pension and postretirement plans	(41)	(36)	(78)	(72)
Other comprehensive loss attributable to Verizon	(102)	(62)	(1,170)	(241)
Other comprehensive loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	(3)	(23)	(15)
Total Comprehensive Income	\$ 4,222	\$ 5,133	\$ 9,117	\$ 9,797
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	\$ 110	\$ 2,949	\$ 2,126	\$ 5,840
Comprehensive income attributable to Verizon	4,112	2,184	6,991	3,957
Total Comprehensive Income	\$ 4,222	\$ 5,133	\$ 9,117	\$ 9,797

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
Verizon Communications Inc. and Subsidiaries

(dollars in millions, except per share amounts) (unaudited)	At June 30, 2014	At December 31, 2013
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,776	\$ 53,528
Short-term investments	648	601
Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$628 and \$645	12,966	12,439
Inventories	1,073	1,020
Prepaid expenses and other	2,424	3,406
Total current assets	22,887	70,994
Plant, property and equipment	227,475	220,865
Less accumulated depreciation	137,763	131,909
	89,712	88,956
Investments in unconsolidated businesses	852	3,432
Wireless licenses	75,270	75,747
Goodwill	24,663	24,634
Other intangible assets, net	5,781	5,800
Other assets	5,262	4,535
Total assets	\$ 224,427	\$ 274,098
Liabilities and Equity		
Current liabilities		
Debt maturing within one year	\$ 2,283	\$ 3,933
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	16,521	16,453
Other	7,689	6,664
Total current liabilities	26,493	27,050
Long-term debt	107,696	89,658
Employee benefit obligations	26,342	27,682
Deferred income taxes	42,027	28,639
Other liabilities	5,857	5,653
Equity		
Series preferred stock (\$.10 par value; none issued)	—	—
Common stock (\$.10 par value; 4,242,374,240 and 2,967,610,119 shares issued in each period, respectively)	424	297
Contributed capital	11,038	37,939
Reinvested earnings	5,551	1,782
Accumulated other comprehensive income	1,188	2,358
Common stock in treasury, at cost	(3,638)	(3,961)
Deferred compensation – employee stock ownership plans and other	338	421
Noncontrolling interests	1,111	56,580
Total equity	16,012	95,416
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 224,427	\$ 274,098

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
Verizon Communications Inc. and Subsidiaries

	Six Months Ended	
	June 30,	
(dollars in millions) (unaudited)	2014	2013
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net Income	\$ 10,310	\$ 10,053
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization expense	8,298	8,269
Employee retirement benefits	562	354
Deferred income taxes	253	1,812
Provision for uncollectible accounts	473	507
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated businesses, net of dividends received	(1,841)	(95)
Changes in current assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisition/disposition of businesses	(847)	(1,660)
Other, net	(2,404)	(2,092)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>14,804</u>	<u>17,148</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Capital expenditures (including capitalized software)	(8,494)	(7,616)
Acquisitions of investments and businesses, net of cash acquired	(179)	(76)
Acquisitions of wireless licenses	(271)	(264)
Proceeds from dispositions of wireless licenses	2,367	–
Other, net	231	121
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(6,346)</u>	<u>(7,835)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	20,245	499
Repayments of long-term borrowings and capital lease obligations	(11,317)	(2,330)
Increase (decrease) in short-term obligations, excluding current maturities	279	(432)
Dividends paid	(3,583)	(2,946)
Proceeds from sale of common stock	34	74
Purchase of common stock for treasury	–	(153)
Special distribution to noncontrolling interest	–	(3,150)
Acquisition of noncontrolling interest	(58,886)	–
Other, net	(2,982)	(2,180)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(56,210)</u>	<u>(10,618)</u>
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(47,752)	(1,305)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	53,528	3,093
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	<u>\$ 5,776</u>	<u>\$ 1,788</u>

See Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements
Verizon Communications Inc. and Subsidiaries
(Unaudited)

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared based upon Securities and Exchange Commission rules that permit reduced disclosure for interim periods. For a more complete discussion of significant accounting policies and certain other information, you should refer to the financial statements included in the Verizon Communications Inc. (Verizon or the Company) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013. These financial statements reflect all adjustments that are necessary for a fair presentation of results of operations and financial condition for the interim periods shown including normal recurring accruals and other items. The results for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results for the full year. We have reclassified certain prior year amounts to conform to the current year presentation. Effective January 1, 2014, we have also reclassified the results of certain businesses, such as development stage businesses that support our strategic initiatives, from our Wireline segment to Corporate, eliminations and other. The impact of this reclassification was not material to our condensed consolidated financial statements.

Revenue Recognition

We offer new and existing customers the option to participate in Verizon Edge, a program that provides eligible wireless customers with the ability to pay for handsets under an equipment installment plan. Under the Verizon Edge program, customers have the right to upgrade their handset after a minimum of 30 days, subject to certain conditions, including making a stated portion of the required device payments, trading in their handset in good working condition and signing a new contract with Verizon. Upon upgrade, the outstanding balance of the equipment installment plan is exchanged for the used handset. This trade-in right is accounted for as a guarantee obligation.

Verizon Edge is a multiple-element arrangement typically consisting of the trade-in right, handset and monthly wireless service. At the inception of the arrangement, the amount allocable to the delivered units of accounting is limited to the amount that is not contingent upon the delivery of the monthly wireless service (the noncontingent amount). The full amount of the trade-in right's fair value (not an allocated value) will be recognized as the guarantee liability and the remaining allocable consideration will be allocated to the handset. The value of the guarantee liability effectively results in a reduction to revenue recognized for the sale of the handset. The guarantee liability is measured at fair value upon initial recognition based on assumptions lacking observable pricing inputs including the probability and timing of the customer upgrading to a new phone, the customer's estimated remaining installment balance at the time of trade-in and the estimated fair value of the phone at the time of trade-in and therefore is classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. When the customer trades-in their used phone, the handset received is recorded to inventory and measured as the difference between the remaining equipment installment plan balance at the time of trade-in and the guarantee liability. The guarantee liability may increase after initial recognition as a result of changes in facts or assumptions and we will account for any increase in the guarantee liability with a corresponding decrease to revenue. The subsequent derecognition of the guarantee liability occurs when the guarantor is released from risk, which will occur at the earlier of the time the trade-in right is exercised or expires.

Leasing Arrangements

At each reporting period, we monitor the credit quality of the various lessees in our portfolios. Regarding the leveraged lease portfolio, we use external credit reports where available and where not available we use internally developed indicators. These indicators or internal credit risk grades factor historic loss experience, the value of the underlying collateral, delinquency trends, and industry and general economic conditions. The credit quality of our lessees primarily varies from AAA to CCC+. For each reporting period the leveraged leases within the portfolio are reviewed for indicators of impairment where it is probable the rent due according to the contractual terms of the lease will not be collected. All significant accounts, individually or in the aggregate, are current and none are classified as impaired.

Earnings Per Common Share

There were a total of approximately 6 million outstanding dilutive securities, primarily consisting of restricted stock units, included in the computation of diluted earnings per common share for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively. There were a total of approximately 7 million outstanding dilutive securities, primarily consisting of restricted stock units, included in the computation of diluted earnings per common share for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013, respectively. There were no outstanding options to purchase shares that would have been anti-dilutive for the three months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Outstanding options to purchase shares that were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per common share, because to do so would have been anti-dilutive for the period, were not significant for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Recently Adopted Accounting Standards

During the first quarter of 2014, we adopted the accounting standard update relating to the presentation of an unrecognized tax benefit when a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward exists. The standard update provides that a liability related to an unrecognized tax benefit should be offset against same jurisdiction deferred tax assets for a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward if such settlement is required or expected in the event the uncertain tax position is disallowed. The adoption of this standard update did not have a significant impact on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

Recent Accounting Standards

In April 2014, the accounting standard update related to the reporting of discontinued operations and disclosures of disposals of components of an entity was issued. This standard update changes the criteria for reporting discontinued operations and enhances convergence of the reporting requirements for discontinued operations. As a result of this standard update, a disposal of a component of an entity or a group of components of an entity is required to be reported in discontinued operations if the disposal represents a strategic shift that has, or will have, a major effect on an entity's operations and financial results. This standard update is effective as of the first quarter of 2015, however, earlier adoption is permitted.

In May 2014, the accounting standard update related to the recognition of revenue from contracts with customers was issued. This standard update clarifies the principles for recognizing revenue and develops a common revenue standard for U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and International Financial Reporting Standards. The standard update intends to provide a more robust framework for addressing revenue issues; improve comparability of revenue recognition practices across entities, industries, jurisdictions, and capital markets; and provide more useful information to users of financial statements through improved disclosure requirements. Upon adoption of this standard update, we expect that the allocation and timing of revenue recognition will be impacted. We expect to adopt this standard update during the first quarter of 2017. We are currently evaluating the impact that this standard update will have on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

In June 2014, the accounting standard update related to the accounting for share-based payments when the terms of an award provide that a performance target could be achieved after the requisite service period was issued. The standard update resolves the diverse accounting treatment for these share-based payments by requiring that a performance target that affects vesting and that could be achieved after the requisite service period be treated as a performance condition. The requisite service period ends when the employee can cease rendering service and still be eligible to vest in the award if the performance target is achieved. We will adopt this standard update during the first quarter of 2016. We are currently evaluating the impact that this standard update will have on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

2. Acquisitions and Divestitures

Wireless

Wireless Transaction

On September 2, 2013, Verizon entered into a stock purchase agreement (the Stock Purchase Agreement) with Vodafone Group Plc (Vodafone) and Vodafone 4 Limited (Seller), pursuant to which Verizon agreed to acquire Vodafone's indirect 45% interest in Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (the Partnership, and such interest, the Vodafone Interest) for aggregate consideration of approximately \$130 billion.

On February 21, 2014, pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Stock Purchase Agreement, Verizon acquired (the Wireless Transaction) from Seller all of the issued and outstanding capital stock (the Transferred Shares) of Vodafone Americas Finance 1 Inc., a subsidiary of Seller (VF1 Inc.), which indirectly through certain subsidiaries (together with VF1 Inc., the Purchased Entities) owned the Vodafone Interest. In consideration for the Transferred Shares, upon completion of the Wireless Transaction, Verizon (i) paid approximately \$58.89 billion in cash, (ii) issued approximately 1.27 billion shares of Verizon's common stock, par value \$0.10 per share (the Stock Consideration), which was valued at approximately \$61.3 billion at the closing of the Wireless Transaction, (iii) issued senior unsecured Verizon notes in an aggregate principal amount of \$5.0 billion (the Verizon Notes), (iv) sold Verizon's indirectly owned 23.1% interest in Vodafone Omnitel N.V. (Omnitel, and such interest, the Omnitel Interest), valued at \$3.5 billion and (v) provided other consideration, which included the assumption of preferred stock valued at approximately \$1.7 billion. The total cash paid to Vodafone and the other costs of the Wireless Transaction, including financing, legal and bank fees, were financed through the incurrence of third-party indebtedness. See Note 4 for additional information.

In accordance with the accounting standard on consolidation, a change in a parent's ownership interest while the parent retains a controlling financial interest in its subsidiary is accounted for as an equity transaction and remeasurement of assets and liabilities of previously controlled and consolidated subsidiaries is not permitted. As a result, we accounted for the Wireless Transaction by

adjusting the carrying amount of the noncontrolling interest to reflect the change in Verizon's ownership interest in the Partnership. Any difference between the fair value of the consideration paid and the amount by which the noncontrolling interest is adjusted has been recognized in equity attributable to Verizon.

Omnitel Transaction

On February 21, 2014, Verizon and Vodafone also consummated the sale of the Omnitel Interest (the Omnitel Transaction) by a subsidiary of Verizon to a subsidiary of Vodafone in connection with the Wireless Transaction pursuant to a separate share purchase agreement. As a result, during the six months ended June 30, 2014, we recognized a pre-tax gain of \$1.9 billion on the disposal of the Omnitel interest in Equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated businesses on our condensed consolidated statement of income.

Verizon Notes

The Verizon Notes were issued to Vodafone pursuant to Verizon's existing indenture. The Verizon Notes were issued in two separate series, with \$2.5 billion due February 21, 2022 (the eight-year Verizon Notes) and \$2.5 billion due February 21, 2025 (the eleven-year Verizon Notes). The Verizon Notes bear interest at a floating rate, which will be reset quarterly, with interest payable quarterly in arrears, beginning May 21, 2014. The eight-year Verizon Notes bear interest at a floating rate equal to three-month London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR), plus 1.222%, and the eleven-year Verizon Notes bear interest at a floating rate equal to three-month LIBOR, plus 1.372%. The indenture that governs the Verizon Notes contains certain negative covenants, including a negative pledge covenant and a merger or similar transaction covenant, affirmative covenants and events of default that are customary for companies maintaining an investment grade credit rating. An event of default for either series of the Verizon Notes may result in acceleration of the entire principal amount of all debt securities of that series. Beginning two years after the closing of the Wireless Transaction, Verizon may redeem all or any portion of the outstanding Verizon Notes held by Vodafone or any of its affiliates for a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest. The Verizon Notes may only be transferred by Vodafone to third parties in specified amounts during specified periods, commencing January 1, 2017. Any Verizon Notes held by third parties will not be redeemable by Verizon prior to their maturity dates. Verizon has agreed to file a registration statement with respect to the Verizon Notes at least three months prior to the Verizon Notes becoming transferable.

Other Consideration

Included in the other consideration provided to Vodafone is the indirect assumption of long-term obligations with respect to 5.143% Class D and Class E cumulative preferred stock (Preferred Stock) issued by one of the Purchased Entities. Both the Class D shares (825,000 shares outstanding) and Class E shares (825,000 shares outstanding) are mandatorily redeemable in April 2020 at \$1,000 per share plus any accrued and unpaid dividends. Dividends accrue at 5.143% per annum and will be treated as interest expense. Both the Class D and Class E shares have been classified as liability instruments and were recorded at fair value as determined at the closing of the Wireless Transaction.

Deferred Tax Liabilities

Certain deferred taxes directly attributable to the Wireless Transaction have been calculated based on an analysis of taxes attributable to the difference between the tax basis of the investment in the noncontrolling interest that is assumed compared to Verizon's book basis. As a result, Verizon recorded a deferred tax liability of approximately \$13.5 billion.

Spectrum License Transactions

During the second quarter of 2014, we completed license exchange transactions with T-Mobile USA, Inc. (T-Mobile USA) to exchange certain Advanced Wireless Services (AWS) and Personal Communication Services (PCS) licenses. The exchange included a number of swaps that we expect will result in more efficient use of the AWS and PCS bands. As a result of these exchanges, we received \$0.9 billion of AWS and PCS spectrum licenses at fair value and we recorded an immaterial gain.

During the second quarter of 2014, we completed transactions pursuant to two additional agreements with T-Mobile USA with respect to our remaining 700 MHz A block spectrum licenses. Under one agreement, we sold certain of these licenses to T-Mobile USA in exchange for cash consideration of approximately \$2.4 billion, and under the second agreement we exchanged the remainder of our 700 MHz A block spectrum licenses as well as AWS and PCS spectrum licenses for AWS and PCS spectrum licenses. As a result, we received \$1.6 billion of AWS and PCS spectrum licenses at fair value and we recorded a pre-tax gain of approximately \$0.7 billion in Selling, general and administrative expense on our condensed consolidated statements of income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014.

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, we acquired various other wireless licenses and markets for cash consideration that was not significant.

Wireline

During July 2014, Verizon sold a non-strategic Wireline business for cash consideration that was not significant.

Other

During February 2014, Verizon acquired a business dedicated to the development of Internet Protocol (IP) television for cash consideration that was not significant. The transaction is expected to accelerate the availability of next-generation video services.

3. Wireless Licenses, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

Wireless Licenses

Changes in the carrying amount of Wireless licenses are as follows:

(dollars in millions)

Balance at January 1, 2014	\$ 75,747
Acquisitions (Note 2)	141
Dispositions (Note 2)	(1,978)
Capitalized interest on wireless licenses	138
Reclassifications, adjustments and other	1,222
Balance at June 30, 2014	\$ 75,270

Reclassifications, adjustments and other includes the exchanges of wireless licenses in 2014. See Note 2 for additional details.

At June 30, 2014, approximately \$4.3 billion of Wireless licenses were under development for commercial service for which we were capitalizing interest costs.

Goodwill

Changes in the carrying amount of Goodwill are as follows:

(dollars in millions)

	Wireless	Wireline	Total
Balance at January 1, 2014	\$ 18,376	\$ 6,258	\$ 24,634
Acquisitions and other (Note 2)	15	14	29
Balance at June 30, 2014	\$ 18,391	\$ 6,272	\$ 24,663

Other Intangible Assets

The following table displays the composition of Other intangible assets, net:

	At June 30, 2014			At December 31, 2013		
(dollars in millions)	Gross Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Amount	Gross Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Amount
Customer lists (5 to 13 years)	\$ 3,635	\$ (2,798)	\$ 837	\$ 3,639	\$ (2,660)	\$ 979
Non-network internal-use software (3 to 7 years)	12,507	(7,896)	4,611	11,770	(7,317)	4,453
Other (2 to 25 years)	664	(331)	333	691	(323)	368
Total	\$ 16,806	\$ (11,025)	\$ 5,781	\$ 16,100	\$ (10,300)	\$ 5,800

The amortization expense for Other intangible assets was as follows:

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended June 30,	Six Months Ended June 30,
2014	\$ 393	\$ 787
2013	399	785

The estimated future amortization expense for Other intangible assets is as follows:

Years	(dollars in millions)
Remainder of 2014	\$ 772
2015	1,328
2016	1,093
2017	907
2018	742

4. Debt

Changes to debt during the six months ended June 30, 2014 are as follows:

(dollars in millions)	Debt Maturing within One Year	Long-term Debt	Total
Balance at January 1, 2014	\$ 3,933	\$ 89,658	\$ 93,591
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	–	20,245	20,245
Verizon Notes	–	5,000	5,000
Preferred Stock	–	1,650	1,650
Repayments of long-term borrowings and capital leases obligations	(2,516)	(8,801)	(11,317)
Increase in short-term obligations, excluding current maturities	279	–	279
Reclassifications of long-term debt	565	(565)	–
Other	22	509	531
Balance at June 30, 2014	\$ 2,283	\$ 107,696	\$ 109,979

During February 2014, we issued €1.75 billion aggregate principal amount of 2.375% Notes due 2022, €1.25 billion aggregate principal amount of 3.25% Notes due 2026 and £0.85 billion aggregate principal amount of 4.75% Notes due 2034. The issuance of these Notes resulted in cash proceeds of approximately \$5.4 billion, net of discounts and issuance costs. The net proceeds were used, in part, to finance the Wireless Transaction. Net proceeds not used to finance the Wireless Transaction were used for general corporate purposes. Also, during February 2014, we issued \$0.5 billion aggregate principal amount of 5.90% Notes due 2054 resulting in cash proceeds of approximately \$0.5 billion, net of discounts and issuance costs. The net proceeds were used for general corporate purposes.

On March 10, 2014, we announced the commencement of a tender offer (the Tender Offer) to purchase for cash any and all of the series of notes listed in the following table:

(dollars in millions, except for Purchase Price)	Interest Rate	Maturity	Principal Amount Outstanding	Purchase Price ⁽¹⁾	Principal Amount Purchased
Verizon Communications	6.10%	2018	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,170.07	\$ 748
	5.50%	2018	1,500	1,146.91	763
	8.75%	2018	1,300	1,288.35	564
	5.55%	2016	1,250	1,093.62	652
	5.50%	2017	750	1,133.22	353
Cellco Partnership and Verizon Wireless Capital LLC	8.50%	2018	1,000	1,279.63	619
Alltel Corporation	7.00%	2016	300	1,125.26	157
GTE Corporation	6.84%	2018	600	1,196.85	266
					<u>\$ 4,122</u>

⁽¹⁾ Per \$1,000 principal amount of notes

The Tender Offer for each series of notes was subject to a financing condition, which was either satisfied or waived with respect to all series. The Tender Offer expired on March 17, 2014 and settled on March 19, 2014. In addition to the purchase price, any accrued and unpaid interest on the purchased notes was paid to the date of purchase. During March 2014, we recorded early debt redemption costs in connection with the Tender Offer (see “Early Debt Redemption”).

During March 2014, we issued \$4.5 billion aggregate principal amount of fixed and floating rate notes resulting in cash proceeds of approximately \$4.5 billion, net of discounts and issuance costs. The issuances consisted of the following: \$0.5 billion aggregate principal amount Floating Rate Notes due 2019 that bear interest at a rate equal to three-month LIBOR plus 0.77% which rate will be reset quarterly, \$0.5 billion aggregate principal amount of 2.55% Notes due 2019, \$1.0 billion aggregate principal amount of 3.45% Notes due 2021, \$1.25 billion aggregate principal amount of 4.15% Notes due 2024 and \$1.25 billion aggregate principal amount of 5.05% Notes due 2034. During March 2014, the net proceeds were used to purchase notes in the Tender Offer described above.

During March 2014, Verizon Wireless redeemed \$1.25 billion aggregate principal amount of the Cellco Partnership and Verizon Wireless Capital LLC 8.50% Notes due 2018 at 127.135% of the principal amount of such notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest (see “Early Debt Redemption”). Also, during March 2014, \$1.0 billion of LIBOR plus 0.61% Verizon Communications Notes and \$1.5 billion of 1.95% Verizon Communications Notes matured and were repaid.

May Exchange Offer

On May 29, 2014, we announced the commencement of a private exchange offer (the May Exchange Offer) to exchange up to all Cellco Partnership and Verizon Wireless Capital LLC’s £0.6 billion outstanding aggregate principal amount of 8.875% Notes due December 18, 2018 (the Old Notes) for Verizon’s new sterling-denominated Notes due 2024 (the New Notes) and an amount of cash. This exchange offer has been accounted for as a modification of debt. In connection with the May Exchange Offer, which expired on June 25, 2014, we issued £0.7 billion aggregate principal of New Notes and made a cash payment of £22 million in exchange for £0.6 billion aggregate principal amount of tendered Old Notes. The New Notes bear interest at a rate of 4.073% per annum.

Concurrent with the issuance of the New Notes, we entered into cross currency swaps to fix our future interest and principal payments in U.S. dollars (see Note 6).

Term Loan Agreement

During February 2014, we drew \$6.6 billion pursuant to a term loan agreement with a group of major financial institutions to finance, in part, the Wireless Transaction. \$3.3 billion of the loans under the term loan agreement have a maturity of three years (the 3-Year Loans) and \$3.3 billion of the loans under the term loan agreement have a maturity of five years (the 5-Year Loans). The 5-Year Loans provide for the partial amortization of principal during the last two years that they are outstanding. Loans

under the term loan agreement bear interest at floating rates. The term loan agreement contains certain negative covenants, including a negative pledge covenant, a merger or similar transaction covenant and an accounting changes covenant, affirmative covenants and events of default that are customary for companies maintaining an investment grade credit rating. In addition, the term loan agreement requires us to maintain a leverage ratio (as defined in the term loan agreement) not in excess of 3.50:1.00, until our credit ratings are equal to or higher than A3 and A- at Moody's Investors Service and Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, respectively.

During June 2014, we issued \$3.3 billion aggregate principal amount of fixed and floating rate notes resulting in cash proceeds of approximately \$3.3 billion, net of discounts and issuance costs. The issuances consisted of the following: \$1.3 billion aggregate principal amount of Floating Rate Notes due 2017 that will bear interest at a rate equal to three-month LIBOR plus 0.40% which will be reset quarterly and \$2.0 billion aggregate principal amount of 1.35% Notes due 2017. We used the net proceeds from the offering of these notes to repay the 3-year Loans on June 12, 2014.

Verizon Notes

During February 2014, in connection with the Wireless Transaction, we issued \$5.0 billion aggregate principal amount of floating rate notes to Vodafone. These notes were issued in two separate series, with \$2.5 billion due February 21, 2022 and \$2.5 billion due February 21, 2025. The Verizon Notes bear interest at a floating rate, which will be reset quarterly, with interest payable quarterly in arrears, beginning May 21, 2014 (see Note 2). The eight-year Verizon Notes bear interest at a floating rate equal to three-month LIBOR, plus 1.222%, and the eleven-year Verizon Notes bear interest at a floating rate equal to three-month LIBOR, plus 1.372%.

Preferred Stock

As a result of the Wireless Transaction, we assumed long-term obligations with respect to 5.143% Class D and Class E cumulative Preferred Stock issued by one of the Purchased Entities. Both the Class D shares (825,000 shares outstanding) and Class E shares (825,000 shares outstanding) are mandatorily redeemable in April 2020 at \$1,000 per share plus any accrued and unpaid dividends. Dividends accrue at 5.143% per annum and will be treated as interest expense. Both the Class D and Class E shares have been classified as liability instruments and were recorded at fair value as determined at the closing of the Wireless Transaction.

Other Credit Facilities

As of June 30, 2014, the unused borrowing capacity under our \$6.2 billion credit facility was approximately \$6.1 billion and the unused borrowing capacity under our \$2.0 billion 364-day revolving credit agreement was \$2.0 billion.

Early Debt Redemption

During March 2014, we recorded net debt redemption costs of \$0.9 billion in connection with the early redemption of \$1.25 billion aggregate principal amount of Cellco Partnership and Verizon Wireless Capital LLC 8.50% Notes due 2018, and the purchase of the following in the Tender Offer: \$0.7 billion of the then outstanding \$1.5 billion aggregate principal amount of Verizon 6.10% Notes due 2018, \$0.8 billion of the then outstanding \$1.5 billion aggregate principal amount of Verizon 5.50% Notes due 2018, \$0.6 billion of the then outstanding \$1.3 billion aggregate principal amount of Verizon 8.75% Notes due 2018, \$0.7 billion of the then outstanding \$1.25 billion aggregate principal amount of Verizon 5.55% Notes due 2016, \$0.4 billion of the then outstanding \$0.75 billion aggregate principal amount of Verizon 5.50% Notes due 2017, \$0.6 billion of the then outstanding \$1.0 billion aggregate principal amount of Cellco Partnership and Verizon Wireless Capital LLC 8.50% Notes due 2018, \$0.2 billion of the then outstanding \$0.3 billion aggregate principal amount of Alltel Corporation 7.00% Debentures due 2016 and \$0.3 billion of the then outstanding \$0.6 billion aggregate principal amount of GTE Corporation 6.84% Debentures due 2018.

We recognized these costs in Other income and (expense), net on our condensed consolidated statement of income during the six months ended June 30, 2014.

Guarantees

We guarantee the debentures and first mortgage bonds of our operating telephone company subsidiaries. As of June 30, 2014, \$3.1 billion aggregate principal amount of these obligations remain outstanding. Each guarantee will remain in place for the life of the obligation unless terminated pursuant to its terms, including the operating telephone company no longer being a wholly-owned subsidiary of Verizon.

We also guarantee the debt obligations of GTE Corporation that were issued and outstanding prior to July 1, 2003. As of June 30, 2014, \$1.4 billion aggregate principal amount of these obligations remain outstanding.

Debt Covenants

We and our consolidated subsidiaries are in compliance with all of our debt covenants.

5. Wireless Equipment Installment Plans

We offer new and existing customers the option to participate in Verizon Edge, a program that provides eligible wireless customers with the ability to pay for their handset over a period of time (an equipment installment plan) and the right to upgrade their handset after a minimum of 30 days, subject to certain conditions, including making a stated portion of the required device payments, trading in their handset in good working condition and signing a new contract with Verizon. At June 30, 2014, the guarantee liability related to this program was approximately \$0.5 billion.

At the time of sale, we impute risk adjusted interest on the receivables associated with Verizon Edge. We record the imputed interest as a reduction to the related accounts receivable. Interest income is recognized over the financed installment term.

We assess the collectability of our Verizon Edge receivables based upon a variety of factors, including the credit quality of the customer base, payment trends and other qualitative factors. The current portion of our receivables related to Verizon Edge included in Accounts receivable, net was \$0.9 billion at June 30, 2014 and was not material at December 31, 2013. The long-term portion of the equipment installment plan receivables included in Other assets was \$0.6 billion at June 30, 2014 and was not material at December 31, 2013.

The credit profiles of our customers with a Verizon Edge plan are similar to those of our customers with a traditional subsidized plan. Certain customers with a credit profile which carries a higher risk are required to make a down payment for equipment financed through Verizon Edge.

6. Fair Value Measurements

The following table presents the balances of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2014:

(dollars in millions)	Level 1 ⁽¹⁾	Level 2 ⁽²⁾	Level 3 ⁽³⁾	Total
Assets:				
Short-term investments:				
Equity securities	\$ 399	\$ –	\$ –	\$ 399
Fixed income securities	–	249	–	249
Other assets:				
Fixed income securities	–	900	–	900
Cross currency swaps and other	–	170	–	170
Interest rate swaps	–	45	–	45
Total	\$ 399	\$ 1,364	\$ –	\$ 1,763
Liabilities:				
Other liabilities:				
Forward interest rate swaps and other	\$ –	\$ 65	\$ –	\$ 65
Total	\$ –	\$ 65	\$ –	\$ 65

⁽¹⁾ quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities

⁽²⁾ observable inputs other than quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities

⁽³⁾ no observable pricing inputs in the market

Equity securities consist of investments in common stock of domestic and international corporations measured using quoted prices in active markets.

Fixed income securities consist primarily of investments in municipal bonds that do not have quoted prices in active markets. For these securities, we use alternative matrix pricing resulting in these debt securities being classified as Level 2.

Derivative contracts are valued using models based on readily observable market parameters for all substantial terms of our derivative contracts and thus are classified within Level 2. We use mid-market pricing for fair value measurements of our derivative instruments. Our derivative instruments are recorded on a gross basis.

We recognize transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy as of the end of the reporting period. There were no transfers within the fair value hierarchy during the six months ended June 30, 2014.

Fair Value of Short-term and Long-term Debt

The fair value of our debt is determined using various methods, including quoted prices for identical terms and maturities, which is a Level 1 measurement, as well as quoted prices for similar terms and maturities in inactive markets and future cash flows discounted at current rates, which are Level 2 measurements. The fair value of our short-term and long-term debt, excluding capital leases, was as follows:

(dollars in millions)	At June 30, 2014		At December 31, 2013	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Short- and long-term debt, excluding capital leases	\$ 109,568	\$ 123,701	\$ 93,298	\$ 103,527

Derivative Instruments

We enter into derivative transactions to manage our exposure to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates, and equity and commodity prices. We employ risk management strategies, which may include the use of a variety of derivatives including cross currency swaps, foreign currency and prepaid forwards and collars, interest rate swap agreements, commodity swap and forward agreements and interest rate locks. We do not hold derivatives for trading purposes.

We measure all derivatives, including derivatives embedded in other financial instruments, at fair value and recognize them as either assets or liabilities on our condensed consolidated balance sheets. Changes in the fair values of derivative instruments not qualifying as hedges or any ineffective portion of hedges are recognized in earnings in the current period. Changes in the fair values of derivative instruments used effectively as fair value hedges are recognized in earnings, along with changes in the fair value of the hedged item. Changes in the fair value of the effective portions of cash flow hedges are reported in Other comprehensive loss and recognized in earnings when the hedged item is recognized in earnings.

Interest Rate Swaps

We enter into domestic interest rate swaps to achieve a targeted mix of fixed and variable rate debt. We principally receive fixed rates and pay variable rates based on LIBOR, resulting in a net increase or decrease to Interest expense. These swaps are designated as fair value hedges and hedge against changes in the fair value of our debt portfolio. We record the interest rate swaps at fair value on our condensed consolidated balance sheets as assets and liabilities. The fair value of these contracts was not material at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. As of June 30, 2014, the total notional amount of the interest rate swaps was \$1.8 billion. The ineffective portion of these interest rate swaps was not material for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively.

Forward Interest Rate Swaps

In order to manage our exposure to future interest rate changes, during the fourth quarter of 2013, we entered into forward interest rate swaps with a total notional value of \$2.0 billion. We designated these contracts as cash flow hedges. In March 2014, we settled these forward interest rate swaps and the pre-tax gain was not material. During the first and second quarters of 2014, we entered into forward interest rate swaps with total notional values of \$0.9 billion and \$3.1 billion, respectively. We designated these contracts as cash flow hedges.

During July 2014, we entered into forward interest rate swaps with a total notional value of \$0.8 billion. We designated these contracts as cash flow hedges.

Cross Currency Swaps

During the first quarter of 2014, we entered into cross currency swaps designated as cash flow hedges to exchange approximately \$5.4 billion of Euro and British Pound Sterling denominated debt into U.S. dollars and to fix our future interest and principal payments in U.S. dollars, as well as to mitigate the impact of foreign currency transaction gains or losses.

During the second quarter of 2014, in connection with the May Exchange Offer, we entered into cross currency swaps designated as cash flow hedges to exchange approximately \$1.2 billion of British Pound Sterling denominated debt into U.S. dollars and to fix our future interest and principal payments in U.S. dollars, as well as to mitigate the impact of foreign currency transaction gains or losses.

Verizon Wireless previously entered into cross currency swaps designated as cash flow hedges to exchange approximately \$1.6 billion of British Pound Sterling and Euro-denominated debt into U.S. dollars and to fix our future interest and principal

payments in U.S. dollars, as well as to mitigate the effect of foreign currency transaction gains or losses. In June 2014, we settled \$0.8 billion of these cross currency swaps as part of the Exchange Offer and the gains with respect to these swaps were not material.

A portion of the gains and losses recognized in Other comprehensive income (loss) was reclassified to Other income and (expense), net to offset the related pre-tax foreign currency transaction gain or loss on the underlying debt obligations. The fair value of the outstanding swaps was \$0.2 billion at June 30, 2014 and was not material at December 31, 2013. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, an immaterial pre-tax loss and an immaterial pre-tax gain, respectively, were recognized in Other comprehensive income (loss). During the three and six months ended June 30, 2013, an immaterial pre-tax gain and a pre-tax loss of \$0.1 billion, respectively, were recognized in Other comprehensive income (loss).

7. Stock-Based Compensation

Verizon Communications Long-Term Incentive Plan

The Verizon Communications Inc. Long-Term Incentive Plan (the Plan) permits the granting of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance shares, performance stock units and other awards. The maximum number of shares available for awards from the Plan is 119.6 million shares.

Restricted Stock Units

The Plan provides for grants of Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) that generally vest at the end of the third year after the grant. The RSUs are classified as equity awards because the RSUs will be paid in Verizon common stock upon vesting. The RSU equity awards are measured using the grant date fair value of Verizon common stock and are not remeasured at the end of each reporting period. Dividend equivalent units are also paid to participants at the time the RSU award is paid, and in the same proportion as the RSU award.

Performance Stock Units

The Plan also provides for grants of Performance Stock Units (PSUs) that generally vest at the end of the third year after the grant. As defined by the Plan, the Human Resources Committee of the Board of Directors determines the number of PSUs a participant earns based on the extent to which the corresponding performance goals have been achieved over the three-year performance cycle. The PSUs are classified as liability awards because the PSU awards are paid in cash upon vesting. The PSU award liability is measured at its fair value at the end of each reporting period and, therefore, will fluctuate based on the price of Verizon common stock as well as performance relative to the targets. Dividend equivalent units are also paid to participants at the time that the PSU award is determined and paid, and in the same proportion as the PSU award.

The following table summarizes the Restricted Stock Unit and Performance Stock Unit activity:

(shares in thousands)	Restricted Stock Units	Performance Stock Units
Outstanding, January 1, 2014	16,193	23,724
Granted	4,780	6,792
Payments	(6,134)	(9,153)
Cancelled/Forfeited	(159)	(181)
Outstanding, June 30, 2014	14,680	21,182

As of June 30, 2014, unrecognized compensation expense related to the unvested portion of outstanding RSUs and PSUs was approximately \$0.6 billion and is expected to be recognized over approximately two years.

The RSUs granted in 2014 have a weighted-average grant date fair value of \$47.15 per unit.

8. Employee Benefits

We maintain non-contributory defined benefit pension plans for many of our employees. In addition, we maintain postretirement health care and life insurance plans for our retirees and their dependents, which are both contributory and non-contributory, and include a limit on our share of the cost for certain recent and future retirees. In accordance with our accounting policy for pension

and other postretirement benefits, operating expenses include pension and benefit related credits and/or charges based on actuarial assumptions, including projected discount rates and an estimated return on plan assets. These estimates are updated in the fourth quarter or upon a remeasurement event to reflect actual return on plan assets and updated actuarial assumptions. The adjustment will be recognized in the income statement during the fourth quarter or upon a remeasurement event pursuant to our accounting policy for the recognition of actuarial gains and losses.

Net Periodic Benefit Cost

The following table summarizes the benefit (income) cost related to our pension and postretirement health care and life insurance plans:

(dollars in millions)

Three Months Ended June 30,	Pension		Health Care and Life	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Service cost	\$ 82	\$ 98	\$ 64	\$ 79
Amortization of prior service cost (credit)	(2)	2	(64)	(61)
Expected return on plan assets	(295)	(311)	(40)	(36)
Interest cost	259	251	277	274
Remeasurement gain, net	–	(237)	–	–
Net periodic benefit (income) cost	\$ 44	\$ (197)	\$ 237	\$ 256

(dollars in millions)

Six Months Ended June 30,	Pension		Health Care and Life	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Service cost	\$ 163	\$ 197	\$ 129	\$ 159
Amortization of prior service cost (credit)	(4)	3	(127)	(123)
Expected return on plan assets	(590)	(622)	(81)	(72)
Interest cost	518	501	554	548
Remeasurement gain, net	–	(237)	–	–
Net periodic benefit (income) cost	\$ 87	\$ (158)	\$ 475	\$ 512

Pension Remeasurement

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2013, we recorded net pre-tax pension remeasurement credits of approximately \$0.2 billion, in accordance with our accounting policy to recognize actuarial gains and losses in the period in which they occur. The pension remeasurement credits relate to settlements for employees who received lump-sum distributions. The credits were primarily driven by an approximately 75 basis point increase in our discount rate assumption used to determine the current year liabilities of one of our pension plans. The change in discount rate resulted in a gain of \$0.3 billion, partially offset by a loss resulting from the difference between our expected return on assets assumption of 7.5% at December 31, 2012 and our annualized actual return on assets of 7.2% at June 30, 2013, as well as other losses (\$0.1 billion). Our weighted-average discount rate assumption increased from 4.2% at December 31, 2012 to 5.0% at June 30, 2013.

Severance Payments

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, we paid severance benefits of \$0.1 billion and \$0.3 billion, respectively. At June 30, 2014, we had a remaining severance liability of \$0.5 billion, a portion of which includes future contractual payments to employees separated as of June 30, 2014.

Employer Contributions

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, we contributed \$0.4 billion and \$0.9 billion, respectively, to our other postretirement benefit plans. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, we contributed \$0.6 billion and \$0.8 billion, respectively, to our qualified pension plans. The contributions to our nonqualified pension plans were not material during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014. There have been no material changes with respect to the qualified and nonqualified pension contributions in 2014 as previously disclosed in Part II. Item 7. “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

9. Equity and Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

Equity

Changes in the components of Total equity were as follows:

(dollars in millions)	Attributable to Verizon	Noncontrolling Interests	Total Equity
Balance at January 1, 2014	\$ 38,836	\$ 56,580	\$ 95,416
Net income	8,161	2,149	10,310
Other comprehensive loss	(1,170)	(23)	(1,193)
Comprehensive income	6,991	2,126	9,117
Issuance of common stock	127	–	127
Contributed capital	(26,901)	–	(26,901)
Dividends declared	(4,392)	–	(4,392)
Common stock in treasury	323	–	323
Purchase of noncontrolling interest	–	(55,960)	(55,960)
Distributions and other	(83)	(1,635)	(1,718)
Balance at June 30, 2014	\$ 14,901	\$ 1,111	\$ 16,012

The changes in Common stock, Contributed capital and Purchase of noncontrolling interest are primarily due to the completion of the Wireless Transaction on February 21, 2014. See Note 2 for additional information.

Prior to the closing of the Wireless Transaction, noncontrolling interests included in our condensed consolidated financial statements primarily consisted of Vodafone's 45% ownership interest in Verizon Wireless. The noncontrolling interests that remain after the completion of the Wireless Transaction primarily relate to wireless partnership entities.

Common Stock

As a result of the Wireless Transaction, Verizon issued approximately 1.27 billion shares of Verizon common stock.

Common stock has been used from time to time to satisfy some of the funding requirements of employee and shareowner plans, including 3.9 million common shares issued from Treasury stock during the six months ended June 30, 2014, which had an aggregate value of \$0.2 billion.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

The changes in the balances of Accumulated other comprehensive income by component are as follows:

(dollars in millions)	Foreign currency translation adjustments	Unrealized loss on cash flow hedges	Unrealized gain on marketable securities	Defined benefit pension and postretirement plans	Total
Balance at January 1, 2014	\$ 853	\$ 113	\$ 117	\$ 1,275	\$ 2,358
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(29)	(21)	22	–	(28)
Amounts reclassified to net income	(911)	(143)	(10)	(78)	(1,142)
Net other comprehensive income (loss)	(940)	(164)	12	(78)	(1,170)
Balance at June 30, 2014	\$ (87)	\$ (51)	\$ 129	\$ 1,197	\$ 1,188

The amounts presented above in net other comprehensive income (loss) are net of taxes and noncontrolling interests, which are not significant. For the six months ended June 30, 2014, the amounts reclassified to net income related to foreign currency translation adjustments are included in Equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated businesses on our condensed consolidated

statement of income and are a result of the completion of the Omnitel Transaction. See Note 2 for additional details. For the six months ended June 30, 2014, the amounts reclassified to net income related to defined benefit pension and postretirement plans are included in Cost of services and sales and Selling, general and administrative expense on our condensed consolidated statements of income. For the six months ended June 30, 2014, all other amounts reclassified to net income are included in Other income and (expense), net on our condensed consolidated statements of income.

10. Segment Information

Reportable Segments

We have two reportable segments, which we operate and manage as strategic business units and organize by products and services. We measure and evaluate our reportable segments based on segment operating income, consistent with the chief operating decision maker's assessment of segment performance.

Corporate, eliminations and other includes unallocated corporate expenses, intersegment eliminations recorded in consolidation, the results of other businesses, such as our investments in unconsolidated businesses, pension and other employee benefit related costs, lease financing, as well as other adjustments and gains and losses that are not allocated in assessing segment performance due to their non-operational nature. Although such transactions are excluded from the business segment results, they are included in reported consolidated earnings. Gains and losses that are not individually significant are included in all segment results as these items are included in the chief operating decision maker's assessment of segment performance. Effective January 1, 2014, we have also reclassified the results of certain businesses, such as development stage businesses that support our strategic initiatives, from our Wireline segment to Corporate, eliminations and other. The impact of this reclassification was not material to our condensed consolidated financial statements or our segment results of operations.

Our segments and their principal activities consist of the following:

Segment	Description
Wireless	Wireless' communications products and services include wireless voice and data services and equipment sales, which are provided to consumer, business and government customers across the United States.
Wireline	Wireline's voice, data and video communications products and enhanced services include broadband video and data, corporate networking solutions, data center and cloud services, security and managed network services and local and long distance voice services. We provide these products and services to consumers in the United States, as well as to carriers, businesses and government customers both in the United States and in over 150 other countries around the world.

The following table provides operating financial information for our two reportable segments:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
(dollars in millions)	2014	2013	2014	2013
External Operating Revenues				
Wireless				
Retail service	\$ 17,276	\$ 16,408	\$ 34,509	\$ 32,563
Other service	784	656	1,519	1,213
Service revenue	18,060	17,064	36,028	33,776
Equipment				
Other	2,387	1,949	4,256	3,758
	1,006	939	2,020	1,914
Total Wireless	21,453	19,952	42,304	39,448
Wireline				
Consumer retail	3,864	3,669	7,704	7,285
Small business	621	635	1,245	1,270
Mass Markets	4,485	4,304	8,949	8,555
Strategic services				
Core	2,120	2,059	4,223	4,132
	1,459	1,582	2,955	3,273
Global Enterprise	3,579	3,641	7,178	7,405
Global Wholesale				
Other	1,327	1,413	2,672	2,856
	122	111	247	212
Total Wireline	9,513	9,469	19,046	19,028
Total segments	30,966	29,421	61,350	58,476
Corporate, eliminations and other	517	365	951	730
Total consolidated – reported	\$ 31,483	\$ 29,786	\$ 62,301	\$ 59,206
Intersegment Revenues				
Wireless	\$ 30	\$ 24	\$ 58	\$ 51
Wireline	246	265	503	536
Total segments	276	289	561	587
Corporate, eliminations and other	(276)	(289)	(561)	(587)
Total consolidated – reported	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –	\$ –
Total Operating Revenues				
Wireless	\$ 21,483	\$ 19,976	\$ 42,362	\$ 39,499
Wireline	9,759	9,734	19,549	19,564
Total segments	31,242	29,710	61,911	59,063
Corporate, eliminations and other	241	76	390	143
Total consolidated – reported	\$ 31,483	\$ 29,786	\$ 62,301	\$ 59,206
Operating Income				
Wireless	\$ 6,985	\$ 6,464	\$ 14,303	\$ 12,882
Wireline	259	74	406	87
Total segments	7,244	6,538	14,709	12,969
Reconciling items	441	17	136	(192)
Total consolidated – reported	\$ 7,685	\$ 6,555	\$ 14,845	\$ 12,777

(dollars in millions)	At June 30, 2014	At December 31, 2013
Assets		
Wireless	\$ 153,374	\$ 146,429
Wireline	79,662	84,573
Total segments	233,036	231,002
Corporate, eliminations and other	(8,609)	43,096
Total consolidated – reported	\$ 224,427	\$ 274,098

Corporate, eliminations and other at December 31, 2013 is primarily comprised of cash and cash equivalents which were used to complete the Wireless Transaction on February 21, 2014.

A reconciliation of the total of the reportable segments' operating income to consolidated income before provision for income taxes is as follows:

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Total segment operating income	\$ 7,244	\$ 6,538	\$ 14,709	\$ 12,969
Gain on spectrum license transactions (Note 2)	707	–	707	–
Pension remeasurement (Note 8)	–	237	–	237
Corporate, eliminations and other	(266)	(220)	(571)	(429)
Total consolidated operating income	7,685	6,555	14,845	12,777
Equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated businesses	(43)	120	1,859	115
Other income and (expense), net	66	25	(828)	64
Interest expense	(1,164)	(514)	(2,378)	(1,051)
Income Before Provision For Income Taxes	\$ 6,544	\$ 6,186	\$ 13,498	\$ 11,905

We generally account for intersegment sales of products and services and asset transfers at current market prices. No single customer accounted for more than 10% of our total operating revenues during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013.

11. Commitments and Contingencies

In the ordinary course of business Verizon is involved in various commercial litigation and regulatory proceedings at the state and federal level. Where it is determined, in consultation with counsel based on litigation and settlement risks, that a loss is probable and estimable in a given matter, the Company establishes an accrual. In none of the currently pending matters is the amount of accrual material. An estimate of the reasonably possible loss or range of loss in excess of the amounts already accrued cannot be made at this time due to various factors typical in contested proceedings, including (1) uncertain damage theories and demands; (2) a less than complete factual record; (3) uncertainty concerning legal theories and their resolution by courts or regulators; and (4) the unpredictable nature of the opposing party and its demands. We continuously monitor these proceedings as they develop and adjust any accrual or disclosure as needed. We do not expect that the ultimate resolution of any pending regulatory or legal matter in future periods, including the Hicksville matter described below, will have a material effect on our financial condition, but it could have a material effect on our results of operations for a given reporting period.

During 2003, under a government-approved plan, remediation commenced at the site of a former Sylvania facility in Hicksville, New York that processed nuclear fuel rods in the 1950s and 1960s. Remediation beyond original expectations proved to be necessary and a reassessment of the anticipated remediation costs was conducted. A reassessment of costs related to remediation efforts at several other former facilities was also undertaken. In September 2005, the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) accepted the Hicksville site into the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program. This may result in the ACE performing some or all of the remediation effort for the Hicksville site with a corresponding decrease in costs to Verizon. To the extent that the ACE assumes responsibility for remedial work at the Hicksville site, an adjustment to a reserve previously established for the remediation may be made. Adjustments to the reserve may also be made based upon actual conditions discovered during the remediation at this or any other site requiring remediation.

Verizon is currently involved in approximately 60 federal district court actions alleging that Verizon is infringing various patents. Most of these cases are brought by non-practicing entities and effectively seek only monetary damages; a small number are brought by companies that have sold products and seek injunctive relief as well. These cases have progressed to various stages and a small number may go to trial in the coming 12 months if they are not otherwise resolved.

In connection with the execution of agreements for the sales of businesses and investments, Verizon ordinarily provides representations and warranties to the purchasers pertaining to a variety of nonfinancial matters, such as ownership of the securities being sold, as well as indemnity from certain financial losses. From time to time, counterparties may make claims under these provisions, and Verizon will seek to defend against those claims and resolve them in the ordinary course of business.

Subsequent to the sale of Verizon Information Services Canada in 2004, we continue to provide a guarantee to publish directories, which was issued when the directory business was purchased in 2001 and had a 30-year term (before extensions). The preexisting guarantee continues, without modification, despite the subsequent sale of Verizon Information Services Canada and the spin-off of our domestic print and Internet yellow pages directories business. The possible financial impact of the guarantee, which is not expected to be adverse, cannot be reasonably estimated as a variety of the potential outcomes available under the guarantee result in costs and revenues or benefits that may offset each other. We do not believe performance under the guarantee is likely.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Overview

Verizon Communications Inc. (Verizon or the Company) is a holding company that, acting through its subsidiaries, is one of the world's leading providers of communications, information and entertainment products and services to consumers, businesses and governmental agencies. With a presence in over 150 countries around the world, we offer voice, data and video services and solutions on our wireless and wireline networks that are designed to meet customers' demand for mobility, reliable network connectivity, security and control. We have two reportable segments, Wireless and Wireline. Our wireless business, operating as Verizon Wireless, provides voice and data services and equipment sales across the United States using one of the most extensive and reliable wireless networks. Our wireline business provides consumer, business and government customers with communications products and services, including broadband data and video services, network access, voice, long distance and other communications products and services, and also owns and operates one of the most expansive end-to-end global Internet Protocol (IP) networks. We have a highly skilled, diverse and dedicated workforce of approximately 177,800 employees as of June 30, 2014.

In recent years, Verizon has embarked upon a strategic transformation as advances in technology have changed the ways that our customers interact in their personal and professional lives and that businesses operate. To meet the changing needs of our customers and address the changing technological landscape, we are focusing our efforts around higher margin and growing areas of our business: wireless data, wireline data and Strategic services, including cloud computing services.

Our strategy requires significant capital investments primarily to acquire wireless spectrum, put the spectrum into service, provide additional capacity for growth in our wireless and wireline networks, invest in the fiber optic network that supports our wireless and wireline businesses, maintain our wireless and wireline networks and develop and maintain significant advanced information technology systems and data system capabilities.

On February 21, 2014, we completed the acquisition of Vodafone Group Plc's (Vodafone) indirect 45% interest in Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for aggregate consideration of approximately \$130 billion (the Wireless Transaction). The consideration paid was primarily comprised of cash of approximately \$58.89 billion and Verizon common stock with a value of approximately \$61.3 billion. See "Acquisitions and Divestitures" for additional information.

In our Wireless business, during the three months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar period in 2013, revenue growth of 7.5% was driven by service revenue growth of 5.9% as the demand for fourth-generation (4G) Long-Term Evolution (LTE) smartphones and tablets continues. Also contributing to the increase in Wireless revenue was equipment revenue growth of 22.2% driven by sales of equipment under both the traditional subsidy model and Verizon Edge. At June 30, 2014, retail postpaid connections were 4.6% higher than at June 30, 2013, with smartphones representing 75% of our retail postpaid phone base at June 30, 2014 compared to 64% at June 30, 2013. Also during the three months ended June 30, 2014, postpaid smartphone activations represented 90% of phones activated compared to 84% in the similar period in 2013.

While we have substantially completed the deployment of our 4G LTE network, we are focusing our capital spending on adding capacity and density to our existing 4G LTE network. Our 4G LTE network is available to approximately 98% of the U.S. population in more than 500 markets and covering approximately 308 million people, including those in areas served by our LTE in Rural America partners. Our 4G LTE network provides higher data throughput performance for data services at lower cost compared to those provided via third-generation (3G) networks. In May 2014, we announced the deployment of Advanced Wireless Services (AWS) spectrum in our 4G LTE network. This spectrum, which we refer to as XLTE, provides additional network capacity and is currently available in more than 350 markets. Nearly all of the devices Verizon Wireless currently sells can operate on XLTE. Nearly 76% of our total data traffic in June 2014 was carried on our 4G LTE network.

On February 13, 2014, we introduced our More Everything® plans which replaced our Share Everything® plans and provide more value to our customers. These plans, which are available to both new and existing postpaid customers, feature domestic unlimited voice minutes, unlimited domestic and international text, video and picture messaging, cloud storage and a single data allowance that can be shared among up to 10 devices connected to the Verizon Wireless network. Customers with Verizon Edge, which provides a device payment plan option and allows customers to upgrade their handset after a minimum of thirty days, subject to certain conditions, will also receive discounted monthly access fees on More Everything plans. As of June 30, 2014, More Everything accounts represented approximately 55% of our retail postpaid accounts compared to Share Everything plans representing approximately 36% of our retail postpaid accounts as of June 30, 2013. Verizon Wireless offers shared data plans for business, with More Everything plans for Small business and the Nationwide Business Data Packages and Plans.

In our Wireline business, revenues increased 0.3% during the three months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar period in 2013 primarily due to revenue increases in Consumer retail driven by FiOS services and in Strategic services within Global Enterprise. These increases were partially offset by revenue declines in Global Enterprise Core and Global Wholesale. FiOS

represented approximately 75% of Consumer retail revenue during the three months ended June 30, 2014 compared to approximately 70% during the similar period in 2013. As the penetration of FiOS products increases, we continue to seek ways to increase revenue and further realize operating and capital efficiencies as well as maximize profitability. As more applications are developed for this high-speed service, we expect that FiOS will become a hub for managing multiple home services that will eventually be part of the digital grid, including not just entertainment and communications, but also machine-to-machine communications, such as home monitoring, health monitoring, energy management and utilities management.

Verizon recently announced the introduction of FiOS Quantum TV, which provides FiOS TV customers with new features including the ability to record up to 12 shows at once and control live TV from any room in their home. This new service is now available everywhere that FiOS TV is offered.

Wireline's revenues during the three months ended June 30, 2014 included a 3.0% increase in Strategic services revenues, which represented 59% of total Global Enterprise revenues. Strategic services revenues increased primarily due to increases in private IP communications, contact center solutions, our cloud and data center offerings, professional services and security solutions as well as our telematics offerings. Total Global Enterprise and Global Wholesale revenues declined due to declines in core services primarily as a result of lower data networking revenues and voice services as well as the contraction of market rates due to competition. To compensate for the shrinking market for traditional voice service, we continue to build our Wireline segment around data, video and advanced business services – areas where demand for reliable high-speed connections is growing.

We are investing in innovative technology like wireless networks, high-speed fiber and cloud services to position ourselves at the center of growth trends of the future. During the six months ended June 30, 2014, these investments included capital expenditures of \$8.5 billion, acquisitions of wireless licenses of \$0.3 billion and acquisitions of investments and businesses of \$0.2 billion. During the six months ended June 30, 2014, we also completed spectrum license transactions and, as a result, we received proceeds of \$2.4 billion. See "Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities" and "Acquisitions and Divestitures" for additional information.

By investing in our own capabilities, we are also investing in the markets we serve by providing our communities with an efficient, reliable infrastructure for competing in the information economy. We are committed to putting our customers first and being a responsible member of our communities. Guided by this commitment and by our core values of integrity, respect, performance excellence and accountability, we believe we are well-positioned to produce a long-term return for our shareowners, create meaningful work for ourselves and provide something of lasting value for society.

Trends

We expect the activation of devices on Verizon Edge to contribute positively to our consolidated operating income and our Wireless segment operating income. As more customers adopt Verizon Edge, we expect retail postpaid ARPA (the average revenue per account from retail postpaid accounts) and service revenue to continue to be negatively impacted, and we expect equipment and other revenue to continue to be positively impacted.

There have been no significant changes to the information related to trends affecting our business that was disclosed in Part II, Item 7 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, except to the extent described above.

Consolidated Results of Operations

In this section, we discuss our overall results of operations and highlight items of a non-operational nature that are not included in our segment results. We have two reportable segments, Wireless and Wireline, which we operate and manage as strategic business units and organize by products and services. In “Segment Results of Operations,” we review the performance of our two reportable segments.

On February 21, 2014, we completed the acquisition of Vodafone’s indirect 45% interest in Verizon Wireless. As a result, our results reflect our 55% ownership of Verizon Wireless through the closing of the Wireless Transaction and reflect our full ownership of Verizon Wireless through June 30, 2014.

Corporate, eliminations and other includes unallocated corporate expenses such as certain pension and other employee benefit related costs, intersegment eliminations recorded in consolidation, the results of other businesses, such as our investments in unconsolidated businesses, lease financing and other adjustments and gains and losses that are not allocated in assessing segment performance due to their non-operational nature. Although such transactions are excluded from the business segment results, they are included in reported consolidated earnings. Gains and losses that are not individually significant are included in all segment results as these items are included in the chief operating decision maker’s assessment of segment performance. We believe that this presentation assists users of our financial statements in better understanding our results of operations and trends from period to period. Effective January 1, 2014, we have also reclassified the results of certain businesses, such as development stage businesses that support our strategic initiatives, from our Wireline segment to Corporate, eliminations and other. The impact of this reclassification was not material to our condensed consolidated financial statements or our segment results of operations.

Consolidated Revenues

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended				Six Months Ended			
	2014	June 30, 2013	Increase/ (Decrease)		2014	June 30, 2013	Increase/ (Decrease)	
Wireless								
Service revenue	\$ 18,078	\$ 17,078	\$ 1,000	5.9%	\$ 36,065	\$ 33,806	\$ 2,259	6.7%
Equipment and other	3,405	2,898	507	17.5	6,297	5,693	604	10.6
Total	21,483	19,976	1,507	7.5	42,362	39,499	2,863	7.2
Wireline								
Mass Markets	4,485	4,304	181	4.2	8,949	8,558	391	4.6
Global Enterprise	3,579	3,649	(70)	(1.9)	7,185	7,419	(234)	(3.2)
Global Wholesale	1,570	1,662	(92)	(5.5)	3,161	3,361	(200)	(6.0)
Other	125	119	6	5.0	254	226	28	12.4
Total	9,759	9,734	25	0.3	19,549	19,564	(15)	(0.1)
Corporate, eliminations and other	241	76	165	nm	390	143	247	nm
Consolidated Revenues	\$ 31,483	\$ 29,786	\$ 1,697	5.7	\$ 62,301	\$ 59,206	\$ 3,095	5.2

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The increase in consolidated revenues during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 was primarily due to higher revenues at Wireless, as well as higher Mass Markets revenues driven by FiOS services at our Wireline segment. Partially offsetting these increases were lower Global Enterprise and Global Wholesale revenues at our Wireline segment.

Wireless’ revenues increased \$1.5 billion or 7.5%, and \$2.9 billion or 7.2%, respectively, during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 primarily due to growth in service revenue as well as an increase in equipment and other revenue. The increase in service revenue during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 was primarily driven by higher retail postpaid service revenue, which increased largely as a result of an increase in retail postpaid connections as well as the continued increase in penetration of 4G LTE smartphones and tablets through our More Everything plans. Equipment and other revenue increased during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 primarily due to an increase in equipment sales, driven by sales of equipment under both the traditional subsidy model and Verizon Edge. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, retail postpaid connection net additions increased compared to the similar periods in 2013 primarily due to an increase in retail postpaid connection gross additions. Retail postpaid connections per account increased as of June 30, 2014 compared to June 30, 2013 primarily due to the increased penetration of tablets.

Wireline's revenues increased 0.3% during the three months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar period in 2013 primarily as a result of higher Mass Market revenues driven by FiOS services and increased Strategic service revenues within Global Enterprise, partially offset by declines in Global Enterprise Core and Global Wholesale. Wireline's revenues decreased 0.1% during the six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar period in 2013 primarily driven by declines in Global Enterprise Core and Global Wholesale, partially offset by higher Mass Markets revenues driven by FiOS services and increased Strategic services revenues within Global Enterprise.

Mass Markets revenues increased \$0.2 billion or 4.2%, and \$0.4 billion or 4.6%, respectively, during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 primarily due to the expansion of FiOS services (Voice, Internet and Video), including our FiOS Quantum offerings, as well as changes in our pricing strategies, partially offset by the continued decline of local exchange revenues.

Global Enterprise revenues decreased \$0.1 billion or 1.9%, and \$0.2 billion or 3.2%, respectively, during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 primarily due to lower data networking revenues and voice services, the contraction of market rates due to competition and a decline in Core customer premise equipment revenues. This decrease was partially offset by increases in Strategic services revenues, primarily due to increases in private IP communications, contact center solutions, our cloud and data center offerings, professional services and security solutions as well as our telematics offerings.

Global Wholesale revenues decreased \$0.1 billion or 5.5%, and \$0.2 billion or 6.0%, respectively, during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 primarily due to a decline in traditional voice revenues and a decline in domestic wholesale connections, partially offset by Ethernet migrations from core customers as well as continuing demand for high-speed digital data services from fiber-to-the-cell customers upgrading their core data circuits to Ethernet facilities.

Consolidated Operating Expenses

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended				Six Months Ended			
	2014	June 30, 2013	Increase/ (Decrease)		2014	June 30, 2013	Increase/ (Decrease)	
Cost of services and sales	\$ 12,087	\$ 11,033	\$ 1,054	9.6%	\$ 23,276	\$ 21,965	\$ 1,311	6.0%
Selling, general and administrative expense	7,550	8,047	(497)	(6.2)	15,882	16,195	(313)	(1.9)
Depreciation and amortization expense	4,161	4,151	10	0.2	8,298	8,269	29	0.4
Consolidated Operating Expenses	\$ 23,798	\$ 23,231	\$ 567	2.4	\$ 47,456	\$ 46,429	\$ 1,027	2.2

Cost of Services and Sales

Cost of services and sales increased during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 primarily due to an increase in cost of equipment sales of \$1.0 billion and \$1.4 billion, respectively, at our Wireless segment. Also contributing to the increase were higher content costs associated with continued FiOS subscriber growth and programming license fee increases at our Wireline segment. Partially offsetting this increase was a decrease in cost of data services and decreased data roaming at our Wireless segment, as well as a decline in access costs, and a decrease in costs related to customer premise equipment at our Wireline segment.

Selling, General and Administrative Expense

Selling, general and administrative expense decreased during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 primarily due to gains recorded in the second quarter of 2014 related to the completion of wireless license transactions. Also contributing to the decrease was lower salary expense and a decline in sales commission expense at our Wireless segment, as well as declines in employee costs at our Wireline segment. Partially offsetting this decrease was a pension remeasurement credit recorded in the second quarter of 2013 and an increase in advertising expense at our Wireless segment. Also partially offsetting the decrease during the six months ended June 30, 2014 were gains recorded in the first quarter of 2013 related to wireless license exchange agreements at our Wireless segment.

Depreciation and Amortization Expense

Depreciation and amortization expense increased during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 primarily due to an increase in net depreciable assets.

Non-operational Credits

Non-operational credits included in operating expenses were as follows:

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Gain on spectrum license transactions	\$ 707	\$ –	\$ 707	\$ –
Pension remeasurement	–	237	–	237

See “Other Items” for a description of non-operational items.

Consolidated Operating Income and EBITDA

Consolidated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization expenses (Consolidated EBITDA) and Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA, which are presented below, are non-GAAP measures and do not purport to be alternatives to operating income as a measure of operating performance. Management believes that these measures are useful to investors and other users of our financial information in evaluating operating profitability on a more variable cost basis as they exclude the depreciation and amortization expense related primarily to capital expenditures and acquisitions that occurred in prior years, as well as in evaluating operating performance in relation to our competitors. Consolidated EBITDA is calculated by adding back interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization expense, equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated businesses and other income and (expense), net to net income.

Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA is calculated by excluding the effect of non-operational items from the calculation of Consolidated EBITDA. Management believes that this measure provides additional relevant and useful information to investors and other users of our financial data in evaluating the effectiveness of our operations and underlying business trends in a manner that is consistent with management’s evaluation of business performance. See “Other Items” for additional details regarding these non-operational items.

Operating expenses include pension and benefit related credits and/or charges based on actuarial assumptions, including projected discount rates and an estimated return on plan assets. These estimates will be updated in the fourth quarter or upon a remeasurement event to reflect actual return on plan assets and updated actuarial assumptions. The adjustment will be recognized in the income statement during the fourth quarter or upon a remeasurement event pursuant to our accounting policy for the recognition of actuarial gains/losses.

It is management’s intent to provide non-GAAP financial information to enhance the understanding of Verizon’s GAAP financial information, and it should be considered by the reader in addition to, but not instead of, the financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP. Each non-GAAP financial measure is presented along with the corresponding GAAP measure so as not to imply that more emphasis should be placed on the non-GAAP measure. The non-GAAP financial information presented may be determined or calculated differently by other companies.

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	2014	June 30, 2013	2014	June 30, 2013
Consolidated Operating Income	\$ 7,685	\$ 6,555	\$ 14,845	\$ 12,777
Add Depreciation and amortization expense	4,161	4,151	8,298	8,269
Consolidated EBITDA	\$ 11,846	\$ 10,706	\$ 23,143	\$ 21,046
Less Gain on spectrum license transactions	(707)	–	(707)	–
Less Pension remeasurement	–	(237)	–	(237)
Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 11,139	\$ 10,469	\$ 22,436	\$ 20,809

The changes in the table above during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 were a result of the factors described in connection with operating revenues and operating expenses.

Other Consolidated Results

Equity in Earnings (Losses) of Unconsolidated Businesses

Equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated businesses decreased \$0.2 billion during the three months ended June 30, 2014, compared to the similar period in 2013 primarily due to an immaterial gain recorded during the second quarter of 2013 by Verizon Wireless upon obtaining control of previously unconsolidated wireless partnerships, which were previously accounted for under the equity method and are now consolidated. The decrease is also attributable to the sale of our interest in Vodafone Omnitel N.V. (Vodafone Omnitel) during the first quarter of 2014, which was part of the consideration for the Wireless Transaction.

Equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated businesses increased \$1.7 billion during the six months ended June 30, 2014, compared to the similar period in 2013 primarily due to the gain of \$1.9 billion recorded on the sale of our interest in Vodafone Omnitel during the first quarter of 2014.

Other Income and (Expense), Net

Additional information relating to Other income and (expense), net is as follows:

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended				Six Months Ended			
	2014	June 30, 2013	Increase/ (Decrease)		2014	June 30, 2013	Increase/ (Decrease)	
Interest income	\$ 22	\$ 14	\$ 8	57.1%	\$ 44	\$ 27	\$ 17	63.0%
Other, net	44	11	33	nm	(872)	37	(909)	nm
Total	\$ 66	\$ 25	\$ 41	nm	\$ (828)	\$ 64	\$ (892)	nm

nm – not meaningful

Other income and (expense), net decreased during the six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar period in 2013 primarily due to net early debt redemption costs of \$0.9 billion recorded during the first quarter of 2014 (see “Other Items”).

Interest Expense

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended		Increase/ (Decrease)		Six Months Ended		Increase/ (Decrease)	
	2014	June 30, 2013			2014	June 30, 2013		
Total interest costs on debt balances	\$ 1,276	\$ 700	\$ 576	82.3%	\$ 2,626	\$ 1,414	\$ 1,212	85.7%
Less capitalized interest costs	112	186	(74)	(39.8)	248	363	(115)	(31.7)
Total	\$ 1,164	\$ 514	\$ 650	nm	\$ 2,378	\$ 1,051	\$ 1,327	nm
Average debt outstanding	\$ 109,855	\$ 52,710			\$ 106,044	\$ 52,636		
Effective interest rate	4.6%	5.3%			5.0%	5.4%		

nm – not meaningful

Total interest costs on debt balances increased during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 primarily due to the issuance of fixed and floating rate notes to finance the Wireless Transaction (see “Acquisitions and Divestitures”) resulting in an increase in average debt and a corresponding increase in interest expense, partially offset by a lower effective interest rate (see “Consolidated Financial Condition”). Capitalized interest costs were lower during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 primarily due to a decrease in wireless licenses that are currently under development.

Provision for Income Taxes

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended		Increase/ (Decrease)		Six Months Ended		Increase/ (Decrease)	
	2014	June 30, 2013			2014	June 30, 2013		
Provision for income taxes	\$ 2,220	\$ 988	\$ 1,232	nm	\$ 3,188	\$ 1,852	\$ 1,336	72.1%
Effective income tax rate	33.9%	16.0%			23.6%	15.6%		

nm – not meaningful

The effective income tax rate is calculated by dividing the provision for income taxes by income before the provision for income taxes. As a result of the completion of the Wireless Transaction, the difference in the effective income tax rate as compared to the statutory federal income tax rate will no longer be significant due to the inclusion of income within our income before the provision for income taxes that was previously attributable to Vodafone’s noncontrolling interest in the Verizon Wireless partnership. Prior to the completion of the Wireless Transaction, our annual effective income tax rate was significantly lower than the statutory federal income tax rate due to the inclusion of income attributable to Vodafone’s noncontrolling interest in the Verizon Wireless partnership within our income before the provision for income taxes, which resulted in our effective income tax rate being 14.6 percentage points lower during the three months ended June 30, 2013 and 15.0 percentage points lower during the six months ended June 30, 2013.

The increase in the provision for income taxes and the effective income tax rate during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 is primarily due to increased income taxes on the incremental income included in Verizon’s post-acquisition income before the provision for income taxes resulting from the acquisition of Vodafone’s indirect 45% interest in Verizon Wireless on February 21, 2014. The increase during the six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar period in 2013 was partially offset by the utilization of certain tax credits in the current period.

Unrecognized Tax Benefits

Unrecognized tax benefits were \$1.9 billion at June 30, 2014 and \$2.1 billion at December 31, 2013. Interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits were \$0.2 billion (after-tax) and \$0.3 billion (after-tax) at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. The decrease in unrecognized tax benefits was primarily due to the resolution of issues with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) involving tax years 2007 through 2009, partially offset by an increase in unrecognized tax benefits related to the acquisition of Vodafone’s indirect 45% interest in Verizon Wireless. The uncertain tax benefits related to the acquisition of Vodafone’s indirect 45% interest in Verizon Wireless concern pre-acquisition tax controversies and are the subject of an indemnity from Vodafone for which a corresponding indemnity asset has been established.

Verizon and/or its subsidiaries file income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, and various state, local and foreign jurisdictions. As a large taxpayer, we are under audit by the IRS and multiple state and foreign jurisdictions for various open tax years. Significant tax examinations and litigation are ongoing in New York City for tax years as early as 2000. It is reasonably possible that the amount of the liability for unrecognized tax benefits could change by a significant amount in the next twelve months. An estimate of the range of the possible change cannot be made until these tax matters are further developed or resolved.

Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended			Increase/ (Decrease)	Six Months Ended			Increase/ (Decrease)
	2014	June 30, 2013			2014	June 30, 2013		
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	\$ 110	\$ 2,952	\$ (2,842)	(96.3)%	\$ 2,149	\$ 5,855	\$ (3,706)	(63.3)%

The decrease in Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 was primarily due to the completion of the Wireless Transaction on February 21, 2014. As a result, our results reflect our 55% ownership of Verizon Wireless through the closing of the Wireless Transaction and reflect our full ownership of Verizon Wireless through June 30, 2014. The noncontrolling interests that remained after the completion of the Wireless Transaction primarily relate to wireless partnership entities.

Segment Results of Operations

We have two reportable segments, Wireless and Wireline, which we operate and manage as strategic business units and organize by products and services. We measure and evaluate our reportable segments based on segment operating income. The use of segment operating income is consistent with the chief operating decision maker's assessment of segment performance.

Segment earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (Segment EBITDA), which is presented below, is a non-GAAP measure and does not purport to be an alternative to operating income as a measure of operating performance. Management believes that this measure is useful to investors and other users of our financial information in evaluating operating profitability on a more variable cost basis as it excludes the depreciation and amortization expenses related primarily to capital expenditures and acquisitions that occurred in prior years, as well as in evaluating operating performance in relation to our competitors. Segment EBITDA is calculated by adding back depreciation and amortization expense to segment operating income.

Wireless Segment EBITDA service margin, also presented below, is calculated by dividing Wireless Segment EBITDA by Wireless service revenues. Wireless Segment EBITDA service margin utilizes service revenues rather than total revenues. Service revenues primarily exclude equipment revenues in order to reflect the impact of providing service to the wireless customer base on an ongoing basis. Wireline EBITDA margin is calculated by dividing Wireline EBITDA by total Wireline revenues.

Wireless

Our Wireless segment is primarily comprised of Cellco Partnership doing business as Verizon Wireless. Cellco Partnership was formed as a joint venture in April 2000 by the combination of the U.S. wireless operations and interests of Verizon and Vodafone. Prior to the completion of the Wireless Transaction, Verizon owned a controlling 55% interest in Verizon Wireless and Vodafone owned the remaining 45%. On February 21, 2014, the Wireless Transaction was completed and Verizon acquired 100% ownership of Verizon Wireless. Verizon Wireless provides wireless communications services across one of the most extensive wireless networks in the United States.

We provide these services and equipment sales to consumer, business and government customers in the United States on a postpaid and prepaid basis. Postpaid connections represent individual lines of service for which a customer is billed in advance a monthly access charge in return for a monthly network service allowance, and usage beyond the allowances is billed monthly in arrears. Our prepaid service enables individuals to obtain wireless services without a long-term contract or credit verification by paying for all services in advance.

Operating Revenues and Selected Operating Statistics

(dollars in millions, except ARPA)	Three Months Ended		Increase/ (Decrease)		Six Months Ended		Increase/ (Decrease)	
	2014	June 30, 2013			2014	June 30, 2013		
Retail service	\$ 17,288	\$ 16,422	\$ 866	5.3%	\$ 34,534	\$ 32,591	\$ 1,943	6.0%
Other service	790	656	134	20.4	1,531	1,215	316	26.0
Service revenue	18,078	17,078	1,000	5.9	36,065	33,806	2,259	6.7
Equipment	2,387	1,953	434	22.2	4,257	3,766	491	13.0
Other	1,018	945	73	7.7	2,040	1,927	113	5.9
Equipment and other	3,405	2,898	507	17.5	6,297	5,693	604	10.6
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 21,483	\$ 19,976	\$ 1,507	7.5	\$ 42,362	\$ 39,499	\$ 2,863	7.2

Connections ('000):⁽¹⁾

Retail connections	104,637	100,124	4,513	4.5
Retail postpaid connections	98,593	94,271	4,322	4.6

Net additions in period ('000):⁽²⁾

Retail connections	1,427	1,038	389	37.5
Retail postpaid connections	1,441	941	500	53.1

Churn Rate:

Retail connections	1.25%	1.23%	1.31%	1.27%
Retail postpaid connections	0.94%	0.93%	1.00%	0.97%

Account Statistics:

Retail postpaid ARPA	\$ 159.73	\$ 152.50	\$ 7.23	4.7	\$ 159.70	\$ 151.39	\$ 8.31	5.5
Retail postpaid accounts ('000) ⁽¹⁾	35,186	34,958	228	0.7				
Retail postpaid connections per account ⁽¹⁾	2.80	2.70	0.10	3.7				

⁽¹⁾ As of end of period

⁽²⁾ Excluding acquisitions and adjustments

Wireless' total operating revenues increased by \$1.5 billion or 7.5%, and \$2.9 billion or 7.2%, respectively, during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 primarily as a result of growth in service revenue as well as an increase in equipment revenue.

Accounts and Connections

Retail (non-wholesale) postpaid accounts represent retail customers under contract with Verizon Wireless that are directly served and managed by Verizon Wireless and use its branded services. Accounts include More Everything plans and corporate accounts,

as well as legacy single connection plans and family plans. A single account may receive monthly wireless services for a variety of connected devices. Retail connections represent our retail customer device connections. Churn is the rate at which service to connections is terminated.

Retail connections under an account may include: smartphones, basic phones, tablets and other Internet devices as well as Home Phone Connect and Home Fusion. We expect to continue to experience retail connection growth based on the strength of our product offerings and network service quality. Retail postpaid connection net additions increased during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 primarily due to an increase in retail postpaid connection gross additions. Higher retail postpaid connection gross additions were driven by gross additions of tablets as well as smartphones. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, our retail postpaid connection net additions included approximately 1.15 million and 1.78 million tablets, respectively, as compared to 264 thousand and 577 thousand tablets, respectively, in the similar periods in 2013.

Retail Postpaid Connections per Account

Retail postpaid connections per account is calculated by dividing the total number of retail postpaid connections by the number of retail postpaid accounts as of the end of the period. Retail postpaid connections per account increased 3.7% as of June 30, 2014 compared to June 30, 2013, primarily due to the increased penetration of tablets.

Service Revenue

Service revenue increased by \$1.0 billion or 5.9%, and \$2.3 billion or 6.7%, respectively, during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 primarily driven by higher retail postpaid service revenue, which increased largely as a result of an increase in retail postpaid connections as well as the continued increase in penetration of 4G LTE smartphones and tablets through our More Everything plans. The penetration of 4G LTE smartphones was driven by the activation of smartphones by new customers as well as existing customers migrating from basic phones and 3G smartphones to 4G LTE smartphones.

The increase in retail postpaid ARPA, which excludes recurring equipment installment billings related to Verizon Edge, during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 was primarily driven by increases in smartphone penetration and retail postpaid connections per account. As of June 30, 2014, we experienced a 3.7% increase in retail postpaid connections per account, compared to June 30, 2013, with smartphones representing 75% of our retail postpaid phone base as of June 30, 2014 compared to 64% as of June 30, 2013. The increased penetration in retail postpaid connections per account is primarily due to increases in Internet data devices, which represented 12.3% of our retail postpaid connection base as of June 30, 2014 compared to 9.9% as of June 30, 2013, primarily due to tablet activations. Additionally, during the six months ended June 30, 2014, postpaid smartphone activations represented 90% of phones activated compared to 84% in the similar period in 2013.

Other service revenue increased during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 due to growth in wholesale connections.

Equipment and Other Revenue

Equipment and other revenue increased during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 primarily due to an increase in equipment sales, driven by sales of equipment under both the traditional subsidy model and Verizon Edge.

Operating Expenses

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended				Six Months Ended			
	2014	June 30, 2013	Increase/ (Decrease)		2014	June 30, 2013	Increase/ (Decrease)	
Cost of services and sales	\$ 6,742	\$ 5,799	\$ 943	16.3%	\$ 12,598	\$ 11,450	\$ 1,148	10.0%
Selling, general and administrative expense	5,649	5,666	(17)	(0.3)	11,293	11,114	179	1.6
Depreciation and amortization expense	2,107	2,047	60	2.9	4,168	4,053	115	2.8
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 14,498	\$ 13,512	\$ 986	7.3	\$ 28,059	\$ 26,617	\$ 1,442	5.4

Cost of Services and Sales

Cost of services and sales increased during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 primarily due to an increase in cost of equipment sales of \$1.0 billion and \$1.4 billion, respectively, as a result of an increase in the number of devices sold. The increase for the six months ended June 30, 2014 was partially offset by a decrease in cost of data services and decreased data roaming.

Selling, General and Administrative Expense

Selling, general and administrative expense decreased during the three months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar period in 2013 primarily due to a decline of \$0.2 billion in sales commission expense largely driven by the increased adoption of Verizon Edge, and lower salary expense, partially offset by higher advertising and rent expense.

Selling, general and administrative expense increased during the six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar period in 2013 primarily due to higher advertising expense, gains recorded in the first quarter of 2013 related to wireless license exchange agreements, and higher rent expense, partially offset by a decline in salary expense and lower sales commission expense.

Depreciation and Amortization Expense

Depreciation and amortization expense increased during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 primarily driven by an increase in net depreciable assets.

Segment Operating Income and EBITDA

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended		June 30,		Increase/		Six Months Ended		June 30,		Increase/	
	2014	2013	(Decrease)		2014	2013	(Decrease)		2014	2013	(Decrease)	
Segment Operating Income	\$ 6,985	\$ 6,464	\$ 521	8.1%	\$ 14,303	\$ 12,882	\$ 1,421	11.0%				
Add Depreciation and amortization expense	2,107	2,047	60	2.9	4,168	4,053	115	2.8				
Segment EBITDA	\$ 9,092	\$ 8,511	\$ 581	6.8	\$ 18,471	\$ 16,935	\$ 1,536	9.1				
Segment operating income margin	32.5%	32.4%			33.8%	32.6%						
Segment EBITDA service margin	50.3%	49.8%			51.2%	50.1%						

The changes in the table above during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 were primarily a result of the factors described in connection with operating revenues and operating expenses.

Non-operational items excluded from our Wireless segment Operating income were as follows:

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended		June 30,		Six Months Ended		June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013
Gain on spectrum license transactions	\$ 707	\$ –	\$ 707	\$ –				

Wireline

Our Wireline segment provides voice, data and video communications products and enhanced services including broadband video and data, corporate networking solutions, data center and cloud services, security and managed network services and local and long distance voice services. We provide these products and services to consumers in the United States, as well as to carriers, businesses and government customers both in the United States and in over 150 other countries around the world.

Operating Revenues and Selected Operating Statistics

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended				Six Months Ended			
	2014	June 30, 2013	Increase/ (Decrease)		2014	June 30, 2013	Increase/ (Decrease)	
Consumer retail	\$ 3,864	\$ 3,669	\$ 195	5.3%	\$ 7,704	\$ 7,285	\$ 419	5.8%
Small business	621	635	(14)	(2.2)	1,245	1,273	(28)	(2.2)
Mass Markets	4,485	4,304	181	4.2	8,949	8,558	391	4.6
Strategic services	2,120	2,059	61	3.0	4,230	4,132	98	2.4
Core	1,459	1,590	(131)	(8.2)	2,955	3,287	(332)	(10.1)
Global Enterprise	3,579	3,649	(70)	(1.9)	7,185	7,419	(234)	(3.2)
Global Wholesale	1,570	1,662	(92)	(5.5)	3,161	3,361	(200)	(6.0)
Other	125	119	6	5.0	254	226	28	12.4
Total Operating Revenues	\$ 9,759	\$ 9,734	\$ 25	0.3	\$ 19,549	\$ 19,564	\$ (15)	(0.1)
Connections ('000): ⁽¹⁾								
Total voice connections					20,391	21,828	(1,437)	(6.6)
Total Broadband connections					9,077	8,939	138	1.5
FiOS Internet subscribers					6,309	5,773	536	9.3
FiOS Video subscribers					5,419	5,035	384	7.6

⁽¹⁾ As of end of period

Wireline's revenues increased 0.3% during the three months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar period in 2013 primarily as a result of higher Consumer retail revenues driven by FiOS services and increased Strategic services revenues within Global Enterprise, partially offset by declines in Global Enterprise Core and Global Wholesale.

Wireline's revenues decreased 0.1% during the six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar period in 2013 primarily driven by declines in Global Enterprise Core and Global Wholesale, partially offset by higher Consumer retail revenues driven by FiOS services and increased Strategic services revenues within Global Enterprise.

Mass Markets

Mass Markets operations provide broadband services (including high-speed Internet, FiOS Internet and FiOS Video services), local exchange (basic service and end-user access) and long distance (including regional toll) voice services to residential and small business subscribers.

Mass Markets revenues increased \$0.2 billion or 4.2%, and \$0.4 billion or 4.6%, respectively, during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 primarily due to the expansion of FiOS services (Voice, Internet and Video), including our FiOS Quantum offerings, as well as changes in our pricing strategies, partially offset by the continued decline of local exchange revenues. FiOS represented approximately 75% of Consumer retail revenue during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, compared to approximately 70% and 69%, respectively, during the similar periods in 2013.

Since July 1, 2013, we grew our subscriber base by 0.5 million FiOS Internet subscribers and 0.4 million FiOS Video subscribers, while also consistently improving penetration rates within our FiOS service areas. As of June 30, 2014, we achieved penetration rates of 40.1% and 35.3% for FiOS Internet and FiOS Video, respectively, compared to penetration rates of 38.6% and 34.5% for FiOS Internet and FiOS Video, respectively, as of June 30, 2013.

The increase in Mass Markets revenues, driven by FiOS services, was partially offset by the decline of local exchange revenues primarily due to a 5.9% decline in Consumer retail voice connections resulting primarily from competition and technology substitution with wireless, VoIP (voice over internet protocol), broadband and cable services. Total voice connections include traditional switched access lines in service as well as FiOS digital voice connections. There was also a decline in Small business retail voice connections, primarily reflecting competition and a shift to both IP and high-speed circuits.

Global Enterprise

Global Enterprise offers Strategic services including network products and solutions, advanced communications services, and other core communications services to medium and large business customers, multinational corporations and state and federal government customers.

Global Enterprise revenues decreased \$0.1 billion or 1.9%, and \$0.2 billion or 3.2%, respectively, during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 primarily due to a decline of \$0.1 billion or 8.0%, and \$0.2 billion or 8.9%, respectively, related to lower data networking revenues and voice services, which consist of traditional circuit-based services such as frame relay, private line and legacy voice and data services. These core services declined compared to the similar periods in 2013 as our customer base continued to migrate to next generation IP services. Also contributing to the decrease was the contraction of market rates due to competition and a decline in Core customer premise equipment revenues. This decrease was partially offset by increases in Strategic services revenues of \$0.1 billion or 3.0%, and \$0.1 billion or 2.4%, respectively, during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 primarily due to increases in private IP communications, contact center solutions, our cloud and data center offerings, professional services and security solutions as well as our telematics offerings.

Global Wholesale

Global Wholesale provides communications services including data, voice and local dial tone and broadband services primarily to local, long distance and other carriers that use our facilities to provide services to their customers.

Global Wholesale revenues decreased \$0.1 billion or 5.5%, and \$0.2 billion or 6.0%, respectively, during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 primarily due to a decline in traditional voice revenues and a 6.4% decline in domestic wholesale connections as of June 30, 2014 compared to June 30, 2013. The traditional voice revenue declines are primarily due to a decrease in minutes of use (MOUs) and the effect of technology substitution. Also contributing to the decline in voice revenues is the continuing contraction of market rates due to competition. Partially offsetting the overall decrease in wholesale revenues were Ethernet migrations from core customers as well as continuing demand for high-speed digital data services from fiber-to-the-cell customers upgrading their core data circuits to Ethernet facilities. As a result of the customer migrations, at June 30, 2014, the number of core data circuits experienced a 15.3% decline compared to June 30, 2013.

Operating Expenses

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended				Six Months Ended			
	2014	June 30, 2013	Increase/ (Decrease)		2014	June 30, 2013	Increase/ (Decrease)	
Cost of services and sales	\$ 5,461	\$ 5,407	\$ 54	1.0%	\$ 10,920	\$ 10,864	\$ 56	0.5%
Selling, general and administrative expense	2,034	2,168	(134)	(6.2)	4,185	4,433	(248)	(5.6)
Depreciation and amortization expense	2,005	2,085	(80)	(3.8)	4,038	4,180	(142)	(3.4)
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,660	\$ (160)	(1.7)	\$ 19,143	\$ 19,477	\$ (334)	(1.7)

Cost of Services and Sales

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, Cost of services and sales increased compared to the similar periods in 2013 primarily due to an increase in content costs of \$0.1 billion and \$0.2 billion, respectively, associated with continued FiOS subscriber growth and programming license fee increases, which were partially offset by a decline in access costs, driven by declines in overall wholesale long distance volumes, and a decrease in costs related to customer premise equipment.

Selling, General and Administrative Expense

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased compared to the similar periods in 2013 primarily due to declines in employee costs, primarily as a result of lower headcount, as well as gains on the sale of assets. The decrease during the six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar period in 2013 is also due to lower advertising expenses.

Depreciation and Amortization Expense

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, Depreciation and amortization expense decreased compared to the similar periods in 2013 primarily due to a decrease in net depreciable assets.

Segment Operating Income and EBITDA

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended		Increase/ (Decrease)		Six Months Ended		Increase/ (Decrease)	
	2014	June 30, 2013			2014	June 30, 2013		
Segment Operating Income	\$ 259	\$ 74	\$ 185	nm	\$ 406	\$ 87	\$ 319	nm
Add Depreciation and amortization expense	2,005	2,085	(80)	(3.8)%	4,038	4,180	(142)	(3.4)%
Segment EBITDA	<u>\$ 2,264</u>	<u>\$ 2,159</u>	<u>\$ 105</u>	4.9	<u>\$ 4,444</u>	<u>\$ 4,267</u>	<u>\$ 177</u>	4.1
Segment operating income margin	2.7%	0.8%			2.1%	0.4%		
Segment EBITDA margin	23.2%	22.2%			22.7%	21.8%		

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The changes in the table above during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar periods in 2013 were primarily a result of the factors described in connection with operating revenues and operating expenses.

Other Items

Gain on Spectrum License Transactions

During the second quarter of 2014, we completed license exchange transactions with T-Mobile USA, Inc. (T-Mobile USA) to exchange certain AWS and Personal Communication Services (PCS) licenses. The exchange included a number of swaps that we expect will result in more efficient use of the AWS and PCS bands. As a result of these exchanges, we received \$0.9 billion of AWS and PCS spectrum licenses at fair value and we recorded an immaterial gain.

During the second quarter of 2014, we completed transactions pursuant to two additional agreements with T-Mobile USA with respect to our remaining 700 MHz A block spectrum licenses. Under one agreement, we sold certain of these licenses to T-Mobile USA in exchange for cash consideration of approximately \$2.4 billion, and under the second agreement we exchanged the remainder of our 700 MHz A block spectrum licenses as well as AWS and PCS spectrum licenses for AWS and PCS spectrum licenses. As a result, we received \$1.6 billion of AWS and PCS spectrum licenses at fair value and we recorded a pre-tax gain of approximately \$0.7 billion in Selling, general and administrative expense on our condensed consolidated statements of income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014.

The Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA non-GAAP measure presented in the Consolidated Operating Income and EBITDA discussion (See “Consolidated Results of Operations”) excludes the gain on the spectrum license transactions described above.

Wireless Transaction Costs

As a result of the third-party indebtedness incurred to finance the Wireless Transaction, we incurred interest expense of \$0.4 billion during the six months ended June 30, 2014 (see “Consolidated Financial Condition”). This amount represents only the interest expense incurred prior to the closing of the Wireless Transaction.

Gain on Sale of Omnitel Interest

As a result of the sale of the Omnitel Interest on February 21, 2014, which was part of the consideration for the Wireless Transaction, we recorded a gain of \$1.9 billion in Equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated businesses on our condensed consolidated statement of income for the six months ended June 30, 2014.

Early Debt Redemption Costs

During March 2014, we recorded net debt redemption costs of \$0.9 billion in connection with the early redemption of \$1.25 billion aggregate principal amount of Cellco Partnership and Verizon Wireless Capital LLC 8.50% Notes due 2018, and the purchase of the following in the Tender Offer: \$0.7 billion of the then outstanding \$1.5 billion aggregate principal amount of Verizon 6.10% Notes due 2018, \$0.8 billion of the then outstanding \$1.5 billion aggregate principal amount of Verizon 5.50% Notes due 2018, \$0.6 billion of the then outstanding \$1.3 billion aggregate principal amount of Verizon 8.75% Notes due 2018, \$0.7 billion of the then outstanding \$1.25 billion aggregate principal amount of Verizon 5.55% Notes due 2016, \$0.4 billion of the then outstanding \$0.75 billion aggregate principal amount of Verizon 5.50% Notes due 2017, \$0.6 billion of the then outstanding \$1.0 billion aggregate principal amount of Cellco Partnership and Verizon Wireless Capital LLC 8.50% Notes due 2018, \$0.2 billion of the then outstanding \$0.3 billion aggregate principal amount of Alltel Corporation 7.00% Debentures due 2016 and \$0.3 billion of the then outstanding \$0.6 billion aggregate principal amount of GTE Corporation 6.84% Debentures due 2018.

Pension Remeasurement

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2013, we recorded net pre-tax pension remeasurement credits of approximately \$0.2 billion, in accordance with our accounting policy to recognize actuarial gains and losses in the period in which they occur. The pension remeasurement credits relate to settlements for employees who received lump-sum distributions. The credits were primarily driven by an approximately 75 basis point increase in our discount rate assumption used to determine the current year liabilities of one of our pension plans. The change in discount rate resulted in a gain of \$0.3 billion, partially offset by a loss resulting from the difference between our expected return on assets assumption of 7.5% at December 31, 2012 and our annualized actual return on assets of 7.2% at June 30, 2013, as well as other losses (\$0.1 billion). Our weighted-average discount rate assumption increased from 4.2% at December 31, 2012 to 5.0% at June 30, 2013.

The Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA non-GAAP measure presented in the Consolidated Operating Income and EBITDA discussion (See “Consolidated Results of Operations”) excludes the pension remeasurement described above.

Consolidated Financial Condition

(dollars in millions)	Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2014	2013	Change
Cash Flows Provided By (Used In)			
Operating activities	\$ 14,804	\$ 17,148	\$ (2,344)
Investing activities	(6,346)	(7,835)	1,489
Financing activities	(56,210)	(10,618)	(45,592)
Decrease In Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ (47,752)	\$ (1,305)	\$ (46,447)

We use the net cash generated from our operations to fund network expansion and modernization, repay external financing, pay dividends and invest in new businesses. Our sources of funds, primarily from operations and, to the extent necessary, from external financing arrangements, are sufficient to meet ongoing operating and investing requirements. The cash portion of the purchase price for the Wireless Transaction was primarily funded by the incurrence of third-party indebtedness (see “Acquisitions and Divestitures”). We expect that our capital spending requirements will continue to be financed primarily through internally generated funds. Debt or equity financing may be needed to fund additional investments or development activities or to maintain an appropriate capital structure to ensure our financial flexibility. Our cash and cash equivalents are primarily held domestically in diversified accounts and are invested to maintain principal and liquidity. Accordingly, we do not have significant exposure to foreign currency fluctuations. See “Market Risk” for additional information regarding our foreign currency risk management strategies.

Our available external financing arrangements include credit available under credit facilities and other bank lines of credit, vendor financing arrangements, issuances of registered debt or equity securities and privately-placed capital market securities. We may also issue short-term debt through an active commercial paper program and have a \$6.2 billion credit facility to support such commercial paper issuances, as well as a \$2.0 billion 364-day revolving credit agreement.

Cash Flows Provided By Operating Activities

Our primary source of funds continues to be cash generated from operations, primarily from our Wireless segment. Net cash provided by operating activities during the six months ended June 30, 2014 decreased by \$2.3 billion compared to the similar period in 2013 primarily due to a \$1.5 billion increase in income tax payments due to the incremental income included in Verizon’s income since the closing of the Wireless Transaction and the impact of bonus depreciation recorded in 2013. Also contributing to the decrease was a \$1.2 billion increase in interest payments primarily due to the incremental debt needed to fund the Wireless Transaction as well as a \$0.8 billion increase in pension contributions. The decline was partially offset by an increase in earnings at our Wireless segment.

On February 21, 2014, we completed the acquisition of Vodafone’s indirect 45% interest in Verizon Wireless which, among other benefits discussed herein, also provides full access to the cash flows of Verizon Wireless. Having full access to all the cash flows from our wireless business gives us the ability to continue to invest in our networks and spectrum, meet evolving customer requirements for products and services and take advantage of new growth opportunities across our lines of business.

Cash Flows Used In Investing Activities

Capital Expenditures

Capital expenditures continue to be our primary use of capital resources as they facilitate the introduction of new products and services, enhance responsiveness to competitive challenges and increase the operating efficiency and productivity of our networks.

Capital expenditures, including capitalized software, were as follows:

(dollars in millions)	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013
Wireless	\$ 5,325	\$ 4,270
Wireline	2,730	2,949
Other	439	397
	<u>\$ 8,494</u>	<u>\$ 7,616</u>
Total as a percentage of revenue	13.6%	12.9%

The increase in capital expenditures during the six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar period in 2013 was primarily due to investments to increase the capacity of our 4G LTE network, partially offset by lower capital expenditures at Wireline as a result of decreased legacy spending requirements.

Acquisitions

In February 2014, Verizon acquired a business dedicated to the development of IP television for cash consideration that was not significant.

Dispositions

During the six months ended June 30, 2014, we completed spectrum license transactions. As a result, we received proceeds of \$2.4 billion. See “Acquisitions and Divestitures” for additional information.

Cash Flows Used In Financing Activities

We seek to maintain a mix of fixed and variable rate debt to lower borrowing costs within reasonable risk parameters and to protect against earnings and cash flow volatility resulting from changes in market conditions. During the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, net cash used in financing activities was \$56.2 billion and \$10.6 billion, respectively. The change in cash flows used in financing activities during six months ended June 30, 2014 as compared to the similar period in 2013 was primarily driven by the use of \$58.89 billion as part of the consideration for the Wireless Transaction. See “Acquisitions and Divestitures” for additional information.

During February 2014, we issued €1.75 billion aggregate principal amount of 2.375% Notes due 2022, €1.25 billion aggregate principal amount of 3.25% Notes due 2026 and £0.85 billion aggregate principal amount of 4.75% Notes due 2034. The issuance of these Notes resulted in cash proceeds of approximately \$5.4 billion, net of discounts and issuance costs. The net proceeds were used, in part, to finance the Wireless Transaction. Net proceeds not used to finance the Wireless Transaction were used for general corporate purposes. Also, during February 2014, we issued \$0.5 billion aggregate principal amount of 5.90% Notes due 2054 resulting in cash proceeds of approximately \$0.5 billion, net of discounts and issuance costs. The net proceeds were used for general corporate purposes.

On March 10, 2014, we announced the commencement of a tender offer (the Tender Offer) to purchase for cash any and all of the series of notes listed in the following table:

(dollars in millions, except for Purchase Price)	Interest Rate	Maturity	Principal Amount Outstanding	Purchase Price ⁽¹⁾	Principal Amount Purchased
Verizon Communications	6.10%	2018	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,170.07	\$ 748
	5.50%	2018	1,500	1,146.91	763
	8.75%	2018	1,300	1,288.35	564
	5.55%	2016	1,250	1,093.62	652
	5.50%	2017	750	1,133.22	353
Cellco Partnership and Verizon Wireless Capital LLC	8.50%	2018	1,000	1,279.63	619
Alltel Corporation	7.00%	2016	300	1,125.26	157
GTE Corporation	6.84%	2018	600	1,196.85	266
					<u>\$ 4,122</u>

⁽¹⁾ Per \$1,000 principal amount of notes

The Tender Offer for each series of notes was subject to a financing condition, which was either satisfied or waived with respect to all series. The Tender Offer expired on March 17, 2014 and settled on March 19, 2014. In addition to the purchase price, any accrued and unpaid interest on the purchased notes was paid to the date of purchase. During March 2014, we recorded early debt redemption costs in connection with the Tender Offer (see “Early Debt Redemption”).

During March 2014, we issued \$4.5 billion aggregate principal amount of fixed and floating rate notes resulting in cash proceeds of approximately \$4.5 billion, net of discounts and issuance costs. The issuances consisted of the following: \$0.5 billion aggregate principal amount Floating Rate Notes due 2019 that bear interest at a rate equal to three-month LIBOR plus 0.77% which rate will be reset quarterly, \$0.5 billion aggregate principal amount of 2.55% Notes due 2019, \$1.0 billion aggregate principal amount of 3.45% Notes due 2021, \$1.25 billion aggregate principal amount of 4.15% Notes due 2024 and \$1.25 billion aggregate principal amount of 5.05% Notes due 2034. During March 2014, the net proceeds were used to purchase notes in the Tender Offer described above.

During March 2014, Verizon Wireless redeemed \$1.25 billion aggregate principal amount of the Cellco Partnership and Verizon Wireless Capital LLC 8.50% Notes due 2018 at 127.135% of the principal amount of such notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest (see “Early Debt Redemption”). Also, during March 2014, \$1.0 billion of LIBOR plus 0.61% Verizon Communications Notes and \$1.5 billion of 1.95% Verizon Communications Notes matured and were repaid.

Verizon may continue to acquire debt securities issued by Verizon and its affiliates in the future through open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions, tender offers, exchange offers, or otherwise, upon such terms and at such prices as Verizon may from time to time determine for cash or other consideration.

May Exchange Offer

On May 29, 2014, we announced the commencement of a private exchange offer (the May Exchange Offer) to exchange up to all Cellco Partnership and Verizon Wireless Capital LLC’s £0.6 billion outstanding aggregate principal amount of 8.875% Notes due December 18, 2018 (the Old Notes) for Verizon’s new sterling-denominated Notes due 2024 (the New Notes) and an amount of cash. This exchange offer has been accounted for as a modification of debt. In connection with the May Exchange Offer, which expired on June 25, 2014, we issued £0.7 billion aggregate principal of New Notes and made a cash payment of £22 million in exchange for £0.6 billion aggregate principal amount of tendered Old Notes. The New Notes bear interest at a rate of 4.073% per annum.

Concurrent with the issuance of the New Notes, we entered into cross currency swaps to fix our future interest and principal payments in U.S. dollars (see “Market Risk”).

Term Loan Agreement

During February 2014, we drew \$6.6 billion pursuant to a term loan agreement with a group of major financial institutions to finance, in part, the Wireless Transaction. \$3.3 billion of the loans under the term loan agreement have a maturity of three years (the 3-Year Loans) and \$3.3 billion of the loans under the term loan agreement have a maturity of five years (the 5-Year Loans). The 5-Year Loans provide for the partial amortization of principal during the last two years that they are outstanding. Loans under the term loan agreement bear interest at floating rates. The term loan agreement contains certain negative covenants, including a negative pledge covenant, a merger or similar transaction covenant and an accounting changes covenant, affirmative covenants and events of default that are customary for companies maintaining an investment grade credit rating. In addition, the term loan agreement requires us to maintain a leverage ratio (as defined in the term loan agreement) not in excess of 3.50:1.00, until our credit ratings are equal to or higher than A3 and A- at Moody's Investors Service and Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, respectively.

During June 2014, we issued \$3.3 billion aggregate principal amount of fixed and floating rate notes resulting in cash proceeds of approximately \$3.3 billion, net of discounts and issuance costs. The issuances consisted of the following: \$1.3 billion aggregate principal amount of Floating Rate Notes due 2017 that will bear interest at a rate equal to three-month LIBOR plus 0.40% which will be reset quarterly and \$2.0 billion aggregate principal amount of 1.35% Notes due 2017. We used the net proceeds from the offering of these notes to repay the 3-year Loans on June 12, 2014.

Other Credit Facilities

As of June 30, 2014, the unused borrowing capacity under our \$6.2 billion credit facility was approximately \$6.1 billion and the unused borrowing capacity under our \$2.0 billion 364-day revolving credit agreement was \$2.0 billion.

Early Debt Redemption

During March 2014, we recorded net debt redemption costs of \$0.9 billion in connection with the early redemption of \$1.25 billion aggregate principal amount of Cellco Partnership and Verizon Wireless Capital LLC 8.50% Notes due 2018, and the purchase of the following in the Tender Offer: \$0.7 billion of the then outstanding \$1.5 billion aggregate principal amount of Verizon 6.10% Notes due 2018, \$0.8 billion of the then outstanding \$1.5 billion aggregate principal amount of Verizon 5.50% Notes due 2018, \$0.6 billion of the then outstanding \$1.3 billion aggregate principal amount of Verizon 8.75% Notes due 2018, \$0.7 billion of the then outstanding \$1.25 billion aggregate principal amount of Verizon 5.55% Notes due 2016, \$0.4 billion of the then outstanding \$0.75 billion aggregate principal amount of Verizon 5.50% Notes due 2017, \$0.6 billion of the then outstanding \$1.0 billion aggregate principal amount of Cellco Partnership and Verizon Wireless Capital LLC 8.50% Notes due 2018, \$0.2 billion of the then outstanding \$0.3 billion aggregate principal amount of Alltel Corporation 7.00% Debentures due 2016 and \$0.3 billion of the then outstanding \$0.6 billion aggregate principal amount of GTE Corporation 6.84% Debentures due 2018.

Other, net

The change in Other, net financing activities during the six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar period in 2013 was primarily driven by net early debt redemption costs of \$0.9 billion.

Additionally, in the second quarter of 2014 we made our final tax distribution to Vodafone pursuant to the Cellco Partnership agreement.

Dividends

As in prior periods, dividend payments were a significant use of capital resources. During the six months ended June 30, 2014, we paid \$3.6 billion in cash dividends. During the six months ended June 30, 2013, we paid \$2.9 billion in cash dividends. The increase in cash dividends is primarily due to the issuance of approximately 1.27 billion shares of Verizon common stock as part of the consideration paid to complete the Wireless Transaction.

Common stock has been used from time to time to satisfy some of the funding requirements of employee and shareowner plans, including 3.9 million common shares issued from Treasury stock during the six months ended June 30, 2014, which had an aggregate value of \$0.2 billion.

Special Distribution

In May 2013, the Board of Representatives of Verizon Wireless declared a distribution to its owners, which was paid in the second quarter of 2013 in proportion to their partnership interests on the payment date, in the aggregate amount of \$7.0 billion. As a result, Vodafone received a cash payment of \$3.15 billion and the remainder of the distribution was received by Verizon.

As a result of the completion of the Wireless Transaction on February 21, 2014, we now have full ownership of Verizon Wireless and will no longer make special distributions to Vodafone.

Common Stock

As a result of the Wireless Transaction, Verizon issued approximately 1.27 billion shares of Verizon common stock.

On February 28, 2014, our previously authorized share buyback program expired. On March 7, 2014, the Verizon Board of Directors approved a new share buyback program, which authorized the repurchase of up to 100 million shares of Verizon common stock terminating no later than the close of business on February 28, 2017. The program permits Verizon to repurchase shares over time, with the amount and timing of repurchases depending on market conditions and corporate needs.

Verizon did not repurchase any shares of Verizon common stock through its authorized share buyback program during the six months ended June 30, 2014.

Covenants

Our credit agreements contain covenants that are typical for large, investment grade companies. These covenants include requirements to pay interest and principal in a timely fashion, pay taxes, maintain insurance with responsible and reputable insurance companies, preserve our corporate existence, keep appropriate books and records of financial transactions, maintain our properties, provide financial and other reports to our lenders, limit pledging and disposition of assets and mergers and consolidations, and other similar covenants. Additionally, the term loan credit agreement and the 364-day revolving credit agreement require us to maintain a leverage ratio (as such term is defined in those agreements) not in excess of 3.50:1.00 until our credit ratings are equal to or higher than A3 and A- at Moody's Investors Service and Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, respectively.

We and our consolidated subsidiaries are in compliance with all of our debt covenants.

Decrease In Cash and Cash Equivalents

Our Cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2014 totaled \$5.8 billion, a \$47.8 billion decrease compared to Cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2013 primarily as a result of the completion of the Wireless Transaction.

Free Cash Flow

Free cash flow is a non-GAAP financial measure that management believes is useful to investors and other users of Verizon's financial information in evaluating cash available to pay debt and dividends. Free cash flow is calculated by subtracting capital expenditures from net cash provided by operating activities. The following table reconciles Net cash provided by operating activities to Free cash flow:

(dollars in millions)	Six Months Ended		
	June 30,		
	2014	2013	Change
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 14,804	\$ 17,148	\$ (2,344)
Less Capital expenditures (including capitalized software)	8,494	7,616	878
Free cash flow	\$ 6,310	\$ 9,532	\$ (3,222)

The change in Free cash flow during the six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to the similar period in 2013 was primarily due to a \$1.5 billion increase in income tax payments, a \$1.2 billion increase in interest payments and higher capital expenditures. Subsequent to the completion of the Wireless Transaction on February 21, 2014, we now have full access to all of the cash flows generated by our wireless business.

Market Risk

We are exposed to various types of market risk in the normal course of business, including the effects of interest rate changes, foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations, changes in investment, equity and commodity prices and changes in corporate tax rates. We employ risk management strategies, which may include the use of a variety of derivatives including cross currency swaps, foreign currency and prepaid forwards and collars, interest rate swap agreements, commodity swap and forward agreements and interest rate locks. We do not hold derivatives for trading purposes.

It is our general policy to enter into interest rate, foreign currency and other derivative transactions only to the extent necessary to achieve our desired objectives in limiting our exposure to various market risks. Our objectives include maintaining a mix of fixed and variable rate debt to lower borrowing costs within reasonable risk parameters and to protect against earnings and cash flow volatility resulting from changes in market conditions. We do not hedge our market risk exposure in a manner that would completely eliminate the effect of changes in interest rates and foreign exchange rates on our earnings. We do not expect that our net income, liquidity and cash flows will be materially affected by these risk management strategies.

Interest Rate Risk

We are exposed to changes in interest rates, primarily on our short-term debt and the portion of long-term debt that carries floating interest rates. As of June 30, 2014, approximately 84% of the aggregate principal amount of our total debt portfolio consisted of fixed rate indebtedness, including the effect of interest rate swap agreements designated as hedges. The impact of a 100 basis point change in interest rates affecting our floating rate debt would result in a change in annual interest expense, including our interest rate swap agreements that are designated as hedges, of approximately \$0.2 billion. The interest rates on substantially all of our existing long-term debt obligations are unaffected by changes to our credit ratings.

Interest Rate Swaps

We enter into domestic interest rate swaps to achieve a targeted mix of fixed and variable rate debt. We principally receive fixed rates and pay variable rates based on LIBOR, resulting in a net increase or decrease to Interest expense. These swaps are designated as fair value hedges and hedge against changes in the fair value of our debt portfolio. We record the interest rate swaps at fair value on our condensed consolidated balance sheets as assets and liabilities. The fair value of these contracts was not material at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. As of June 30, 2014, the total notional amount of the interest rate swaps was \$1.8 billion. The ineffective portion of these interest rate swaps was not material for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively.

Forward Interest Rate Swaps

In order to manage our exposure to future interest rate changes, during the fourth quarter of 2013, we entered into forward interest rate swaps with a total notional value of \$2.0 billion. We designated these contracts as cash flow hedges. In March 2014, we settled these forward interest rate swaps and the pre-tax gain was not material. During the first and second quarters of 2014, we entered into forward interest rate swaps with total notional values of \$0.9 billion and \$3.1 billion, respectively. We designated these contracts as cash flow hedges.

During July 2014, we entered into forward interest rate swaps with a total notional value of \$0.8 billion. We designated these contracts as cash flow hedges.

Foreign Currency Translation

The functional currency for our foreign operations is primarily the local currency. The translation of income statement and balance sheet amounts of our foreign operations into U.S. dollars is recorded as cumulative translation adjustments, which are included in Accumulated other comprehensive income in our condensed consolidated balance sheets. Gains and losses on foreign currency transactions are recorded in the condensed consolidated statements of income in Other income and (expense), net. At June 30, 2014, our primary translation exposure was to the British Pound Sterling, the Euro, the Australian Dollar, Indian Rupee and the Japanese Yen.

Cross Currency Swaps

During the first quarter of 2014, we entered into cross currency swaps designated as cash flow hedges to exchange approximately \$5.4 billion of Euro and British Pound Sterling denominated debt into U.S. dollars and to fix our future interest and principal payments in U.S. dollars, as well as to mitigate the impact of foreign currency transaction gains or losses.

During the second quarter of 2014, in connection with the May Exchange Offer, we entered into cross currency swaps designated as cash flow hedges to exchange approximately \$1.2 billion of British Pound Sterling denominated debt into U.S. dollars and to fix our future interest and principal payments in U.S. dollars, as well as to mitigate the impact of foreign currency transaction gains or losses.

Verizon Wireless previously entered into cross currency swaps designated as cash flow hedges to exchange approximately \$1.6 billion of British Pound Sterling and Euro-denominated debt into U.S. dollars and to fix our future interest and principal payments in U.S. dollars, as well as to mitigate the effect of foreign currency transaction gains or losses. In June 2014, we settled \$0.8 billion of these cross currency swaps as part of the Exchange Offer and the gains with respect to these swaps were not material.

A portion of the gains and losses recognized in Other comprehensive income (loss) was reclassified to Other income and (expense), net to offset the related pre-tax foreign currency transaction gain or loss on the underlying debt obligations. The fair value of the outstanding swaps was \$0.2 billion at June 30, 2014 and was not material at December 31, 2013. During the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, an immaterial pre-tax loss and an immaterial pre-tax gain, respectively, were recognized in Other comprehensive income (loss). During the three and six months ended June 30, 2013, an immaterial pre-tax gain and a pre-tax loss of \$0.1 billion, respectively, were recognized in Other comprehensive income (loss).

Acquisitions and Divestitures

Wireless

Wireless Transaction

On September 2, 2013, Verizon entered into a stock purchase agreement (the Stock Purchase Agreement) with Vodafone Group Plc (Vodafone) and Vodafone 4 Limited (Seller), pursuant to which Verizon agreed to acquire Vodafone's indirect 45% interest in Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (the Partnership, and such interest, the Vodafone Interest) for aggregate consideration of approximately \$130 billion.

On February 21, 2014, pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Stock Purchase Agreement, Verizon acquired (the Wireless Transaction) from Seller all of the issued and outstanding capital stock (the Transferred Shares) of Vodafone Americas Finance 1 Inc., a subsidiary of Seller (VF1 Inc.), which indirectly through certain subsidiaries (together with VF1 Inc., the Purchased Entities) owned the Vodafone Interest. In consideration for the Transferred Shares, upon completion of the Wireless Transaction, Verizon (i) paid approximately \$58.89 billion in cash, (ii) issued approximately 1.27 billion shares of Verizon's common stock, par value \$0.10 per share (the Stock Consideration), which was valued at approximately \$61.3 billion at the closing of the Wireless Transaction, (iii) issued senior unsecured Verizon notes in an aggregate principal amount of \$5.0 billion (the Verizon Notes), (iv) sold Verizon's indirectly owned 23.1% interest in Vodafone Omnitel N.V. (Omnitel, and such interest, the Omnitel Interest), valued at \$3.5 billion and (v) provided other consideration, which included the assumption of preferred stock valued at approximately \$1.7 billion. The total cash paid to Vodafone and the other costs of the Wireless Transaction, including financing, legal and bank fees, were financed through the incurrence of third-party indebtedness (see "Consolidated Financial Condition").

In accordance with the accounting standard on consolidation, a change in a parent's ownership interest while the parent retains a controlling financial interest in its subsidiary is accounted for as an equity transaction and remeasurement of assets and liabilities of previously controlled and consolidated subsidiaries is not permitted. As a result, we accounted for the Wireless Transaction by adjusting the carrying amount of the noncontrolling interest to reflect the change in Verizon's ownership interest in the Partnership. Any difference between the fair value of the consideration paid and the amount by which the noncontrolling interest is adjusted has been recognized in equity attributable to Verizon.

Omnitel Transaction

On February 21, 2014, Verizon and Vodafone also consummated the sale of the Omnitel Interest (the Omnitel Transaction) by a subsidiary of Verizon to a subsidiary of Vodafone in connection with the Wireless Transaction pursuant to a separate share purchase agreement. As a result, during the six months ended June 30, 2014, we recognized a pre-tax gain of \$1.9 billion on the disposal of the Omnitel interest in Equity in earnings (losses) of unconsolidated businesses on our condensed consolidated statement of income.

Verizon Notes

The Verizon Notes were issued to Vodafone pursuant to Verizon's existing indenture. The Verizon Notes were issued in two separate series, with \$2.5 billion due February 21, 2022 (the eight-year Verizon Notes) and \$2.5 billion due February 21, 2025 (the eleven-year Verizon Notes). The Verizon Notes bear interest at a floating rate, which will be reset quarterly, with interest payable quarterly in arrears, beginning May 21, 2014. The eight-year Verizon Notes bear interest at a floating rate equal to three-month

LIBOR, plus 1.222%, and the eleven-year Verizon Notes bear interest at a floating rate equal to three-month LIBOR, plus 1.372%. The indenture that governs the Verizon Notes contains certain negative covenants, including a negative pledge covenant and a merger or similar transaction covenant, affirmative covenants and events of default that are customary for companies maintaining an investment grade credit rating. An event of default for either series of the Verizon Notes may result in acceleration of the entire principal amount of all debt securities of that series. Beginning two years after the closing of the Wireless Transaction, Verizon may redeem all or any portion of the outstanding Verizon Notes held by Vodafone or any of its affiliates for a redemption price of 100% of the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest. The Verizon Notes may only be transferred by Vodafone to third parties in specified amounts during specified periods, commencing January 1, 2017. Any Verizon Notes held by third parties will not be redeemable by Verizon prior to their maturity dates. Verizon has agreed to file a registration statement with respect to the Verizon Notes at least three months prior to the Verizon Notes becoming transferable.

Other Consideration

Included in the other consideration provided to Vodafone is the indirect assumption of long-term obligations with respect to 5.143% Class D and Class E cumulative preferred stock (Preferred Stock) issued by one of the Purchased Entities. Both the Class D shares (825,000 shares outstanding) and Class E shares (825,000 shares outstanding) are mandatorily redeemable in April 2020 at \$1,000 per share plus any accrued and unpaid dividends. Dividends accrue at 5.143% per annum and will be treated as interest expense. Both the Class D and Class E shares have been classified as liability instruments and were recorded at fair value as determined at the closing of the Wireless Transaction.

Deferred Tax Liabilities

Certain deferred taxes directly attributable to the Wireless Transaction have been calculated based on an analysis of taxes attributable to the difference between the tax basis of the investment in the noncontrolling interest that is assumed compared to Verizon's book basis. As a result, Verizon recorded a deferred tax liability of approximately \$13.5 billion.

Spectrum License Transactions

During the second quarter of 2014, we completed license exchange transactions with T-Mobile USA to exchange certain AWS and PCS licenses. The exchange included a number of swaps that we expect will result in more efficient use of the AWS and PCS bands. As a result of these exchanges, we received \$0.9 billion of AWS and PCS spectrum licenses at fair value and we recorded an immaterial gain.

During the second quarter of 2014, we completed transactions pursuant to two additional agreements with T-Mobile USA with respect to our remaining 700 MHz A block spectrum licenses. Under one agreement, we sold certain of these licenses to T-Mobile USA in exchange for cash consideration of approximately \$2.4 billion, and under the second agreement we exchanged the remainder of our 700 MHz A block spectrum licenses as well as AWS and PCS spectrum licenses for AWS and PCS spectrum licenses. As a result, we received \$1.6 billion of AWS and PCS spectrum licenses at fair value and we recorded a pre-tax gain of approximately \$0.7 billion in Selling, general and administrative expense on our condensed consolidated statements of income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014.

During the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, we acquired various other wireless licenses and markets for cash consideration that was not significant.

Wireline

During July 2014, Verizon sold a non-strategic Wireline business for cash consideration that was not significant.

Other

During February 2014, Verizon acquired a business dedicated to the development of Internet Protocol (IP) television for cash consideration that was not significant. The transaction is expected to accelerate the availability of next-generation video services.

Other Factors That May Affect Future Results

Regulatory and Competitive Trends

There have been no material changes to Regulatory and Competitive Trends as previously disclosed in Part II, Item 7. “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Environmental Matters

During 2003, under a government-approved plan, remediation commenced at the site of a former Sylvania facility in Hicksville, New York that processed nuclear fuel rods in the 1950s and 1960s. Remediation beyond original expectations proved to be necessary and a reassessment of the anticipated remediation costs was conducted. A reassessment of costs related to remediation efforts at several other former facilities was also undertaken. In September 2005, the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) accepted the Hicksville site into the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program. This may result in the ACE performing some or all of the remediation effort for the Hicksville site with a corresponding decrease in costs to Verizon. To the extent that the ACE assumes responsibility for remedial work at the Hicksville site, an adjustment to a reserve previously established for the remediation may be made. Adjustments to the reserve may also be made based upon actual conditions discovered during the remediation at this or any other site requiring remediation.

Recent Accounting Standards

In April 2014, the accounting standard update related to the reporting of discontinued operations and disclosures of disposals of components of an entity was issued. This standard update changes the criteria for reporting discontinued operations and enhances convergence of the reporting requirements for discontinued operations. As a result of this standard update, a disposal of a component of an entity or a group of components of an entity is required to be reported in discontinued operations if the disposal represents a strategic shift that has, or will have, a major effect on an entity’s operations and financial results. This standard update is effective as of the first quarter of 2015, however, earlier adoption is permitted.

In May 2014, the accounting standard update related to the recognition of revenue from contracts with customers was issued. This standard update clarifies the principles for recognizing revenue and develops a common revenue standard for U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and International Financial Reporting Standards. The standard update intends to provide a more robust framework for addressing revenue issues; improve comparability of revenue recognition practices across entities, industries, jurisdictions, and capital markets; and provide more useful information to users of financial statements through improved disclosure requirements. Upon adoption of this standard update, we expect that the allocation and timing of revenue recognition will be impacted. We expect to adopt this standard update during the first quarter of 2017. We are currently evaluating the impact that this standard update will have on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

In June 2014, the accounting standard update related to the accounting for share-based payments when the terms of an award provide that a performance target could be achieved after the requisite service period was issued. The standard update resolves the diverse accounting treatment for these share-based payments by requiring that a performance target that affects vesting and that could be achieved after the requisite service period be treated as a performance condition. The requisite service period ends when the employee can cease rendering service and still be eligible to vest in the award if the performance target is achieved. We will adopt this standard update during the first quarter of 2016. We are currently evaluating the impact that this standard update will have on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements

In this report we have made forward-looking statements. These statements are based on our estimates and assumptions and are subject to risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements include the information concerning our possible or assumed future results of operations. Forward-looking statements also include those preceded or followed by the words “anticipates,” “believes,” “estimates,” “hopes” or similar expressions. For those statements, we claim the protection of the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

The following important factors, along with those discussed elsewhere in this report and in other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), could affect future results and could cause those results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements:

- the ability to realize the expected benefits of the Wireless Transaction in the timeframe expected or at all;
- an adverse change in the ratings afforded our debt securities by nationally accredited ratings organizations or adverse conditions in the credit markets affecting the cost, including interest rates, and/or availability of further financing;
- significantly increased levels of indebtedness as a result of the Wireless Transaction;
- changes in tax laws or treaties, or in their interpretation;
- adverse conditions in the U.S. and international economies;
- material adverse changes in labor matters, including labor negotiations, and any resulting financial and/or operational impact;
- material changes in technology or technology substitution;
- disruption of our key suppliers’ provisioning of products or services;
- changes in the regulatory environment in which we operate, including any increase in restrictions on our ability to operate our networks;
- breaches of network or information technology security, natural disasters, terrorist attacks or acts of war or significant litigation and any resulting financial impact not covered by insurance;
- the effects of competition in the markets in which we operate;
- changes in accounting assumptions that regulatory agencies, including the SEC, may require or that result from changes in the accounting rules or their application, which could result in an impact on earnings;
- significant increases in benefit plan costs or lower investment returns on plan assets; and
- the inability to implement our business strategies.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Information relating to market risk is included in Item 2, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations under the caption "Market Risk."

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Our chief executive officer and chief financial officer have evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934), as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report. Based on this evaluation, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of June 30, 2014.

In the ordinary course of business, we review our system of internal control over financial reporting and make changes to our systems and processes intended to ensure an effective internal control environment. We are continuing an initiative to implement new financial systems that will continue in phases over the next several quarters. We are also continuing an initiative to standardize and centralize transaction-processing activities within our accounting processes, which we expect to continue over the next several years. These initiatives will incorporate certain changes in personnel as well. In connection with these initiatives and the resulting changes in our financial systems and transaction-processing activities, the Company continues to enhance the design and documentation of our internal control processes to ensure that controls over our financial reporting remain effective.

Except as noted above, there were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the second quarter of 2014 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Part II - Other Information

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

On September 15, 2010, the U.S. Bank National Association (U.S. Bank), as Litigation Trustee for the Idearc Inc. Litigation Trust (Litigation Trust), filed suit in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas against Verizon and certain subsidiaries challenging the November 2006 spin-off of Verizon's former directories business then known as Idearc Inc. U.S. Bank, which represents a group of creditors who filed claims in Idearc's bankruptcy, alleged that Idearc was insolvent at the time of the spin-off or became insolvent shortly thereafter. The Litigation Trust sought over \$9 billion in damages. Following a two-week trial in October 2012 limited to the question of the value of Idearc Inc. on the date of the spin-off, on January 22, 2013, the Court issued a decision finding that the value was "at least \$12 billion." As \$12 billion exceeds the value of the debt and cash that Idearc transferred to Verizon on the date of the spin-off, the Court issued a related Order to Show Cause directing the Litigation Trust to submit a brief that "explains why any (or all) of its legal claims are viable in light of the court's finding on Idearc's value." In its June 18, 2013 decision, the Court entered judgment for Verizon and its subsidiaries and ruled that U.S. Bank would "take nothing" on its claims. U.S. Bank appealed the decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Briefing was completed in the first quarter of 2014 and oral argument was heard on June 2, 2014.

On October 25, 2011, a Litigation Trust created during the bankruptcy proceedings of FairPoint Communications, Inc. filed a complaint in state court in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, against Verizon and other related entities. The complaint claims that FairPoint's acquisition of Verizon's landline operations in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont in March 2008 was structured and carried out in a way that left FairPoint insolvent or led to its insolvency shortly thereafter and ultimately to its October 2009 bankruptcy. The Litigation Trust seeks approximately \$2 billion in damages. Verizon removed the case to the United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina in November 2011. At the close of discovery in February 2012, Verizon filed a summary judgment motion to dismiss the two counts in the complaint – constructive fraudulent transfer and actual fraudulent transfer. On June 12, 2013, the Court granted Verizon's summary judgment motion in part, dismissing the Litigation Trust's constructive fraudulent transfer claim. A bench trial limited to the actual fraudulent transfer claim concluded December 15, 2013 and a post-trial briefing was completed in the first quarter of 2014. On June 18, 2014, Verizon and the Litigation Trust entered into a settlement agreement, the terms of which are not material to our business, and the Litigation Trust has sought the Bankruptcy Court's approval of that settlement.

In October 2013, the California Attorney General's Office notified Verizon California Inc. and other Verizon companies of potential violations of California state hazardous waste statutes primarily arising from the disposal of electronic components, batteries and aerosol cans at certain California facilities. We are cooperating with this investigation and continue to review our operations relating to the management of hazardous waste. While penalties relating to the alleged violations could exceed \$100,000, we do not expect that any penalties ultimately incurred will be material.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes to our risk factors as previously disclosed in Part I, Item 1A. of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

On February 28, 2014, our previously authorized share buyback program expired. On March 7, 2014, the Verizon Board of Directors approved a new share buyback program, which authorized the repurchase of up to 100 million shares of Verizon common stock terminating no later than the close of business on February 28, 2017. The program permits Verizon to repurchase shares over time, with the amount and timing of repurchases depending on market conditions and corporate needs.

Verizon did not repurchase any shares of Verizon common stock through its authorized share buyback program during the three months ended June 30, 2014. At June 30, 2014, the maximum number of shares that could be purchased by or on behalf of Verizon under our share buyback program was 100 million.

Item 6. Exhibits

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3b	Bylaws of Verizon, as amended, effective as of May 1, 2014 (filed as Exhibit 3b to Verizon's Form 8-K filed on May 6, 2014 and incorporated herein by reference).
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101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements 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.

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Date: July 29, 2014

By /s/ Anthony T. Skiadas
Anthony T. Skiadas
Senior Vice President and Controller
(Principal Accounting Officer)

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VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

**RESTATED CERTIFICATE
OF
INCORPORATION**

May 8, 2014

RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Verizon Communications Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, hereby certifies as follows:

1. The name of the corporation is Verizon Communications Inc., and the name under which the corporation was originally incorporated is Bell Atlantic Corporation. The date of filing of its original Certificate of Incorporation with the Secretary of State was October 7, 1983.

2. This Restated Certificate of Incorporation only restates and integrates and does not further amend the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation of the corporation as heretofore amended or supplemented and there is no discrepancy between those provisions and the provisions of this Restated Certificate of Incorporation.

3. The text of the Certificate of Incorporation as amended or supplemented heretofore is hereby restated without further amendments or changes to read as herein set forth in full in Exhibit A attached hereto.

4. This Restated Certificate of Incorporation was duly adopted by the Board of Directors in accordance with Section 245 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

5. This Restated Certificate of Incorporation shall be effective upon filing with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said Verizon Communications Inc. has caused this Certificate to be signed by William L. Horton, Jr., its Senior Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Corporate Secretary this 8th day of May, 2014.

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

By /s/ William L. Horton, Jr.
William L. Horton, Jr.
Senior Vice President, Deputy
General Counsel and Corporate
Secretary

**RESTATED CERTIFICATE
OF INCORPORATION
OF
VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.**

1. Corporate Name. The name of the corporation is Verizon Communications Inc. (the “Corporation”).
2. Registered Office. The address of the registered office of the Corporation is 1209 Orange Street, in the City of Wilmington, County of New Castle. The name of the registered agent of the Corporation at such address is The Corporation Trust Company.
3. Corporate Purpose. The nature of the business of the Corporation or the purposes of the Corporation to be conducted or promoted is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, as amended from time to time (the “GCL”).

4. Capital Stock.

A. Authorized Shares. The total number of shares of all classes of stock which the Corporation shall have the authority to issue is 6,500,000,000 shares, of which 6,250,000,000 shares are Common Stock, \$.10 par value per share, and 250,000,000 shares are Series Preferred Stock, \$.10 par value per share.

B. Authority of Board to Fix Terms of Series Preferred Stock. The Board of Directors of the Corporation is hereby expressly authorized at any time and from time to time to provide for the issuance of all or any shares of the Series Preferred Stock in one or more classes or series, and to fix for each such class or series such voting powers, full or limited, or no voting powers, and such distinctive designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights and such qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, as shall be stated and expressed in the resolution or resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors providing for the issuance of such class or series and to the fullest extent as may now or hereafter be permitted by the GCL, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the authority to provide that any such class or series may be (i) subject to redemption at such time or times and at such price or prices; (ii) entitled to receive dividends (which may be cumulative or non-cumulative) at such rates, on such conditions, and at such times, and payable in preference to, or in such relation to, the dividends payable on any other class or classes or any other series; (iii) entitled to such rights upon the dissolution of, or upon any distribution of the assets of, the Corporation; or (iv) convertible into, or exchangeable for, shares of any other class or classes of stock, or of any other series of the same or any

other class or classes of stock, or other securities or property, of the Corporation at such price or prices or at such rates of exchange and with such adjustments; all as may be stated in such resolution or resolutions. Unless otherwise provided in such resolution or resolutions, shares of Series Preferred Stock of such class or series which shall be issued and thereafter acquired by the Corporation through purchase, redemption, exchange, conversion or otherwise shall return to the status of authorized but unissued Series Preferred Stock.

5. Board of Directors of the Corporation.

A. Responsibilities. The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of the Board of Directors.

B. Number. Subject to the right of the Board of Directors to increase or decrease the number of directors pursuant to this Article 5.B., the Board of Directors shall consist of 22 directors. The Board of Directors may increase or decrease the number of directors by the affirmative vote of (a) three-quarters of the entire Board of Directors if the effective date of such increase or decrease is prior to the date on which Raymond W. Smith ceases to be Chairman of the Corporation (hereinafter referred to as the "Retirement Date"), and (b) a majority of the entire Board of Directors if the effective date of the increase or decrease is on or after the Retirement Date.

C. Elections of Directors. Elections of directors need not be by written ballot unless the Bylaws of the Corporation shall so provide.

D. Nominations for Directors. Except as otherwise permitted in Article 5.E., only persons who are nominated in accordance with the procedures established in the Bylaws shall be eligible for election as directors.

E. Vacancies. Vacancies and newly created directorships may be filled by the Board of Directors, provided that on or prior to the Retirement Date, such action shall be in accordance with the method for the selection of directors set forth in Section 4.16 of the Bylaws.

6. Bylaws. The Board of Directors is expressly authorized from time to time to make, alter or repeal the Bylaws of the Corporation in the manner set forth in the Bylaws from time to time.

7. Indemnification.

A. Indemnification of Authorized Representatives in Third Party Proceedings. – The Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is an authorized representative of the Corporation, and who was or is a party, or is threatened to be made a party to any third party proceeding, by reason of the fact that such person was or is an authorized representative of the Corporation, against expenses, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such third party proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Corporation and, with respect to any criminal third party proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe such conduct was unlawful. The termination of any third party proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, shall not of itself create a presumption that the authorized representative did not act in good faith and in a manner which such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to, the best interests of the Corporation, or, with respect to any criminal third party proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that such conduct was unlawful.

B. Indemnification of Authorized Representatives in Corporate Proceedings. – The Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is an authorized representative of the Corporation and who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any corporate proceeding, by reason of the fact that such person was or is an authorized representative of the Corporation, against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such corporate proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Corporation; provided, however, that, except as provided in this Article 7 with respect to proceedings to enforce rights to indemnification, the Corporation shall indemnify any such person in connection with an action, suit or proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by such person only if the initiation of such action, suit or proceeding (or part thereof) was authorized by the Board of Directors; provided further, however, that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the Corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such corporate proceeding was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such authorized representative is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

C. Mandatory Indemnification of Authorized Representatives. – To the extent that an authorized representative or other employee or agent of the Corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any third party or corporate proceeding or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith.

D. Determination of Entitlement to Indemnification. – Any indemnification under section 7(A), (B) or (C) of this Article (unless ordered by a court) shall be made by the Corporation only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the authorized representative or other employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because such person has either met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in section 7(A) or (B) of this Article or has been successful on the merits or otherwise as set forth in section 7(C) of this Article and that the amount requested has been actually and reasonably incurred. Such determination shall be made:

- (1) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of directors who were not parties to such third party or corporate proceeding; or
- (2) if such a quorum is not obtainable, or even if obtainable, a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion; or
- (3) by the stockholders.

E. Advancing Expenses. – Expenses actually and reasonably incurred in defending a third party or corporate proceeding shall be paid on behalf of an authorized representative by the Corporation in advance of the final disposition of such third party or corporate proceeding and within 30 days of receipt by the secretary of the Corporation of (i) an application from such authorized representative setting forth the basis for such indemnification, and (ii) if required by law at the time such application is made, an undertaking by or on behalf of the authorized representative to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that the authorized representative is not entitled to be indemnified by the Corporation as authorized in this Article. The financial ability of any authorized representative to make a repayment contemplated by this section shall not be a prerequisite to the making of an advance. Expenses incurred by other employees and agents may be so paid upon such terms and conditions, if any, as the Board of Directors deems appropriate.

F. Definitions. – For purposes of this Article:

- (1) “authorized representative” shall mean any and all directors and officers of the Corporation and any person designated as an authorized representative by the Board of Directors of the Corporation or any officer of the Corporation to whom the Board has delegated the authority to make such designations (which “authorized representative” may, but need not, include any person serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee, trustee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise);
- (2) “Corporation” shall include, in addition to the resulting corporation, any constituent corporation (including any constituent of a constituent) absorbed

in a consolidation or merger which, if its separate existence had continued, would have had power and authority to indemnify its directors, officers, employees or agents, so that any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of such constituent corporation, or is or was serving at the request of such constituent corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, shall stand in the same position under the provisions of this Article with respect to the resulting or surviving corporation as such person would have with respect to such constituent corporation if its separate existence had continued;

(3) “corporate proceeding” shall mean any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the Corporation to procure a judgment in its favor and any investigative proceeding by the Corporation;

(4) “criminal third party proceeding” shall include any action or investigation which could or does lead to a criminal third party proceeding;

(5) “expenses” shall include attorneys’ fees and disbursements;

(6) “fines” shall include any excise taxes assessed on a person with respect to an employee benefit plan;

(7) actions “not opposed to the best interests of the Corporation” shall include without limitation actions taken in good faith and in a manner the authorized representative reasonably believed to be in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of an employee benefit plan;

(8) “other enterprises” shall include employee benefit plans;

(9) “party” shall include the giving of testimony or similar involvement;

(10) “serving at the request of the Corporation” shall include without limitation any service as a director, officer or employee of the Corporation which imposes duties on, or involves services by, such director, officer or employee with respect to an employee benefit plan, its participants, or beneficiaries; and

(11) “third party proceeding” shall mean any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, other than an action by or in the right of the Corporation.

G. Insurance. – The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any liability asserted against the person and incurred by the person in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the Corporation would have the power or the obligation to indemnify such person against such liability under the provisions of this Article.

H. Scope of Article. – The indemnification of authorized representatives and advancement of expenses, as authorized by the preceding provisions of this Article, shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under any agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in an official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office. The indemnification and advancement of expenses provided by or granted pursuant to this Article shall, unless otherwise provided when authorized or ratified, continue as to a person who has ceased to be an authorized representative and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, executors and administrators of such a person.

I. Reliance on Provisions. – Each person who shall act as an authorized representative of the Corporation shall be deemed to be doing so in reliance upon rights of indemnification provided by this Article. Any repeal or modification of the provisions of this Article 7 by the stockholders of the Corporation shall not adversely affect any right or benefit of a director existing at the time of such repeal or modification.

J. Severability. – If this Article 7 or any portion thereof shall be invalidated on any ground by any court of competent jurisdiction, then the Corporation shall nevertheless indemnify each authorized representative of the Corporation as to expenses, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement with respect to any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, including, without limitation, a grand jury proceeding and an action, suit or proceeding by or in the right of the Corporation, to the fullest extent permitted by any applicable portion of this Article 7 that shall not have been invalidated, by the GCL or by any other applicable law.

8. Duty of Care. A director of the Corporation shall not be liable to the Corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of the law, (iii) under Section 174 of the GCL, or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. If the GCL is amended to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors, then the liability of a director of the Corporation shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the GCL, as so amended. Any repeal or modification of the provisions of this Article 8 by the stockholders of the Corporation shall not adversely affect any right or benefit of a director of the Corporation existing at the time of such repeal or modification.

9. Board Consideration of All Relevant Factors. The Board of Directors of the Corporation, when evaluating any offer of another party to (a) make a tender or exchange offer for any equity security of the Corporation, (b) merge or consolidate the Corporation with another corporation, or (c) purchase or otherwise acquire all or substantially all of the properties and assets of the Corporation, may, in connection with the exercise of its judgment in determining what is in the best interests of the Corporation and its stockholders, give due consideration to (i) all relevant factors, including without limitation the social, legal, environmental and economic effects on employees, customers, suppliers and other affected persons, firms and corporations and on the communities and geographical areas in which the Corporation and its subsidiaries operate or are located and on any of the businesses and properties of the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries, as well as such other factors as the directors deem relevant, and (ii) the consideration being offered, not only in relation to the then current market price for the Corporation's outstanding shares of capital stock, but also in relation to the then current value of the Corporation in a freely negotiated transaction and in relation to the Board of Directors' estimate of the future value of the Corporation (including the unrealized value of its properties and assets) as an independent going concern.

10. Unanimous Consent of Stockholders in Lieu of Meeting. Any action required to be taken at any annual or special meeting of stockholders of the Corporation, or any action which may be taken at any annual or special meeting of such stockholders, may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote, if a consent or consents in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by the holders of all of the outstanding stock entitled to vote to take such action at any annual or special meeting of stockholders of the Corporation and shall be delivered to the Corporation by delivery to its registered office in Delaware, its principal place of business, or an officer or agent of the Corporation having custody of the books in which proceedings or meetings of stockholders are recorded. Every written consent shall bear the date of signature of each stockholder who signs the consent and no written consent shall be effective to take the corporate action referred to unless, within 60 days of the earliest dated consent delivered in the manner required in this section to the Corporation, written consents signed by the holders of all of the outstanding stock entitled to vote to take such action are delivered to the Corporation by delivery to its registered office in Delaware, its principal place of business, or an officer or agent of the Corporation having custody of the books in which proceedings of meetings of stockholders are recorded. Delivery made to a Corporation's registered office shall be by hand or by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested.

11. Amendments. The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in this certificate of incorporation, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statute, and all rights conferred upon stockholders herein are granted subject to this reservation.

Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges
Verizon Communications Inc. and Subsidiaries

(dollars in millions)	Six Months Ended June 30, 2014
Earnings:	
Income before provision for income taxes	\$ 13,498
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated businesses	(1,859)
Dividends from unconsolidated businesses	18
Interest expense ⁽¹⁾	2,378
Portion of rent expense representing interest	440
Amortization of capitalized interest	94
Earnings, as adjusted	<u>\$ 14,569</u>
Fixed Charges:	
Interest expense ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2,378
Portion of rent expense representing interest	440
Capitalized interest	248
Fixed Charges	<u>\$ 3,066</u>
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	<u>4.75</u>

⁽¹⁾ We classify interest expense recognized on uncertain tax positions as income tax expense and therefore such interest expense is not included in the Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges.

I, Lowell C. McAdam, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Verizon Communications Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, 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;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: July 29, 2014

/s/ Lowell C. McAdam

Lowell C. McAdam

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

I, Francis J. Shammo, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Verizon Communications Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, 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;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: July 29, 2014

/s/ Francis J. Shammo

Francis J. Shammo
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT 32.1

CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002, PURSUANT TO SECTION 1350 OF CHAPTER 63 OF TITLE 18 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE

I, Lowell C. McAdam, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Verizon Communications Inc. (the Company), certify that:

- (1) the report of the Company on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ending June 30, 2014 (the Report) fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act); and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company as of the dates and for the periods referred to in the Report.

Date: July 29, 2014

/s/ Lowell C. McAdam

Lowell C. McAdam
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to Verizon Communications Inc. and will be retained by Verizon Communications Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

EXHIBIT 32.2

CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002, PURSUANT TO SECTION 1350 OF CHAPTER 63 OF TITLE 18 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE

I, Francis J. Shammo, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Verizon Communications Inc. (the Company), certify that:

- (1) the report of the Company on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ending June 30, 2014 (the Report) fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act); and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company as of the dates and for the periods referred to in the Report.

Date: July 29, 2014

/s/ Francis J. Shammo

Francis J. Shammo
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 906, has been provided to Verizon Communications Inc. and will be retained by Verizon Communications Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.