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Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2010

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Mediacom Communications Corporation

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of incorporation)

06-1566067
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

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Middletown, New York 10941
(Address of principal executive offices)

(845) 695-2600
(Registrant's telephone number)

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 smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer 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

As of October 31, 2010, there were 41,264,139 shares of Class A common stock and 27,001,944 shares of Class B common stock outstanding.

MEDIACOM COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

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This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q is for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010. Any statement contained in a prior periodic report shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Quarterly Report to the extent that a statement contained herein modifies or supersedes such statement. The Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) allows us to “incorporate by reference” information that we file with them, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you directly to those documents. Information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this Quarterly Report. Throughout this Quarterly Report, we refer to Mediacom Communications Corporation as “MCC,” and MCC and its consolidated subsidiaries as “we,” “us” and “our.”

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

You should carefully review the information contained in this Quarterly Report and in other reports or documents that we file from time to time with the SEC.

In this Quarterly Report, we state our beliefs of future events and of our future financial performance. In some cases, you can identify those so-called “forward-looking statements” by words such as “anticipates,” “believes,” “continue,” “could,” “estimates,” “expects,” “intends,” “may,” “plans,” “potential,” “predicts,” “should” or “will,” or the negative of those and other comparable words. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance or results, and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from historical results or those we anticipate as a result of various factors, many of which are beyond our control. Factors that may cause such differences to occur include, but are not limited to:

- increased levels of competition from existing and new competitors;
- lower demand for our video, high-speed data and phone services;
- our ability to successfully introduce new products and services to meet customer demands and preferences;
- changes in laws, regulatory requirements or technology that may cause us to incur additional costs and expenses;
- greater than anticipated increases in programming costs and delivery expenses related to our products and services;
- changes in assumptions underlying our critical accounting policies;
- the ability to secure hardware, software and operational support for the delivery of products and services to our customers;
- disruptions or failures of network and information systems upon which our business relies;
- our reliance on certain intellectual property;
- our ability to generate sufficient cash flow to meet our debt service obligations;
- our ability to refinance future debt maturities or provide future funding for general corporate purposes and potential strategic transactions, on similar terms as we currently experience; and
- other risks and uncertainties discussed in this Quarterly Report, our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 and other reports or documents that we file from time to time with the SEC.

Statements included in this Quarterly Report are based upon information known to us as of the date that this Quarterly Report is filed with the SEC, and we assume no obligation to update or alter our forward-looking statements made in this Quarterly Report, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by applicable federal securities laws.

PART I**ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****MEDIACOM COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

(All dollar amounts in thousands, except par value)
(Unaudited)

	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 127,927	\$ 80,916
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	15,001	—
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$2,965 and \$2,180	85,630	86,337
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	26,221	17,030
Deferred tax assets	24,098	22,616
Total current assets	<u>\$ 278,877</u>	<u>\$ 206,899</u>
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$2,128,954 and \$1,965,091	1,480,598	1,478,489
Franchise rights	1,793,715	1,793,715
Goodwill	219,991	219,991
Subscriber lists and other intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$154,434 and \$152,552	3,590	5,472
Other assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$16,888 and \$13,961	54,904	50,468
Deferred income taxes — non current	220,331	222,695
Total assets	<u>\$ 4,052,006</u>	<u>\$ 3,977,729</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities	\$ 252,830	\$ 268,575
Deferred revenue	56,880	56,996
Current portion of long-term debt	26,000	95,000
Total current liabilities	<u>\$ 335,710</u>	<u>\$ 420,571</u>
Long-term debt, less current portion	3,364,500	3,270,000
Other non-current liabilities	81,059	22,130
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 3,781,269</u>	<u>\$ 3,712,701</u>
Commitments and contingencies (Note 9)		
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Class A common stock, \$.01 par value; 300,000,000 shares authorized; 97,340,305 shares issued and 41,150,217 shares outstanding as of September 30, 2010 and 96,554,912 shares issued and 40,621,955 shares outstanding as of December 31, 2009	\$ 412	\$ 406
Class B common stock, \$.01 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized; 27,001,944 shares issued and outstanding	270	270
Additional paid-in capital	1,019,787	1,013,517
Accumulated deficit	(453,996)	(454,670)
Treasury stock, at cost, 56,190,088 and 55,932,957 shares of Class A common stock	(295,736)	(294,495)
Total stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 270,737</u>	<u>\$ 265,028</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 4,052,006</u>	<u>\$ 3,977,729</u>

The accompanying notes to the unaudited financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

MEDIACOM COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(All dollar amounts in thousands, except per share data)
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Revenues	\$ 374,352	\$ 363,383	\$ 1,120,039	\$ 1,088,316
Costs and expenses:				
Service costs (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	164,297	156,477	483,620	463,172
Selling, general and administrative expenses	71,267	69,122	206,745	202,487
Corporate expenses	8,509	8,307	25,210	24,840
Depreciation and amortization	59,968	58,528	179,870	175,236
Operating income	70,311	70,949	224,594	222,581
Interest expense, net	(51,413)	(53,020)	(152,923)	(153,272)
(Loss) gain on derivatives, net	(22,885)	(5,236)	(63,645)	19,044
Gain on sale of cable systems, net	—	—	—	13,781
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	—	(5,899)	(1,234)	(5,899)
Other expense, net	(2,736)	(2,289)	(5,236)	(7,115)
(Loss) income before income taxes	\$ (6,723)	\$ 4,505	\$ 1,556	\$ 89,120
Benefit from (provision for) income taxes	2,719	(14,505)	(882)	(42,352)
Net (loss) income	\$ (4,004)	\$ (10,000)	\$ 674	\$ 46,768
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	68,152	67,458	68,004	71,830
Basic (loss) earnings per share	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.15)	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.65
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	68,152	67,458	71,917	75,074
Diluted (loss) earnings per share	\$ (0.06)	\$ (0.15)	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.62

The accompanying notes to the unaudited financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

MEDIACOM COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(All dollar amounts in thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income	\$ 674	\$ 46,768
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	179,870	175,236
Loss (gain) on derivatives, net	63,645	(19,044)
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	1,234	3,707
Gain on sale of cable systems, net	—	(12,147)
Amortization of deferred financing costs	5,000	3,887
Share-based compensation	5,669	5,384
Deferred income taxes	882	42,352
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisitions:		
Accounts receivable, net	707	(5,326)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(7,891)	(3,855)
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities	(2,620)	5,998
Deferred revenue	(116)	3,237
Other non-current liabilities	(444)	(443)
Net cash flows provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 246,610</u>	<u>\$ 245,754</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Capital expenditures	(180,312)	(167,153)
Investment in restricted cash and cash equivalents (Note 1)	(15,001)	—
Net cash flows used in investing activities	<u>\$ (195,313)</u>	<u>\$ (167,153)</u>
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
New borrowings	1,323,750	1,360,250
Repayment of debt	(1,298,250)	(1,026,250)
Issuance of senior notes	—	350,000
Redemption of senior notes	—	(625,000)
Net settlement of restricted stock units	(1,241)	(1,518)
Repurchases of Class A common stock	—	(110,000)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock in employee stock purchase plan	581	548
Financing costs	(16,546)	(23,896)
Other financing activities — book overdrafts	(12,580)	696
Net cash flows used in financing activities	<u>\$ (4,286)</u>	<u>\$ (75,170)</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 47,011</u>	<u>\$ 3,431</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	80,916	67,111
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period	<u>\$ 127,927</u>	<u>\$ 70,542</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:		
Cash paid during the period for interest, net of amounts capitalized	<u>\$ 156,953</u>	<u>\$ 167,040</u>
NON-CASH TRANSACTIONS — FINANCING:		
Repurchase of Class A common stock exchanged for assets held for sale (Note 12)	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 29,284</u>

The accompanying notes to the unaudited financial statements are an integral part of these statements.

MEDIACOM COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ORGANIZATION AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Organization

Mediacom Communications Corporation (“MCC,” and collectively with its subsidiaries, “we,” “our” or “us”) is a holding company, and does not have any operations or hold any assets other than investments in, and advances to, its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Mediacom Broadband LLC (“Mediacom Broadband”) and Mediacom LLC. The principal operating subsidiaries of Mediacom Broadband and Mediacom LLC (“Mediacom Broadband Group” and “Mediacom LLC Group,” respectively, and together the “Operating Subsidiaries”) conduct all of our consolidated operations and own substantially all of our consolidated assets.

Basis of Presentation

We have prepared these unaudited consolidated financial statements in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). In the opinion of management, such statements include all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals and adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of our consolidated results of operations and financial position for the interim periods presented. The accounting policies followed during such interim periods reported are in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America and are consistent with those applied during annual periods. For a summary of our accounting policies and other information, refer to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009. The results of operations for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results that might be expected for future interim periods or for the full year ending December 31, 2010.

Franchise fees imposed by local governmental authorities are collected on a monthly basis from our customers and are periodically remitted to the local governmental authorities. Because franchise fees are our obligation, we present them on a gross basis with a corresponding operating expense. Franchise fees reported on a gross basis amounted to approximately \$9.3 million and \$9.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and approximately \$28.3 million and \$28.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Restricted cash and cash equivalents

Restricted cash and cash equivalents represent funds pledged to insurance carriers as security under a master pledge and security agreement. Pledged funds are invested in short-term, highly liquid investments. We retain ownership of the pledged funds, and under the terms of the pledge and security agreement, we can withdraw any of the funds, with the restrictions removed from such funds, provided comparable substitute collateral is pledged to the insurance carriers.

2. RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In January 2010, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2010-06, *Improving Disclosures about Fair Value Measurements*, which amends Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) No. 820 — *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* (“ASC 820”) to add new requirements for disclosures about transfers into and out of Levels 1 and 2 and separate disclosures about purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements relating to Level 3 measurements. The ASU also clarifies existing fair value disclosures about the level of disaggregation and about inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The ASU is effective for the first reporting period (including interim periods) beginning after December 15, 2009, except for the requirement to provide the Level 3 activity of purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements on a gross basis, which will be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2010, and for interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted. We do not expect that this ASU will have a significant impact on the consolidated financial statements or related disclosures.

3. FAIR VALUE

The tables below set forth our financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis using a market-based approach at September 30, 2010. These assets and liabilities have been categorized according to the three-level fair value hierarchy established by ASC 820, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value, as follows:

- Level 1 — Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 — Observable market based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data.
- Level 3 — Unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data.

As of September 30, 2010, our interest rate exchange agreement liabilities, net, were valued at \$114.0 million using Level 2 inputs, as follows:

(dollars in thousands)	Fair Value as of September 30, 2010			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets				
Interest rate exchange agreements	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Liabilities				
Interest rate exchange agreements	\$ —	\$ 114,010	\$ —	\$ 114,010
Interest rate exchange agreements — liabilities, net	\$ —	\$ 114,010	\$ —	\$ 114,010

As of December 31, 2009, our interest rate exchange agreement liabilities, net, were valued at \$50.4 million using Level 2 inputs, as follows:

(dollars in thousands)	Fair Value as of December 31, 2009			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets				
Interest rate exchange agreements	\$ —	\$ 4,791	\$ —	\$ 4,791
Liabilities				
Interest rate exchange agreements	\$ —	\$ 55,155	\$ —	\$ 55,155
Interest rate exchange agreements — liabilities, net	\$ —	\$ 50,364	\$ —	\$ 50,364

4. (LOSS) EARNINGS PER SHARE

We calculate earnings or loss per share in accordance with ASC 260 — *Earnings per Share* by dividing the net income or loss by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings (loss) per share (“Diluted EPS”) are computed by dividing the net income by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period plus the effects of any potentially dilutive securities. Diluted EPS consider the impact of potentially dilutive securities except in periods in which there is a loss because the inclusion of the potential shares of common stock would have an anti-dilutive effect. Our potentially dilutive securities include shares of common stock which may be issued upon exercise of our stock options or vesting of restricted stock units. Diluted EPS exclude the impact of potential shares of common stock related to our stock options in periods in which the option exercise price is greater than the average market price of our Class A common stock during the period.

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For each of the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, we generated a net loss, and therefore the inclusion of the potential shares of common stock would have been anti-dilutive. Accordingly, diluted loss per share equaled basic loss per share for such period. Diluted loss per share for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, excluded approximately 4.3 million and 3.3 million potential shares of common stock, respectively, related to our share-based compensation plans.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, we generated net income. Accordingly, diluted earnings per share for such periods, respectively, included approximately 3.9 million, and 3.2 million potential shares of common stock related to our share-based compensation plans.

5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
Cable systems, equipment and subscriber devices	\$ 3,416,736	\$ 3,252,864
Vehicles	72,304	75,494
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	68,652	64,099
Buildings and leasehold improvements	44,225	43,493
Land and land improvements	7,635	7,630
	3,609,552	3,443,580
Accumulated depreciation	(2,128,954)	(1,965,091)
Property, plant and equipment, net	<u>\$ 1,480,598</u>	<u>\$ 1,478,489</u>

6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, ACCRUED EXPENSES AND OTHER CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
Liabilities under interest rate exchange agreements	\$ 40,074	\$ 40,591
Accrued programming costs	39,556	34,917
Accrued payroll and benefits	33,093	31,451
Accrued taxes and fees	30,604	30,611
Accrued interest	26,275	30,310
Subscriber advance payments	15,795	15,563
Accrued service costs	14,462	17,751
Accrued property, plant and equipment	13,665	12,188
Accounts payable	12,117	13,287
Book overdrafts ⁽¹⁾	4,698	17,305
Accrued telecommunications	3,052	5,105
Other accrued expenses	19,439	19,496
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities	<u>\$ 252,830</u>	<u>\$ 268,575</u>

- (1) Book overdrafts represent outstanding checks in excess of funds on deposit at our disbursement accounts. We transfer funds from our depository accounts to our disbursement accounts upon daily notification of checks presented for payment. Changes in book overdrafts are reported as part of net cash flows used in financing activities in our Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows.

7. DEBT

Debt consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2009
Bank credit facilities	\$ 2,540,500	\$ 2,515,000
8½% senior notes due 2015	500,000	500,000
9⅞% senior notes due 2019	350,000	350,000
	\$ 3,390,500	\$ 3,365,000
Less: Current portion	26,000	95,000
Total long-term debt	\$ 3,364,500	\$ 3,270,000

Bank Credit Facilities

As of September 30, 2010, the Operating Subsidiaries maintained an aggregate \$3.275 billion of senior secured credit facilities (the “credit facilities”), of which \$2.541 billion was outstanding. The average interest rates on such outstanding debt, including the effect of the interest rate exchange agreements discussed below, was 4.7%, as compared to 4.6% as of the same date last year.

As of September 30, 2010, we had no outstanding balance under our \$734.5 million revolving credit facility, with \$731.0 million of unused lines after taking into account \$3.5 million of letters of credit issued under the credit facilities to various parties as collateral for our performance relating to franchise requirements. As of the same date, based on the terms and conditions of our debt arrangements, all of our unused revolving credit lines were available to be borrowed and used for general corporate purposes. Our revolving credit commitments are scheduled to expire in the amounts of \$79.0 million, \$430.3 million and \$225.2 million on September 30, 2011, December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2014, respectively, and are not subject to scheduled reductions prior to maturity.

The credit agreements for each of the credit facilities contain various covenants that, among other things, impose certain limitations on mergers and acquisitions, consolidations and sales of certain assets, liens, the incurrence of additional indebtedness, certain restricted payments and certain transactions with affiliates. As of September 30, 2010, the principal financial covenants of the \$1.476 billion credit facility maintained by the Mediacom LLC Group (the “LLC credit facility”) required compliance with a ratio of indebtedness to system cash flow (the “senior leverage ratio”) of no more than 6.0 to 1.0 at any time, and a ratio of operating cash flow to interest expense (the “interest coverage ratio”) of no less than 2.0 to 1.0 at the end of a quarterly period. As of such date, the LLC credit facility’s senior leverage ratio and interest coverage ratio were 4.4 to 1.0 and 2.6 to 1.0, respectively. As of September 30, 2010, the principal financial covenant of the \$1.799 billion credit facility maintained by the Mediacom Broadband Group (the “Broadband credit facility”) required a senior leverage ratio of no more than 6.0 to 1.0 at any time. As of such date, the Broadband credit facility’s senior leverage ratio was 4.4 to 1.0. The terms “indebtedness,” “system cash flow,” “operating cash flow” and “interest expense” are defined in the credit agreements for the LLC credit facility and the Broadband credit facility. The credit facilities are collateralized by all of Mediacom Broadband and Mediacom LLC’s ownership interests in their respective operating subsidiaries, and are guaranteed by them on a limited recourse basis to the extent of such ownership interests.

New Financings

On April 23, 2010, the Mediacom LLC Group entered into an incremental facility agreement that provided for a new term loan under the LLC credit facility in the principal amount of \$250.0 million (“Term Loan E”) and borrowed the full amount thereunder. The proceeds from Term Loan E were used to repay the outstanding balance of both Term Loan A and the revolving credit portion of the LLC credit facility, without any reduction in the revolving credit commitments, and to pay related fees and expenses. Following the borrowing of Term Loan E, there were three term loans outstanding under the LLC credit facility (Term Loan C, Term Loan D and Term Loan E).

Borrowings under Term Loan E bear interest at a floating rate or rates equal to the Eurodollar Rate or the Base Rate (as such terms are defined in the credit agreement for the LLC credit facility), plus a margin of 3.00% for Eurodollar Rate loans and a margin of 2.00% for Base Rate loans. For the first four years of Term Loan E, the Eurodollar Rate will be subject to a floor of 1.50% and the Base Rate will be subject to a floor of 2.50%. Term Loan E matures on October 23, 2017, and is subject to quarterly reductions of 0.25% of the original principal amount. The obligations of the Mediacom LLC Group under Term Loan E are governed by the terms of the credit agreement for the LLC credit facility.

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On April 23, 2010, the credit agreement for the LLC credit facility was amended to:

- extend the termination date with respect to \$225.2 million of the revolving credit portion of the LLC credit facility from September 30, 2011 to December 31, 2014 (or June 30, 2014 if Term Loan C under the LLC credit facility has not been repaid or refinanced prior to June 30, 2014);
- maintain the termination date of September 30, 2011 with respect to \$79.0 million of the revolving credit commitments;
- reduce the aggregate of the revolving credit commitments from \$400.0 million to \$304.2 million as of April 23, 2010; and
- permit additional incremental facility term loans in an aggregate principal amount equal to not more than 100% of any future reductions in the revolving credit commitments.

In addition, the financial covenants were amended as follows:

- the maximum senior leverage ratio, which is currently 6.0 to 1.0, will be reduced to 5.5 to 1.0 commencing with the quarter ending December 31, 2011 and 5.0 to 1.0 commencing with the quarter ending December 31, 2012 and thereafter, so long as any revolving credit commitments remain outstanding;
- the minimum interest coverage ratio will be 2.0 to 1.0 as of the last day of any fiscal quarter ending after April 23, 2010, so long as any revolving credit commitments remain outstanding; and
- after the termination of all revolving credit commitments, the maximum senior leverage ratio will increase to 6.0 to 1.0 and the interest coverage ratio covenant will no longer be applicable.

On April 23, 2010, the Mediacom Broadband Group entered into an incremental facility agreement that provided for a new term loan under the Broadband credit facility in the principal amount of \$600.0 million ("Term Loan F"), and borrowed the full amount thereunder. The proceeds from Term Loan F were used to repay the outstanding balance of both Term Loan E and the revolving credit portion of the Broadband credit facility, without any reduction in the revolving credit commitments, and to pay related fees and expenses. Following the borrowing of Term Loan F, there were two term loans outstanding under the Broadband credit facility (Term Loan D and Term Loan F).

Borrowings under Term Loan F bear interest at a floating rate or rates equal to the Eurodollar Rate or the Base Rate (as such terms are defined in the credit agreement for the Broadband credit facility), plus a margin of 3.00% for Eurodollar Rate loans and a margin of 2.00% for Base Rate loans. For the first four years of Term Loan F, the Eurodollar Rate will be subject to a floor of 1.50% and the Base Rate will be subject to a floor of 2.50%. Term Loan F matures on October 23, 2017, and is subject to quarterly reductions of 0.25% of the original principal amount beginning on September 30, 2010. The obligations of the Mediacom Broadband Group under Term Loan F are governed by the terms of the credit agreement for the Broadband credit facility.

On April 23, 2010, the credit agreement for the Broadband credit facility was amended to:

- increase the permitted amount of incremental facilities by \$250.0 million; and
- permit additional incremental facility term loans in an aggregate principal amount equal to not more than 50% of any future reductions in the revolving credit commitments.

Senior Notes

As of September 30, 2010, we had an aggregate \$850.0 million of senior notes outstanding, consisting of \$500.0 million of senior notes at Mediacom Broadband and \$350.0 million of senior notes at Mediacom LLC. The indentures governing our senior notes contain various covenants, though they are generally less restrictive than those found in our credit facilities. As of September 30, 2010, the principal financial covenant of these senior notes had a limitation on the incurrence of additional indebtedness based upon a maximum ratio of total indebtedness to operating cash flow (the “total leverage ratio”) of 8.5 to 1.0. As of such date, the total leverage ratio at Mediacom Broadband and Mediacom LLC was 6.3 to 1.0 and 6.0 to 1.0, respectively. The terms “total indebtedness” and “operating cash flow” are defined in the indentures governing our senior notes. These covenants also restrict our ability, among other things, to make certain distributions, investments and other restricted payments, sell certain assets, create certain liens, merge, consolidate or sell substantially all of our assets and enter into certain transactions with affiliates.

Interest Rate Swaps

We use interest rate exchange agreements, or interest rate swaps, in order to fix the rate of the applicable Eurodollar portion of debt under the credit facilities to reduce the potential volatility in our interest expense that would otherwise result from changes in market interest rates. Our interest rate swaps have not been designated as hedges for accounting purposes, and have been accounted for on a mark-to-market basis as of, and for, the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009.

As of September 30, 2010, we had interest rate swaps with various banks pursuant to which the interest rate on \$1.3 billion of floating rate debt was fixed at a weighted average rate of 3.2%. Our current interest rate swaps are scheduled to expire in the amounts of \$100 million, \$500 million and \$700 million during the years ended December 31, 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively.

As of September 30, 2010, we had entered into forward-starting interest rate swaps that will fix rates for: (i) a four-year period at a weighted average rate of 3.1% in the amount of \$200 million, which will commence in December 2010; (ii) a two-year period at a weighted average rate of 2.8% in the amount of \$300 million, which will commence in December 2010; (iii) a three-year period at a weighted average rate of 3.5% in the amount of \$200 million, which will commence in December 2011; (iv) a two and a half-year period at a weighted average rate of 3.9% in the amount of \$200 million, which will commence in June 2012; and (v) a two-year period at a weighted average rate of 3.5% in the amount of \$400 million, which will commence in December 2012.

The fair value of our interest rate swaps is the estimated amount that we would receive or pay to terminate such agreements, taking into account market interest rates and the remaining time to maturities. As of September 30, 2010, based upon mark-to-market valuation, we recorded on our consolidated balance sheet, an accumulated current liability of \$40.1 million and an accumulated long-term liability of \$73.9 million. As of December 31, 2009, based upon mark-to-market valuation, we recorded on our consolidated balance sheet a long-term asset of \$4.8 million, an accumulated current liability of \$40.6 million and an accumulated long-term liability of \$14.6 million.

As a result of the mark-to-market valuations on these interest rate swaps, we recorded net losses on derivatives of \$22.9 million and \$5.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and a net loss on derivatives of \$63.6 million and a net gain on derivatives of \$19.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Covenant Compliance and Debt Ratings

For all periods through September 30, 2010, we were in compliance with all of the covenants under the credit facilities and senior note arrangements. There are no covenants, events of default, borrowing conditions or other terms in the credit facilities or senior note arrangements that are based on changes in our credit rating assigned by any rating agency.

Our future access to the debt markets and the terms and conditions we receive are influenced by our debt ratings. Our corporate credit ratings are B1, with a stable outlook, by Moody’s, and B+, with a stable outlook, by Standard and Poor’s. Any future downgrade to our credit ratings could result in higher interest rates on future debt issuance than we currently experience, or adversely impact our ability to raise additional funds.

Fair Value

As of September 30, 2010, the fair values of our senior notes and credit facilities are as follows (dollars in thousands):

Bank credit facilities	<u>\$ 2,463,785</u>
8 1/2% senior notes due 2015	\$ 514,063
9 1/8% senior notes due 2019	363,125
	<u>\$ 877,188</u>

8. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**Stock Repurchase Plans**

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, we did not repurchase any shares of our common stock under our common stock repurchase program. As of September 30, 2010, approximately \$47.6 million remained available under our Class A common stock repurchase program.

Share-based Compensation

Total share-based compensation expense for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, was as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009
Share-based compensation expense by type of award:		
Employee stock options	\$ 644	\$ 598
Employee stock purchase plan	112	112
Restricted stock units	<u>1,142</u>	<u>1,095</u>
Total share-based compensation expense	<u>\$ 1,898</u>	<u>\$ 1,805</u>

During the three months ended September 30, 2010, no restricted stock units or stock options were granted to our employees under our compensation programs. Each of the restricted stock units and stock options in our stock compensation programs are exchangeable and exercisable, respectively, into a share of our Class A common stock. During the three months ended September 30, 2010, approximately 46,000 restricted stock units vested and no stock options were exercised.

Total share-based compensation expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, was as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2010	2009
Share-based compensation expense by type of award:		
Employee stock options	\$ 1,908	\$ 1,756
Employee stock purchase plan	336	345
Restricted stock units	<u>3,425</u>	<u>3,283</u>
Total share-based compensation expense	<u>\$ 5,669</u>	<u>\$ 5,384</u>

During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, approximately 823,000 restricted stock units and 786,000 stock options were granted to our employees under our compensation programs. The weighted average fair values associated with these grants were \$4.55 per restricted stock unit and \$4.80 per stock option. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, approximately 652,000 restricted stock units vested and options to purchase approximately 6,000 shares of Class A common stock were exercised.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

Pursuant to our employee stock purchase plan, all employees are allowed to participate in the purchase of shares of our Class A common stock at a 15% discount. Due to the timing of the share purchases under our plan, there were no shares purchased by employees, nor were there any net proceeds received by us, for each of the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009. Shares purchased by employees under our plan amounted to approximately 128,000 and 160,000 for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009, respectively. The net proceeds to us were approximately \$0.6 million for each of the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009.

9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Legal Proceedings

Mediacom LLC, one of our wholly owned subsidiaries, is named as a defendant in a putative class action, captioned *Gary Ogg and Janice Ogg v. Mediacom LLC*, pending in the Circuit Court of Clay County, Missouri, originally filed in April 2001. The lawsuit alleges that Mediacom LLC, in areas where there was no cable franchise, failed to obtain permission from landowners to place our fiber interconnection cable notwithstanding the possession of agreements or permission from other third parties. While the parties continue to contest liability, there also remains a dispute as to the proper measure of damages. Based on a report by their experts, the plaintiffs claim compensatory damages of approximately \$14.5 million. Legal fees, prejudgment interest, potential punitive damages and other costs could increase that estimate to approximately \$26.0 million. Before trial, the plaintiffs proposed an alternative damage theory of \$42.0 million in compensatory damages. Notwithstanding the verdict in the trial described below, we remain unable to reasonably determine the amount of our final liability in this lawsuit. Prior to trial our experts estimated our liability to be within the range of approximately \$0.1 million to \$2.3 million. This estimate did not include any estimate of damages for prejudgment interest, attorneys' fees or punitive damages.

On March 9, 2009, a jury trial commenced solely for the claim of Gary and Janice Ogg, the designated class representatives. On March 18, 2009, the jury rendered a verdict in favor of Gary and Janice Ogg setting compensatory damages of \$8,863 and punitive damages of \$35,000. The Court did not enter a final judgment on this verdict and therefore the amount of the verdict cannot at this time be judicially collected. Although we believe that the particular circumstances of each class member may result in a different measure of damages for each member, if the same measure of compensatory damages was used for each member, the aggregate compensatory damages would be approximately \$16.2 million plus the possibility of an award of attorneys' fees, prejudgment interest, and punitive damages. Mediacom LLC is vigorously defending against the claims made by the other members of the class, including filing and responding to post trial motions, which include filing a motion to decertify the class and responding to the plaintiffs' summary judgment motion, and preparing for subsequent trials, and an appeal, if necessary.

We believe that the amount of actual liability would not have a significant effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations, cash flows or business. There can be no assurance, however, that the actual liability ultimately determined for all members of the class would not exceed our estimated range or any amount derived from the verdict rendered on March 18, 2009. Mediacom LLC has tendered the lawsuit to our insurance carrier for defense and indemnification. The carrier has agreed to defend Mediacom LLC under a reservation of rights, and a declaratory judgment action is pending regarding the carrier's defense and coverage responsibilities.

A purported class action in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York entitled *Jim Knight v. Mediacom Communications Corp.*, in which we were named as the defendant, was filed on March 4, 2010. The complaint asserts that the potential class is comprised of all persons who purchased premium cable services from us and rented a cable box distributed by us. The plaintiff alleges that we improperly "tie" the rental of cable boxes to the provision of premium cable services in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Antitrust Act. The plaintiff also alleges a claim for unjust enrichment and seeks injunctive relief and unspecified damages. We were served with the complaint on April 16, 2010 and we have responded. We believe we have substantial defenses to the claims asserted in the complaint, and we intend to defend the action vigorously.

Commencing in June 2010, three shareholder class action lawsuits were filed against Mediacom Communications Corporation and its individual directors, all in the Court of Chancery in the State of Delaware under the captions, *Colleen Witmer v. Mediacom Communications Corporation et al.*, *J. Malcolm Gray v. Mediacom Communications Corporation et al.* and *Haverhill Retirement System v. Mediacom Communications Corporation et al.* The lawsuits, which were consolidated for all purposes in the Delaware Chancery Court, derived from the previously disclosed offer by Rocco B. Commisso to acquire all of the outstanding shares of MCC common stock not already owned by Mr. Commisso, and allege breach of fiduciary duty and aiding and abetting such breaches, and seek injunctive relief or in the alternative, compensatory damages.

We are also involved in various other legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, the ultimate disposition of these other matters will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations, cash flows or business.

10. INCOME TAXES

We have utilized ASC 270 — *Interim Reporting* to record income taxes on an interim period basis.

ASC 740 — *Income Taxes* requires that deferred tax assets be reduced by a valuation allowance if it is more likely than not that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. We periodically assess the likelihood of realization of our deferred tax assets considering all available evidence, both positive and negative, including our most recent performance, the scheduled reversal of deferred tax liabilities, our forecast of taxable income in future periods and the availability of prudent tax planning strategies. As a result of these assessments in prior periods, we established valuation allowances on a portion of our deferred tax assets due to the uncertainty surrounding the realization of these assets. During the fourth quarter of 2009, as a result of the assessment of our ability to realize deferred assets, we reversed a substantial portion of our valuation allowance, resulting in a balance in the valuation allowance of \$8.2 million as of December 31, 2009. As of September 30, 2010, our valuation allowance remained at approximately \$8.2 million. Adjustments to the valuation allowance will be made if there is a change in our assessment of the amount of deferred income tax asset that is realizable.

A tax benefit of \$2.7 million was recorded for the three months ended September 30, 2010. Tax provisions of \$14.5 million, \$0.9 million and \$42.4 million were recorded for the three months ended September 30, 2009 and the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

The tax benefit (provision) amounts for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 were based on book income and the effective tax rate (“ETR”). The ETR for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 was 41.8% and 43.4%, which included the effect of state taxes (net of federal tax benefit).

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, we had a significant valuation allowance against our deferred tax assets, as described above. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2009, the respective tax provision amounts substantially represented the increase in the deferred tax liabilities related to the basis differences of our indefinite-lived intangible assets.

Other tax matters

We have not recorded a liability for unrecognized tax benefits as of September 30, 2010. We do not think it is reasonably possible that the total amount of unrealized tax benefits will significantly change in the next twelve months.

We file U.S. federal consolidated income tax returns and income tax returns in various state and local jurisdictions. Our 2007, 2008 and 2009 U.S. federal tax years and various state and local tax years from 2005 through 2008 remain subject to income tax examinations by tax authorities. In addition, tax returns for years prior to 2006 may be subject to examination to the extent net operating losses have been carried forward from those years and remain available to offset taxable income in the future.

We classify interest and penalties associated with uncertain tax positions as a component of income tax expense. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, no interest and penalties were accrued.

11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Mediacom Management Corporation (“Mediacom Management”), a Delaware corporation, holds a 1.0% direct ownership interest in Mediacom California LLC, which in turn holds a 1.0% interest in Mediacom Arizona LLC. Revenues from these entities represent approximately 2.5% of our total revenues. Mediacom Management is wholly-owned by our Chairman and CEO.

One of our directors is a partner of a law firm that performs various legal services for us. For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, approximately \$0.8 million was paid to this law firm for services performed.

12. REPURCHASE OF MEDIACOM CLASS A COMMON STOCK

On September 7, 2008, we entered into a Share Exchange Agreement (the “Exchange Agreement”) with Shivers Investments, LLC and Shivers Trading & Operating Company (collectively “Shivers”), both affiliates of Morris Communications Company, LLC. We completed the Exchange Agreement on February 13, 2009 (the “Completion Date”), pursuant to which we exchanged 100% of the shares of stock of a newly-created subsidiary, which held non-strategic cable television systems serving approximately 25,000 basic subscribers, and \$110 million of cash (the “Exchange Cash Portion”), for 28.3 million shares of our Class A common stock (the “Exchange Shares”) held by Shivers.

The Exchange Cash Portion was funded with cash on hand and borrowings made under the revolving commitments of our credit facilities. Both Morris Communications and Shivers are controlled by William S. Morris III, who at the time was a member of our Board of Directors.

Based upon the \$4.92 closing price per share of our Class A common stock on the Completion Date (the “Closing Price”), we recognized a gain on sale of cable systems, net, of approximately \$13.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, which reflected approximately \$1.3 million in legal and consulting fees, as well as other customary closing adjustments. For the nine months ended September 30, 2009, an amount of \$29.3 million was recorded in our Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, under the caption Non-Cash Transactions — Financing, to account for the excess value of the Exchange Shares on the Completion Date over the Exchange Cash Portion. This amount was determined by calculating the value of the Exchange Shares using the Closing Price, less the Exchange Cash Portion.

The results of operations for the exchange assets were as follows (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009	
Revenues	\$	2,722
Pre-tax net income	\$	863

13. GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

In accordance with ASC 350 — *Intangibles — Goodwill and Other* (“ASC 350”) (formerly SFAS No. 142, “*Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*”), the amortization of goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets is prohibited and requires such assets to be tested annually for impairment, or more frequently if impairment indicators arise. We have determined that our cable franchise rights and goodwill are indefinite-lived assets and therefore not amortizable.

We directly assess the value of cable franchise rights for impairment under ASC 350 by utilizing a discounted cash flow methodology. In performing an impairment test in accordance with ASC 350, we make assumptions, such as future cash flow expectations, customer growth, competition, industry outlook, capital expenditures, and other future benefits related to cable franchise rights, which are consistent with the expectations of buyers and sellers of cable systems in determining fair value. If the determined fair value of our cable franchise rights is less than the carrying amount on the financial statements, an impairment charge would be recognized for the difference between the fair value and the carrying value of such assets.

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Goodwill impairment is determined using a two-step process. The first step compares the fair value of a reporting unit with our carrying amount, including goodwill. If the fair value of a reporting unit exceeds our carrying amount, goodwill of the reporting unit is considered not impaired and the second step is unnecessary. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds our fair value, the second step is performed to measure the amount of impairment loss, if any. The second step compares the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill, calculated using the residual method, with the carrying amount of that goodwill. If the carrying amount of the goodwill exceeds the implied fair value, the excess is recognized as an impairment loss. We have determined that we have two reporting units for the purpose of applying ASC 350, Mediacom Broadband and Mediacom LLC. Our most recently completed annual impairment test was conducted as of October 1, 2009, and we will be conducting our next annual impairment test as of October 1, 2010.

The economic conditions currently affecting the U.S. economy and the long-term impact on the fundamentals of our business may have a negative impact on the fair values of the assets in our reporting units. This may result in the recognition of an impairment loss in the future.

Because we believe there has not been a meaningful change in the long-term fundamentals of our business during the first nine months of 2010, we have determined that there has been no triggering event under ASC 350, and as such, no interim impairment test was required as of September 30, 2010.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our unaudited consolidated financial statements as of, and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, and with our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Overview

We are the nation's eighth largest cable company based on the number of customers who purchase one or more video services, also known as basic subscribers. We are among the leading cable operators focused on serving the smaller cities in the United States, with a significant customer concentration in the Midwestern and Southeastern regions. We are the largest and second largest cable company in Iowa and Illinois, respectively. Approximately 69% of our basic subscribers are in the top 100 television markets in the United States, commonly referred to as Nielsen Media Research designated market areas ("DMAs"), with more than 55% in DMAs that rank between the 60th and 100th largest.

Through our interactive broadband network, we provide our customers with a wide variety of advanced products and services, including video services, such as video-on-demand, high-definition television ("HDTV") and digital video recorders ("DVRs"), high-speed data ("HSD") and phone service. We offer the triple-play bundle of video, HSD and phone over a single communications platform, a significant advantage over most competitors in our service areas. As of September 30, 2010, we offered our bundle of video, HSD and phone services to approximately 94% of our estimated 2.81 million homes passed in 22 states. As of the same date, we served approximately 1.20 million basic subscribers, 717,000 digital video customers, 827,000 HSD customers and 324,000 phone customers, aggregating 3.07 million revenue generating units ("RGUs").

Our basic and digital video services compete principally with direct broadcast satellite ("DBS") companies, and we continue to face significant levels of price competition from these providers, who offer video programming substantially similar to ours. We compete with these providers by offering our triple-play bundle and interactive video services that are unavailable to DBS customers due to the limited two-way interactivity of DBS service. Our HSD service competes primarily with digital subscriber line ("DSL") services offered by local telephone companies; based upon the speeds we offer, we believe our HSD product is superior to comparable DSL offerings in our service areas. Our phone service mainly competes with substantially comparable phone services offered by local telephone companies and with cellular phone services offered by national wireless providers. We believe our customers prefer the cost savings of the bundled products and services we offer, as well as the convenience of having a single provider contact for ordering, provisioning, billing and customer care.

Our ability to continue to grow our customer base and revenues is dependent on a number of factors, including the competition we face and general economic conditions. As a result of continuing weak economic conditions and significant price competition from DBS providers, we have seen lower demand for our video, HSD and phone services, which has led to a reduction in basic subscribers and slower growth rates of digital, HSD and phone customers. Consequently, we believe we will experience lower revenue growth for the full year 2010 than in prior years. A continuation or broadening of such effects may adversely impact our results of operations, cash flows and financial position.

Recent Developments

New Financings

On April 23, 2010, we completed financing transactions (the "new financings") that provided for new term loans in the aggregate principal amount of \$850 million and amendments to our existing bank credit facilities (the "credit facilities"), which, among other things, extended the termination date on certain of our total revolving credit commitments, and reduced the commitments thereunder. The net proceeds from these new term loans were used to repay certain existing term loans and the full balance of outstanding revolving credit loans under our credit facilities. See "Liquidity and Capital Resources — Capital Structure — New Financings" below and Note 7 in our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for more information.

Revenues, Costs and Expenses

Video revenues primarily represent monthly subscription fees charged to customers for our core cable products and services (including basic and digital cable programming services, wire maintenance, equipment rental and services to commercial establishments), pay-per-view charges, installation, reconnection and late payment fees, franchise fees and other ancillary revenues. HSD revenues primarily represent monthly fees charged to customers (including small to medium sized commercial establishments) for our HSD products and services and equipment rental fees, as well as fees charged to large-sized businesses for our scalable, fiber-based enterprise network products and services. Phone revenues primarily represent monthly fees charged to customers (including small to medium sized commercial establishments) for our phone service. Advertising revenues represent the sale of advertising placed on our video services.

If we continue to lose video customers as a result of competition and weak economic conditions, our video revenues could continue to decline for the foreseeable future. However, we believe this will be mostly offset through increased gains in penetration of our advanced video services as well as rate increases. We expect further growth in HSD and phone revenues, as we believe we will continue to expand our penetration of our HSD and phone services. However, future growth in HSD and phone customers may be adversely affected by intensifying competition, weakened economic conditions and, specific to phone, wireless substitution. We expect advertising revenues to continue to stabilize during the remainder of 2010, given improving economic conditions and the impact of political elections.

Service costs consist primarily of video programming costs and other direct costs related to providing and maintaining services to our customers. Significant service costs include: programming expenses; wages and salaries of technical personnel who maintain our cable network, perform customer installation activities and provide customer support; HSD costs, including costs of bandwidth connectivity and customer provisioning and costs related to our enterprise networks business and our network operations center; phone service costs, including delivery and other expenses; and field operating costs, including outside contractors, vehicle, utilities and pole rental expenses. These costs generally rise because of customer growth, contractual increases in video programming rates and inflationary cost increases for personnel, outside vendors and other expenses. Costs relating to personnel and their support may increase as the percentage of our expenses that we can capitalize declines due to lower levels of new service installations. Service delivery related costs may also fluctuate with the level of investment we make, and corresponding operational efficiencies achieved by such investments. We anticipate that our service costs will continue to grow, but should remain fairly consistent as a percentage of our revenues, with the exception of programming costs, which we discuss below.

Video programming expenses, which are generally paid on a per subscriber basis, have historically been our largest single expense item, and in recent years we have experienced substantial increases in the cost of our programming, particularly sports and local broadcast programming, well in excess of the inflation rate or the change in the consumer price index. We believe that these expenses will continue to grow due to the increasing demands of sports and other large programmers for contract renewals and television broadcast station owners for retransmission consent fees, including certain large programmers who also own major market television broadcast stations. While such growth in programming expenses can be partially offset by rate increases, it is expected that our video gross margins will continue to decline, as increases in programming costs outpace any growth in video revenues.

Significant selling, general and administrative expenses include: wages and salaries for our call centers, customer service and support and administrative personnel; franchise fees and taxes; marketing; bad debt; billing; advertising; and office costs related to telecommunications and office administration. These costs typically rise because of customer growth and inflationary cost increases for employees and other expenses, but we expect such costs should remain fairly consistent as a percentage of revenues.

Corporate expenses reflect compensation of corporate employees and other corporate overhead.

Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

“Adjusted OIBDA” and “Free Cash Flow” are not financial measures calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) in the United States. We define Adjusted OIBDA as operating income before depreciation and amortization and non-cash, share-based compensation charges, and Free Cash Flow as cash flows provided by operating activities less capital expenditures. Adjusted OIBDA and Free Cash Flow have inherent limitations as discussed below.

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Adjusted OIBDA is one of the primary measures used by management to evaluate our performance and to forecast future results. We believe Adjusted OIBDA is useful for investors because it enables them to assess our performance in a manner similar to the methods used by management, and provides a measure that can be used to analyze, value and compare the companies in the cable industry. A limitation of Adjusted OIBDA, however, is that it excludes depreciation and amortization, which represents the periodic costs of certain capitalized tangible and intangible assets used in generating revenues in our business. Management uses a separate process to budget, measure and evaluate capital expenditures. In addition, Adjusted OIBDA also has the limitation of not reflecting the effect of our non-cash, share-based compensation charges. We believe that excluding share-based compensation allows investors to better understand our performance without the effects of these obligations that are not expected to be settled in cash. Adjusted OIBDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies, which may have different depreciation and amortization policies, as well as different share-based compensation programs.

Free Cash Flow is used by management to evaluate our ability to repay debt and return capital to stockholders and to facilitate the growth of our business with internally generated funds. A limitation of Free Cash Flow, however, is that it may be affected by the timing of our capital spending. We believe Free Cash Flow is useful for investors for the same reasons and provides measures that can be used to analyze value and compare companies in the cable television industry, although our measure of Free Cash Flow may not be directly comparable to similar measures reported by other companies.

Adjusted OIBDA and Free Cash Flow should not be regarded as alternatives to operating income or net income (loss) as indicators of operating performance, or to the statement of cash flows as measures of liquidity, nor should they be considered in isolation or as substitutes for financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP. We believe that operating income is the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure to Adjusted OIBDA, and that net cash flows provided by operating activities is the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure to Free Cash Flow.

Actual Results of Operations**Three Months Ended September 30, 2010 compared to Three Months Ended September 30, 2009**

The table below sets forth our consolidated statements of operations and Adjusted OIBDA for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 (dollars in thousands and percentage changes that are not meaningful are marked NM).

	Three Months Ended September 30,		\$ Change	% Change
	2010	2009		
Revenues	\$ 374,352	\$ 363,383	\$ 10,969	3.0%
Costs and expenses:				
Service costs (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	164,297	156,477	7,820	5.0%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	71,267	69,122	2,145	3.1%
Corporate expenses	8,509	8,307	202	2.4%
Depreciation and amortization	59,968	58,528	1,440	2.5%
Operating income	70,311	70,949	(638)	(0.9%)
Interest expense, net	(51,413)	(53,020)	1,607	(3.0%)
Loss on derivatives, net	(22,885)	(5,236)	(17,649)	NM
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	—	(5,899)	5,899	NM
Other expense, net	(2,736)	(2,289)	(447)	19.5%
(Loss) income before income taxes	(6,723)	4,505	(11,228)	NM
Benefit from (provision for) income taxes	2,719	(14,505)	17,224	NM
Net loss	\$ (4,004)	\$ (10,000)	\$ 5,996	(60.0%)
Adjusted OIBDA	\$ 132,177	\$ 131,282	\$ 895	0.7%

The table below represents a reconciliation of Adjusted OIBDA to operating income, which is the most directly comparable GAAP measure (dollars in thousands).

	Three Months Ended September 30,		\$ Change	% Change
	2010	2009		
Adjusted OIBDA	\$ 132,177	\$ 131,282	\$ 895	0.7%
Non-cash, share-based compensation	(1,898)	(1,805)	(93)	5.2%
Depreciation and amortization	(59,968)	(58,528)	(1,440)	2.5%
Operating income	\$ 70,311	\$ 70,949	\$ (638)	(0.9%)

Revenues

The tables below set forth our revenues, and selected subscriber, customer and average monthly revenue statistics as of, and for, the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 (dollars in thousands, except per subscriber data).

	Three Months Ended September 30,		\$ Change	% Change
	2010	2009		
Video	\$ 228,865	\$ 231,407	\$ (2,542)	(1.1%)
HSD	97,954	89,252	8,702	9.7%
Phone	30,797	28,641	2,156	7.5%
Advertising	16,736	14,083	2,653	18.8%
Total Revenues	\$ 374,352	\$ 363,383	\$ 10,969	3.0%

	September 30,		Increase/ (Decrease)	% Change
	2010	2009		
Basic subscribers	1,203,000	1,263,000	(60,000)	(4.8%)
Digital customers	717,000	665,000	52,000	7.8%
HSD customers	827,000	765,000	62,000	8.1%
Phone customers	324,000	274,000	50,000	18.2%
RGUs (1)	3,071,000	2,967,000	104,000	3.5%
Average total monthly revenue per basic subscriber (2)	\$ 103.17	\$ 95.19	\$ 7.98	8.4%

(1) RGUs represent the total of basic subscribers and digital, HSD and phone customers.

(2) Represents total average monthly revenues for the quarter divided by total average basic subscribers for such period.

Revenues increased 3.0%, primarily due to higher HSD and, to a much lesser extent, advertising and phone revenues, offset in part by lower video revenues. Average total monthly revenue per basic subscriber grew 8.4% to \$103.17.

Video revenues declined 1.1%, largely as a result of a lower number of basic subscribers, mostly offset by basic video rate increases and higher revenues from our digital, DVR and HDTV services. During the three months ended September 30, 2010, we lost 13,000 basic subscribers and gained 12,000 digital customers, as compared to a loss of 19,000 basic subscribers and an increase of 7,000 digital customers in the prior year period. As of September 30, 2010, we served 1,203,000 basic subscribers, representing a penetration of 42.8% of our estimated homes passed, and 717,000 digital customers, representing a penetration of 59.6% of our basic subscribers. As of September 30, 2010, 43.7% of our digital customers were taking our DVR and/or HDTV services, as compared to 37.1% as of the same date last year.

HSD revenues grew 9.7%, principally due to an 8.1% increase in HSD customers and, to a much lesser extent, greater revenues from our enterprise networks business. During the three months ended September 30, 2010, we gained 13,000 HSD customers, as compared to an increase of 11,000 in the prior year period. As of September 30, 2010, we served 827,000 HSD customers, representing a penetration of 29.4% of our estimated homes passed.

Phone revenues were 7.5% higher, mainly due to an 18.2% increase in phone customers, offset in part by higher levels of discounted pricing. During each of the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, we gained 7,000 phone customers. As of September 30, 2010, we served 324,000 phone customers, representing a penetration of 12.2% of our estimated marketable phone homes.

Advertising revenues rose 18.8%, primarily due to increased national and local sales, with significant contributions from the political and automotive categories.

Costs and Expenses

Service costs grew 5.0%, primarily due to higher programming expenses and, to a much lesser extent, phone service, employee and field operating expenses, offset in part by lower HSD delivery expenses. Programming expenses rose 5.3%, principally due to higher contractual rates charged by our programming vendors, offset in part by a lower number of video customers. Phone service costs were 12.2% higher, mainly due to unit growth. Employee costs increased 5.8%, principally due to greater staffing in warehouse, field audit and headend facilities. Field operating expenses rose 7.3%, largely due to lower capitalization of overhead costs resulting from reduced levels of customer activity, a greater use of outside contractors and higher electricity and vehicle fuel costs, offset in part by lower pole rental expenses. HSD delivery expenses fell 30.0%, principally due to cost savings provided by the transition to an internally managed e-mail system for our customers. Service costs as a percentage of revenues were 43.9% and 43.1% for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Selling, general and administrative expenses increased 3.1%, primarily due to higher marketing, bad debt and office expenses. Marketing costs rose 7.3%, largely as a result of a greater use of broadcast and print advertising and higher employee costs, offset in part by lower postage costs and a reduction in third party direct sales. Bad debt expense grew 10.0%, primarily due to increased collection costs and higher average balances of uncollectable accounts. Office costs increased 12.2%, mainly due to greater building rent and equipment lease expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenues were and 19.0% for each of the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009.

Corporate expenses rose 2.4%, mainly due to greater legal and other fees, mostly offset by greater capitalization of labor costs relating to the ongoing migration of our phone delivery system to an in-house platform, and lower employee costs. Corporate expenses as a percentage of revenues were 2.3% for each of the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009.

Depreciation and amortization was 2.5% higher, principally as a result of a greater deployment of shorter-lived customer premise equipment.

Adjusted OIBDA

Adjusted OIBDA grew 0.7%, as the increase in revenues was mostly offset by higher service costs and selling, general and administrative expenses.

Operating Income

Operating income declined 0.9%, as higher depreciation and amortization was mostly offset by the growth in Adjusted OIBDA.

Interest Expense, Net

Interest expense, net, decreased 3.0%, principally due to a lower average cost of debt.

Loss on Derivatives, Net

As of September 30, 2010, we had interest rate exchange agreements, or interest rate swaps, with an aggregate notional amount of \$2.6 billion, of which \$1.3 billion are forward-starting interest rate swaps. These swaps have not been designated as hedges for accounting purposes. The changes in their mark-to-market values are derived primarily from changes in market interest rates and the decrease in their time to maturity. As a result of the quarterly mark-to-market valuation of these interest rate swaps based upon information provided by our counterparties, we recorded a net loss on derivatives of \$22.9 million and \$5.2 for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Our net loss on derivatives was due to lower expectations of future market interest rates, leading to a decline in the valuation of our interest rate swaps, mainly those that become effective at future dates.

Loss on Early Extinguishment of Debt

Loss on early extinguishment of debt totaled \$5.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2009. This amount included the write-off of deferred financing costs associated with the redemption of certain of our senior notes and, to a lesser extent, fees related to such redemption.

Other Expense, Net

Other expense, net, was \$2.7 million and \$2.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. During the three months ended September 30, 2010, other expense, net, consisted of \$1.4 million of legal fees, \$1.1 million of revolving credit facility commitment fees and \$0.2 million of other fees. During the three months ended September 30, 2009, other expense, net, consisted of \$1.3 million of commitment fees, \$0.9 million of deferred financing costs and \$0.1 million of other fees.

Benefit from (Provision for) Income Taxes

Our benefit from income taxes was \$2.7 million and our provision for income taxes was \$14.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. See Note 10 in our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Net Loss

As a result of the factors described above, we recognized net losses of \$4.0 million and \$10.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Actual Results of Operations**Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 compared to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009**

The table below sets forth our consolidated statements of operations and Adjusted OIBDA for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 (dollars in thousands and percentage changes that are not meaningful are marked NM). The following financial and operating results reflect the February 2009 divestiture of certain of our cable systems in Western North Carolina, which served 25,000 basic subscribers, 10,000 digital customers, 13,000 HSD customers and 3,000 phone customers, aggregating 51,000 RGUs. During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, such cable systems recorded revenues of \$2.7 million, service costs of \$1.3 million, selling, general and administrative expenses of \$0.5 million and \$0.9 million of operating income. Where the inclusion of such results in the prior year's data may affect comparisons to 2010 results, the effect of such 2009 results are referred to as the "impact of the WNC Divestiture." For more information, see Note 12 in our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

	Nine Months Ended		\$ Change	% Change
	September 30,			
	2010	2009		
Revenues	\$ 1,120,039	\$ 1,088,316	\$ 31,723	2.9%
Costs and expenses:				
Service costs (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	483,620	463,172	20,448	4.4%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	206,745	202,487	4,258	2.1%
Corporate expenses	25,210	24,840	370	1.5%
Depreciation and amortization	179,870	175,236	4,634	2.6%
Operating income	224,594	222,581	2,013	0.9%
Interest expense, net	(152,923)	(153,272)	349	(0.2%)
(Loss) gain on derivatives, net	(63,645)	19,044	(82,689)	NM
Gain on sale of cable systems, net	—	13,781	(13,781)	NM
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	(1,234)	(5,899)	4,665	NM
Other expense, net	(5,236)	(7,115)	1,879	(26.4%)
Income before income taxes	1,556	89,120	(87,564)	NM
Provision for income taxes	(882)	(42,352)	41,470	NM
Net income	<u>\$ 674</u>	<u>\$ 46,768</u>	<u>\$ (46,094)</u>	<u>NM</u>
Adjusted OIBDA	<u>\$ 410,133</u>	<u>\$ 403,201</u>	<u>\$ 6,932</u>	<u>1.7%</u>

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The table below represents a reconciliation of Adjusted OIBDA to operating income, which is the most directly comparable GAAP measure (dollars in thousands).

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		\$ Change	% Change
	2010	2009		
Adjusted OIBDA	\$ 410,133	\$ 403,201	\$ 6,932	1.7%
Non-cash, share-based compensation	(5,669)	(5,384)	(285)	5.3%
Depreciation and amortization	(179,870)	(175,236)	(4,634)	2.6%
Operating income	<u>\$ 224,594</u>	<u>\$ 222,581</u>	<u>\$ 2,013</u>	<u>0.9%</u>

Revenues

The tables below set forth our revenues, and selected subscriber, customer and average monthly revenue statistics as of, and for, the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 (dollars in thousands, except per subscriber data).

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		\$ Change	% Change
	2010	2009		
Video	\$ 689,995	\$ 699,398	\$ (9,403)	(1.3%)
HSD	290,599	264,339	26,260	9.9%
Phone	91,864	83,260	8,604	10.3%
Advertising	47,581	41,319	6,262	15.2%
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 1,120,039</u>	<u>\$ 1,088,316</u>	<u>\$ 31,723</u>	<u>2.9%</u>

	September 30,		Increase/ (Decrease)	% Change
	2010	2009		
Basic subscribers	1,203,000	1,263,000	(60,000)	(4.8%)
Digital customers	717,000	665,000	52,000	7.8%
HSD customers	827,000	765,000	62,000	8.1%
Phone customers	324,000	274,000	50,000	18.2%
RGUs	<u>3,071,000</u>	<u>2,967,000</u>	<u>104,000</u>	<u>3.5%</u>
Average total monthly revenue per basic subscriber	<u>\$ 101.97</u>	<u>\$ 93.70</u>	<u>\$ 8.27</u>	<u>8.8%</u>

Revenues increased 2.9%, primarily due to higher HSD and, to a much lesser extent, phone and advertising revenues, offset in part by lower video revenues. Average total monthly revenue per basic subscriber rose 8.8% to \$101.97.

Video revenues declined 1.3%, largely as a result of a lower number of basic subscribers, mostly offset by basic video rate increases and higher revenues from our digital, DVR and HDTV services. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, we lost 35,000 basic subscribers and gained 39,000 digital customers, as compared to a loss of 30,000 basic subscribers and a gain of 32,000 digital customers in the prior year period, excluding the impact of the WNC Divestiture.

HSD revenues grew 9.9%, principally due to the increase in HSD customers. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, we gained 49,000 HSD customers, as compared to an increase of 41,000 in the prior year period, excluding the impact of the WNC Divestiture.

Phone revenues were 10.3% higher, mainly due to the increase in phone customers, offset in part by higher levels of discounted pricing. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, we gained 37,000 phone customers, as compared to an increase of 29,000 in the prior year period, excluding the impact of the WNC Divestiture.

Advertising revenues rose 15.2%, primarily due to increased local and, to a lesser extent, national sales, with significant contributions from the automotive and political categories.

Costs and Expenses

Service costs grew 4.4%, primarily due to higher programming expenses and, to a much lesser extent, field operating, phone service and employee operating costs, offset in part by lower HSD delivery expenses. Programming expenses increased 5.1%, principally due to higher contractual rates charged by our programming vendors, offset in part by a lower number of video customers. Field operating costs grew 8.3%, largely as a result of higher vehicle fuel expenses, a greater use of outside contractors and increased fiber lease costs. Phone service costs rose 10.7%, mainly due to unit growth. Employee operating expenses increased 4.2%, principally due to greater staffing in warehouse, field audit and headend facilities. HSD delivery expenses fell 34.0%, principally due to the transition to an internally managed e-mail system for our customers. Service costs as a percentage of revenues were 43.2% and 42.6% for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Selling, general and administrative expenses were 2.1% higher, mainly due to higher marketing, bad debt, advertising and office expenses, offset by lower employee costs. Marketing costs rose 5.3%, primarily due to a greater use of print and broadcast advertising, offset in part by a decline in third party direct sales and lower postage costs. Bad debt expense rose 8.2%, largely as a result of an increase in the aging of our accounts receivable and greater collection costs. Advertising expenses grew 6.2%, principally due to higher costs related to greater advertising sales activity. Office costs increased 6.2%, mainly due to greater equipment rental, building rent and equipment maintenance expenses. Employee costs declined 3.3%, primarily due to a favorable shift in employee benefit expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenues were 18.5% and 18.6% for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Corporate expenses increased 1.5%, mainly due to greater legal and other fees, mostly offset by greater capitalization of labor costs relating to our ongoing migration of our phone delivery system to an in-house platform, and lower employee costs. Corporate expenses as a percentage of revenues were 2.3% for each of the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009.

Depreciation and amortization was 2.6% higher, largely as a result of greater deployment of shorter-lived customer premise equipment, offset in part by an unfavorable comparison to the prior year period in which we experienced write-offs related to ice storms.

Adjusted OIBDA

Adjusted OIBDA grew 1.7%, as the increase in revenues was offset in part by higher service costs and, to a much lesser extent, selling, general and administrative expenses.

Operating Income

Operating income rose 0.9%, as the growth in Adjusted OIBDA was mostly offset by higher depreciation and amortization.

Interest Expense, Net

Interest expense, net, was essentially flat, as a lower average cost of debt was mostly offset by greater amortization of deferred financing costs.

(Loss) Gain on Derivatives, Net

We recorded a net loss on derivatives of \$63.6 million and a net gain on derivatives of \$19.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Our net loss on derivatives was due to lower expectations of future market interest rates, leading to a decline in the valuation of our interest rate swaps, mainly those that become effective at future dates.

Gain on Sale of Cable Systems, Net

For the nine months ended September 30, 2009, we recognized a gain on sale of cable systems, net, of approximately \$13.8 million related to our sale of certain cable systems in Western North Carolina.

Loss on Early Extinguishment of Debt

Loss on early extinguishment of debt totaled \$1.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, representing the write-off of certain deferred financing costs associated with prior financings that were repaid during the period. For more information, see “Liquidity and Capital Resources — *Capital Structure — New Financings.*” Loss on early extinguishment of debt totaled \$5.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009. This amount included the write-off of deferred financing costs associated with the redemption of certain of our senior notes and, to a lesser extent, fees related to such redemption.

Other Expense, Net

Other expense, net, was \$5.2 million and \$7.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, other expense, net, consisted of \$3.1 million of revolving credit facility commitment fees, \$1.6 million of legal fees and \$0.5 million of other fees. During the nine months ended September 30, 2009, other expense, net, consisted of \$3.4 million of commitment fees, \$3.0 million of deferred financing costs and \$0.7 million of other fees.

Provision for Income Taxes

Our provision for income taxes was \$0.9 million and \$42.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The provision for income taxes for each of the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 resulted from non-cash charges related to our deferred tax positions. See Note 10 in our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Net Income

As a result of the factors described above, we recognized net income of \$0.7 million and \$46.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Overview

Our net cash flows provided by operating and financing activities are used primarily to fund network investments to accommodate customer growth and the further deployment of our advanced products and services, as well as scheduled repayments of our external financing, repurchases of our Class A common stock and other investments. We expect that cash generated by us or available to us will meet our anticipated capital and liquidity needs for the foreseeable future, including scheduled term loan maturities during the remainder of 2010 of \$6.5 million and in each of the years ending December 31, 2011 through December 31, 2014 of \$26.0 million. As of September 30, 2010, our sources of liquidity included \$127.9 million of cash and cash equivalents on hand and \$731.0 million of unused and available lines under our revolving credit facilities.

In the longer term, specifically 2015 and beyond, we do not expect to generate sufficient net cash flows from operations to fund our maturing term loans and senior notes. If we are unable to obtain sufficient future financing or, if we not able to do so on similar terms as we currently experience, we may need to take other actions to conserve or raise capital that we would not take otherwise. However, we have accessed the debt markets for significant amounts of capital in the past, and expect to continue to be able to access these markets in the future as necessary.

Net Cash Flows Provided by Operating Activities

Net cash flows provided by operating activities were \$246.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, primarily due to Adjusted OIBDA of \$410.1 million, offset in part by interest expense of \$152.9 million and, to a much lesser extent, a \$10.4 million net change in operating assets and liabilities. The net change in operating assets and liabilities was principally due to an increase in prepaid expenses and other assets of \$7.9 million and a decrease in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities of \$2.6 million.

Net cash flows provided by operating activities were \$245.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, primarily due to Adjusted OIBDA of \$403.2 million, offset in part by interest expense of \$153.3 million. The net change in our operating assets and liabilities was essentially flat, largely as a result of an increase in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities of \$6.0 million and an increase in deferred revenue of \$3.2 million were mostly offset by an increase in accounts receivable, net, of \$5.3 million and an increase in prepaid expenses and other assets of \$3.9 million.

Net Cash Flows Used in Investing Activities

Capital expenditures continue to be our primary use of capital resources and the majority of our net cash flows used in investing activities. Net cash flows used in investing activities were \$195.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, as compared to \$167.2 million for the prior year period. The \$28.1 million increase in net cash flows used in investing activities was due to a \$15.0 million investment in restricted cash and cash equivalents and \$13.1 million of greater capital spending. The increase in capital spending largely reflects greater investments in our internal phone platform and, to a much lesser extent, high-speed data delivery system, offset in part by reduced outlays for network improvements and, to a lesser extent, customer premise equipment.

Net Cash Flows Used in Financing Activities

Net cash flows used in financing activities were \$4.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, primarily due to financing costs of \$16.5 million and other financing activities, principally the reduction of book overdrafts, of \$12.6 million, mostly offset by net borrowings of \$25.5 million under our bank credit facilities (see “*New Financings*” below).

Net cash flows used in financing activities were \$75.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2009, principally due to the redemption of \$625.0 million of senior notes and, to a lesser extent, the cash portion of the repurchase of the Exchange Agreement totaling \$110.0 million (see Note 12 in our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements) and \$23.9 million of financing costs, which were largely funded by the issuance of \$350.0 million of senior notes and net borrowings of \$334.0 million under our bank credit facilities.

Free Cash Flow

The following table reconciles cash flows provided by operating activities to Free Cash Flow:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		\$ Change	% Change
	2010	2009		
Cash provided by operating activities	\$ 246,610	\$ 245,754	\$ 856	0.3%
Capital expenditures	(180,312)	(167,153)	(13,159)	7.9%
Free Cash Flow	\$ 66,298	\$ 78,601	\$ (12,303)	(15.7%)

For the nine months ended September 30, 2010, Free Cash Flow decreased 15.7%, largely as a result of greater capital expenditures and the net change in operating assets and liabilities, offset in part by higher Adjusted OIBDA.

Capital Structure

As of September 30, 2010, our outstanding total indebtedness was \$3.391 billion, of which approximately 63% was at fixed interest rates or subject to interest rate protection. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, we paid cash interest of \$157.0 million, net of capitalized interest.

Bank Credit Facilities

As of September 30, 2010, we had \$3.275 billion of aggregate bank credit facilities (the “credit facilities”), of which \$2.541 billion was outstanding. The credit agreements governing the credit facilities contain various covenants that, among other things, impose certain limitations on mergers and acquisitions, consolidations and sales of certain assets, liens, the incurrence of additional indebtedness, certain restricted payments and certain transactions with affiliates. See Note 7 in our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for information regarding material financial covenants.

As of September 30, 2010, we had no outstanding balance under our \$734.5 million revolving credit facility, with \$731.0 million of unused lines after taking into account \$3.5 million of letters of credit issued under the credit facilities. As of the same date, based on the terms and conditions of our debt arrangements, all of our unused revolving credit lines were available to be borrowed and used for general corporate purposes. Our revolving credit commitments are scheduled to expire in the amounts of \$79.0 million, \$430.3 million and \$225.2 million on September 30, 2011, December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2014, respectively, and are not subject to scheduled reductions prior to maturity.

New Financings

On April 23, 2010, we completed new financings that provided for new term loans under our existing credit facilities in an aggregate principal amount of \$850 million. The new term loans mature in October 2017, and beginning on September 30, 2010, will be subject to quarterly reductions of 0.25%, with a final payment at maturity representing 92.75% of the original principal amount. The net proceeds of these new term loans were largely used to repay certain existing term loans and the full balance of outstanding revolving credit loans under our credit facilities. On the same date, we also reduced the total revolving credit commitments under our revolving credit facilities from \$830.3 million to \$734.5 million, while extending the termination date with respect to \$225.2 million of such commitments to December 31, 2014. As a result of these transactions, we believe our overall liquidity position has strengthened. See Note 7 in our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for further information on the new financings.

Interest Rate Swaps

We use interest rate exchange agreements, or interest rate swaps, in order to fix the rate of the applicable Eurodollar portion of debt under the credit facilities to reduce the potential volatility in our interest expense that would otherwise result from changes in market interest rates. As of September 30, 2010, we had interest rate swaps with various banks pursuant to which the interest rate on \$1.3 billion of floating rate debt was fixed at a weighted average rate of 3.2%. We also had \$1.3 billion of forward starting interest rate swaps with a weighted average fixed rate of approximately 3.3%, of which \$0.5 billion, \$0.2 billion and \$0.6 billion commence during the years ended December 31, 2010, 2011 and 2012, respectively. Including the effects of such interest rate swaps, the average interest rates on outstanding debt under our bank credit facilities as of September 30, 2010 and 2009 were 4.7% and 4.6%, respectively.

Senior Notes

As of September 30, 2010, we had \$850.0 million of senior notes outstanding. The indentures governing our senior notes also contain various covenants, though they are generally less restrictive than those found in our credit facilities. Such covenants restrict our ability, among other things, make certain distributions, investments and other restricted payments, sell certain assets, to make restricted payments, create certain liens, merge, consolidate or sell substantially all of our assets and enter into certain transactions with affiliates. See Note 7 in our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for information regarding material financial covenants.

Covenant Compliance and Debt Ratings

For all periods through September 30, 2010, we were in compliance with all of the covenants under the credit facilities and senior note arrangements. There are no covenants, events of default, borrowing conditions or other terms in the credit facilities or senior note arrangements that are based on changes in our credit rating assigned by any rating agency. We do not believe that we will have any difficulty complying with any of the applicable covenants in the foreseeable future.

Our future access to the debt markets and the terms and conditions we receive are influenced by our debt ratings. Our corporate credit ratings are B1, with a stable outlook, by Moody's, and B+, with a stable outlook, by Standard and Poor's. Any future downgrade to our credit ratings could result in higher interest rates on future debt issuance than we currently experience, or adversely impact our ability to raise additional funds.

Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments

Other than the items noted above in "Capital Structure — *New Financings*", there have been no material changes to our contractual obligations and commercial commitments as previously disclosed in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

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The following table updates our contractual obligations and commercial commitments for debt and interest expense after giving effect to the new financings, which occurred in the second quarter of 2010, and the effects they are expected to have on our liquidity and cash flow, for the five years subsequent to June 30, 2010 and thereafter (dollars in thousands)*:

	Debt	Interest Expense (1)	Total
July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011	\$ 26,000	\$ 193,319	\$ 219,319
July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013	52,000	373,445	425,445
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015	1,378,750	315,197	1,693,947
Thereafter	1,940,250	200,113	2,140,363
Total cash obligations	\$ 3,397,000	\$ 1,082,074	\$ 4,479,074

* Refer to Note 7 in our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of the new financings. The amounts included in the table herein reflect our contractual obligations and commercial commitments as of June 30, 2010.

(1) Interest payments on floating rate debt and interest rate swaps are estimated using amounts outstanding, and scheduled amortizations, as of June 30, 2010 and the average interest rates applicable under such debt obligations.

Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of our financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Periodically, we evaluate our estimates, including those related to doubtful accounts, long-lived assets, capitalized costs and accruals. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe are reasonable. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. We believe that the application of the critical accounting policies requires significant judgments and estimates on the part of management. For a summary of our critical accounting policies, please refer to our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

In accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board's Accounting Standards Codification No. 350 *Intangibles — Goodwill and Other* ("ASC 350"), the amortization of goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets is prohibited and requires such assets to be tested annually for impairment, or more frequently if impairment indicators arise. We have determined that our cable franchise rights and goodwill are indefinite-lived assets and therefore not amortizable.

We directly assess the value of cable franchise rights for impairment under ASC 350 by utilizing a discounted cash flow methodology. In performing an impairment test in accordance with ASC 350, we make assumptions, such as future cash flow expectations, unit growth, competition, industry outlook, capital expenditures, and other future benefits related to cable franchise rights, which are consistent with the expectations of buyers and sellers of cable systems in determining fair value. If the determined fair value of our cable franchise rights is less than the carrying amount on the financial statements, an impairment charge would be recognized for the difference between the fair value and the carrying value of such assets.

Goodwill impairment is determined using a two-step process. The first step compares the fair value of a reporting unit with our carrying amount, including goodwill. If the fair value of a reporting unit exceeds our carrying amount, goodwill of the reporting unit is considered not impaired and the second step is unnecessary. If the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds our fair value, the second step is performed to measure the amount of impairment loss, if any. The second step compares the implied fair value of the reporting unit's goodwill, calculated using the residual method, with the carrying amount of that goodwill. If the carrying amount of the goodwill exceeds the implied fair value, the excess is recognized as an impairment loss. We have determined that we have two reporting units for the purpose of applying ASC 350, Mediacom Broadband and Mediacom LLC. Our most recently completed annual impairment test was conducted as of October 1, 2009, and we will be conducting our next annual impairment test as of October 1, 2010.

The economic conditions currently affecting the U.S. economy and the long-term impact on the fundamentals of our business may have a negative impact on the fair values of the assets in our reporting units. This may result in the recognition of an impairment loss in the future.

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Because we believe there has not been a meaningful change in the long-term fundamentals of our business during the first nine months of 2010, we have determined that there has been no triggering event under ASC 350, and as such, no interim impairment test was required as of September 30, 2010.

Inflation and Changing Prices

Our systems' costs and expenses are subject to inflation and price fluctuations. Such changes in costs and expenses can generally be passed through to subscribers. Programming costs have historically increased at rates in excess of inflation and are expected to continue to do so. We believe that under the Federal Communications Commission's existing cable rate regulations we may increase rates for cable television services to more than cover any increases in programming. However, competitive conditions and other factors in the marketplace may limit our ability to increase our rates.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

There have been no significant changes to the information required under this Item from what was disclosed in Item 7A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2010.

There has not been any change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the quarter ended September 30, 2010 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

See Note 9 in our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes in our risk factors from those disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

Not applicable.

ITEM 3. DEFAULT UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

Not applicable.

ITEM 4. RESERVED

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

Not applicable.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

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31.1	Rule 13a-14(a) Certifications
32.1	Section 1350 Certifications

SIGNATURES

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.

MEDIACOM COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

November 8, 2010

By: /s/ MARK E. STEPHAN

Mark E. Stephan

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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CERTIFICATIONS

I, Rocco B. Commisso, certify that:

- (1) I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Mediacom Communications Corporation;
- (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 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 (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) 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 registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
 - 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.

November 8, 2010

By: /s/ ROCCO B. COMMISSO

Rocco B. Commisso

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

CERTIFICATIONS

I, Mark E. Stephan, certify that:

- (1) I have reviewed this report on Form 10-Q of Mediacom Communications Corporation;
- (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;
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- (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 registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent function):
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November 8, 2010

By: /s/ MARK E. STEPHAN
Mark E. Stephan
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Mediacom Communications Corporation (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2010 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), Rocco B. Commisso, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Mark E. Stephan, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and,
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

November 8, 2010

By: /s/ ROCCO B. COMMISSO

Rocco B. Commisso
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ MARK E. STEPHAN

Mark E. Stephan
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer