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FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2016

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____.

Commission File Number: 000-50478

NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State of Incorporation or Organization)

23-3083125
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

545 E. John Carpenter Freeway, Suite 700, Irving, Texas
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

75062
(Zip Code)

(972) 373-8800

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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 it was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

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

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Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a 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 May 2, 2016, the registrant had 30,677,804 shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. Financial Statements

NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands, except share information, unaudited)

| | March 31, 2016 | December 31, 2015 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$12,821 | \$43,416 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$6,048 and \$5,369, respectively | 199,999 | 192,991 |
| Broadcast rights | 14,937 | 16,297 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 6,570 | 7,324 |
| Total current assets | 234,327 | 260,028 |
| Property and equipment, net | 287,655 | 266,583 |
| Goodwill | 459,924 | 451,662 |
| FCC licenses | 501,264 | 489,335 |
| Other intangible assets, net | 323,955 | 314,361 |
| Other noncurrent assets, net | 85,060 | 53,165 |
| Total assets ⁽¹⁾ | \$1,892,185 | \$1,835,134 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Current portion of debt | \$24,265 | \$22,139 |
| Current portion of broadcast rights payable | 15,824 | 17,510 |
| Accounts payable | 24,925 | 25,936 |
| Accrued expenses | 54,350 | 60,559 |
| Interest payable | 15,833 | 10,939 |
| Other current liabilities | 9,914 | 8,978 |
| Total current liabilities | 145,111 | 146,061 |
| Debt | 1,489,899 | 1,454,075 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 94,525 | 101,764 |
| Other noncurrent liabilities | 45,100 | 46,861 |
| Total liabilities ⁽¹⁾ | 1,774,635 | 1,748,761 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Preferred stock - \$0.01 par value, 200,000 shares authorized; none issued and outstanding at each | | |
| of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 | - | - |
| Class A Common stock - \$0.01 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized; 31,621,369 shares issued | | |
| at each of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 and 30,677,804 and 30,627,804 shares | | |
| outstanding as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively | 316 | 316 |

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Class B Common stock - \$0.01 par value, 20,000,000 shares authorized; none issued and outstanding | | |
| at each of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 | - | - |
| Class C Common stock - \$0.01 par value, 5,000,000 shares authorized; none issued and outstanding at each of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 | - | - |
| Additional paid-in capital | 402,544 | 396,224 |
| Accumulated deficit | (246,393) | (268,120) |
| Treasury stock - at cost; 943,565 and 993,565 shares at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively | (45,063) | (47,746) |
| Total Nexstar Broadcasting Group, Inc. stockholders' equity | 111,404 | 80,674 |
| Noncontrolling interests in consolidated variable interest entities | 6,146 | 5,699 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 117,550 | 86,373 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$1,892,185 | \$1,835,134 |

The accompanying Notes are an integral part of these Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

(1) The consolidated total assets as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 include certain assets held by consolidated VIEs of \$118.8 million and \$119.9 million, respectively, which are not available to be used to settle the obligations of Nexstar. The consolidated total liabilities as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 include certain liabilities of consolidated VIEs of \$39.7 million and \$40.7 million, respectively, for which the creditors of the VIEs have no recourse to the general credit of Nexstar. See Note 2 for additional information.

NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per share information, unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| Net revenue | \$255,658 | \$201,735 |
| Operating expenses: | | |
| Direct operating expenses, excluding depreciation and amortization | 90,123 | 68,029 |
| Selling, general, and administrative expenses, excluding depreciation and amortization | 68,165 | 57,289 |
| Amortization of broadcast rights | 14,804 | 14,581 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 12,079 | 13,060 |
| Depreciation | 12,558 | 10,872 |
| Total operating expenses | 197,729 | 163,831 |
| Income from operations | 57,929 | 37,904 |
| Interest expense, net | (20,654) | (19,293) |
| Other expenses | (136) | (118) |
| Income before income taxes | 37,139 | 18,493 |
| Income tax expense | (14,865) | (6,581) |
| Net income | 22,274 | 11,912 |
| Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests | (547) | 995 |
| Net income attributable to Nexstar Broadcasting Group, Inc. | \$21,727 | \$12,907 |
| Net income per common share attributable to Nexstar Broadcasting Group, Inc.: | | |
| Basic | \$0.71 | \$0.41 |
| Diluted | \$0.69 | \$0.40 |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding: | | |
| Basic | 30,658 | 31,196 |
| Diluted | 31,538 | 32,256 |
| Dividends declared per common share | \$0.24 | \$0.19 |

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NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2016

(in thousands, except share information, unaudited)

| | Preferred Stock | Common Stock Class A | Common Stock Class B | Common Stock Class C | Additional Paid-In Capital | Accumulated Deficit | Treasury Stock | Noncontrolling interests in consolidated equity | Total Equity | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---|--------------|---------|-----------|
| | Shares | Amount | Shares | Amount | Amount | Amount | Shares | Amount | Amount | | |
| Balance as of December 31, 2015 | - | \$- 31,621,369 | \$316 | - | \$- - | \$- \$396,224 | \$(268,120) | (993,565) | \$(47,746) | \$5,699 | \$80,000 |
| Share-based compensation | - | - | - | - | - | 3,134 | - | - | - | - | 3,134 |
| Issuance of restricted stock units | - | - | - | - | - | (2,683) | - | 50,000 | 2,683 | - | - |
| Income tax benefit from | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Option exercises | - | - | - | - | - | 13,224 | - | - | - | - | 13,224 |
| Common stock dividends declared | - | - | - | - | - | (7,355) | - | - | - | - | (7,355) |
| Change of noncontrolling interests | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | (100) | (100) |
| Net income | - | - | - | - | - | 21,727 | - | - | - | 547 | 22,274 |
| Balance as of March 31, 2016 | - | \$- 31,621,369 | \$316 | - | \$- - | \$402,544 | \$(246,393) | (943,565) | \$(45,063) | \$6,146 | \$102,274 |

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NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands, unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$22,274 | \$ 11,912 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Provision for bad debt | 673 | 453 |
| Amortization of broadcast rights, excluding barter | 5,637 | 5,162 |
| Depreciation of property and equipment | 12,558 | 10,872 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 12,079 | 13,060 |
| (Gain) loss on asset disposal, net | (97) | 802 |
| Amortization of debt financing costs and debt discounts | 946 | 885 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 3,134 | 2,858 |
| Deferred income taxes | 6,815 | 5,139 |
| Payments for broadcast rights | (6,258) | (5,271) |
| Deferred gain recognition | (108) | (109) |
| Amortization of deferred representation fee incentive | (286) | (264) |
| Non-cash representation contract termination fee | - | 1,516 |
| Excess tax benefit from stock option exercises | (13,224) | (1,686) |
| Loss on change in the fair value of contingent consideration | 404 | - |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions and dispositions: | | |
| Accounts receivable | (6,877) | 934 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 883 | 1,452 |
| Other noncurrent assets | 81 | 56 |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | (6,516) | (5,781) |
| Taxes payable | 146 | (4,478) |
| Interest payable | 4,894 | 12,011 |
| Other noncurrent liabilities | 1,273 | 103 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 38,431 | 49,626 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Purchases of property and equipment | (7,741) | (6,401) |
| Deposits and payments for acquisitions, net of cash acquired | (103,971) | (459,979) |
| Proceeds from sale of a station | - | 26,805 |
| Proceeds from disposals of property and equipment | 160 | 877 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (111,552) | (438,698) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Proceeds from long-term debt | 58,000 | 411,950 |
| Repayments of long-term debt | (20,897) | (104,140) |
| Payments for debt financing costs | - | (2,920) |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options | - | 1,465 |
| Excess tax benefit from stock option exercises | 13,224 | 1,686 |
| Common stock dividends paid | (7,355) | (5,921) |
| Purchase of noncontrolling interests | (100) | - |

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| | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Payments for capital lease obligations | (346) | (376) |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 42,526 | 301,744 |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (30,595) | (87,328) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 43,416 | 131,912 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$12,821 | \$44,584 |
| Supplemental information: | | |
| Interest paid | \$14,813 | \$6,397 |
| Income taxes paid, net of refunds | \$5,978 | \$5,925 |
| Non-cash investing and financing activities: | | |
| Accrued purchases of property and equipment | \$1,313 | \$1,321 |
| Noncash purchases of property and equipment | \$42 | \$1,276 |
| Accrued debt financing costs | \$- | \$127 |

The accompanying Notes are an integral part of these Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Organization and Business Operations

As of March 31, 2016, Nexstar Broadcasting Group, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (“Nexstar”) owned, operated, programmed or provided sales and other services to 104 full power television stations, including those owned by variable interest entities (“VIEs”), in 62 markets in the states of Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New York, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin. The stations are affiliates of ABC, NBC, FOX, CBS, The CW, MyNetworkTV and other broadcast television networks. Through various local service agreements, Nexstar provided sales, programming and other services to 30 full power television stations owned and/or operated by independent third parties.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Principles of Consolidation

The Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements include the accounts of Nexstar and the accounts of independently-owned VIEs for which Nexstar is the primary beneficiary. Nexstar and the consolidated VIEs are collectively referred to as the “Company.” Noncontrolling interests represent the VIE owners’ share of the equity in the consolidated VIEs and are presented as a component separate from Nexstar Broadcasting Group, Inc. stockholders’ equity. All intercompany account balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Nexstar management evaluates each arrangement that may include variable interests and determines the need to consolidate an entity where it determines Nexstar is the primary beneficiary of a VIE in accordance with related authoritative literature and interpretive guidance.

The following are assets of consolidated VIEs that are not available to settle the obligations of Nexstar and liabilities of consolidated VIEs for which their creditors do not have recourse to the general credit of Nexstar (in thousands):

| | March 31, 2016 | December 31, 2015 |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Current assets | \$3,573 | \$2,910 |
| Property and equipment, net | 3,865 | 4,004 |
| Goodwill | 17,875 | 18,182 |
| FCC licenses | 73,561 | 74,312 |
| Other intangible assets, net | 19,670 | 20,112 |
| Other noncurrent assets, net | 227 | 389 |
| Total assets | 118,771 | 119,909 |
| Current liabilities | 13,174 | 14,288 |
| Noncurrent liabilities | 26,534 | 26,427 |
| Total liabilities | \$39,708 | \$40,715 |

Liquidity

Nexstar is highly leveraged, which makes it vulnerable to changes in general economic conditions. Nexstar's ability to repay or refinance its debt will depend on, among other things, financial, business, market, competitive and other conditions, many of which are beyond Nexstar's control.

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Interim Financial Statements

The Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements as of March 31, 2016 and for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 are unaudited. However, in the opinion of management, such financial statements include all adjustments (consisting solely of normal recurring adjustments) necessary for the fair statement of the financial information included herein in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”) and pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). The preparation of the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results for the full year. These Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes included in Nexstar’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015. The balance sheet as of December 31, 2015 has been derived from the audited financial statements as of that date, but does not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. GAAP for complete financial statements.

Variable Interest Entities

Nexstar may determine that an entity is a VIE as a result of local service agreements entered into with the owner-operator of an entity. The term local service agreement generally refers to a contract between two separately owned television stations serving the same market, whereby the owner-operator of one station contracts with the owner-operator of the other station to provide it with administrative, sales and other services required for the operation of its station. Nevertheless, the owner-operator of each station retains control and responsibility for the operation of its station, including ultimate responsibility over all programming broadcast on its station. A local service agreement can be (1) a time brokerage agreement (“TBA”) which allows Nexstar to program most of a station’s broadcast time, sell the station’s advertising time and retain the advertising revenue generated in exchange for monthly payments, based on the station’s monthly operating expenses, (2) a shared services agreement (“SSA”) which allows the Nexstar station in the market to provide services including news production, technical maintenance and security, in exchange for Nexstar’s right to receive certain payments as described in the SSA, or (3) a joint sales agreement (“JSA”) which permits Nexstar to sell certain of the station’s advertising time and retain a percentage of the related revenue, as described in the JSA. As of January 1, 2016, the Company adopted ASU No. 2015-02, Consolidation (Topic 810) - Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis, which did not change the consolidation status of any of the Company’s VIEs.

Consolidated VIEs

Mission Broadcasting, Inc. (“Mission”), Marshall Broadcasting Group, Inc. (“Marshall”), White Knight Broadcasting (“White Knight”) and Parker Broadcasting of Colorado, LLC (“Parker”) are consolidated by Nexstar because Nexstar is deemed under U.S. GAAP to have controlling financial interests in these entities for financial reporting purposes as a result of (1) local service agreements Nexstar has with the stations owned by these entities, (2) Nexstar’s guarantees of the obligations incurred under Mission’s and Marshall’s senior secured credit facilities (see Note 6), (3) Nexstar having power over significant activities affecting these entities’ economic performance, including budgeting for advertising revenue, certain advertising sales and, for Mission, White Knight and Parker, hiring and firing of sales force personnel and (4) purchase options granted by Mission and White Knight which permit Nexstar to acquire the assets and assume the liabilities of each Mission or White Knight station, subject to Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) consent.

The following table summarizes the various local service agreements Nexstar had in effect as of March 31, 2016 with Mission, Marshall, Parker and White Knight:

| Service Agreements | Owner | Full Power Stations |
|--------------------|--------------|---|
| TBA Only | Mission | WFXP and KHMT |
| | Parker | KFQX |
| SSA & JSA | Mission | KJTL, KLRT, KASN, KOLR, KCIT, KAMC, KRBC, KSAN, WUTR, WAWV, WYOU, KODE, WTVO, KTVE, WTVW and WVNY |
| | Marshall | KLJB, KPEJ and KMSS |
| | White Knight | WVLA, KFXK, KSHV |

Nexstar’s ability to receive cash from Mission, Marshall, Parker and White Knight is governed by the local service agreements. Under these agreements, Nexstar has received substantially all of the consolidated VIEs’ available cash, after satisfaction of operating costs and debt obligations. Nexstar anticipates it will continue to receive substantially all of the consolidated VIEs’ available cash, after satisfaction of operating costs and debt obligations. In compliance with FCC regulations for all the parties, Mission, Marshall, Parker and White Knight maintain complete responsibility for and control over programming, finances, personnel and operation of their stations.

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The carrying amounts and classification of the assets and liabilities of the VIEs which have been included in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets were as follows (in thousands):

| | March 31, 2016 | December 31, 2015 |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$2,045 | \$6,137 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 20,089 | 16,400 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 2,867 | 3,460 |
| Total current assets | 25,001 | 25,997 |
| Property and equipment, net | 28,894 | 29,681 |
| Goodwill | 69,518 | 69,825 |
| FCC licenses | 73,561 | 74,312 |
| Other intangible assets, net | 56,606 | 58,053 |
| Other noncurrent assets, net | 20,874 | 22,572 |
| Total assets | \$274,454 | \$280,440 |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Current portion of debt | \$7,435 | \$6,985 |
| Interest payable | 28 | 28 |
| Other current liabilities | 13,174 | 14,288 |
| Total current liabilities | 20,637 | 21,301 |
| Debt | 274,220 | 276,131 |
| Other noncurrent liabilities | 26,534 | 26,427 |
| Total liabilities | \$321,391 | \$323,859 |

Non-Consolidated VIEs

Nexstar has an outsourcing agreement with Cunningham Broadcasting Corporation (“Cunningham”), which continues through December 31, 2017. Under the outsourcing agreement, Nexstar provides certain engineering, production, sales and administrative services for WYZZ, the FOX affiliate in the Peoria, Illinois market, through WMBD, the Nexstar television station in that market. During the term of the outsourcing agreement, Nexstar retains the broadcasting revenue and related expenses of WYZZ and is obligated to pay a monthly fee based on the combined operating cash flow of WMBD and WYZZ, as defined in the agreement.

In connection with a proposed acquisition of four full power television stations from West Virginia Media Holdings, LLC (“WVMH”), Nexstar began providing programming and sales services to WVMH stations effective December 1, 2015. Pursuant to the terms of the TBA with WVMH, Nexstar will pay an aggregate base fee of \$7.5 million in equal monthly payments from the effective date through the final closing of the proposed acquisition which Nexstar projects to occur at the end of 2016. In the event that the proposed acquisition is not consummated for reasons beyond the control of Nexstar and WVMH, the TBA will terminate no later than June 30, 2017. See Note 3 for additional information.

Nexstar has determined that it has variable interests in WYZZ and the stations owned by WVMH. Nexstar has evaluated its arrangements with Cunningham and WVMH and has determined that it is not the primary beneficiary of the variable interests in these stations because it does not have the ultimate power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the stations’ economic performance, which we define as developing the annual operating budget,

programming and oversight and control of sales management personnel. Therefore, Nexstar has not consolidated these stations under authoritative guidance related to the consolidation of VIEs. Under the local service agreements for WYZZ and stations owned by WVMH, Nexstar pays for certain operating expenses, and therefore may have unlimited exposure to any potential operating losses. Nexstar's management believes that Nexstar's minimum exposure to loss under the WYZZ and WVMH agreements consists of the fees paid to Cunningham and WVMH. Additionally, Nexstar indemnifies the owners of WYZZ and WVMH from and against all liability and claims arising out of or resulting from its activities, acts or omissions in connection with the respective agreements. The maximum potential amount of future payments Nexstar could be required to make for such indemnification is undeterminable at this time.

As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, Nexstar had balances in accounts payable of \$1.2 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, for fees under these arrangements and had receivables for advertising aired on these stations of \$5.2 million and \$1.0 million, respectively. Fees incurred under these arrangements of \$1.2 million and \$0.1 million were included in direct operating expenses in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

Financial Instruments

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, broadcast rights, accounts payable, broadcast rights payable and accrued expenses approximate fair value due to their short-term nature. See Note 6 for fair value disclosures related to the Company's debt.

Income Per Share

Basic income per share is computed by dividing the net income attributable to Nexstar by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted income per share is computed using the weighted-average number of common shares and potentially dilutive common shares outstanding during the period. Potentially dilutive common shares are calculated using the treasury stock method. They consist of stock options and restricted stock units outstanding during the period and reflect the potential dilution that could occur if common stock were issued upon exercise of stock options and vesting of restricted stock units. The following table shows the amounts used in computing the Company's diluted shares (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|------------------------------------|--------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding - basic | 30,658 | 31,196 |
| Dilutive effect of equity incentive plan instruments | 880 | 1,060 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted | 31,538 | 32,256 |

The Company has outstanding stock options and unvested restricted stock units to acquire 920,000 and 1,043,000 weighted average shares of common stock for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, the effects of which were excluded from the calculation of diluted income per share, as their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive for the periods presented.

Income Taxes

The Company expects to be able to utilize the excess tax benefits related to stock option exercises that occurred in 2013 during the 2016 tax year. This resulted in a recognition of \$13.2 million of deferred tax assets through accumulated paid in capital during the three months ended March 31, 2016.

Basis of Presentation

Certain prior year financial statement amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. These reclassifications had no effect on net income or stockholders' equity as previously reported.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606), which updates the accounting guidance on revenue recognition. This standard is intended to provide a more robust

framework for addressing revenue issues, improve comparability of revenue recognition practices and improve disclosure requirements. The standard is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. Transition to the new guidance may be done using either a full or modified retrospective method. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the provisions of the accounting standard update.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-05, Intangibles—Goodwill and Other—Internal-Use Software (Subtopic 350-40): Customer’s Accounting for Fees Paid in a Cloud Computing Arrangement (ASU 2015-05). ASU 2015-05 provides guidance to customers about whether a cloud computing arrangement includes software. If a cloud computing arrangement includes a software license, the customer should account for the software license element of the arrangement consistent with the acquisition of other software licenses. If a cloud computing arrangement does not include a software license, the customer should account for the arrangement as a service contract. The new guidance does not change the accounting for a customer’s service contracts. The Company has applied the change in accounting prospectively as of January 1, 2016. The change in accounting principle did not have a significant impact on the Company’s results of operations, cash flows or stockholders’ equity.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) (ASU 2016-02). The new guidance requires the recording of assets and liabilities arising from leases on the balance sheet accompanied by enhanced qualitative and quantitative disclosures in the notes to the financial statements. The new guidance is expected to provide transparency of information and comparability among organizations. ASU 2016-02 is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the provisions of the accounting standard update.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-07, Investments – Equity Method and Joint Ventures (Topic 323): Simplifying the Transition to the Equity Method of Accounting (ASU 2016-07). The purpose of the amendment eliminates the requirement that when an investment qualifies for use of the equity method as a result of an increase in the level of ownership interest or degree of influence, an investor must adjust the investment, results of operations, and retained earnings retroactively on a step-by step basis as if the equity method had been in effect during all previous periods that the investment had been held. The amendments in ASU 2016-07 are effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. The Company does not expect the implementation of this standard to have a material impact on its financial position or results of operations.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-08, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Principal versus Agent Considerations (ASU 2016-08). The purpose of ASU 2016-08 is to clarify the implementation of guidance on principal versus agent considerations. The amendments in ASU 2016-08 are effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the provisions of the accounting standard update.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-09, Compensation - Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting (ASU 2016-09). The standard is intended to simplify several areas of accounting for share-based compensation arrangements, including the income tax impact, classification on the statement of cash flows and forfeitures. ASU 2016-09 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2016, and early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the provisions of the accounting standard update.

3. Acquisitions and Dispositions

WVMH

On November 16, 2015, Nexstar entered into a definitive agreement to acquire the assets of four CBS and NBC full power television stations from WVMH for \$130.0 million in cash, subject to adjustments for working capital. The stations affiliated with CBS are WOWK in the Charleston-Huntington, West Virginia market, WTRF in the Wheeling, West Virginia-Steubenville, Ohio market and WVNS in the Bluefield-Beckley-Oak Hill, West Virginia market. WBOY in the Clarksburg-Weston, West Virginia market is affiliated with NBC. The acquisition will allow Nexstar entrance into these markets. Nexstar began providing programming and sales services to these stations pursuant to TBAs effective December 1, 2015 which will terminate upon completion of the acquisition. If the purchase cannot be completed for reasons beyond the control of Nexstar and the seller, the TBA will terminate no later than June 30, 2017. As discussed in Note 2, Nexstar is not the primary beneficiary of the variable interests in WVMH's stations. Therefore, Nexstar has not consolidated these stations under authoritative guidance related to the consolidation of VIEs.

On January 4, 2016, Nexstar completed the first closing of the transaction and acquired the stations' assets excluding certain transmission equipment, the FCC licenses and network affiliation agreements for \$65.0 million, including a deposit paid upon signing the purchase agreement of \$6.5 million, all funded through a combination of cash on hand and borrowings under Nexstar's revolving credit facility (See Note 6).

Subject to final determination, which is expected to occur within twelve months of the acquisition date, the provisional fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the first closing are as follows (in thousands):

| | |
|---|----------|
| Accounts receivable | \$438 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 114 |
| Property and equipment | 18,362 |
| Other intangible assets | 3,308 |
| Total assets acquired at first closing | 22,222 |
| Less: Accounts payable and accrued expenses | (623) |
| Less: Other noncurrent liabilities | (307) |
| Net assets acquired at first closing | 21,292 |
| Deposit on second closing | 43,672 |
| Total paid at first closing | \$64,964 |

Other intangible assets are amortized over an estimated weighted average useful life of three years.

The proposed acquisition allows Nexstar to return the assets acquired in the first closing to WVMH if the second closing cannot be completed for reasons beyond the control of Nexstar and WVMH. Since not all assets needed to operate the stations were acquired in January 2016 and due to the possibility of termination of the TBA to utilize the remaining assets, the first closing does not represent an acquisition of a business. Thus, the excess of total payments in the first closing over the provisional fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed was considered a deposit.

The remaining purchase price of \$65.0 million is expected to be funded through cash generated from operations prior to the second closing and borrowings under Nexstar's senior secured credit facility which is projected to occur at the end of 2016. The acquisition is subject to FCC approval and other customary conditions. Transaction costs relating to this proposed acquisition, including legal and professional fees of \$0.1 million, were expensed as incurred during the three months ended March 31, 2016.

Reiten

On February 1, 2016, Nexstar completed the acquisition of the assets of four full power television stations from Reiten Television, Inc. ("Reiten") for \$44.0 million in cash, subject to adjustments for working capital, funded by a combination of cash on hand and borrowings under Nexstar's revolving credit facility (See Note 6). The purchase price includes a \$2.2 million deposit paid by Nexstar upon signing the purchase agreement in September 2015. The stations, all affiliated with CBS, are KXMC, KXMB, KXMA and KXMD in the Minot-Bismarck-Dickinson, North Dakota market. KXMB, KXMA and KXMD are satellite stations of KXMC. This acquisition allows Nexstar entrance into this market. Transaction costs relating to this acquisition, including legal and professional fees of \$0.1 million, were expensed as incurred during the three months ended March 31, 2016.

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Subject to final determination, which is expected to occur within twelve months of the acquisition date, the provisional fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the acquisition are as follows (in thousands):

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Broadcast rights | \$13 |
| Property and equipment | 8,175 |
| FCC licenses | 9,779 |
| Network affiliation agreements | 16,084 |
| Other intangible assets | 2,051 |
| Goodwill | 7,911 |
| Total assets acquired | 44,013 |
| Less: Broadcast rights payable | (13) |
| Less: Accrued expenses | (2) |
| Net assets acquired | \$43,998 |

The fair value assigned to goodwill is attributable to future expense reductions utilizing management's leverage in programming and other station operating costs. The goodwill and FCC licenses are deductible for tax purposes. The intangible assets related to the network affiliation agreements are amortized over 15 years. Other intangible assets are amortized over an estimated weighted average useful life of two and a half years.

The stations' net revenue of \$2.6 million and operating income of \$0.4 million from the date of acquisition to March 31, 2016 have been included in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

KCWI

On March 14, 2016, Nexstar completed the acquisition of the assets of KCWI, the CW affiliate in the Des Moines-Ames, Iowa market, from Pappas Telecasting of Iowa, LLC ("Pappas") for \$3.8 million. A deposit of \$0.2 million was paid upon signing the purchase agreement in October 2014. No significant transaction costs relating to this acquisition were incurred during the three months ended March 31, 2016.

Subject to final determination, which is expected to occur within twelve months of the acquisition date, the provisional fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the acquisition are as follows (in thousands):

| | |
|---|---------|
| Accounts receivable | \$367 |
| Broadcast rights | 1,740 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 15 |
| Property and equipment | 900 |
| FCC licenses | 2,150 |
| Other intangible assets | 230 |
| Goodwill | 351 |
| Total assets acquired | 5,753 |
| Less: Broadcast rights payable | (1,886) |
| Less: Accrued expenses | (18) |

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| Net assets acquired | \$3,849 |
|---------------------|---------|

The fair value assigned to goodwill is attributable to future expense reductions utilizing management's leverage in programming and other station operating costs. The goodwill and FCC licenses are deductible for tax purposes.

KCWI had no significant revenue or operating results from the date of acquisition to March 31, 2016.

Unaudited Pro Forma Information

The acquisitions of four full power television stations from Reiten and KCWI from Pappas are not significant for financial reporting purposes, both individually and in aggregate. Therefore, pro forma information has not been provided for these acquisitions.

Future Acquisition

Media General

On January 27, 2016, Nexstar entered into a definitive merger agreement with Media General, Inc. (“Media General”), whereby Nexstar will acquire the latter’s outstanding equity for \$10.55 per share in cash and 0.1249 of a share of Nexstar’s Class A common stock for each Media General share. The terms of the agreement also include potential additional consideration to Media General shareholders in the form of a non-transferable contingent value right (“CVR”) for each Media General share entitling Media General shareholders to net cash proceeds, if any, from the sale of Media General’s spectrum in the FCC’s upcoming spectrum auction. Depending on the timing of the FCC auction, the CVR may be issued before or at the time of the merger. Each unvested Media General stock option outstanding prior to the completion of the merger will become fully vested and will be converted into an option to purchase Nexstar’s Class A common stock, pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement. Additionally, unless the CVR has been issued prior to the completion of the merger, the holders of Media General stock options will also be entitled to one CVR for each share subject to the Media General stock option immediately prior to the completion of the merger. All other equity-based awards of Media General that are outstanding prior to the merger will vest in full and will be converted into the right to receive the cash, stock and contingent consideration as described above, subject to the terms of the merger agreement. The total consideration for this proposed acquisition is approximately \$2.1 billion in cash and stock, estimated based on Nexstar’s Class A common stock market price per share of \$44.27 on March 31, 2016 and Media General’s diluted common shares outstanding, plus the potential CVR. Transaction costs relating to this proposed acquisition, including legal and professional fees of \$4.3 million, were expensed as incurred during the three months ended March 31, 2016.

The merger agreement contains certain termination rights for both Nexstar and Media General. If the merger agreement is terminated in connection with Media General entering into a definitive agreement for a superior proposal, as well as under certain other circumstances, the termination fee payable to Nexstar will be \$80.0 million. If the merger agreement is terminated because the required Media General shareholder vote is not obtained at a shareholder meeting duly held for such purpose, the amount of the termination fee payable to Nexstar will be \$20.0 million. The merger agreement also provides that Nexstar will be required to pay a termination fee to Media General of \$80.0 million if the merger agreement is terminated under certain circumstances and a termination fee of \$20.0 million if the required Nexstar shareholder vote is not obtained at a shareholder meeting duly held for such purpose. Either party may terminate the merger agreement if the merger is not consummated on or before January 27, 2017, with an automatic extension to April 27, 2017, if necessary to obtain regulatory approval under circumstances specified in the merger agreement.

The merger is subject to a vote by stockholders of Nexstar and Media General, FCC and other regulatory approvals (including expiration of the applicable Hart-Scott-Rodino waiting period) and other customary closing conditions. The merger is not subject to any financing condition and Nexstar received committed financing up to a maximum of \$4.7 billion from a group of commercial banks to provide the debt financing to consummate the merger and the refinancing of certain of the existing indebtedness of Nexstar, Media General and certain of their VIEs. With respect to Nexstar and certain of its VIEs, the debt refinancing will include the outstanding obligations under the revolving credit facilities and term loans.

Upon completion of the merger, which is expected to occur in the fourth quarter of 2016, the combined company will be named Nexstar Media Group, Inc.

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4. Intangible Assets and Goodwill

Intangible assets subject to amortization consisted of the following (in thousands):

| | Estimated useful life, in years | March 31, 2016 | | | December 31, 2015 | | |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| | | Gross | Accumulated Amortization | Net | Gross | Accumulated Amortization | Net |
| Network affiliation agreements | 15 | \$630,676 | \$ (344,418) | \$286,258 | \$614,592 | \$ (338,016) | \$276,576 |
| Other definite-lived intangible assets | 1-15 | 90,510 | (52,813) | 37,697 | 84,921 | (47,136) | 37,785 |
| Other intangible assets | | \$721,186 | \$ (397,231) | \$323,955 | \$699,513 | \$ (385,152) | \$314,361 |

The increases in network affiliation agreements and other definite-lived intangible assets relate to Nexstar's acquisitions as discussed in Note 3.

The following table presents the Company's estimate of amortization expense for the remainder of 2016, each of the five succeeding years ended December 31 and thereafter for definite-lived intangible assets as of March 31, 2016 (in thousands):

| | |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Remainder of 2016 | \$37,025 |
| 2017 | 40,953 |
| 2018 | 30,073 |
| 2019 | 27,160 |
| 2020 | 24,005 |
| 2021 | 23,802 |
| Thereafter | 140,937 |
| | \$323,955 |

The amounts recorded to goodwill and FCC licenses were as follows (in thousands):

| | Goodwill | | | FCC Licenses | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------------|-----------|
| | Gross | Accumulated Impairment | Net | Gross | Accumulated Impairment | Net |
| Balances as of December 31, 2015 | \$497,653 | \$ (45,991) | \$451,662 | \$538,756 | (49,421) | \$489,335 |
| Acquisitions (See Note 3) | 8,262 | - | 8,262 | 11,929 | - | 11,929 |
| Balances as of March 31, 2016 | \$505,915 | \$ (45,991) | \$459,924 | \$550,685 | \$ (49,421) | \$501,264 |

Indefinite-lived intangible assets are not subject to amortization, but are tested for impairment annually or whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that such assets might be impaired. During the three months ended March 31, 2016, the Company did not identify any events that would trigger impairment assessment.

5. Accrued Expenses

Accrued expenses consisted of the following (in thousands):

| | March 31, 2016 | December 31, 2015 |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Compensation and related taxes | \$ 15,026 | \$ 15,810 |
| Network affiliation fees | 21,229 | 22,324 |
| Other | 18,095 | 22,425 |
| | \$54,350 | \$ 60,559 |

6. Debt

Long-term debt consisted of the following (in thousands):

| | March 31, 2016 | December 31, 2015 |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Term loans, net of financing costs and discount of \$8,188 and \$8,715, respectively | \$677,853 | \$682,223 |
| Revolving loans | 44,000 | 2,000 |
| 6.875% Senior unsecured notes due 2020, net of financing costs and discount of \$4,997 and \$5,223, respectively | 520,003 | 519,777 |
| 6.125% Senior unsecured notes due 2022, net of financing costs of \$2,692 and \$2,786, respectively | 272,308 | 272,214 |
| | 1,514,164 | 1,476,214 |
| Less: current portion | (24,265) | (22,139) |
| | \$1,489,899 | \$1,454,075 |

2016 Transactions

In January and February 2016, Nexstar borrowed a total of \$58.0 million under its revolving credit facility to partially fund the Reiten and WVMH acquisitions discussed in Note 3. Through March 2016, Nexstar repaid \$16.0 million outstanding principal balance under its revolving credit facility funded by cash on hand.

In March 2016, Nexstar, Mission and Marshall paid the contractual maturities under their senior secured credit facilities totaling \$4.9 million.

Unused Commitments and Borrowing Availability

The Company had \$61.0 million of total unused revolving loan commitments under its amended senior secured credit facilities, all of which was available for borrowing, based on the covenant calculations as of March 31, 2016. During the first week of May 2016, Nexstar repaid \$14.0 million of outstanding revolving loans, funded by cash on hand. The Company's ability to access funds under its senior secured credit facilities depends, in part, on its compliance with certain financial covenants. As of March 31, 2016, Nexstar was in compliance with its financial covenants.

Collateralization and Guarantees of Debt

The Company's senior secured credit facilities are collateralized by a security interest in substantially all the combined assets, excluding FCC licenses and the other assets of consolidated VIEs unavailable to creditors of Nexstar (See Note 2). Nexstar guarantees full payment of all obligations incurred under the Mission and Marshall senior secured credit facilities in the event of their default. Similarly, Mission and Marshall are guarantors of the Nexstar senior secured credit facility. Mission is also a guarantor of Nexstar's 6.875% senior unsecured notes due 2020 ("6.875% Notes") and 6.125% senior unsecured notes due 2022 ("6.125% Notes").

Fair Value of Debt

The aggregate carrying amounts and estimated fair values of the Company's debt were as follows (in thousands):

| | March 31, 2016 | | December 31, 2015 | |
|--|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | Carrying Amount | Fair Value | Carrying Amount | Fair Value |
| Term loans ⁽¹⁾ | \$677,853 | \$680,000 | \$682,223 | \$678,045 |
| Revolving loans ⁽¹⁾ | 44,000 | 43,424 | 2,000 | 1,961 |
| 6.875% Senior unsecured notes ⁽²⁾ | 520,003 | 543,375 | 519,777 | 534,188 |
| 6.125% Senior unsecured notes ⁽²⁾ | 272,308 | 273,625 | 272,214 | 269,500 |

(1) The fair value of senior secured credit facilities is computed based on borrowing rates currently available to the Company for bank loans with similar terms and average maturities. These fair value measurements are considered Level 3, as significant inputs to the fair value calculation are unobservable in the market.

(2) The fair value of the Company's fixed rate debt is estimated based on bid prices obtained from an investment banking firm that regularly makes a market for these financial instruments. These fair value measurements are considered Level 2, as quoted market prices are available for low volume trading of these securities.

7. FCC Regulatory Matters

Television broadcasting is subject to the jurisdiction of the FCC under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the “Communications Act”). The Communications Act prohibits the operation of television broadcasting stations except under a license issued by the FCC, and empowers the FCC, among other things, to issue, revoke, and modify broadcasting licenses, determine the location of television stations, regulate the equipment used by television stations, adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of the Communications Act and impose penalties for the violation of such regulations. The FCC’s ongoing rule making proceedings could have a significant future impact on the television industry and on the operation of the Company’s stations and the stations to which it provides services. In addition, the U.S. Congress may act to amend the Communications Act or adopt other legislation in a manner that could impact the Company’s stations, the stations to which it provides services and the television broadcast industry in general.

The FCC has adopted rules with respect to the final conversion of existing low power and television translator stations to digital operations, which must be completed within 51 months after the completion of the broadcast television incentive auction.

Media Ownership

The FCC is required to review its media ownership rules every four years and to eliminate those rules it finds no longer serve the “public interest, convenience and necessity.”

In March 2014, the FCC initiated its 2014 quadrennial review with the adoption of a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (“FNPRM”). The FNPRM incorporates the record of the uncompleted 2010 quadrennial review proceeding and solicits comment on proposed changes to the media ownership rules. Among the proposals in the FNPRM are (1) retention of the current local television ownership rule (but with modifications to certain service contour definitions to conform to digital television broadcasting), (2) elimination of the radio/television cross-ownership rule, (3) elimination of the newspaper/radio cross-ownership rule, and (4) retention of the newspaper/television cross-ownership rule, while considering waivers of that rule in certain circumstances. The FNPRM also proposes to define a category of sharing agreements designated as SSAs between television stations, and to require television stations to disclose those SSAs. Comments and reply comments on the FNPRM were filed in the third quarter of 2014.

Concurrently with its adoption of the FNPRM, the FCC also adopted a rule making television JSAs attributable to the seller of advertising time in certain circumstances. Under this rule, where a party owns a full-power television station in a market and sells more than 15% of the weekly advertising time for another, non-owned station in the same market under a JSA, that party is deemed to have an attributable interest in the latter station for purposes of the local television ownership rule. Parties to newly attributable JSAs that do not comply with the local television ownership rule were given two years to modify or terminate their JSAs to come into compliance. However, subsequent federal legislation extended the JSA compliance deadline until September 30, 2025. Various parties, including Nexstar (and Mission, which has intervened), have appealed this new rule to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, which in November 2015 transferred the case to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. If Nexstar is required to amend or terminate its existing agreements with Mission and others, the Company could have a reduction in revenue and could incur increased costs if it is unable to successfully implement alternative arrangements that are as beneficial as the existing JSAs.

Spectrum

The FCC is seeking to make additional spectrum available to meet future wireless broadband needs. In February 2012, the U.S. Congress adopted legislation authorizing the FCC to conduct an incentive auction whereby television broadcasters could voluntarily relinquish their spectrum in exchange for consideration. The FCC has released various orders and public notices which set forth procedures that the FCC will follow in the incentive auction and the subsequent “repacking” of broadcast television spectrum, establish opening prices for television stations to relinquish

their spectrum, and resolve various technical and other issues related to the incentive auction, the possible sharing of channels by television stations, and the repurposing of television spectrum for broadband use. The incentive auction commenced on March 29, 2016. Nexstar and certain of its local service agreement partners filed applications to participate in the incentive auction. The reallocation of television spectrum for wireless broadband use will require many television stations to change channel or otherwise modify their technical facilities. The reallocation of television spectrum to broadband use may be to the detriment of the Company's investment in digital facilities, could require substantial additional investment to continue current operations, and may require viewers to invest in additional equipment or subscription services to continue receiving broadcast television signals. The Company cannot predict the results of television spectrum reallocation efforts or their impact to its business.

Retransmission Consent

On March 3, 2011, the FCC initiated a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to reexamine its rules (i) governing the requirements for good faith negotiations between multichannel video program distributors (“MVPDs”) and broadcasters, including implementing a prohibition on one station negotiating retransmission consent terms for another station under a local service agreement; (ii) for providing advance notice to consumers in the event of dispute; and (iii) to extend certain cable-only obligations to all MVPDs. The FCC also asked for comment on eliminating the network non-duplication and syndicated exclusivity protection rules, which may permit MVPDs to import out-of-market television stations during a retransmission consent dispute.

In March 2014, the FCC adopted a rule that prohibits joint retransmission consent negotiation between television stations in the same market which are not commonly owned and which are ranked among the top four stations in the market in terms of audience share. On December 5, 2014, federal legislation extended the joint negotiation prohibition to all non-commonly owned television stations in a market. This new rule requires Nexstar, Mission and other independent third parties with which Nexstar has local service agreements to separately negotiate retransmission consent agreements for certain of their stations. The December 2014 legislation also directed the FCC to commence a rulemaking to “review its totality of the circumstances test for good faith [retransmission consent] negotiations.” The FCC commenced this proceeding in September 2015, comments and reply comments have been submitted and the Company cannot predict the proceeding’s outcome.

Concurrently with its adoption of the prohibition on certain joint retransmission consent negotiations, the FCC also adopted a further notice of proposed rulemaking which seeks additional comment on the elimination or modification of the network non-duplication and syndicated exclusivity rules. The FCC’s prohibition on certain joint retransmission consent negotiations and its possible elimination or modification of the network non-duplication and syndicated exclusivity protection rules may affect the Company’s ability to sustain its current level of retransmission consent revenues or grow such revenues in the future and could have an adverse effect on the Company’s business, financial condition and results of operations. The Company cannot predict the resolution of the FCC’s network non-duplication and syndicated exclusivity proposals, or the impact of these proposals or the FCC’s prohibition on certain joint negotiations, on its business.

Further, certain online video distributors and other over-the-top video distributors (“OTTDs”) have begun streaming broadcast programming over the Internet. In June 2014, the U.S. Supreme Court held that an OTTD’s retransmissions of broadcast television signals without the consent of the broadcast station violate copyright holders’ exclusive right to perform their works publicly as provided under the Copyright Act. In December 2014, the FCC issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing to interpret the term “MVPD” to encompass OTTDs that make available for purchase multiple streams of video programming distributed at a prescheduled time, and seeking comment on the effects of applying MVPD rules to such OTTDs. Comments and reply comments were filed in the first and second quarters of 2015 and the Company cannot predict the outcome of the proceeding. However, if the FCC ultimately determines that an OTTD is not an MVPD, or declines to apply certain rules governing MVPDs to OTTDs, the Company’s business and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected.

8. Commitments and Contingencies

Guarantees of Mission and Marshall Debt

Nexstar guarantees full payment of all obligations incurred under Mission’s and Marshall’s senior secured credit facilities. In the event that Mission and/or Marshall are unable to repay amounts due, Nexstar will be obligated to repay such amounts. The maximum potential amount of future payments that Nexstar would be required to make under these guarantees would be generally limited to the amount of borrowings outstanding. As of March 31, 2016,

Mission had a maximum commitment of \$233.1 million under its senior secured credit facility, of which \$225.1 million of debt was outstanding, and Marshall had used all of its commitment and had outstanding debt obligations of \$56.5 million.

Indemnification Obligations

In connection with certain agreements into which the Company enters in the normal course of its business, including local service agreements, business acquisitions and borrowing arrangements, the Company enters into contractual arrangements under which the Company agrees to indemnify the other party to such arrangement from losses, claims and damages incurred by the indemnified party for certain events as defined within the particular contract. Such indemnification obligations may not be subject to maximum loss clauses and the maximum potential amount of future payments the Company could be required to make under these indemnification arrangements may be unlimited. Historically, payments made related to these indemnifications have been immaterial and the Company has not incurred significant costs to defend lawsuits or settle claims related to these indemnification agreements.

Litigation

From time to time, the Company is involved with claims that arise out of the normal course of its business. In the opinion of management, any resulting liability with respect to these claims would not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

9. Segment Data

The Company evaluates the performance of its operating segments based on net revenue and operating income. The Company's broadcast segment includes television stations and related community focused websites that Nexstar owns, operates, programs or provides sales and other services to in various markets across the United States. The other activities of the Company include corporate functions, eliminations and other insignificant operations.

Segment financial information is included in the following tables for the periods presented (in thousands):

| Three Months ended March 31, 2016 | Broadcasting | Other | Consolidated |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| Net revenue | \$ 241,088 | \$ 14,570 | \$ 255,658 |
| Depreciation | 10,987 | 1,571 | 12,558 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 8,711 | 3,368 | 12,079 |
| Income (loss) from operations | 76,928 | (18,999) | 57,929 |

| Three Months ended March 31, 2015 | Broadcasting | Other | Consolidated |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| Net revenue | \$ 190,845 | \$ 10,890 | \$ 201,735 |
| Depreciation | 9,704 | 1,168 | 10,872 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 10,888 | 2,172 | 13,060 |
| Income (loss) from operations | 52,674 | (14,770) | 37,904 |

| As of March 31, 2016 | Broadcasting | Other | Consolidated |
|----------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| Goodwill | \$ 421,227 | \$ 38,697 | \$ 459,924 |
| Assets | 1,722,125 | 170,060 | 1,892,185 |

| As of December 31, 2015 | Broadcasting | Other | Consolidated |
|-------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| Goodwill | \$ 412,965 | \$ 38,697 | \$ 451,662 |
| Assets | 1,660,737 | 174,397 | 1,835,134 |

10. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information

The following condensed consolidating financial information presents the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Company, including its wholly-owned subsidiaries and its consolidated VIEs. This information is presented in lieu of separate financial statements and other related disclosures pursuant to Regulation S-X Rule 3-10 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, “Financial Statements of Guarantors and Issuers of Guaranteed Securities Registered or Being Registered.”

The Nexstar column presents the parent company’s financial information, excluding consolidating entities. The Nexstar Broadcasting column presents the financial information of Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc. (“Nexstar Broadcasting”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nexstar and issuer of the 6.875% Notes and the 6.125% Notes. The Mission column presents the financial information of Mission, an entity which Nexstar Broadcasting is required to consolidate as a VIE (see Note 2). The Non-Guarantors column presents the combined financial information of Enterprise Technology LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nexstar, and other VIEs consolidated by Nexstar Broadcasting (See Note 2).

Nexstar Broadcasting’s outstanding 6.875% Notes and 6.125% Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, by Nexstar and Mission, subject to certain customary release provisions. These notes are not guaranteed by any other entities.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET

As of March 31, 2016

(in thousands)

| | Nexstar | Nexstar Broadcasting Mission | Non- Guarantors | Eliminations | Consolidated Company |
|--|-----------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | | | |
| Current assets: | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$- | \$3,897 | \$1,330 | \$7,594 | \$- \$12,821 |
| Accounts receivable | - | 168,740 | 11,985 | 19,274 | - 199,999 |
| Amounts due from consolidated entities | - | 16,272 | 60,056 | - | (76,328) - |
| Other current assets | - | 18,255 | 1,120 | 2,132 | - 21,507 |
| Total current assets | - | 207,164 | 74,491 | 29,000 | (76,328) 234,327 |
| Investments in subsidiaries | 202,048 | 38,259 | - | - | (240,307) - |
| Amounts due from consolidated entities | - | 124,657 | - | - | (124,657) - |
| Property and equipment, net | - | 253,914 | 21,344 | 12,397 | - 287,655 |
| Goodwill | - | 351,709 | 32,489 | 75,726 | - 459,924 |
| FCC licenses | - | 427,703 | 41,563 | 31,998 | - 501,264 |
| Other intangible assets, net | - | 243,308 | 18,287 | 62,360 | - 323,955 |
| Other noncurrent assets | - | 64,132 | 19,339 | 1,589 | - 85,060 |
| Total assets | \$202,048 | \$1,710,846 | \$207,513 | \$213,070 | \$(441,292) \$1,892,185 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' | | | | | |
| EQUITY (DEFICIT) | | | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | | | |
| Current portion of debt | \$- | \$16,830 | \$2,335 | \$5,100 | \$- \$24,265 |
| Accounts payable | - | 18,520 | 1,651 | 4,754 | - 24,925 |
| Amounts due to consolidated entities | - | 55,005 | - | 21,323 | (76,328) - |
| Other current liabilities | - | 78,439 | 6,717 | 10,765 | - 95,921 |
| Total current liabilities | - | 168,794 | 10,703 | 41,942 | (76,328) 145,111 |
| Debt | - | 1,215,679 | 222,781 | 51,439 | - 1,489,899 |
| Amounts due to consolidated entities | 54,307 | - | - | 70,350 | (124,657) - |
| Other noncurrent liabilities | - | 115,990 | 10,397 | 13,238 | - 139,625 |
| Total liabilities | 54,307 | 1,500,463 | 243,881 | 176,969 | (200,985) 1,774,635 |
| Total Nexstar Broadcasting Group, Inc. | | | | | |
| stockholders' equity (deficit) | 147,741 | 210,383 | (36,368) | 29,955 | (240,307) 111,404 |
| Noncontrolling interests in consolidated | | | | | |
| variable interest entities | - | - | - | 6,146 | - 6,146 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity (deficit) | \$202,048 | \$1,710,846 | \$207,513 | \$213,070 | \$(441,292) \$1,892,185 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 2015

(in thousands)

| | Nexstar | Nexstar Broadcasting | Mission | Non- Guarantors | Eliminations | Consolidated Company |
|--|------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Current assets: | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$- | \$ 27,492 | \$ 4,361 | \$ 11,563 | \$ - | \$ 43,416 |
| Accounts receivable | - | 163,008 | 9,370 | 20,613 | - | 192,991 |
| Amounts due from consolidated entities | - | 10,600 | 51,978 | - | (62,578) | - |
| Other current assets | - | 19,984 | 1,364 | 2,273 | - | 23,621 |
| Total current assets | - | 221,084 | 67,073 | 34,449 | (62,578) | 260,028 |
| Investments in subsidiaries | 184,332 | 38,931 | - | - | (223,263) | - |
| Amounts due from consolidated entities | - | 133,659 | - | - | (133,659) | - |
| Property and equipment, net | - | 232,206 | 21,891 | 12,486 | - | 266,583 |
| Goodwill | - | 343,140 | 32,489 | 76,033 | - | 451,662 |
| FCC licenses | - | 415,024 | 41,563 | 32,748 | - | 489,335 |
| Other intangible assets, net | - | 228,936 | 18,892 | 66,533 | - | 314,361 |
| Other noncurrent assets | - | 30,539 | 20,418 | 2,208 | - | 53,165 |
| Total assets | \$ 184,332 | \$ 1,643,519 | \$ 202,326 | \$ 224,457 | \$ (419,500) | \$ 1,835,134 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' | | | | | | |
| EQUITY (DEFICIT) | | | | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | | | | |
| Current portion of debt | \$- | \$ 15,154 | \$ 2,335 | \$ 4,650 | \$ - | \$ 22,139 |
| Accounts payable | - | 14,705 | 906 | 10,325 | - | 25,936 |
| Amounts due to consolidated entities | - | 47,700 | - | 14,878 | (62,578) | - |
| Other current liabilities | - | 78,868 | 6,909 | 12,209 | - | 97,986 |
| Total current liabilities | - | 156,427 | 10,150 | 42,062 | (62,578) | 146,061 |
| Debt | - | 1,177,944 | 223,235 | 52,896 | - | 1,454,075 |
| Amounts due to consolidated entities | 63,309 | - | - | 70,350 | (133,659) | - |
| Other noncurrent liabilities | - | 118,048 | 9,351 | 21,226 | - | 148,625 |
| Total liabilities | 63,309 | 1,452,419 | 242,736 | 186,534 | (196,237) | 1,748,761 |
| Total Nexstar Broadcasting Group, Inc. | | | | | | |
| stockholders' equity (deficit) | 121,023 | 191,100 | (40,410) | 32,224 | (223,263) | 80,674 |
| Noncontrolling interest in a consolidated | | | | | | |
| variable interest entity | - | - | - | 5,699 | - | 5,699 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity (deficit) | \$ 184,332 | \$ 1,643,519 | \$ 202,326 | \$ 224,457 | \$ (419,500) | \$ 1,835,134 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Three Months Ended March 31, 2016

(in thousands)

| | Nexstar | Nexstar Broadcasting | Mission | Non- Guarantors | Eliminations | Consolidated Company |
|--|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Net broadcast revenue (including trade and barter) | \$- | \$ 215,576 | \$ 15,160 | \$ 24,922 | \$ - | \$ 255,658 |
| Revenue between consolidated entities | - | 8,605 | 9,201 | 2,699 | (20,505) | - |
| Net revenue | - | 224,181 | 24,361 | 27,621 | (20,505) | 255,658 |
| Operating expenses: | | | | | | |
| Direct operating expenses, excluding | | | | | | |
| depreciation and amortization | - | 68,536 | 7,487 | 14,110 | (10) | 90,123 |
| Selling, general, and administrative expenses, | | | | | | |
| excluding depreciation and amortization | - | 63,578 | 907 | 4,798 | (1,118) | 68,165 |
| Local service agreement fees between | | | | | | |
| consolidated entities | - | 10,772 | 4,500 | 4,105 | (19,377) | - |
| Amortization of broadcast rights | - | 12,393 | 1,392 | 1,019 | - | 14,804 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | - | 7,308 | 605 | 4,166 | - | 12,079 |
| Depreciation | - | 11,184 | 607 | 767 | - | 12,558 |
| Total operating expenses | - | 173,771 | 15,498 | 28,965 | (20,505) | 197,729 |
| Income (loss) from operations | - | 50,410 | 8,863 | (1,344) | - | 57,929 |
| Interest expense, net | - | (17,940) | (2,313) | (401) | - | (20,654) |
| Other expenses | - | (136) | - | - | - | (136) |
| Equity in income of subsidiaries | 17,715 | - | - | - | (17,715) | - |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | 17,715 | 32,334 | 6,550 | (1,745) | (17,715) | 37,139 |
| Income tax (expense) benefit | - | (13,051) | (2,508) | 694 | - | (14,865) |
| Net income (loss) | 17,715 | 19,283 | 4,042 | (1,051) | (17,715) | 22,274 |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling | | | | | | |
| interests | - | - | - | (547) | - | (547) |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Nexstar | \$ 17,715 | \$ 19,283 | \$ 4,042 | \$ (1,598) | \$ (17,715) | \$ 21,727 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

Three Months Ended March 31, 2015

(in thousands)

| | Nexstar | Nexstar Broadcasting | Mission | Non- Guarantors | Eliminations | Consolidated Company |
|--|----------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Net broadcast revenue (including trade and barter) | \$ - | \$ 170,500 | \$ 12,110 | \$ 19,125 | \$ - | \$ 201,735 |
| Revenue between consolidated entities | - | 6,469 | 8,554 | 2,781 | (17,804) | - |
| Net revenue | - | 176,969 | 20,664 | 21,906 | (17,804) | 201,735 |
| Operating expenses: | | | | | | |
| Direct operating expenses, excluding | | | | | | |
| depreciation and amortization | - | 53,531 | 5,188 | 9,310 | - | 68,029 |
| Selling, general, and administrative expenses, | | | | | | |
| excluding depreciation and amortization | - | 52,835 | 862 | 4,447 | (855) | 57,289 |
| Local service agreement fees between | | | | | | |
| consolidated entities | - | 10,480 | 2,445 | 4,024 | (16,949) | - |
| Amortization of broadcast rights | - | 11,662 | 1,468 | 1,451 | - | 14,581 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | - | 8,556 | 610 | 3,894 | - | 13,060 |
| Depreciation | - | 9,579 | 602 | 691 | - | 10,872 |
| Total operating expenses | - | 146,643 | 11,175 | 23,817 | (17,804) | 163,831 |
| Income (loss) from operations | - | 30,326 | 9,489 | (1,911) | - | 37,904 |
| Interest expense, net | - | (16,580) | (2,316) | (397) | - | (19,293) |
| Other expenses | - | (118) | - | - | - | (118) |
| Equity in income of subsidiaries | 8,868 | - | - | - | (8,868) | - |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | 8,868 | 13,628 | 7,173 | (2,308) | (8,868) | 18,493 |
| Income tax (expense) benefit | - | (4,553) | (2,821) | 793 | - | (6,581) |
| Net income (loss) | 8,868 | 9,075 | 4,352 | (1,515) | (8,868) | 11,912 |
| Net loss attributable to noncontrolling | | | | | | |
| interests | - | - | - | 995 | - | 995 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Nexstar | \$ 8,868 | \$ 9,075 | \$ 4,352 | \$ (520) | \$ (8,868) | \$ 12,907 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Three Months Ended March 31, 2016

(in thousands)

| | Nexstar | Nexstar Broadcasting | Mission | Non- Guarantors | Eliminations | Consolidated Company |
|--|---------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities | \$- | \$ 43,093 | \$(2,389) | \$(2,273) | \$ - | \$ 38,431 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | | | | |
| Purchases of property and equipment | - | (7,038) | (57) | (646) | - | (7,741) |
| Deposits and payments for acquisitions | - | (103,971) | - | - | - | (103,971) |
| Other investing activities | - | 160 | - | - | - | 160 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | - | (110,849) | (57) | (646) | - | (111,552) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | | | | | |
| Proceeds from long-term debt | - | 58,000 | - | - | - | 58,000 |
| Repayments of long-term debt | - | (19,262) | (585) | (1,050) | - | (20,897) |
| Common stock dividends paid | (7,355) | - | - | - | - | (7,355) |
| Inter-company payments | 7,355 | (7,355) | - | - | - | - |
| Excess tax benefit from stock option | | | | | | |
| exercises | - | 13,224 | - | - | - | 13,224 |
| Other financing activities | - | (446) | - | - | - | (446) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) | | | | | | |
| financing activities | - | 44,161 | (585) | (1,050) | - | 42,526 |
| Net decrease in cash and | | | | | | |
| cash equivalents | - | (23,595) | (3,031) | (3,969) | - | (30,595) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning | | | | | | |
| of period | - | 27,492 | 4,361 | 11,563 | - | 43,416 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end | | | | | | |
| of period | \$- | \$ 3,897 | \$ 1,330 | \$ 7,594 | \$ - | \$ 12,821 |

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Three Months Ended March 31, 2015

(in thousands)

| | Nexstar | Nexstar Broadcasting | Mission | Non- Guarantors | Eliminations | Consolidated Company |
|--|---------|-------------------------|----------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities | \$- | \$ 38,613 | \$ 8,106 | \$ 2,907 | \$ - | \$ 49,626 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | | | | |
| Purchases of property and equipment | - | (5,974) | (32) | (571) | 176 | (6,401) |
| Deposits and payments for acquisitions | - | (503,200) | - | (79) | 43,300 | (459,979) |
| Proceeds from sale of a station | - | 70,105 | - | - | (43,300) | 26,805 |
| Other investing activities | - | 723 | 150 | 180 | (176) | 877 |
| Net cash (used in) provided by | | | | | | |
| investing activities | - | (438,346) | 118 | (470) | - | (438,698) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | | | | | |
| Proceeds from long-term debt | - | 409,950 | - | 2,000 | - | 411,950 |
| Repayments of long-term debt | - | (97,431) | (5,959) | (750) | - | (104,140) |
| Common stock dividends paid | (5,921) | - | - | - | - | (5,921) |
| Inter-company payments | 4,456 | (4,456) | - | - | - | - |
| Other financing activities | 1,465 | (1,600) | (8) | (2) | - | (145) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) | | | | | | |
| financing activities | - | 306,463 | (5,967) | 1,248 | - | 301,744 |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and | | | | | | |
| cash equivalents | - | (93,270) | 2,257 | 3,685 | - | (87,328) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning | | | | | | |
| of period | - | 130,472 | 880 | 560 | - | 131,912 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end | | | | | | |
| of period | \$- | \$ 37,202 | \$ 3,137 | \$ 4,245 | \$ - | \$ 44,584 |

11. Subsequent Events

On April 21, 2016, Nexstar's Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.24 per share of its Class A common stock. The dividend is payable on May 27, 2016 to stockholders of record on May 13, 2016.

During the first week of May 2016, Nexstar repaid \$14.0 million of outstanding revolving loans, funded by cash on hand.

ITEM 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and the Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

As used in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and unless the context indicates otherwise, “Nexstar” refers to Nexstar Broadcasting Group, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries; “Nexstar Broadcasting” refers to Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc., our wholly-owned direct subsidiary; the “Company” refers to Nexstar and the variable interest entities (“VIEs”) required to be consolidated in our financial statements; and all references to “we,” “our,” “ours,” and “us” refer to Nexstar.

As a result of our deemed controlling financial interests in Mission, White Knight, Marshall and Parker in accordance with U.S. GAAP, we consolidate the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of these consolidated VIEs as if they were wholly-owned entities. We believe this presentation is meaningful for understanding our financial performance. Refer to Note 2 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of our determinations of VIE consolidation under the related authoritative guidance. Therefore, the following discussion of our financial position and results of operations includes the consolidated VIEs’ financial position and results of operations.

Executive Summary

2016 Highlights

· Net revenue during the first quarter of 2016 increased by \$53.9 million, or 26.7% compared to the same period in 2015. The increase in net revenue was primarily due to incremental revenue from our newly acquired stations and entities and stations contracted with to provide programming and sales services of \$23.3 million, an increase in retransmission compensation on our legacy stations of \$22.0 million, primarily related to the 2015 renewals of contracts providing for higher rates per subscriber, and an increase in advertising on our legacy stations as 2016 is a political and an Olympic year.

· During the first quarter of 2016, our Board of Directors declared dividends of \$0.24 per share of Nexstar’s outstanding common stock, or total dividend payments of \$7.4 million.

Acquisitions

| | Acquisition Date | Purchase Price | |
|---------------|------------------|---|---|
| North Dakota | February 1, 2016 | \$44.0 million in cash, plus working capital adjustments | Four CBS affiliated full power television stations in the Minot-Bismarck-Dickinson, ND market |
| Des Moines | March 14, 2016 | \$3.8 million in cash | The CW affiliate in the Des Moines-Ames, Iowa market |
| Media General | Q4 2016 | Estimated \$2.1 billion in cash and stock consideration, plus the potential CVR | Media General currently owns, operates or provides services to 71 television stations in 48 markets |

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| | | | |
|---------------|--|---|--|
| West Virginia | 1 st closing on January 4, 2016 | \$130.0 million in cash, plus working capital adjustments | Three CBS and one NBC affiliated full power television stations in four markets. |
|---------------|--|---|--|

2nd closing in Q4
2016

The Media General merger is subject to a vote by stockholders of Nexstar and Media General, FCC and other regulatory approvals (including expiration of the applicable Hart-Scott-Rodino waiting period) and other customary closing conditions. We must divest certain of our and Media General's stations in connection with the proposed merger in order to comply with the FCC media ownership rules.

The Media General merger is not subject to any financing condition and we have received committed financing up to a maximum of \$4.7 billion from a group of commercial banks to provide the debt financing to consummate the merger and the refinancing of certain of the existing indebtedness of Nexstar, Media General and certain of their VIEs. With respect to Nexstar and certain of its VIEs, the debt refinancing will include the outstanding obligations under the revolving credit facilities and term loans.

The West Virginia acquisition is subject to FCC approval and other customary conditions. We paid a total of \$65.0 million for this acquisition as of March 31, 2016 and the remaining \$65.0 million is expected to be funded through cash generated from operations prior to closing and borrowings under our senior secured credit facility.

See Note 3 to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q for additional information with respect to the above acquisitions.

Debt transactions

· In January and February 2016, we borrowed a total of \$58.0 million under our revolving credit facility to partially fund the North Dakota and West Virginia acquisitions. Through March 2016, we repaid \$16.0 million outstanding principal balance under our revolving credit facility funded by cash on hand.

· In March 2016, we, Mission and Marshall paid the contractual maturities under each of our term loans totaling \$4.9 million.

· During the first week of May 2016, Nexstar repaid \$14.0 million of outstanding revolving loans, funded by cash on hand.

Overview of Operations

As of March 31, 2016, we owned, operated, programmed or provided sales and other services to 104 full power television stations, including those owned by the VIEs, in 62 markets in the states of Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New York, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin. The stations are affiliates of ABC, NBC, FOX, CBS, The CW, MyNetworkTV and other broadcast television networks. Through various local service agreements, we provided sales, programming and other services to 30 full power television stations owned and/or operated by independent third parties, including stations owned by Mission, Marshall, White Knight and Parker. See Note 2—Variable Interest Entities to our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I, Item 1 of this Form 10-Q for a discussion of the local service agreements we have with these independent third parties.

We also guarantee all obligations incurred under Mission's and Marshall's senior secured credit facilities. Similarly, Mission and Marshall are guarantors of our senior secured credit facility. Mission is also a guarantor of our 6.875% Notes and 6.125% Notes but Marshall is not a guarantor of these notes. In consideration of our guarantee of Mission's senior secured credit facility, Mission has granted us purchase options to acquire the assets and assume the liabilities of each Mission station, subject to FCC consent, for an amount equal to the greater of (1) seven times the station's cash flow, as defined in the option agreement, less the amount of its indebtedness, as defined in the option agreement, or (2) the amount of its indebtedness. Additionally, we have an option to purchase any or all of Mission's stock, subject to FCC consent, for a price equal to the pro rata portion of the greater of (1) five times the Mission stations' cash flow, as defined in the agreement, reduced by the amount of indebtedness, as defined in the agreement, or (2) \$100,000. These option agreements (which expire on various dates between 2017 and 2024) are freely exercisable or assignable by us without consent or approval by Mission or its shareholders. We expect these option agreements to be renewed upon expiration.

We do not own Mission, Marshall, Parker or White Knight or their television stations. However, we are deemed under U.S. GAAP to have controlling financial interests in these entities because of (1) the local service agreements Nexstar has with their stations, (2) our guarantees of the obligations incurred under Mission's and Marshall's senior secured credit facilities, (3) our power over significant activities affecting these entities' economic performance, including budgeting for advertising revenue, advertising sales and, for Mission, Parker and White Knight, hiring and firing of sales force personnel and (4) purchase options granted by Mission and White Knight that permit Nexstar to acquire the assets and assume the liabilities of each Mission and White Knight station, subject to FCC consent. In compliance with FCC regulations for all the parties, each of Mission, Marshall, Parker and White Knight maintains complete responsibility for and control over programming, finances and personnel for its stations.

Regulatory Developments

As a television broadcaster, the Company is highly regulated and its operations require that it obtain or renew a variety of government approvals and comply with changing federal regulations. In 2014, the FCC modified its television ownership rules such that a television station licensee that sells more than 15 percent of the weekly advertising inventory of another television station in the same Designated Market Area is deemed to have an attributable ownership interest in that station. Parties to existing JSAs that were deemed attributable interests and do not comply with the FCC's local television ownership rule have until September 30, 2025 to come into compliance. The Company expects ultimately to incur additional costs in complying with this rule, although, given recent legislation extending the compliance deadline until September 30, 2025, the Company does not expect the 2014 rule change to impact its JSA revenue in the near term. If the Company is ultimately unable to obtain waivers from the FCC and is required to amend or terminate its existing agreements, however, the Company could have a reduction in revenue and increased costs if it is unable to successfully implement alternative arrangements that are as beneficial as the existing JSAs. Various parties, including us (and Mission, which has intervened), have appealed this new rule to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, which has recently transferred the appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Oral argument in the case took place on April 19, 2016.

In March 2014, the FCC's Media Bureau issued a public notice announcing "processing guidelines" for certain pending and future applications for FCC approval of television station acquisitions. The public notice indicates that the FCC will "closely scrutinize" applications which propose a JSA, SSA or local marketing agreement ("LMA") between television stations, combined with an option, a similar "contingent interest," or a loan guarantee. These new processing guidelines have impacted the Company's previously announced acquisitions and may affect the Company's acquisition of additional stations in the future.

Also in March 2014, the FCC amended its rules governing retransmission consent negotiations. The amended rule initially prohibited two non-commonly owned stations ranked in the top four in viewership in a market from negotiating jointly with MVPDs. On December 5, 2014, federal legislation extended the joint negotiation prohibition to all non-commonly owned television stations in a market. Mission, Marshall, Parker and White Knight are now required to separately negotiate their future retransmission consent agreements with MVPDs for certain of their stations. We cannot predict at this time the impact this amended rule will have on future negotiations with MVPDs and the impact, if any, it will have on the Company's revenues and expenses.

Seasonality

Advertising revenue is positively affected by strong local economies, national and regional political election campaigns, and certain events such as the Olympic Games or the Super Bowl. The Company's stations' advertising revenue is generally highest in the second and fourth quarters of each year, due in part to increases in consumer advertising in the spring and retail advertising in the period leading up to, and including, the holiday season. In addition, advertising revenue is generally higher during even-numbered years, when state, congressional and presidential elections occur and advertising airs during the Olympic Games. As 2016 is an election year and an Olympic year, we expect an increase in advertising revenues to be reported in 2016 compared to 2015.

Historical Performance

Revenue

The following table sets forth the amounts of the Company's principal types of revenue (in thousands) and each type of revenue (other than trade and barter) as a percentage of total gross revenue:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------|-----------|------|
| | 2016 | | 2015 | |
| | Amount | % | Amount | % |
| Local | \$93,767 | 35.7 | \$84,524 | 40.7 |
| National | 35,450 | 13.5 | 35,578 | 17.1 |
| Political | 11,754 | 4.5 | 360 | 0.2 |
| Retransmission compensation | 97,313 | 37.1 | 66,564 | 32.1 |
| Digital | 22,533 | 8.6 | 19,312 | 9.3 |
| Other | 1,605 | 0.6 | 1,201 | 0.6 |
| Total gross revenue | 262,422 | 100 | 207,539 | 100 |
| Less: Agency commissions | (18,181) | | (17,197) | |
| Net broadcast revenue | 244,241 | | 190,342 | |
| Trade and barter revenue | 11,417 | | 11,393 | |
| Net revenue | \$255,658 | | \$201,735 | |

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth a summary of the Company's operations (in thousands) and each component of operating expense as a percentage of net revenue:

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | |
|--|------------------------------|------|-----------|------|
| | 2016 | | 2015 | |
| | Amount | % | Amount | % |
| Net revenue | \$255,658 | 100 | \$201,735 | 100 |
| Operating expenses: | | | | |
| Corporate expenses | 15,811 | 6.2 | 11,683 | 5.7 |
| Direct operating expenses, net of trade | 87,946 | 34.4 | 66,150 | 32.8 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses, | | | | |
| excluding corporate | 52,354 | 20.3 | 45,606 | 22.6 |
| Trade and barter expense | 11,344 | 4.4 | 11,298 | 5.6 |
| Depreciation | 12,558 | 4.9 | 10,872 | 5.4 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 12,079 | 4.7 | 13,060 | 6.5 |
| Amortization of broadcast rights, excluding barter | 5,637 | 2.2 | 5,162 | 2.6 |
| Income from operations | \$57,929 | | \$37,904 | |

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Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 Compared to Three Months Ended March 31, 2015

Revenue

Gross local advertising revenue was \$93.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, compared to \$84.5 million for the same period in 2015, an increase of \$9.2 million, or 10.9%. Gross national advertising revenue was flat at \$35.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, compared to \$35.6 million for the same period in 2015. The net increase in local and national advertising revenue was primarily attributable to incremental revenue from our newly acquired stations and stations we contracted with to provide programming and sales services of \$12.2 million. Our legacy stations' local and national advertising revenue decreased by \$3.1 million during the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared to the same period in 2015, primarily due to changes in the mix between our legacy stations' local, national and political advertising revenue. Our largest advertiser category, automobile, represented approximately 25% of our local and national advertising revenue for each of the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015. Overall, including past results of our newly acquired stations, automobile revenues were flat for the quarter. The other categories representing our top five were fast food/restaurants, furniture, medical/healthcare and attorneys, which all increased in 2016.

Gross political advertising revenue was \$11.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, compared to \$0.4 million for the same period in 2015, an increase of \$11.4 million, as 2016 is an election year.

Retransmission compensation was \$97.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, compared to \$66.6 million for the same period in 2015, an increase of \$30.7 million, or 46.2%. The increase in retransmission compensation was attributable to a \$22.0 million increase on our legacy stations, primarily related to the 2015 renewals of contracts providing for higher rates per subscriber, and incremental revenue from our newly acquired stations of \$8.7 million.

Digital revenue, representing advertising revenue on our stations' web and mobile sites and other internet-based revenue, was \$22.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, compared to \$19.3 million for the same period in 2015, an increase of \$3.2 million, or 16.7%. This was primarily attributable to new customers for digital publishing and content management services of \$1.4 million, incremental revenue from our newly acquired stations and entities of \$0.7 million and organic growth in our markets of \$0.6 million.

Operating Expenses

Corporate expenses, related to costs associated with the centralized management of our stations, were \$15.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, compared to \$11.7 million for the same period in 2015, an increase of \$4.1 million, or 35.3%. This was primarily attributable to an increase in legal and professional fees of \$3.6 million, primarily associated with our acquisitions of stations and entities, an increase in stock-based compensation expense of \$0.3 million due to equity incentive awards in 2015 and January 2016 and an increase in payroll expense of \$0.4 million related to the increased number of stations.

Station direct operating expenses, consisting primarily of news, engineering, programming and station selling, general and administrative expenses (net of trade expense) were \$140.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, compared to \$111.8 million for the same period in 2015, an increase of \$28.5 million, or 25.5%. The increase was primarily due to expenses of our newly acquired stations and entities of \$16.1 million, an increase in employee healthcare costs for our legacy stations of \$1.0 million and an increase in programming costs for our legacy stations of \$8.5 million primarily related to recently enacted network affiliation agreements. Network affiliation fees have been increasing industry wide and will continue to increase over the next several years.

Depreciation of property and equipment was \$12.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, compared to \$10.9 million for the same period in 2015, an increase of \$1.7 million, or 15.5%, primarily due to the incremental

depreciation of fixed assets from newly acquired stations and entities of \$1.0 million and incremental depreciation from newly capitalized assets.

Amortization of intangible assets was \$12.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, compared to \$13.1 million for the same period in 2015, a decrease of \$1.0 million, or 7.5%. This was primarily attributable to decreases in amortization of other intangible assets from certain fully amortized assets, partially offset by incremental amortization of other intangible assets from our newly acquired stations and entities.

Amortization of broadcast rights, excluding barter was \$5.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, compared to \$5.2 million for the same period in 2015, an increase of \$0.5 million, or 9.2%, primarily attributable to incremental amortization from our newly acquired stations.

Interest Expense, net

Interest expense, net was \$20.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, compared to \$19.3 million for the same period in 2015, an increase of \$1.4 million, or 7.1%, primarily attributable to increased borrowings during 2015 and 2016 to fund our acquisitions.

Income Taxes

Income tax expense was \$14.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, compared to \$6.6 million for the same period in 2015. The effective tax rates were 40% and 35.6% for each of the respective periods. Our station acquisitions reduced our blended state tax rate in 2015 resulting in an income tax benefit of \$0.9 million, or a 4.3% impact to the effective tax rate.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company is highly leveraged, which makes it vulnerable to changes in general economic conditions. The Company's ability to meet the future cash requirements described below depends on its ability to generate cash in the future, which is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory and other conditions, many of which are beyond the Company's control. Based on current operations and anticipated future growth, the Company believes that its available cash, anticipated cash flow from operations and available borrowings under the senior secured credit facilities will be sufficient to fund working capital, capital expenditure requirements, interest payments and scheduled debt principal payments for at least the next twelve months. In order to meet future cash needs, we may, from time to time, borrow under our existing senior secured credit facility or issue other long- or short-term debt or equity, if the market and the terms of our existing debt arrangements permit, and Mission and Marshall may, from time to time, borrow under their existing senior secured credit facilities. The Company will continue to evaluate the best use of its operating cash flow among its capital expenditures, acquisitions, debt reduction, dividends and stock repurchases.

Overview

The following tables present summarized financial information management believes is helpful in evaluating the Company's liquidity and capital resources (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|---------------------------------|------------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$38,431 | \$49,626 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (111,552) | (438,698) |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 42,526 | 301,744 |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | \$(30,595) | \$(87,328) |
| Cash paid for interest | \$14,813 | \$6,397 |
| Cash paid for income taxes, net of refunds | \$5,978 | \$5,925 |

As of
March 31,
2016

As of
December 31,
2015

| | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 12,821 | \$ 43,416 |
| Long-term debt including current portion | 1,514,164 | 1,476,214 |
| Unused revolving loan commitments under senior secured credit facilities ⁽¹⁾ | 61,000 | 103,000 |

(1)Based on covenant calculations as of March 31, 2016, all of the \$61.0 million unused revolving loan commitments under the Company's senior secured credit facilities were available for borrowing.

Cash Flows – Operating Activities

Net cash flows provided by operating activities decreased by \$11.2 million during the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. This was primarily due to the increase in the impact of the excess tax benefit from stock option exercises of \$11.5 million, an increase in cash paid for interest of \$8.4 million, an increase in payments for broadcast rights of \$1.0 million, timing of collections of accounts receivable of \$7.8 million and timing of payments to vendors of \$0.7 million. These transactions were partially offset by an increase in net revenue (excluding trade and barter) of \$53.9 million less an increase in station and corporate operating expenses (excluding stock compensation) of \$32.4 million.

Cash paid for interest increased by \$8.4 million during the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared to the same period in 2015, primarily due to increased borrowings during 2015 and 2016 to fund our acquisitions.

Cash Flows – Investing Activities

Net cash flows used in investing activities decreased by \$327.1 million during the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared to the same period in 2015. In 2016, we acquired certain assets of four full power stations in four markets in West Virginia and paid \$58.5 million. Additionally, we completed the acquisition of five full power stations for total payments of \$45.5 million. In 2015, we completed the acquisitions of Communications Corporation of America (“CCA”), KASW, Yashi, Inc. and KLAS for total payments of \$460.0 million. Simultaneous with our acquisition of CCA, we sold a station owned by CCA for \$26.8 million in cash and certain real estate properties we owned for \$0.8 million in cash.

Capital expenditures during the three months ended March 31, 2016 increased by \$1.3 million compared to the same period in 2015, primarily due to capital expenditures for acquired stations and entities.

Cash Flows – Financing Activities

Net cash flows provided by financing activities decreased by \$259.2 million during the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared to the same period in 2015.

In 2016, we borrowed a total of \$58.0 million under our revolving credit facility to fund our acquisitions. We also recognized a \$13.2 million excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation arrangements. These cash flow increases were partially offset by repayments of outstanding obligations under our revolving credit facility of \$16.0 million, scheduled repayments of outstanding principal balance under our, Mission’s and Marshall’s term loans of \$4.9 million, payments of dividends to our common stockholders of \$7.4 million (\$0.24 per share each quarter) and payments for capital lease obligations of \$0.3 million.

In 2015, we issued our \$275.0 million 6.125% Notes due 2022 at par. We also borrowed a net amount of \$40.0 million under our revolving credit facility. These borrowings were used to partially finance the CCA, KASW, Yashi, Inc. and KLAS acquisitions and to pay for related fees and expenses. We also received \$1.5 million proceeds from stock option exercises and recognized a \$1.7 million excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation arrangements. Additionally, Marshall borrowed \$2.0 million under its revolving credit facility. These cash flow increases were partially offset by Mission’s repayment of \$5.5 million outstanding principal balance under its revolving credit facility, the scheduled repayments of outstanding principal balance under our, Mission’s and Marshall’s term loans of \$3.7 million, payments of dividends to our common stockholders of \$5.9 million (\$0.19 per share each quarter), payments for debt financing costs of \$2.9 million and payments for capital lease obligations of \$0.4 million.

Our senior secured credit facility may limit the amount of dividends we may pay to stockholders over the term of the agreement.

Future Sources of Financing and Debt Service Requirements

As of March 31, 2016, we, Mission and Marshall had total combined debt of \$1.5 billion, which represented 93.1% of the Company's combined capitalization. The Company's high level of debt requires that a substantial portion of cash flow be dedicated to pay principal and interest on debt, which reduces the funds available for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and other general corporate purposes.

The Company had \$61.0 million of total unused revolving loan commitments under its senior secured credit facilities, all of which were available for borrowing, based on the covenant calculations as of March 31, 2016. The Company's ability to access funds under its senior secured credit facilities depends, in part, on its compliance with certain financial covenants. Any additional drawings under the senior secured credit facilities will reduce the Company's future borrowing capacity and the amount of total unused revolving loan commitments. During the first week of May 2016, Nexstar repaid \$14.0 million of outstanding revolving loans, funded by cash on hand.

On January 27, 2016, we entered into a definitive merger agreement with Media General, whereby we will acquire Media General's outstanding equity for approximately \$2.1 billion in cash and stock consideration, estimated based on the \$44.27 market price per share of our Class A Common Stock on March 31, 2016 and Media General's diluted common shares outstanding, plus the potential CVR entitling Media General shareholders to net cash proceeds, if any, from the sale of Media General's spectrum in the FCC's upcoming spectrum auction. The merger is not subject to any financing condition and we have received committed financing up to a maximum of \$4.7 billion from a group of commercial banks to provide the debt financing to consummate the merger and the refinancing of certain of the existing indebtedness of Nexstar, Media General and certain of their VIEs. With respect to Nexstar and certain of its VIEs, the debt refinancing will include the outstanding obligations under the revolving credit facilities and term loans. We expect the merger and the debt refinancing to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2016, subject to a vote by stockholders of Nexstar and Media General, FCC and other regulatory approvals (including expiration of the applicable Hart-Scott-Rodino waiting period) and other customary closing conditions.

The merger agreement contains certain termination rights for both us and Media General. If the merger agreement is terminated in connection with Media General entering into a definitive agreement for a superior proposal, as well as under certain other circumstances, the termination fee payable to us will be \$80.0 million. If the merger agreement is terminated because the required Media General shareholder vote is not obtained at a shareholder meeting duly held for such purpose, the amount of the termination fee payable to us will be \$20.0 million. The merger agreement also provides that we will be required to pay a termination fee to Media General of \$80.0 million if the merger agreement is terminated under certain circumstances and a termination fee of \$20.0 million if the required Nexstar shareholder vote is not obtained at a shareholder meeting duly held for such purpose. Either party may terminate the merger agreement if the merger is not consummated on or before January 27, 2017, with an automatic extension to April 27, 2017, if necessary to obtain regulatory approval under circumstances specified in the merger agreement.

In January 2016, we acquired certain assets of four full power stations in four markets in West Virginia for \$65.0 million in cash (including a \$6.5 million deposit paid in November 2015). We expect to acquire the remaining assets of these stations at the end of 2016 and pay the remaining purchase price of \$65.0 million, subject to adjustments for working capital, to be funded through cash on hand upon closing and borrowings under our existing credit facility.

In connection with our acquisition of the outstanding equity of Kixer, Inc. in October 2015, we have committed to pay the sellers up to \$7.0 million in cash payments if certain revenue targets are met during 2016. We expect to fund the cash payments in accordance with the purchase agreement through a combination of cash to be generated from operations and borrowings under our senior secured credit facility.

On April 21, 2016, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.24 per share of our Class A common stock. The dividend is payable on May 27, 2016 to stockholders of record on May 13, 2016.

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The following table summarizes the principal indebtedness scheduled to mature for the periods referenced as of March 31, 2016 (in thousands):

| | Total | Remainder of 2016 | 2017-2018 | 2019-2020 | Thereafter |
|---|-------------|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Nexstar senior secured credit facility | \$445,498 | \$ 11,891 | \$ 182,738 | \$ 250,869 | \$ - |
| Mission senior secured credit facility | 227,643 | 1,751 | 4,670 | 221,222 | - |
| Marshall senior secured credit facility | 56,900 | 3,600 | 53,300 | - | - |
| 6.875% senior unsecured notes due 2020 | 525,000 | - | - | 525,000 | - |
| 6.125% senior unsecured notes due 2022 | 275,000 | - | - | - | 275,000 |
| | \$1,530,041 | \$ 17,242 | \$ 240,708 | \$ 997,091 | \$ 275,000 |

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We make semiannual interest payments on our \$525.0 million 6.875% Notes on May 15 and November 15 of each year. We also make semiannual interest payments on our \$275.0 million 6.125% Notes on February 15 and August 15 of each year. Interest payments on our, Mission's and Marshall's senior secured credit facilities are generally paid every one to three months and are payable based on the type of interest rate selected.

The terms of our, Mission's and Marshall's senior secured credit facilities, as well as the indentures governing our 6.875% Notes and 6.125% Notes, limit, but do not prohibit us, Mission or Marshall from incurring substantial amounts of additional debt in the future.

The Company does not have any rating downgrade triggers that would accelerate the maturity dates of its debt. However, a downgrade in the Company's credit rating could adversely affect its ability to renew the existing credit facilities, obtain access to new credit facilities or otherwise issue debt in the future and could increase the cost of such debt.

Debt Covenants

Our senior secured credit facility contains covenants that require us to comply with certain financial ratios, including: (a) a maximum consolidated total net leverage ratio, (b) a maximum consolidated first lien net leverage ratio, and (c) a minimum consolidated fixed charge coverage ratio. The covenants, which are calculated on a quarterly basis, include the combined results of the Company. Mission's and Marshall's senior secured credit facilities do not contain financial covenant ratio requirements; however, they do include events of default if Nexstar does not comply with all covenants contained in its credit agreement. The 6.875% Notes and the 6.125% Notes contain restrictive covenants customary for borrowing arrangements of these types. The Company believes it will be able to maintain compliance with all covenants contained in the credit agreements governing its senior secured facilities and the indentures governing the respective notes for a period of at least the next twelve months from March 31, 2016.

No Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of March 31, 2016, we did not have any relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or variable interest entities, which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes. All of our arrangements with Mission, Marshall, White Knight and Parker in which we are the primary beneficiary are on-balance sheet arrangements. Our variable interests in other entities are obtained through local service agreements, which have valid business purposes and transfer certain station activities from the station owners to us. We are, therefore, not materially exposed to any financing, liquidity, market or credit risk that could arise if we had engaged in such relationships.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The Company's Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP, which requires it to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. On an ongoing basis, the Company evaluates its estimates, including those related to business acquisitions, goodwill and intangible assets, property and equipment, bad debts, broadcast rights, retransmission revenue, trade and barter and income taxes. The Company bases its estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that it believes to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from those estimates. Results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results for the full year.

Information with respect to the Company's critical accounting policies which it believes could have the most significant effect on the Company's reported results and require subjective or complex judgments by management is contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015. Management believes that as of March 31, 2016, there has been no material change to this information.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Refer to Note 2 of our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for a discussion of recently issued accounting pronouncements, including our expected date of adoption and effects on results of operations and financial position.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. All statements other than statements of historical fact are “forward-looking statements” for purposes of federal and state securities laws, including: any projections or expectations of earnings, revenue, financial performance, liquidity and capital resources or other financial items; any assumptions or projections about the television broadcasting industry; any statements of our plans, strategies and objectives for our future operations, performance, liquidity and capital resources or other financial items; any statements concerning proposed new products, services or developments; any statements regarding future economic conditions or performance; any statements of belief; and any statements of assumptions underlying any of the foregoing. Forward-looking statements may include the words “may,” “will,” “should,” “could,” “would,” “predicts,” “potential,” “continue,” “expects,” “anticipates,” “future,” “intends,” “plans,” “believes,” “estimates” and similar words.

Although we believe that the expectations reflected in any of our forward-looking statements are reasonable, actual results could differ from a projection or assumption in any of our forward-looking statements. Our future financial position and results of operations, as well as any forward-looking statements, are subject to change and inherent risks and uncertainties, including those described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 and in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The forward-looking statements made in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are made only as of the date hereof, and we do not have or undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances unless otherwise required by law.

ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk Interest Rate Risk

The Company’s exposure to market risk for changes in interest rates relates primarily to its long-term debt obligations.

The term loan borrowings at March 31, 2016 under the Company’s senior secured credit facilities bear interest rates ranging from 2.4% to 3.8%, which represented the base rate, or LIBOR, plus the applicable margin, as defined. The revolving loans bear interest at LIBOR plus the applicable margin, which totaled 2.4% at March 31, 2016. Interest is payable in accordance with the credit agreements.

If LIBOR were to increase by 100 basis points, or one percentage point, from its March 31, 2016 level, the Company’s annual interest expense would increase and cash flow from operations would decrease by approximately \$4.6 million, based on the outstanding balances of the Company’s senior secured credit facilities as of March 31, 2016. Due to the LIBOR floor on certain of the Company’s term loans, an increase of 50 basis points in LIBOR would result in a \$1.2 million increase in annual interest expense and decrease in cash flow from operations. If LIBOR were to decrease either by 100 basis points or 50 basis points, the Company’s annual interest would decrease and cash flow from operations would increase by \$1.1 million. Our 6.875% Notes and 6.125% Notes are fixed rate debt obligations and therefore are not exposed to market interest rate changes. As of March 31, 2016, the Company has no financial instruments in place to hedge against changes in the benchmark interest rates on its senior secured credit facilities.

Impact of Inflation

We believe that the Company’s results of operations are not affected by moderate changes in the inflation rate.

ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Nexstar's management, with the participation of its President and Chief Executive Officer along with its Chief Financial Officer, conducted an evaluation as of the end of the period covered by this report of the effectiveness of the design and operation of Nexstar's disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Based upon that evaluation, Nexstar's President and Chief Executive Officer and its Chief Financial Officer concluded that as of the end of the period covered by this report, Nexstar's disclosure controls and procedures were effective, at a reasonable assurance level, to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (i) is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and (ii) is accumulated and communicated to Nexstar's management, including its President and Chief Executive Officer and its Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

As of the quarter ended March 31, 2016, there have been no changes in Nexstar's internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, its internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings

From time to time, the Company is involved in litigation that arises from the ordinary operations of business, such as contractual or employment disputes or other general actions. In the event of an adverse outcome of these proceedings, the Company believes the resulting liabilities would not have a material adverse effect on its financial condition or results of operations.

ITEM 1A. Risk Factors

There are no material changes from the risk factors previously disclosed in Part I, Item 1A in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

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

None.

ITEM 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

ITEM 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

None.

ITEM 5. Other Information

The unaudited financial statements of Mission Broadcasting, Inc. as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 and for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, as filed in Mission Broadcasting, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, are incorporated herein by reference.

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ITEM 6. Exhibits

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|-------------|---|
| 2.1 | Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of January 27, 2016, by and between Nexstar Broadcasting Group, Inc., Media General, Inc., and Neptune Merger Sub, Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 000-50478) filed by Nexstar Broadcasting Group, Inc. on January 28, 2016). + |
| 10.1 | Commitment Letter, dated as of January 27, 2016, by and among Nexstar Broadcasting Group, Inc., Bank of America, N.A., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Credit Suisse AG, Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch, Deutsche Bank AG Cayman Islands Branch and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 000-50478) filed by Nexstar Broadcasting Group, Inc. on January 28, 2016). |
| 10.2 | Voting and Support Agreement, dated as of January 27, 2016, by and between Nexstar Broadcasting Group, Inc., Media General, Inc. and the other parties thereto. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 000-50478) filed by Nexstar Broadcasting Group, Inc. on January 28, 2016). |
| 31.1 | Certification of Perry A. Sook pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.* |
| 31.2 | Certification of Thomas E. Carter pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.* |
| 32.1 | Certification of Perry A. Sook pursuant to 18 U.S.C. ss. 1350.* |
| 32.2 | Certification of Thomas E. Carter pursuant to 18 U.S.C. ss. 1350.* |
| 101 | The Company's unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes for the quarter ended March 31, 2016 from this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language).* |

+Schedules have been omitted from this filing pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K. A copy of any omitted schedule will be furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon request.

*Filed herewith

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

NEXSTAR BROADCASTING GROUP, INC.

/S/ PERRY A. SOOK

By: Perry A. Sook

Its: President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

/S/ THOMAS E. CARTER

By: Thomas E. Carter

Its: Chief Financial Officer (Principal Accounting and Financial Officer)

Dated: May 10, 2016