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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 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: 1-6383

MEDIA GENERAL, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)
Commonwealth of Virginia 46-5188184
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

333 E. Franklin St., Richmond, VA 23219
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(804) 887-5000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year,
if changed since last report.)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, 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 (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Larger accelerated filer Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock as of August 1, 2016.

Voting Common shares (no par value): 129,323,690

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

Media General, Inc.

CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS

(Unaudited, in thousands, except shares)

ASSETS

| | June 30, 2016 | December 31, 2015 |
|--|------------------|----------------------|
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$25,378 | \$ 41,091 |
| Trade accounts receivable (less allowance for doubtful accounts 2016 - \$4,814; 2015 - \$4,634) | 307,612 | 298,474 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 28,912 | 15,083 |
| Total current assets | 361,902 | 354,648 |
| Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation (2016 - \$179,956 ; 2015 - \$145,274) | 455,696 | 470,537 |
| Other assets, net | 31,225 | 38,070 |
| Definite lived intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization (2016 - \$183,625; 2015 - \$138,072) | 828,945 | 871,129 |
| Broadcast licenses | 1,097,100 | 1,097,100 |
| Goodwill | 1,544,624 | 1,544,624 |
| Total assets (a) | \$4,319,492 | \$ 4,376,108 |

See accompanying notes.

(a) Consolidated assets as of June 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, include total assets of variable interest entities (VIEs) of \$140 million and \$145 million, respectively, which can only be used to settle the obligations of the VIEs. See Note 1 and Note 3.

Media General, Inc.
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited, in thousands except shares)

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

| | June 30, 2016 | December 31, 2015 |
|--|------------------|----------------------|
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Trade accounts payable | \$25,477 | \$ 35,800 |
| Accrued salaries and wages | 28,078 | 21,465 |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | 97,052 | 95,500 |
| Current installments of long-term debt | 3,373 | 3,804 |
| Current installments of obligation under capital leases | 820 | 859 |
| Total current liabilities | 154,800 | 157,428 |
| Long-term debt, net | 2,201,751 | 2,199,110 |
| Deferred tax liability and other long-term tax liabilities | 304,665 | 315,234 |
| Long-term capital lease obligations | 13,790 | 14,012 |
| Retirement and postretirement plans | 176,045 | 182,987 |
| Other liabilities | 31,548 | 34,920 |
| Total liabilities (b) | 2,882,599 | 2,903,691 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | |
| Noncontrolling interests | 2,890 | 24,447 |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Preferred stock (no par value): authorized 50,000,000 shares; none outstanding | — | — |
| Common stock (no par value): | | |
| Voting common stock, authorized 400,000,000 shares; issued 2016 - 129,322,905 and 2015 - 128,600,384 | 1,299,327 | 1,305,155 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (31,224) | (31,224) |
| Retained earnings | 165,900 | 174,039 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 1,434,003 | 1,447,970 |
| Total liabilities, noncontrolling interests and stockholders' equity | \$4,319,492 | \$4,376,108 |

See accompanying notes.

(b) Consolidated liabilities as of June 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, include total liabilities of VIEs of \$34 million and \$38 million, respectively, for which the creditors of the VIEs have no recourse to the Company, except for certain of the debt, which the Company guarantees. See Note 1 and Note 3.

Media General, Inc.

CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(Unaudited, in thousands, except per share amounts)

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | June 30, 2016 | June 30, 2015 | June 30, 2016 | June 30, 2015 |
| Net operating revenue | \$362,706 | \$320,523 | \$706,169 | \$617,257 |
| Operating costs: | | | | |
| Operating expenses, excluding depreciation expense | 153,599 | 134,169 | 304,742 | 260,045 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 76,158 | 79,051 | 154,479 | 159,521 |
| Amortization of program license rights | 12,076 | 12,047 | 24,142 | 23,805 |
| Corporate and other expenses | 18,101 | 12,366 | 28,453 | 25,017 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 40,337 | 42,618 | 80,458 | 82,901 |
| (Gain) loss related to property and equipment, net | 87 | (196) | (681) | (424) |
| Merger-related expenses | 1,561 | 3,616 | 67,443 | 8,893 |
| Restructuring expenses | 996 | — | 4,978 | — |
| Total operating costs | 302,915 | 283,671 | 664,014 | 559,758 |
| Operating income | 59,791 | 36,852 | 42,155 | 57,499 |
| Other income (expense): | | | | |
| Interest expense | (28,529) | (29,288) | (57,085) | (60,311) |
| Debt modification and extinguishment costs | — | (1,827) | — | (2,440) |
| Other, net | 122 | 2,622 | 196 | 5,912 |
| Total other expense | (28,407) | (28,493) | (56,889) | (56,839) |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | 31,384 | 8,359 | (14,734) | 660 |
| Income tax benefit (expense) | (12,156) | (3,616) | 8,249 | (459) |
| Net income (loss) | \$19,228 | \$4,743 | \$(6,485) | 201 |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests (included above) | 730 | 3,108 | 1,207 | 5,999 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Media General | \$18,498 | \$1,635 | \$(7,692) | \$(5,798) |
| Other comprehensive income | — | — | — | — |
| Total comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Media General | \$18,498 | \$1,635 | \$(7,692) | \$(5,798) |
| Earnings (loss) per common share (basic and diluted): | | | | |
| Net earnings (loss) per common share (basic) | \$0.14 | \$0.01 | \$(0.06) | \$(0.04) |
| Net earnings (loss) per common share (assuming dilution) | \$0.14 | \$0.01 | \$(0.06) | \$(0.04) |

See accompanying notes.

Media General, Inc.

CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited, in thousands)

| | Six Months Ended | | |
|--|------------------|---|----------|
| | June 30, | | June 30, |
| | 2016 | | 2015 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | |
| Net income (loss) | \$ (6,485 |) | \$ 201 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss): | | | |
| Deferred income tax benefit | (10,569 |) | (1,041 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 80,458 | | 82,901 |
| Amortization of program license rights | 24,142 | | 23,805 |
| Amortization of debt premiums, discounts and issue costs | 4,241 | | 3,702 |
| Gain on disposal of property and equipment, net | (681 |) | (424 |
| Gain on relocation of spectrum | — | | (5,620 |
| Stock-based compensation | 3,861 | | 6,860 |
| Debt modification and extinguishment costs | — | | 2,440 |
| Change in assets and liabilities: | | | |
| Program license rights, net of liabilities | (24,958 |) | (23,269 |
| Trade accounts receivable | (9,674 |) | 19,854 |
| Company owned life insurance (cash surrender value less policy loans including repayments) | (895 |) | (347 |
| Trade accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities | (2,099 |) | (8,599 |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets, net | (12,956 |) | 6,247 |
| Retirement and postretirement plans | (6,942 |) | (7,020 |
| Other, net | 1,263 | | (3,302 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 38,706 | | 96,388 |

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| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | |
| Capital expenditures | (24,314 |) | (24,050) |
| Release of restricted cash at qualified intermediary | — | | 119,903 |
| Proceeds from the sale of property and equipment | 6,072 | | 691 |
| Proceeds from spectrum relocation | — | | 3,120 |
| Other, net | (114 |) | (69) |
| Net cash (used) provided by investing activities | (18,356 |) | 99,595 |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | | |
| Borrowings under Media General Revolving Credit Facility | 60,000 | | — |
| Repayments under Media General Revolving Credit Facility | (60,000 |) | — |
| Repayment of borrowings under Media General Credit Agreement | — | | (135,000) |
| Repayment of borrowings under Shield Media Credit Agreement | (1,600 |) | (1,200) |
| Repayment of other borrowings | (431 |) | (580) |
| Repurchase of shares | — | | (18,747) |
| Payment for acquisition of noncontrolling interest | (35,305 |) | (9,218) |
| Cash paid for debt modification | — | | (3,425) |
| Exercise of stock options | 1,714 | | 1,817 |
| Other, net | (441 |) | (1,472) |
| Net cash used by financing activities | (36,063 |) | (167,825) |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents | (15,713 |) | 28,158 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 41,091 | | 43,920 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ 25,378 | | \$ 72,078 |
| Cash paid for interest | \$ 52,894 | | \$ 63,724 |
| Cash paid for income taxes, net | \$ 2,023 | | \$ 3,838 |
| Cash paid for Meredith termination fee | \$ 60,000 | | \$ — |
| See accompanying notes. | | | |

MEDIA GENERAL, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

Note 1: Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and with applicable quarterly reporting regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. They do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements and, accordingly, should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related footnotes included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Media General, Inc. ("Media General" or the "Company") for the year ended December 31, 2015. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation of interim financial information have been included.

In September 2015, the Company announced a merger agreement under which the Company would have acquired all of the outstanding common stock of Meredith Corporation ("Meredith") in a cash and stock transaction. Later in September of 2015 the Company received an unsolicited proposal from Nexstar Broadcasting Group, Inc. ("Nexstar") to acquire all of the outstanding common stock of Media General. Following discussion between the various parties, in January 2016 Media General terminated its agreement with Meredith with Media General paying Meredith a \$60 million termination fee and providing Meredith with an opportunity to negotiate for the purchase of certain broadcast and digital assets owned by the Company. Immediately thereafter, the Company entered into an agreement with Nexstar whereby Nexstar will acquire all outstanding shares of Media General for \$10.55 per share in cash, 0.1249 shares of Nexstar Class A common stock for each Media General share and a contingent value right (CVR). The cash consideration and the stock consideration are fixed amounts and do not increase or decrease based upon the proceeds (if any) from the disposition of either Nexstar's or Media General's spectrum in the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") Incentive Auction. Upon the completion of the transaction, Nexstar will change its name to Nexstar Media Group. Each CVR will entitle Media General shareholders to a pro rata share of the net cash proceeds as received from the sale of Media General's spectrum in the FCC's Incentive Auction. It is estimated that Media General shareholders will own approximately 34% and existing Nexstar shareholders will retain approximately 66% ownership of the combined company after closing. The closing of the transaction is subject to the satisfaction of a number of conditions including, but not limited to, the approval of various matters relating to the transaction by Media General and Nexstar shareholders, the approval of the FCC, clearance under the Hart-Scott-Rodino antitrust act and certain third party consents. Merger-related expenses for legal and professional fees for the Meredith and Nexstar transactions totaled \$1.3 million for the three months ended June 30, 2016. Merger-related expenses for the Meredith termination fee, legal and professional fees for the Meredith and Nexstar transactions totaled \$67 million for the six months ended June 30, 2016.

In connection with the Nexstar transaction, Nexstar and its respective subsidiaries, as applicable, have entered into definitive agreements to divest Nexstar's WCWJ station in Jacksonville, Florida and the Company's WSLs-TV station in Roanoke-Lynchburg, Virginia to Graham Media Group, Inc.; Nexstar's KADN-TV and KLAF-LD stations in Lafayette, Louisiana to Bayou City Broadcasting Lafayette, Inc.; Nexstar's KREG-TV station in Denver, Colorado to Marquee Broadcasting, Inc.; the Company's WBAY-TV station in Green Bay, Wisconsin and KWQC-TV station in Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, Iowa to Gray Television Group, Inc.; the Company's KIMT station in Rochester, Minnesota, WTHI-TV station in Terre Haute, Indiana, WLFI-TV station in Lafayette, Indiana, as well as Nexstar's WFFT-TV station in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and KQTV station in Saint Joseph, Missouri to USA Television MidAmerica Holdings, LLC; and the Company's KASA-TV station in Albuquerque, New Mexico to Ramar Communications, Inc. The Company expects that the sales of these stations will occur substantially concurrent with the closing of the

transaction with Nexstar, which is expected to occur later this year.

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries and certain variable interest entities (“VIE”) for which the Company is considered to be the primary beneficiary. Intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. In determining whether the Company is the primary beneficiary of a VIE for financial reporting purposes, the Company considers whether it has the power to direct certain activities of the VIE that most significantly impact the economic performance of the VIE and whether it has the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive returns that would be significant to the VIE. Assets of consolidated VIE’s can only be used to settle the obligations of that VIE. As discussed in Note 3, the Company consolidates the results of WXXA, WLAJ, WBDT, WYTV, KTKA, KWQB, KRWB, and KASY pursuant to the VIE accounting guidance. All of the liabilities are non-recourse to the Company, except for certain of the debt, which the Company guarantees. The Company is also the primary beneficiary of the VIE that holds the Supplemental 401(k) Plan’s investments and consolidates the plan accordingly.

The Company has two reportable segments, "Broadcast" and "Digital" that are disclosed separately from our corporate activities. The Broadcast segment includes 71 television stations that are either owned, operated or serviced by the Company in 48 markets, all of which are engaged principally in the sale of television advertising. The Digital segment includes the operating results of the Company's digital businesses as well as the business operations related to the television station companion websites.

The Company guarantees all of the debt of LIN Television Corporation ("LIN Television", a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company) and the debt of its consolidated VIEs. LIN Television guarantees all of the debt of its restricted wholly owned subsidiaries and the debt of its consolidated VIEs. All of the consolidated wholly owned subsidiaries of LIN Television fully and unconditionally guarantee LIN Television's 5.875% Senior Notes due 2022 (the "2022 Notes") and the 6.375% Senior Notes due 2021 (the "2021 Notes") on a joint-and-several basis, subject to customary release provisions.

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") and the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") issued a converged standard on revenue recognition from contracts with customers, Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2014-09 (Topic 606 and IFRS 15). This standard will supersede nearly all existing revenue recognition guidance. In August 2015 the FASB issued ASU 2015-14, Revenue From Contracts With Customers: Deferral of the Effective Date which defers the effective date of ASU 2014-09 until fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2017. In April and May 2016, the Board issued accounting standard updates, 2016-10 - Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing, and 2016-12 - Revenue From Contracts with Customers (Topic 606); Narrow-Scope Improvements and Practical Expedients, respectively. Collectively, these updates, along with ASU 2014-09 and ASU 2015-14 form the new revenue recognition standard that is to be effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, with early adoption permitted for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016. The Company is currently evaluating the impact this guidance will have on its financial condition, results of operations and cash flows.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs ("ASU 2015-03"). ASU 2015-03 requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability. ASU 2015-03 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2015. The Company adopted this guidance as of January 1, 2016 and \$28.9 million was reclassified to reduce "Long-term Debt" as of June 30, 2016. In order to conform to the presentation adopted, \$32.2 million was reclassified from "Other assets, net" to "Long-term Debt" in the 2015 figures presented on the Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets and in Note 10 Guarantor Financial Information. Approximately \$285 thousand was reclassified from "Other assets, net" to "Long-term Debt" in the 2015 figures presented in Note 3 Variable Interest Entities.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases, which requires the lease rights and obligations arising from lease contracts, including existing and new arrangements, to be recognized as assets and liabilities on the balance sheet. ASU 2016-02 is effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018 with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements.

In March 2016, the FASB released ASU 2016-09, Compensation - Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting. The ASU includes multiple provisions intended to simplify various aspects of the accounting for share-based payments. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that this guidance will have on its consolidated financial statements. The ASU is effective for public companies in annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim periods within those years.

Note 2: Segment Information

The Company has two reportable operating segments, “Broadcast” and “Digital” that are disclosed separately from our corporate activities. The Broadcast segment includes 71 television stations that are either owned, operated or serviced by the Company in 48 U.S. markets, all of which are engaged principally in the sale of television advertising. The Digital segment includes the operating results of the digital companies (Federated Media and HYFN) as well as the business operations related to the television station companion websites. Unallocated corporate expenses primarily include costs to operate as a public company and to operate corporate locations.

The Company identifies operating segments based on how the chief operating decision maker (“CODM”) allocates resources, assesses performance and makes decisions. The CODM is the President, and Chief Executive Officer. The CODM evaluates performance and allocates resources based on operating income or loss for the Broadcast and Digital segments, excluding non-segment expenses.

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Revenues | | | | |
| Broadcast | \$319,661 | \$284,102 | \$625,254 | \$550,586 |
| Digital | 43,045 | 36,421 | 80,915 | 66,671 |
| Revenues | \$362,706 | \$320,523 | \$706,169 | \$617,257 |

| (in thousands) | Three Months Ended June 30, | | Six Months Ended June 30, | |
|--|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Operating income | | | | |
| Broadcast | \$117,665 | \$96,165 | \$221,281 | \$176,986 |
| Digital | 3,208 | (909) | 1,525 | (3,100) |
| Segment operating income | 120,873 | 95,256 | 222,806 | 173,886 |
| Corporate and other expenses | (18,101) | (12,366) | (28,453) | (25,017) |
| Depreciation and amortization | (40,337) | (42,618) | (80,458) | (82,901) |
| Gain (loss) related to property and equipment, net | (87) | 196 | 681 | 424 |
| Merger-related expenses | (1,561) | (3,616) | (67,443) | (8,893) |
| Restructuring expenses | (996) | — | (4,978) | — |
| Operating income | \$59,791 | \$36,852 | \$42,155 | \$57,499 |

Note 3: Variable Interest Entities

Certain of the Company's broadcast stations provide services to other station owners within the same market via Joint Sales Agreements ("JSA") and/or Shared Service Agreements ("SSA"). The Company has JSA and/or SSA agreements with 8 stations. Depending on the specific terms of these agreements, the Company may provide a variety of operational and administrative services, assume an obligation to reimburse certain expenses of the stations and guarantee certain external borrowings by the station parent companies (refer to Note 4 for guaranteed borrowings). The Company is compensated for these services through performance based and/or administrative fees. Under certain JSAs, the Company has an option to acquire the related station at any time, subject to FCC consent, until the expiration of the applicable JSA. The Company has determined that the stations with which it has JSAs and/or SSAs, and certain of their parent companies, are VIEs as a result of the terms of the agreements.

The Company is the primary beneficiary of the VIEs, because (a) subject to the ultimate control of the broadcast licensees, the Company has the power to direct the activities which significantly impact the economic performance of the VIEs through the services the Company provides and (b) the Company absorbs returns and losses which would be considered significant to the VIEs. Therefore, the financial results and financial position of these entities have been consolidated by the Company in accordance with the VIE accounting guidance.

The carrying amounts and classification of the assets and liabilities of the consolidated VIE entities described above, which have been included in the consolidated balance sheets as of June 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, were as follows:

| (In thousands) | June 30, 2016 | December 31, 2015 |
|---|------------------|----------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$4,714 | \$ 3,693 |
| Trade accounts receivable (less allowance for doubtful accounts 2016 - \$89; 2015 - \$94) | 8,167 | 9,798 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 663 | 796 |
| Total current assets | 13,544 | 14,287 |
| Property and equipment, net | 1,923 | 1,904 |
| Other assets, net | 656 | 3,094 |
| Definite lived intangible assets, net | 30,714 | 32,244 |
| Broadcast licenses | 71,300 | 71,300 |
| Goodwill | 21,859 | 21,859 |
| Total assets | \$139,996 | \$ 144,688 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Trade accounts payable | \$8 | \$ 16 |
| Other accrued expenses and other current liabilities | 1,878 | 2,221 |
| Current installments of long-term debt | 3,373 | 3,804 |
| Total current liabilities | 5,259 | 6,041 |
| Long-term debt, net | 22,486 | 24,062 |
| Other liabilities | 5,832 | 8,310 |
| Total liabilities | \$33,577 | \$ 38,413 |

The assets of the Company's consolidated VIEs can only be used to settle the obligations of the VIEs and may not be sold, or otherwise disposed of, except for assets sold or replaced with others of like kind or value. At June 30, 2016, the Company has an option to acquire the assets or member's interest of the VIE entities that it may exercise if the FCC attribution rules change to permit the Company to acquire such interest. The option exercise price is of nominal value and significantly less than the carrying value of their tangible and intangible net assets. The options are carried at zero on the Company's consolidated balance sheet, as any value attributable to the options is eliminated in the consolidation of the VIEs. In May 2016, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit vacated the FCC's 2014 rule attributing JSAs for purposes of the media ownership rules if they permitted a television licensee to sell more than 15% of the commercial inventory of a television station owned by a third party in the same market. The Third Circuit also required the FCC to issue a quadrennial review order addressing the agency's media ownership rules by the end of 2016. Accordingly, the Company continues to monitor regulatory developments regarding its JSA and SSA arrangements.

Note 4: Debt and Other Financial Instruments

Long-term debt at June 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, was as follows:

| (In thousands) | June 30, 2016 | December 31, 2015 |
|---|------------------|----------------------|
| Media General Credit Agreement | \$1,541,000 | \$1,541,000 |
| 2022 Notes | 400,000 | 400,000 |
| 2021 Notes | 275,000 | 275,000 |
| Shield Media Credit Agreement | 25,600 | 27,200 |
| Other borrowings | 520 | 950 |
| Total debt | 2,242,120 | 2,244,150 |
| Less: net unamortized discount | (8,071) | (8,992) |
| Less: scheduled current maturities | (3,373) | (3,804) |
| Less: unamortized debt issuance fees | (28,925) | (32,244) |
| Long-term debt excluding current maturities | \$2,201,751 | \$2,199,110 |

Media General Credit Agreement

In July 2013, the Company entered into a credit agreement with a syndicate of lenders to provide the Company with a term loan and access to a revolving credit facility. The funds borrowed under the credit agreement and subsequent amendments (together the "Credit Agreement") have been used by the Company to facilitate acquisitions and mergers. The term loan under the Credit Agreement matures in July 2020 and bears interest at LIBOR (with a floor of 1%) plus a margin of 3%.

There were no principal repayments on the term loan during the three and six months ended June 30, 2016. The Company repaid \$100 million and \$135 million of principal on the term loan during the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively. The early repayment of debt resulted in debt extinguishment costs of \$1.8 million and \$2.4 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, due to the accelerated recognition of deferred debt-related items. As of June 30, 2016, there was \$1.5 billion outstanding under the Credit Agreement.

The revolving credit facility under the Credit Agreement also includes revolving credit commitments of \$150 million. The revolving credit facility matures in October 2019, bears an interest rate of LIBOR plus a margin of 2.50% and is subject to a 0.5% commitment fee per annum with respect to the undrawn portion of the facility. The Company has \$146 million of availability under the revolving credit facility (giving effect to \$3.6 million of letters of credit which have been issued but are undrawn).

Shield Media Credit Agreement

Shield Media LLC (and its subsidiary WXXA) and Shield Media Lansing LLC (and its subsidiary WLAJ) (collectively, "Shield Media"), companies that control subsidiaries with which the Company has joint sales and shared services arrangements as described in Note 3, entered into a credit agreement for two of its stations with a syndicate of lenders, dated July 31, 2013. The term loans outstanding under this agreement mature in July 2018 and bear interest at LIBOR plus a margin of 3%. The Shield Media term loans are guaranteed by the Company and are secured by liens on substantially all of the assets of the Company, on a pari passu basis with the Credit Agreement. The Company repaid \$0.8 million and \$1.6 million of principal on the term loan during the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, respectively. The Company repaid \$0.6 million and \$1.2 million of principal on the term loan during the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, respectively.

2022 Notes

On November 5, 2014, the Company's predecessor, MGOC, Inc. ("Old Media General") completed the issuance of \$400 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.875% Senior Unsecured Notes due in 2022 (the "2022 Notes") in connection with the financing of the Old Media General's combination (the "LIN Merger") with LIN Media, LLC ("LIN Media"). The net proceeds from the offering of the 2022 Notes were used to repay certain indebtedness of LIN Media in connection with the LIN Merger, including the satisfaction and discharge of LIN Television's \$200 million aggregate principal amount of 8.375% Senior Notes due 2018 and the payment of related fees and expenses. The 2022 Notes were issued under an indenture, dated as of November 5, 2014 (the "2022 Notes Indenture"). Media General, as the direct parent of LIN Television, and certain of the wholly owned subsidiaries of LIN Television provide full and unconditional guarantees to the 2022 Notes, on a senior basis.

2021 Notes

LIN Television's previously issued 6.375% Senior Notes due 2021 (the "2021 Notes") remained outstanding as of the consummation of the LIN Merger. Following the consummation of the LIN Merger, Media General, as the direct parent of LIN Television, and certain of the wholly owned subsidiaries of LIN Television provide full and unconditional guarantees of the 2021 Notes, on a senior basis. The Company received an unsolicited offer and repaid \$15 million of principal at an \$800 thousand premium during the year ended December 31, 2015. No principal payments were made during the three and six months ended June 30, 2016. As of June 30, 2016, the aggregate principal amount outstanding under the 2021 Notes was \$275 million.

Fair Value

The following table includes information about the carrying values and estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments at June 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015:

| (In thousands) | June 30, 2016 | | December 31, 2015 | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| | Carrying Amount | Fair Value | Carrying Amount | Fair Value |
| Assets: | | | | |
| Investments | | | | |
| Trading securities | \$428 | \$ 428 | \$ 257 | \$ 257 |
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| Long-term debt: | | | | |
| Media General Credit Agreement | 1,510,887 | 839,254 | 1,507,182 | 229,229 |
| 2022 Notes | 393,074 | 403,899 | 392,527 | 404,344 |
| 2021 Notes | 275,307 | 296,407 | 275,340 | 288,228 |
| Shield Media Credit Agreement | 25,340 | 25,340 | 26,915 | 27,200 |
| Other borrowings | 520 | 520 | 950 | 950 |

Trading securities held by the Supplemental 401(k) Plan are carried at fair value and are determined by reference to quoted market prices.

The fair values of the 2021 and 2022 Notes were determined by reference to the most recent trading prices. The fair value of all other debt instruments was determined using discounted cash flow analysis and an estimate of the current borrowing rate.

Under the fair value hierarchy, the Company's trading securities fall under Level 1 (quoted prices in active markets), the 2021 and 2022 Notes fall under Level 2 (other observable inputs) and the Media General Credit Agreement, Shield Media Credit Agreement and Other Borrowings fall under Level 3 (unobservable inputs).

Note 5: Taxes on Income

The effective tax rate was 38.7% in the second quarter of 2016 as compared to 43.3% in the second quarter of 2015 and 56.0% in the first six months of 2016 as compared to 69.6% in the equivalent prior-year period. The lower tax rate is primarily due to a discrete tax benefit recorded in the first quarter of 2016 related to merger-related expenses recorded in the prior year as well as the relative levels of favorable book/tax differences compared to the pre-tax loss.

In 2016 the Company adopted Approach I as defined under ASC 740 with respect to merger-related expenses and has provided tax benefit on "sell-side" merger expenses until the proposed transaction is finalized. Ultimately, some of

these expenses may be non-deductible. The tax expense in both years was predominantly non-cash due to the Company's significant net operating loss carryover. Current tax expense was approximately \$1.4 million and \$1.3 million for the second quarter of 2016 and 2015, respectively, and was approximately \$2.3 million and \$1.5 million in the first six months of 2016 and 2015, respectively; it was attributable primarily to state income taxes.

For the six month periods ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, we have excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share 1.1 million and 1.5 million, respectively, of common shares issuable for share options and restricted shares, because the net loss causes these shares to be anti-dilutive.

Note 7: Retirement and Postretirement Plans

The Company has a funded, qualified non-contributory defined benefit retirement plan which covers substantially all Legacy Media General employees hired before 2007 along with defined benefit retirement plans for KRON-TV and LIN that were merged into the Media General qualified plan on December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2015, respectively. Additionally the Company also has non-contributory unfunded supplemental executive retirement and ERISA excess plans which supplement the coverage available to certain executives. All of these retirement plans are frozen. The Company has a retiree medical savings account plan which reimburses eligible retired employees for certain medical expenses and an unfunded plan that provides certain health and life insurance benefits to retired employees who were hired prior to 1992.

The following tables provide the components of net periodic benefit cost (income) for the Company's benefit plans for the second quarters and first six months of 2016 and 2015:

| (In thousands) | Three Months Ended | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| | Pension Benefits | | Other Benefits | |
| | June 30, 2016 | June 30, 2015 | June 30, 2016 | June 30, 2015 |
| Service cost | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$ 40 |
| Interest cost | 4,650 | 4,056 | 200 | 390 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (6,950) | (5,472) | — | — |
| Amortization of net loss | — | 142 | (25) | — |
| Net periodic benefit (income) cost | \$(2,300) | \$(1,274) | \$175 | \$ 430 |

| (In thousands) | Six Months Ended | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| | Pension Benefits | | Other Benefits | |
| | June 30, 2016 | June 30, 2015 | June 30, 2016 | June 30, 2015 |
| Service cost | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$ 50 |
| Interest cost | 9,300 | 11,456 | 400 | 500 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (13,900) | (15,453) | — | — |
| Amortization of net loss | — | 400 | (50) | — |
| Net periodic benefit (income) cost | \$(4,600) | \$(3,597) | \$350 | \$ 550 |

Note 8: Stockholders' Equity

The following table shows the components of the Company's stockholders' equity as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2016:

| (In thousands) | Common Stock | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | Retained Earnings | Total Stockholders' Equity |
|---|-----------------|---|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2015 | \$1,305,155 | \$ (31,224) | \$174,039 | \$1,447,970 |
| Net loss attributable to Media General | — | — | (7,692) | (7,692) |
| Exercise of stock options | 1,714 | — | — | 1,714 |
| Stock-based compensation | 3,861 | — | — | 3,861 |
| Revaluation of redeemable noncontrolling interest | (12,094) | — | (447) | (12,541) |
| Other | 691 | — | — | 691 |
| Balance at June 30, 2016 | \$1,299,327 | \$ (31,224) | \$165,900 | \$1,434,003 |

The following table shows the components of the Company's stockholders' equity as of and for the six months ended June 30, 2015:

| (In thousands) | Common Stock | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income | Retained Earnings | Total Stockholders' Equity |
|---|-----------------|---|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2014 | \$1,322,284 | \$ (36,445) | \$214,582 | \$1,500,421 |
| Net loss attributable to Media General | — | — | (5,798) | (5,798) |
| Exercise of stock options | 1,211 | — | — | 1,211 |
| Stock-based compensation | 6,860 | — | — | 6,860 |
| Revaluation of redeemable noncontrolling interest | — | — | (1,431) | (1,431) |
| Repurchases of Voting Common Stock | (18,747) | — | — | (18,747) |
| Other | (467) | — | — | (467) |
| Balance at June 30, 2015 | \$1,311,141 | \$ (36,445) | \$207,353 | \$1,482,049 |

Note 9: Other

Restructuring activities

In the first quarter of 2016, the Company took additional steps under a plan to restructure certain digital segment operations that began in September 2015. The plan is expected to save the Company approximately \$14.7 million in operating costs annually based on the steps completed since plan inception and the cumulative expense incurred is \$4 million. The Company recorded restructuring expense of \$2.4 million related to the plan during the six months ended June 30, 2016. The restructuring income for the period was a result of adjustments within the period to the severance and lease termination liabilities. Year-to-date restructuring expense was comprised of \$1.8 million of severance and \$563 thousand of lease termination charges.

On October 16, 2009, Media General entered into a Joint Sales Agreement (“JSA”) and Shared Services Agreement (“SSA”) with Schurz Communications, Inc and WAGT Television, Inc. Pursuant to the JSA and SSA, Media General provided certain services and sold advertising time for WAGT. In February 2016, Schurz Communications, Inc. sold WAGT to Gray Television Group, Inc., (“Gray”) and assigned the JSA and SSA to Gray. However, upon the closing of the station sale, WAGT ceased performance of the agreements. For the six months ended June 30, 2016, the Company recorded restructuring charges of \$2.6 million for WAGT. As of June 30, 2016, Media General has pending legal causes of action against Gray, Schurz Communications, Inc. and WAGT Television, Inc., including but not limited to, causes of action for breach of contract. The Company has agreed to stay this litigation pending the closing of the Nexstar merger and the divestiture of certain stations with Gray (as discussed in Note 1). If the transactions close, the parties will dismiss all claims and counterclaims with no additional consideration for either party. If not, the parties may resume the litigation. Subsequent to the end of the quarter, the Company paid \$700 thousand to the FCC to settle issues related to WAGT. This amount was accrued in the second quarter and reflected in the "Contract termination and other accruals" line on the accrued restructuring chart below.

The following tables present the activity associated with the June 30, 2016 balance of the restructuring liability and the nature and amount of exit charges incurred in the six months ended June 30, 2016:

| (In thousands) | As of June 30, 2016 | | |
|--|---------------------|--------|----------|
| | Digital | WAGT | Total |
| Accrued restructuring as of December 31, 2015 | \$ 1,312 | \$— | \$ 1,312 |
| Severance charges | 1,760 | 383 | 2,143 |
| Contract termination and other accruals | 563 | 978 | 1,541 |
| Cash severance and contract termination payments | (2,350) | (401) | (2,751) |
| Accrued restructuring as of June 30, 2016 | \$ 1,285 | \$ 960 | \$ 2,245 |

| (In thousands) | Six months ended June 30, 2016 | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|----------|
| | Digital | WAGT | Total |
| Severance charges | \$ 1,760 | \$ 383 | \$ 2,143 |
| Contract termination charges | 563 | 168 | 731 |
| Asset impairment | — | 298 | 298 |
| Legal fees | — | 900 | 900 |
| Other | 45 | 861 | 906 |
| Total restructuring expense | \$ 2,368 | \$ 2,610 | \$ 4,978 |

Acquisition of HYFN

In April 2016, the Company acquired the remaining shares of HYFN, a full service digital advertising agency for a purchase price of approximately \$35 million plus one-time compensation expense of \$7 million related to the transaction for a total cash outflow of \$42 million. The \$7 million of one-time compensation expenses is included in "Corporate and other expenses" on the Consolidated Condensed Statement of Comprehensive Income. Prior to the transaction, the Company held 50.1% of the outstanding shares of HYFN. As a result of the transaction, HYFN is 100% owned by the Company beginning with the second quarter of 2016.

Note 10: Guarantor Financial Information

LIN Television, a 100% owned subsidiary of Media General, is the primary obligor of the 2021 Notes and 2022 Notes. Media General fully and unconditionally guarantees all of LIN Television's obligations under the 2021 Notes and the 2022 Notes on a joint and several basis. Additionally, all of the consolidated 100% owned subsidiaries of LIN Television fully and unconditionally guarantee LIN Television's obligations under the 2021 Notes and 2022 Notes on a joint and several basis. There are certain limitations in the ability of the subsidiaries to pay dividends to Media General. The following financial information presents condensed consolidating balance sheets, statements of operations, and statements of cash flows for Media General, LIN Television (as the issuer), the Guarantor Subsidiaries, and the Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries, together with certain eliminations.

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Media General, Inc.
 Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet
 June 30, 2016
 (in thousands)

| | Media General | LIN Television Corporation | Guarantor Subsidiaries | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Eliminations | Consolidated |
|--|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Current assets: | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$— | \$— | \$ 20,659 | \$ 4,719 | \$— | \$ 25,378 |
| Trade accounts receivable, net | — | 82,711 | 216,734 | 8,167 | — | 307,612 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | — | 2,667 | 25,582 | 663 | — | 28,912 |
| Total current assets | — | 85,378 | 262,975 | 13,549 | — | 361,902 |
| Property and equipment, net | — | 151,810 | 301,963 | 1,923 | — | 455,696 |
| Other assets, net | — | 540 | 29,604 | 1,081 | — | 31,225 |
| Definite lived intangible assets, net | — | 351,432 | 446,799 | 30,714 | — | 828,945 |
| Broadcast licenses | — | — | 1,025,800 | 71,300 | — | 1,097,100 |
| Goodwill | — | 527,077 | 995,688 | 21,859 | — | 1,544,624 |
| Advances to consolidated subsidiaries | — | (238,532) | 235,061 | 3,471 | — | — |
| Investment in consolidated subsidiaries | 1,434,003 | 1,324,524 | — | — | (2,758,527) | — |
| Total assets | \$ 1,434,003 | \$ 2,202,229 | \$ 3,297,890 | \$ 143,897 | \$ (2,758,527) | \$ 4,319,492 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY (DEFICIT) | | | | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | | | | |
| Trade accounts payable | \$— | \$ 753 | \$ 24,716 | \$ 8 | \$— | \$ 25,477 |
| Accrued salaries and wages | — | 6,058 | 21,820 | 200 | — | 28,078 |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | — | 19,912 | 75,462 | 1,678 | — | 97,052 |
| Current installments of long-term debt | — | — | — | 3,373 | — | 3,373 |
| Current installments of obligation under capital leases | — | 574 | 246 | — | — | 820 |
| Total current liabilities | — | 27,297 | 122,244 | 5,259 | — | 154,800 |
| Long-term debt, net | — | 668,377 | 1,510,888 | 22,486 | — | 2,201,751 |
| Deferred tax liability and other long-term tax liabilities | — | 58,961 | 245,704 | — | — | 304,665 |
| Long-term capital lease obligations | — | 12,848 | 942 | — | — | 13,790 |
| Retirement and postretirement plans | — | — | 176,045 | — | — | 176,045 |
| Other liabilities | — | 743 | 25,999 | 4,806 | — | 31,548 |
| Total liabilities | — | 768,226 | 2,081,822 | 32,551 | — | 2,882,599 |
| Noncontrolling interests | — | — | — | 2,890 | — | 2,890 |
| Total stockholders (deficit) equity | 1,434,003 | 1,434,003 | 1,216,068 | 108,456 | (2,758,527) | 1,434,003 |
| | \$ 1,434,003 | \$ 2,202,229 | \$ 3,297,890 | \$ 143,897 | \$ (2,758,527) | \$ 4,319,492 |

Total liabilities, noncontrolling
interest and stockholders' equity
(deficit)

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Media General, Inc.
 Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet
 December 31, 2015
 (in thousands)

| | Media General | LIN Television Corporation | Guarantor Subsidiaries | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Eliminations | Consolidated |
|--|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Current assets: | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$— | \$1,103 | \$35,925 | \$4,063 | \$— | \$41,091 |
| Trade accounts receivable, net | — | 75,866 | 192,306 | 30,302 | — | 298,474 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | — | 3,264 | 10,441 | 1,378 | — | 15,083 |
| Total current assets | — | 80,233 | 238,672 | 35,743 | — | 354,648 |
| Property and equipment, net | — | 158,627 | 309,160 | 2,750 | — | 470,537 |
| Other assets, net | — | 7,199 | 27,523 | 3,348 | — | 38,070 |
| Definite lived intangible assets, net | — | 368,011 | 458,261 | 44,857 | — | 871,129 |
| Broadcast licenses | — | — | 1,025,800 | 71,300 | — | 1,097,100 |
| Goodwill | — | 527,077 | 924,708 | 92,839 | — | 1,544,624 |
| Advances to consolidated subsidiaries | — | (206,396) | 223,051 | (16,655) | — | — |
| Investment in consolidated subsidiaries | 1,447,970 | 1,319,392 | — | — | (2,767,362) | — |
| Total assets | \$1,447,970 | \$2,254,143 | \$3,207,175 | \$234,182 | \$(2,767,362) | \$4,376,108 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY (DEFICIT) | | | | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | | | | |
| Trade accounts payable | \$— | \$2,010 | \$30,689 | \$3,101 | \$— | \$35,800 |
| Accrued salaries and wages | — | 2,022 | 19,016 | 427 | — | 21,465 |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | — | 23,237 | 68,101 | 4,162 | — | 95,500 |
| Current installments of long-term debt | — | — | — | 3,804 | — | 3,804 |
| Current installments of obligation under capital leases | — | 575 | 256 | 28 | — | 859 |
| Total current liabilities | — | 27,844 | 118,062 | 11,522 | — | 157,428 |
| Long-term debt, net | — | 667,867 | 1,507,181 | 24,062 | — | 2,199,110 |
| Deferred tax liability and other long-term tax liabilities | — | 62,785 | 253,232 | (783) | — | 315,234 |
| Long-term capital lease obligations | — | 12,953 | 1,059 | — | — | 14,012 |
| Retirement and postretirement plans | — | 25,917 | 157,070 | — | — | 182,987 |
| Other liabilities | — | 8,807 | 20,999 | 5,114 | — | 34,920 |
| Total liabilities | — | 806,173 | 2,057,603 | 39,915 | — | 2,903,691 |
| Noncontrolling interests | — | — | — | 24,447 | — | 24,447 |
| Total stockholders (deficit) equity | 1,447,970 | 1,447,970 | 1,149,572 | 169,820 | (2,767,362) | 1,447,970 |

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| | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| Total liabilities, noncontrolling interest and stockholders' equity (deficit) | \$1,447,970 | \$2,254,143 | \$3,207,175 | \$ 234,182 | \$(2,767,362) | \$4,376,108 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|

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Media General, Inc.
Condensed Consolidating Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2016
(in thousands)

| | Media General | LIN Television Corporation | Guarantor Subsidiaries | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Eliminations | Consolidated |
|--|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Net operating revenue | \$— | \$ 107,119 | \$ 258,965 | \$ 7,258 | \$ (10,636) | \$ 362,706 |
| Operating costs: | | | | | | |
| Operating expenses, excluding depreciation expense | — | 42,178 | 114,282 | 3,666 | (6,527) | 153,599 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | — | 23,106 | 52,214 | 988 | (150) | 76,158 |
| Amortization of program licenses rights | — | 4,663 | 7,409 | 505 | (501) | 12,076 |
| Corporate and other expenses | — | — | 18,094 | 7 | — | 18,101 |
| Depreciation and amortization | — | 14,589 | 24,891 | 857 | — | 40,337 |
| Loss related to property and equipment, net | — | 18 | 43 | 26 | — | 87 |
| Merger-related expenses | — | — | 1,561 | — | — | 1,561 |
| Restructuring expenses | — | — | 996 | — | — | 996 |
| Operating income (loss) | — | 22,565 | 39,475 | 1,209 | (3,458) | 59,791 |
| Other income (expense): | | | | | | |
| Interest expense | — | (10,667) | (17,608) | (254) | — | (28,529) |
| Intercompany income and (expenses) | — | (10,848) | 10,848 | — | — | — |
| Equity in income (loss) from operations of consolidated subsidiaries | 18,498 | 22,209 | — | — | (40,707) | — |
| Other, net | — | (12) | 134 | — | — | 122 |
| Total other income (expense) | 18,498 | 682 | (6,626) | (254) | (40,707) | (28,407) |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | 18,498 | 23,247 | 32,849 | 955 | (44,165) | 31,384 |
| Income tax benefit (expense) | — | (4,749) | (7,407) | — | — | (12,156) |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 18,498 | \$ 18,498 | \$ 25,442 | \$ 955 | \$ (44,165) | \$ 19,228 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest | — | — | — | 730 | — | 730 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Media General | \$ 18,498 | \$ 18,498 | \$ 25,442 | \$ 225 | \$ (44,165) | \$ 18,498 |
| Other comprehensive income | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Media General | \$ 18,498 | \$ 18,498 | \$ 25,442 | \$ 225 | \$ (44,165) | \$ 18,498 |

Media General, Inc.
Condensed Consolidating Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2016
(in thousands)

| | Media General | LIN Television Corporation | Guarantor Subsidiaries | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Eliminations | Consolidated |
|--|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Net operating revenue | \$— | \$ 206,210 | \$ 494,122 | \$ 25,113 | \$ (19,276) | \$ 706,169 |
| Operating costs: | | | | | | |
| Operating expenses, excluding depreciation expense | — | 84,338 | 214,916 | 17,113 | (11,625) | 304,742 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | — | 45,799 | 105,755 | 3,240 | (315) | 154,479 |
| Amortization of program licenses rights | — | 9,143 | 14,983 | 1,018 | (1,002) | 24,142 |
| Corporate and other expenses | — | — | 28,444 | 9 | — | 28,453 |
| Depreciation and amortization | — | 28,988 | 48,839 | 2,631 | — | 80,458 |
| (Gain) loss related to property and equipment, net | — | 11 | (790) | 98 | — | (681) |
| Merger-related expenses | — | — | 67,443 | — | — | 67,443 |
| Restructuring expenses | — | — | 4,978 | — | — | 4,978 |
| Operating income (loss) | — | 37,931 | 9,554 | 1,004 | (6,334) | 42,155 |
| Other income (expense): | | | | | | |
| Interest expense | — | (21,361) | (35,194) | (530) | — | (57,085) |
| Intercompany income and (expenses) | — | (20,955) | 21,299 | (344) | — | — |
| Equity in income (loss) from operations of consolidated subsidiaries | (7,692) | 6,251 | — | — | 1,441 | — |
| Other, net | — | (12) | 208 | — | — | 196 |
| Total other income (expense) | (7,692) | (36,077) | (13,687) | (874) | 1,441 | (56,889) |
| Income (loss) before taxes | (7,692) | 1,854 | (4,133) | 130 | (4,893) | (14,734) |
| Income tax benefit (expense) | — | (9,546) | 17,177 | 618 | — | 8,249 |
| Net income (loss) | \$(7,692) | \$ (7,692) | \$ 13,044 | \$ 748 | \$ (4,893) | \$ (6,485) |
| Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest | — | — | — | 1,207 | — | 1,207 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Media General | \$(7,692) | \$ (7,692) | \$ 13,044 | \$ (459) | \$ (4,893) | \$ (7,692) |
| Other comprehensive income | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Media General | \$(7,692) | \$ (7,692) | \$ 13,044 | \$ (459) | \$ (4,893) | \$ (7,692) |

Media General, Inc.
Condensed Consolidating Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the Three Months Ended June 30, 2015
(in thousands)

| | Media General | LIN Television Corporation | Guarantor Subsidiaries | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Eliminations | Media General Consolidated |
|--|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Net operating revenue | \$ — | \$ 94,258 | \$ 216,770 | \$ 16,941 | \$ (7,446) | \$ 320,523 |
| Operating costs: | | | | | | |
| Operating expenses, excluding depreciation expense | — | 40,294 | 88,410 | 9,856 | (4,391) | 134,169 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | — | 22,193 | 53,009 | 4,152 | (303) | 79,051 |
| Amortization of program license rights | — | 4,363 | 7,250 | 434 | — | 12,047 |
| Corporate and other expenses | — | 2,661 | 9,703 | 2 | — | 12,366 |
| Depreciation and amortization | — | 15,522 | 24,562 | 2,534 | — | 42,618 |
| (Gain) loss related to property and equipment, net | — | 165 | (361) | — | — | (196) |
| Merger-related expenses | — | 950 | 2,666 | — | — | 3,616 |
| Restructuring expenses | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Operating income (loss) | — | 8,110 | 31,531 | (37) | (2,752) | 36,852 |
| Other income (expense): | | | | | | |
| Interest expense, net | 1 | (9,555) | (19,325) | (409) | — | (29,288) |
| Debt modification and extinguishment costs | — | — | (1,827) | — | — | (1,827) |
| Intercompany income and (expenses) | — | (763) | 949 | (186) | — | — |
| Equity in income (loss) from operations of consolidated subsidiaries | 1,634 | 2,511 | — | — | (4,145) | — |
| Other, net | — | 4 | 118 | 2,500 | — | 2,622 |
| Total other income (expense) | 1,635 | (7,803) | (20,085) | 1,905 | (4,145) | (28,493) |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | 1,635 | 307 | 11,446 | 1,868 | (6,897) | 8,359 |
| Income tax benefit (expense) | — | 1,325 | (5,599) | 658 | — | (3,616) |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 1,635 | \$ 1,632 | \$ 5,847 | \$ 2,526 | \$ (6,897) | \$ 4,743 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests | — | — | — | 3,108 | — | 3,108 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Media General | \$ 1,635 | \$ 1,632 | \$ 5,847 | \$ (582) | \$ (6,897) | \$ 1,635 |
| Other comprehensive income | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Media General | \$ 1,635 | \$ 1,632 | \$ 5,847 | \$ (582) | \$ (6,897) | \$ 1,635 |

Media General, Inc.
Condensed Consolidating Statement of Comprehensive Income
For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2015
(in thousands)

| | Media General | LIN Television Corporation | Guarantor Subsidiaries | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Eliminations | Media General Consolidated |
|--|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Net operating revenue | \$— | \$ 182,476 | \$ 416,500 | \$ 30,683 | \$ (12,402) | \$ 617,257 |
| Operating costs: | | | | | | |
| Operating expenses, excluding depreciation expense | — | 77,893 | 172,169 | 17,398 | (7,415) | 260,045 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | — | 45,717 | 106,227 | 8,289 | (712) | 159,521 |
| Amortization of program license rights | — | 8,541 | 14,351 | 913 | — | 23,805 |
| Corporate and other expenses | — | 5,862 | 19,161 | (6) | — | 25,017 |
| Depreciation and amortization | — | 29,658 | 49,234 | 4,009 | — | 82,901 |
| (Gain) loss related to property and equipment, net | — | 129 | (553) | — | — | (424) |
| Merger-related expenses | — | 2,324 | 6,569 | — | — | 8,893 |
| Restructuring expenses | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Operating income (loss) | — | 12,352 | 49,342 | 80 | (4,275) | 57,499 |
| Other income (expense): | | | | | | |
| Interest expense, net | — | (20,205) | (39,412) | (694) | — | (60,311) |
| Debt modification and extinguishment costs | — | — | (2,440) | — | — | (2,440) |
| Intercompany income and (expenses) | — | (6,298) | 6,716 | (418) | — | — |
| Equity in income (loss) from operations of consolidated subsidiaries | (5,798) | 2,077 | — | — | 3,721 | — |
| Other, net | — | 86 | 826 | 5,000 | — | 5,912 |
| Total other income (expense) | (5,798) | (24,340) | (34,310) | 3,888 | 3,721 | (56,839) |
| Income (loss) before income taxes | (5,798) | (11,988) | 15,032 | 3,968 | (554) | 660 |
| Income tax benefit (expense) | — | 6,188 | (7,873) | 1,226 | — | (459) |
| Net income (loss) | \$(5,798) | \$ (5,800) | \$ 7,159 | \$ 5,194 | \$ (554) | \$ 201 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests | — | — | (178) | 6,177 | — | 5,999 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Media General | \$(5,798) | \$ (5,800) | \$ 7,337 | \$ (983) | \$ (554) | \$ (5,798) |
| Other comprehensive income | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Media General | \$(5,798) | \$ (5,800) | \$ 7,337 | \$ (983) | \$ (554) | \$ (5,798) |

Media General, Inc.
Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows
Year to date through June 30, 2016
(in thousands)

| | Media General | LIN Television Corporation | Guarantor Subsidiaries | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Elimination | Media General Consolidated |
|---|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | | | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ | —\$ 7,776 | \$ 30,052 | \$ 878 | \$ — | \$ 38,706 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | | | | |
| Capital expenditures | — | (5,973) | (18,127) | (214) | — | (24,314) |
| Proceeds from the sale of PP&E | — | 31 | 4,018 | 2,023 | — | 6,072 |
| Receipt of dividend | — | 39,005 | — | — | (39,005) | — |
| Advances on intercompany borrowings | — | (2,644) | — | — | 2,644 | — |
| Payments from intercompany borrowings | — | — | 39,005 | — | (39,005) | — |
| Other, net | — | — | (114) | — | — | (114) |
| Net cash provided (used) by investing activities | — | 30,419 | 24,782 | 1,809 | (75,366) | (18,356) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | | | | | |
| Borrowings under Media General Revolving Credit Facility | — | — | 60,000 | — | — | 60,000 |
| Repayments under Media General Revolving Credit Facility | — | — | (60,000) | — | — | (60,000) |
| Repayment of borrowings under Shield Media Credit Agreement | — | — | — | (1,600) | — | (1,600) |
| Repayment of other borrowings | — | — | — | (431) | — | (431) |
| Payment for the acquisition of noncontrolling interest | — | — | (35,305) | — | — | (35,305) |
| Payment of dividend | — | — | (39,005) | — | 39,005 | — |
| Proceeds from intercompany borrowings | — | — | 2,644 | — | (2,644) | — |
| Payments on intercompany borrowing | — | (39,005) | — | — | 39,005 | — |
| Exercise of stock options | — | — | 1,714 | — | — | 1,714 |
| Other, net | — | (293) | (148) | — | — | (441) |
| Net cash provided (used) by financing activities | — | (39,298) | (70,100) | (2,031) | 75,366 | (36,063) |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents | — | (1,103) | (15,266) | 656 | — | (15,713) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | — | 1,103 | 35,925 | 4,063 | — | 41,091 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ | —\$ — | \$ 20,659 | \$ 4,719 | \$ — | \$ 25,378 |

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Media General, Inc.
 Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows
 Year to date through June 30, 2015
 (in thousands)

| | Media General | LIN Television Corporation | Guarantor Subsidiaries | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries | Eliminations | Media General Consolidated |
|--|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | | | | |
| Net cash provided (used) by operating activities | \$ (1,402) | \$ 6,528 | \$ 83,285 | \$ 7,977 | \$ — | \$ 96,388 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | | | | |
| Capital expenditures | — | (8,610) | (13,876) | (1,564) | — | (24,050) |
| Release of restricted cash at qualified intermediary | — | — | 119,903 | — | — | 119,903 |
| Proceeds from sale the of PP&E | — | 50 | 641 | — | — | 691 |
| Proceeds from spectrum sale | — | — | 620 | 2,500 | — | 3,120 |
| Receipt of dividend | — | 39,005 | — | — | (39,005) | — |
| Payments from intercompany borrowings | 2,025 | — | 24,230 | — | (26,255) | — |
| Payment of capital contributions | (3,011) | — | — | — | 3,011 | — |
| Other, net | — | — | — | (69) | — | (69) |
| Net cash provided (used) by investing activities | (986) | 30,445 | 131,518 | 867 | (62,249) | 99,595 |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | | | | | |
| Repayment of borrowings under Media General Credit Agreement | — | — | (135,000) | — | — | (135,000) |
| Repayment of borrowings under Shield Media Credit Agreement | — | — | — | (1,200) | — | (1,200) |
| Repayment of other borrowings | — | — | — | (580) | — | (580) |
| Payment for share repurchase | — | — | (18,747) | — | — | (18,747) |
| Payment of dividend | — | — | (39,005) | — | 39,005 | — |
| Payments on intercompany borrowing | — | (26,255) | — | — | 26,255 | — |
| Payment for the acquisition of noncontrolling interest | — | (9,218) | — | — | — | (9,218) |
| Receipt of capital contributions | — | 3,011 | — | — | (3,011) | — |
| Cash paid for debt modification | — | — | (3,425) | — | — | (3,425) |
| Exercise of stock options | — | — | 1,817 | — | — | 1,817 |
| Other, net | — | (207) | (1,215) | (50) | — | (1,472) |
| Net cash (used) provided by financing activities | — | (32,669) | (195,575) | (1,830) | 62,249 | (167,825) |
| Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents | (2,388) | 4,304 | 19,228 | 7,014 | — | 28,158 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 2,388 | 9,658 | 27,371 | 4,503 | — | 43,920 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ — | \$ 13,962 | \$ 46,599 | \$ 11,517 | \$ — | \$ 72,078 |

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

OVERVIEW

Media General is one of the U.S.'s largest local multimedia companies, providing top-rated news, information and entertainment across 48 markets. Media General, Inc. owns, operates or provides services to 71 network-affiliated broadcast television stations (23 with CBS, 13 with NBC, 12 with ABC, 8 with FOX, 8 with CW and 7 with MyNetworkTV) and their associated digital media and mobile platforms. These stations reach approximately 23% of U.S. TV households, and the Company reaches nearly 39% of the U.S. Internet audience. 50 of the 71 stations are located in the top 100 designated market areas as grouped by Nielsen ("DMAs"), while 27 of the 71 stations are located in the top 50 markets. The Company also has a large and diverse digital media business.

In September 2015, the Company announced a merger agreement under which the Company would have acquired all of the outstanding common stock of Meredith Corporation ("Meredith") in a cash and stock transaction. Later in September of 2015 the Company received an unsolicited proposal from Nexstar Broadcasting Group, Inc. ("Nexstar") to acquire all of the outstanding common stock of Media General. Following discussion between the various parties, in January 2016 Media General terminated its agreement with Meredith with Media General paying Meredith a \$60 million termination fee and providing Meredith with an opportunity to negotiate for the purchase of certain broadcast and digital assets owned by the Company. Immediately thereafter, the Company entered into an agreement with Nexstar whereby Nexstar will acquire all outstanding shares of Media General for \$10.55 per share in cash, 0.1249 shares of Nexstar Class A common stock for each Media General share and a contingent value right (CVR). The cash consideration and the stock consideration are fixed amounts and do not increase or decrease based upon the proceeds (if any) from the disposition of either Nexstar's or Media General's spectrum in the Federal Communication Commissions's ("FCC") Incentive Auction. Upon the completion of the transaction, Nexstar will change its name to Nexstar Media Group. Each CVR will entitle Media General shareholders to a pro rata share of the net cash proceeds as received from the sale of Media General's spectrum in the FCC's Incentive Auction. It is estimated that Media General shareholders will own approximately 34% and existing Nexstar shareholders will retain approximately 66% ownership of the combined company after closing. The closing of the transaction is subject to the satisfaction of a number of conditions including, but not limited to, the approval of various matters relating to the transaction by Media General and Nexstar shareholders, the approval of the FCC, clearance under the Hart-Scott-Rodino antitrust act and certain third party consents.

In connection with the Nexstar transaction, Nexstar and its respective subsidiaries, as applicable, have entered into definitive agreements to divest Nexstar's WCWJ station in Jacksonville, Florida and the Company's WSLs-TV station in Roanoke-Lynchburg, Virginia to Graham Media Group, Inc.; Nexstar's KADN-TV and KLAF-LD stations in Lafayette, Louisiana to Bayou City Broadcasting Lafayette, Inc.; Nexstar's KREG-TV station in Denver, Colorado to Marquee Broadcasting, Inc.; the Company's WBAY-TV station in Green Bay, Wisconsin and KWQC-TV station in Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, Iowa to Gray Television Group, Inc.; the Company's KIMT station in Rochester, Minnesota, WTHI-TV station in Terre Haute, Indiana, WLFI-TV station in Lafayette, Indiana, as well as Nexstar's WFFT-TV station in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and KQTV station in Saint Joseph, Missouri to USA Television MidAmerica Holdings, LLC; and the Company's KASA-TV station in Albuquerque, New Mexico to Ramar Communications, Inc. The Company expects that the sales of these stations will occur substantially concurrent with the closing of the transaction with Nexstar, which is expected to occur later this year.

In April 2012, President Obama signed into law the American Jobs Act, which provides the FCC with the authority to conduct an "incentive auction" to auction and repurpose broadcast television spectrum for mobile broadband use. Pursuant to this authority and to encourage broadcasters to tender their licenses for auction, the FCC is permitted to share the proceeds of spectrum auction with incumbent television station licensees. In order to receive proceeds, licensees must agree to give up their licenses, share spectrum, or, in some cases, move to a different channel to

facilitate an auction of their previous channel. The FCC would then “repack” non-tendering UHF broadcasters into the lower portions of the UHF band and auction new “flexible use” wireless licenses in the upper portion of the UHF band. By statute, television stations’ participation in the “incentive auction” is voluntary. Bidding in the Clock Phase of Stage 1 of the reverse auction has been completed. The forward auction is ongoing. Depending on the outcome of this phase, the FCC may conduct one or more additional phases of the reverse auction. No auction results have been finalized. As part of the Nexstar agreement, the Company has a contingent value right entitling Media General shareholders to a pro rata share of the net cash proceeds as received from the sale of Media General’s spectrum. The Company anticipates that this right could be worth anywhere from \$0 to \$4 per share.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The Company recorded net income attributable to Media General of \$18 million (\$0.14 per diluted share) in the second quarter of 2016 and a net loss attributable to Media General of \$7.7 million ((\$0.06) per diluted share) during the first six months of 2016, compared to net income attributable to Media General of \$1.6 million (\$0.01 per diluted share) and a net loss attributable to Media General of \$5.8 million ((\$0.04) per diluted share) in the equivalent periods of 2015. Net income attributable to Media General for the second quarter of 2016 increased \$17 million from the equivalent period in the prior year driven by a 13% increase in net operating revenue. The Company's results during the first six months of 2016 included the \$60 million termination fee paid to Meredith in January 2016, an additional \$7 million of merger-related expenses and restructuring expenses of \$5 million. Comparatively, the Company's results during the first six months of 2015 included operating gains of \$5.6 million (in Other, net) on the relocation of broadcast channels in Lansing, Michigan and Austin, Texas and a \$2.5 million reduction in Operating Expenses for settlement proceeds related to prior-period overcharges by a music licensing agency.

Net income for the second quarter of 2016 was \$19 million and included net income attributable to noncontrolling interests of \$0.7 million. For the first six months of 2016 the Company recorded a net loss of \$6.5 million and net income attributable to noncontrolling interests of \$1.2 million. The income attributable to noncontrolling interests represents the aggregate income of certain stations operated by the Company through JSA/SSA arrangements. The remaining noncontrolling interest in HYFN Inc. was acquired by the Company on April 1, 2016.

The Company generated \$118 million and \$221 million of operating income from its Broadcast segment in the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, respectively. Its Digital segment recorded operating income of \$3.2 million and \$1.5 million during the same periods.

REVENUES

Revenues were \$363 million and \$706 million in the second quarter and first six months of 2016, respectively, compared to \$321 million and \$617 million in the same prior-year periods. Revenues are grouped primarily into four major categories: Local, National, Political and Digital. The following chart summarizes the consolidated period-over-period changes in these select revenue categories.

| (Unaudited, in thousands) | Three Months Ended | | | |
|---------------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------|----------------|
| | June 30, 2016 | % of Total | June 30, 2015 | Percent Change |
| Local | \$247,861 | 68.3 % | \$220,143 | 12.6 % |
| National | 53,558 | 14.8 % | 52,955 | 1.1 % |
| Political | 10,448 | 2.9 % | 2,628 | 297.6 % |
| Digital | 43,045 | 11.9 % | 36,421 | 18.2 % |
| Other | 7,794 | 2.1 % | 8,376 | (6.9) % |
| Net operating revenue | \$362,706 | | \$320,523 | 13.2 % |

Six Months Ended

| (Unaudited, in thousands) | June 30, % of | | June 30, Percent | |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------|------------------|---------|
| | 2016 | Total | 2015 | Change |
| Local | \$478,084 | 67.7 % | \$427,027 | 12.0 % |
| National | 103,123 | 14.6 % | 102,072 | 1.0 % |
| Political | 26,458 | 3.7 % | 3,742 | 607.1 % |
| Digital | 80,915 | 11.5 % | 66,671 | 21.4 % |
| Other | 17,589 | 2.5 % | 17,745 | (0.9)% |
| Net operating revenue | \$706,169 | | \$617,257 | 14.4 % |

Local revenue increased \$28 million and \$51 million during the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, respectively, as a result of increased retransmission revenue and, to a lesser extent, an increase in core local advertising. National advertising revenue increased slightly driven by automotive and retail. Political revenue for the quarter was almost 4 times the prior-year level due to strong advertising levels in Indiana, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and South Carolina. Political for the year-to-date was seven-fold the prior-year level due to the competitive Presidential primary races. The 18% and 21% increase in Digital revenue for the quarter and year-to-date, respectively, was primarily the result of increased activity in social media and higher traffic on our stations' websites.

OPERATING COSTS

Total operating costs increased \$19 million in the second quarter of 2016 from the prior-year equivalent period primarily driven by a \$14 million increase in network programming payments and one-time acquisition-related compensation of \$7 million related to the purchase of HYFN (as discussed in Item 1, Note 9). For the first six months of 2016 operating costs increased \$104 million from the prior-year equivalent period overwhelmingly due to the \$60 million fee paid to Meredith to terminate that merger agreement, \$27 million increase in network programming payments and the \$7 million one-time payment related to the purchase of HYFN. The increase in network programming payments was driven in large part by the increase in retransmission revenue. Absent the merger-related expenses, restructuring costs, the one-time acquisition-related compensation and higher network fees, total operating costs for the second quarter were flat when compared to the same period in the prior year and total operating costs for the first six months of 2016 only increased 1% from the same period in 2015, reflecting effective expense management.

Corporate and other expenses as reported on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income increased by \$5.7 million and \$3 million in the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, respectively, due to the one-time acquisition-related compensation of \$7 million discussed above. Excluding the impact of the one-time payment, Corporate expenses would have decreased 16% for the first six months of 2016 due to lower stock-based compensation and the impact of merger related synergies.

Depreciation and amortization expense as reported on the consolidated statements of comprehensive income was \$40 million and \$80 million in the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, respectively, compared to \$43 million and \$83 million in the corresponding prior year periods.

The Company recorded \$1.6 million and \$3.6 million of merger-related costs in the second quarter of 2016 and 2015, respectively, as shown on the Consolidated Condensed Statements of Comprehensive Income primarily for employee severance, investment banking, legal and professional fees related to the LIN Merger and the merger with Nexstar (reflected in 2016 only). The 2016 costs also included legal fees related to the terminated merger with Meredith. Merger-related costs for the first six months of 2016 were \$67 million compared to \$9 million in the first six months of 2015. The merger-related expenses for the first six months of 2016 included a \$60 million termination fee

associated with the terminated Meredith merger, employee severance, investment banking legal, and professional fees related to the LIN Merger, the Nexstar Merger and the terminated merger with Meredith. Merger-related costs for the first six months of 2015 were primarily for restructuring, investment banking, legal and professional fees related to the LIN Merger.

In September 2015, the Company adopted a plan to restructure certain digital segment operations (as discussed more fully in Item 1, Note 9), which is expected to save the Company \$14.7 million in operating costs annually. The Company took additional steps under this plan in the first quarter of 2016. The Company recorded restructuring expense of 2.4 related to the plan during the six months ended June 30, 2016.

In the six months ended June 30, 2016 the Company recorded restructuring expense of 2.6 related to WAGT as described more fully in Item 1, Note 9. As of June 30, 2016, Media General has pending legal causes of action against Gray, and Schurz Communications, Inc. and WAGT Television, Inc., including but not limited to, causes of action for breach of contract. The Company has agreed to stay this litigation pending the closing of the Nexstar merger and the divestiture of certain stations with Gray (as discussed in Item 1, Note 1). If the transactions close, the parties will dismiss all claims and counterclaims with no additional consideration for either party. If not, the parties may resume the litigation.

INTEREST EXPENSE

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2016, interest expense was \$29 million and \$57 million, respectively, representing a decrease of 2.7% and 5.3% from the corresponding periods in the prior year due to repayments of debt during 2015. The Company's effective interest rate was just over 5% for all periods presented.

During the first six months of 2016, the Company repaid \$2 million on certain borrowings.

INCOME TAXES

The effective tax rate was 38.7% in the second quarter of 2016 as compared to 43.3% in the second quarter of 2015. The effective tax rate in the first six months of 2016 was 56.0% as compared to 69.6% in the equivalent prior-year period. The lower tax benefit is primarily due to a discrete tax benefit recorded in the first quarter of 2016 related to merger-related expenses recorded in the prior year as well as the relative levels of favorable book/tax differences compared to the pre-tax loss. In 2016, the Company adopted Approach I as defined under ASC 740 with respect to merger-related expenses and has provided tax benefit on "sell-side" merger expenses until the proposed transaction is finalized. Ultimately, some of these expenses may be non-deductible. The tax expense in both years was predominantly non-cash due to the Company's significant net operating loss carryover. Current tax expense was approximately \$1.4 million and \$1.3 million for the second quarters of 2016 and 2015, respectively, and was approximately \$2.3 million and \$1.5 million in the first six months of 2016 and 2015, respectively; it was attributable primarily to state income taxes. Cash taxes paid (net of refunds) in the first six months of 2016 was \$2 million.

The Company records income tax expense using the liability method, under which deferred tax assets and liabilities are recorded for the differing treatments of various items for financial reporting versus tax reporting purposes. The Company evaluates the need for a valuation allowance for deferred tax assets. Included in that analysis is the fact that the Company has carried forward an estimated \$549 million of net operating losses (NOLs) as of June 30, 2016. The Company anticipates being able to use these NOLs before they expire over the course of the next 20 years, although there are certain limitations in future years.

OTHER

In April 2016, the Company acquired the remaining shares of HYFN, a full service digital advertising agency for a purchase price of approximately \$35 million plus one-time compensation expense of \$7 million related to the transaction for a total cash outflow of \$42 million. Prior to the transaction, the Company held 50.1% of the outstanding shares of HYFN. As a result of the transaction, HYFN is 100% owned by the Company beginning with the second quarter of 2016.

In prior years, the Company entered into agreements with a telecommunications company to relocate broadcast channels in our Lansing, Michigan and Austin, Texas markets. For the three and six months periods ended June 30, 2015, the Company recorded non-operating gains of \$2.5 million and \$5.6 million, respectively, related to these agreements for the completion of the relocation.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The Company's primary source of liquidity is its cash flow from operations, but it also has access to the \$150 million revolving credit facility and cash on its balance sheet. The Company has \$146 million of availability under the revolving credit facility (giving effect to \$3.6 million of letters of credit which have been issued but are undrawn) and \$25 million of cash on its balance sheet as of June 30, 2016. There is \$4.7 million of cash in the consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2016, which can only be used to settle the obligations of the VIEs as discussed in Note 3. During the first six months of 2016, the Company has used its cash for the Meredith termination fee, capital expenditures, further investment in its operations and other corporate initiatives.

The Company generated \$39 million of cash from operating activities during the six months ended June 30, 2016. This compared to \$96 million of net cash generated by operating activities in the year-ago period. The decrease from the year-ago period is primarily the result of the \$60 million termination fee paid in January 2016

The Company internally, and analysts in the Broadcast industry, use a non-GAAP Broadcast Cash Flow (BCF) metric as a key measure. BCF is defined as operating income plus corporate and other expenses, depreciation and amortization, net gains related to property and equipment, program license rights amortization less payments for program license rights, merger-related expenses, and restructuring expenses. As shown in the table that follows, BCF increased from \$96 million to \$120 million in the second quarter of 2016 and from \$174 million to \$222 million in the first six months of 2016, primarily due to the impact of Presidential primary spending during 2016:

| | Three Months Ended | |
|---|--------------------|------------------|
| (Unaudited, in thousands) | June 30, 2016 | June 30, 2015 |
| Net Operating Revenue | \$362,706 | \$320,523 |
| Less: Operating Costs | (302,915) | (283,671) |
| Operating Income | 59,791 | 36,852 |
| Add: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 40,337 | 42,618 |
| Corporate and other expenses | 18,101 | 12,366 |
| Gain related to property and equipment, net | 87 | (196) |
| Program license rights, net | (772) | 922 |
| Merger-related expenses | 1,561 | 3,616 |
| Restructuring expenses | 996 | — |
| Broadcast cash flow | \$120,101 | \$96,178 |

| | Six Months Ended | |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| (Unaudited, in thousands) | June 30, 2016 | June 30, 2015 |
| Net Operating Revenue | \$706,169 | \$617,257 |
| Less: Operating Costs | (664,014) | (559,758) |
| Operating Income | 42,155 | 57,499 |
| Add: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 80,458 | 82,901 |
| Corporate and other expenses | 28,453 | 25,017 |
| Gain related to property and equipment, net | (681) | (424) |
| Program license rights, net | (816) | 47 |
| Merger-related expenses | 67,443 | 8,893 |
| Restructuring expenses | 4,978 | — |
| Broadcast cash flow | \$221,990 | \$173,933 |

The Company used cash for its investing activities of \$18 million during the first six months of 2016 primarily due to \$24 million of capital expenditures partially offset by \$6.1 million of proceeds from the sale of property and equipment. Investing activities provided cash of \$100 million for the first six months of 2015 primarily due to the release from a qualified intermediary of \$120 million in restricted cash related to the 2014 sale of WJAR-TV and \$3.1 million related to the relocation of broadcast channels in Lansing, Michigan and Austin, Texas. The cash inflows were partially offset by capital expenditures of \$24 million.

Cash used by financing activities of \$36 million in the six months ended June 30, 2016 compared to cash used by financing activities of \$168 million in the six months ended June 30, 2015. The Company had a \$35 million cash outflow in 2016

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related to the acquisition of the remaining noncontrolling interest in HYFN. The higher outflow in 2015 primarily resulted from debt repayments of \$135 million and a \$9.2 million cash outflow related to the acquisition of the remaining noncontrolling interest in Dedicated Media.

Debt Agreements

At June 30, 2016, the Company had the following debt facilities and other debt instruments:

| | Maturity Date | Amount | Interest Rate |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Term Loan | 2020 | \$1,541 million | LIBOR + 3.00% w/ 1% LIBOR floor |
| Revolver | 2018 | \$146 million available; None drawn | LIBOR + 2.50%; 0.5% commitment fee |
| 5.875% Senior Notes | 2022 | \$400 million | Fixed |
| 6.375% Senior Notes | 2021 | \$275 million | Fixed |
| Shield Media Term Loans | 2018 | \$26 million | LIBOR + 3.00% |
| Other Borrowings | 2016/2017 | \$0.5 million | LIBOR + 3.00% |

The Company loans are guaranteed by its subsidiaries, and the Company has pledged substantially all of its assets as collateral for the loans. The Shield Media loans are guaranteed by the Company, and the Company has pledged substantially all of its assets as collateral for the loans, on a pari passu basis with the Media General credit agreement. Both sets of Senior Notes are also guaranteed by the Company and certain of LIN TV's subsidiaries on a full and unconditional basis.

The credit agreement governing the Senior Secured Credit Facility contains a leverage ratio covenant which is tested for purposes of the Revolving Loan Facility if and when the Revolver borrowings and non-collateralized letters of credit exceed \$45 million at a quarter end. At other times, there is not a required maximum leverage ratio in which the Company must operate. The leverage ratio involves debt levels and a rolling eight-quarter calculation of EBITDA, as defined in the agreement if applicable. For the second quarter of 2016, the maximum ratio would have been 5.0 times if it had been in effect. Additionally, the agreement has restrictions on certain transactions that are operational regardless of Revolver borrowing level, including the incurrence of additional debt, capital leases, investments, fundamental changes (including additional acquisitions mergers or consolidations), limitation liens, prepayment or amendment of certain debt, transactions with affiliates, changes in the nature of the business, asset sales and restricted payments (including dividends and share repurchases) as defined in the agreement.

The Shield Media loans have a fixed charge coverage ratio (a ratio of fixed charges (interest, debt payments, capital expenditures and taxes) to EBITDA, calculated on a rolling eight-quarter basis, as defined in the agreement). The Shield Media loans also have restrictions on transactions similar in nature to those in the new Media General credit agreement, but scaled to Shield Media's smaller size. Additionally, the Shield Media loans have more specific covenants regarding the operation of the Shield Media business and requires that each Shield Media holding company that controls a Shield Media station limit its activities to the performance of its obligations under the Shield Media credit documents, and activities incidental thereto, including owning a Shield Media station and the performance of its obligations under and activities related to the shared services agreement. The Senior Notes do not contain financial maintenance covenants, but do include restrictive covenants with respect to the ability to incur additional debt and issue disqualified stock; pay dividends or make other restricted payments; prepay, redeem or repurchase capital stock or subordinated debt; transfer or sell assets; make investments; enter into transactions with affiliates; create or incur liens; and merge or consolidate with any other person. The Media General and Shield Media credit agreements along with both sets of Senior Notes contain cross-default provisions.

The Company does not have material off-balance sheet arrangements.

Consolidated net leverage, as defined in the Credit Agreement governing the Revolving Credit Facility, was 5.05x as of June 30, 2016. As noted above, the Company was not required to operate within the maximum leverage ratio as the Revolver borrowings and non-collateralized letters of credit did not exceed \$45 million as of June 30, 2016.

OUTLOOK

The Company owns, operates or provides services to 71 stations across 48 markets covering 23% of U.S. TV households. The Company's scale and location within several strongly contested states with substantial political spending has already facilitated increased cash flow generation during the active primary season. Additionally, the Company grew retransmission revenue in the first six months of 2016 and is participating in the FCC spectrum auction that is currently ongoing. For the remainder of 2016, the Company expects to benefit from the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil as the location should enable more "live" events on the Company's 13 NBC stations. The Company also expects to continue to generate strong free cash flow from Political and retransmission during the remainder of the year. The Company continues to work with Nexstar to secure the necessary approvals to effectuate the announced merger transaction.

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Certain statements in this quarterly report, particularly those in the section with the heading "Outlook" are not historical facts and are "forward-looking" statements, as that term is defined by the federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements include, among others, statements related to accounting estimates and assumptions, expectations regarding the pending merger, regulatory approvals and debt levels, interest rates, the impact of technological advances including consumer usage of mobile television and expectations regarding the effects of retransmission fees, network affiliate fees, pension and postretirement plans, capital spending, general advertising levels and political advertising levels, the effects of changes to FCC regulations and FCC approval of license applications. Forward-looking statements, including those which use words such as the Company "believes," "anticipates," "hopes," "expects," "estimates," "intends," "projects," "plans," "may" and similar words, including "outlook", are made as of the date of this quarterly report on Form 10-Q and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could potentially cause actual results to differ materially from those results expressed in or implied by such statements. The reader should understand that it is not possible to foresee or identify all risk factors. Consequently, any such list should not be considered a complete statement of all potential risks or uncertainties.

Various important factors could cause actual results to differ materially from the Company's forward looking statements, estimates or projections including, without limitation: the impact of the Nexstar merger transaction, changes in advertising demand, failure to achieve cost savings in connection with restructuring digital, emergence of new digital advertising platforms, health care cost trends, changes to pending accounting standards, changes in consumer preferences for programming and delivery method, changes in relationships with broadcast networks and advertisers, the performance of pension plan assets, regulatory rulings including those related to joint sales and shared service agreements and tax law, natural disasters, and the ability to renew retransmission and broadcast network agreements. Actual results may differ materially from those suggested by forward-looking statements for a number of reasons including those described in Item 1A ("Risk Factors") of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk

The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, provides disclosures about market risk. As of June 30, 2016, there have been no material changes in the Company's market risk from December 31, 2015.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

The Company's management, including its chief executive officer and chief financial officer, performed an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of June 30, 2016. Based on that evaluation, the Company's management, including its chief executive officer and chief financial officer, concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of June 30, 2016. There have been no significant changes in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting or in other factors during the quarter ended June 30, 2016 that have materially affected or are reasonably likely to materially affect the Company's internal controls over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

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

None.

Item 5. Other Information

None.

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Item 6. Exhibits

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Exhibits

31.1 Section 302 Chief Executive Officer Certification

31.2 Section 302 Chief Financial Officer Certification

32 Section 906 Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Certification

101 The following financial information from the Media General, Inc. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2016, formatted in XBRL includes: (i) Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheets at June 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, (ii) Consolidated Condensed Statements of Comprehensive Income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015, (iii) Consolidated Condensed Statements of Cash Flows for the six months ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015, and (iv) the Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

MEDIA GENERAL, INC.

Date: August 5, 2016 By: /s/ Vincent L. Sadusky
Vincent L. Sadusky
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 5, 2016 By: /s/ James F. Woodward
James F. Woodward
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer