

in the U.S. Its traditional (SBC only) wireline subsidiaries provide services in 13 states, including California, Texas, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Missouri, Connecticut, Indiana, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas, and Nevada. Also owns Cingular (now AT&T Wire-

tions: 35.9 mill. '13 sales mix: Wireless segment, 54%; Wireline, 46%; Other, less than 1%. Has 248,170 employees. Chrmn. & CEO: Randall Stephenson. Inc.: DE. Addr.: 208 S. Akard St., Dallas, Texas, 75202. Tel.: 210-821-4105. Internet: www.att.com

Book Value 5.0% 5.5% QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.) E Cal-Full Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 31247 31495 31478 26723 31575 31459 32578 27434 2012 31822 2013 31356 32075 32158 33163 28752 33549 2014 32476 32575 35900 134500 34100 2015 33000 33200 36200 36500 EARNINGS PER SHARE A Full Calendar Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 Year 2011 2.20 2012 .60 .66 .63 .44 2.33 2013 .64 .67 .66 .53 2.50 2014 .71 .62 .66 .61 2.60 .67 2015 QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B = Cal-Full Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 endar 2010 2011 .43 .43 .43 .43 1.72

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774%

5 Yrs.

4.0% 2.0%

Past Est'd '11-'13

8390

20911

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673%

Past

10 Yrs.

4.5% 2.0%

1.5% 4.5%

3486

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10340

43788

637%

to '17-'19

3.5% 4.5%

7.0%

Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab.

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of change (per sh)

Revenues "Cash Flow

Dividends

2012

2013

2014

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ANNUAL RATES

Other

Recent results at AT&T have been on the light side. In fact, second-quarter share net of \$0.62 came in \$0.08 shy of our estimate, as a transition to new, morecompetitive mobile pricing plans weighed on the carrier's margins. The new discount plans, including the popular "Next" program (it allows consumers to pay a small monthly fee for the privilege of upgrading their phones every year without a down payment), have reduced churn to record levels and been a blessing for wireless subscriber growth. But they have squeezed profits by pushing ARPU (average revenue per user) metrics lower. And we believe that the margin pressures will persist though next year, particularly given the higher spending of late on network up-grades. Thus, we have pared our earnings call for 2014 by \$0.15, to \$2.60 a share.

The longer-term outlook for the company remains decent. The new wireless strategy, while costly, should continue to hold down customer churn and help AT&T in its market-share battle with Verizon. Sprint, and T-Mobile. Indeed, the benefits of the pricing shift, in terms of subscriber trends, will likely be evident as Apple

launches its next-generation iPhone and the important holiday shopping season approaches. And we expect the margin headwinds to ease next year, supported by a decline in infrastructure investments and a probable reduction in *iPhone* subsidies. In the meantime, the *U-verse* video product, which ought to get a major shot in the arm if, as expected, the \$48.5 billion DirecTV acquisition closes in the first quarter, continues to gain traction. This is bolstering wireline consumer revenues, and offsetting some weakness from the enterprise business. All in all, we see share net rising 8% in 2015, to \$2.80, and surpassing the \$3.50 mark by late decade.

This neutrally ranked (3) Dow component is well suited for conservative accounts. The stock continues to yield over 5%, backed by AT&T's robust cash flow. What's more, there may well be upside to our projections if the mobile pricing shift proves successful and the DirecTV deal enables the company to make hay in the video realm. (Note that DirecTV will not be factored into our earnings presentation until the acquisition is finalized.) Justin Hellman September 19, 2014

(A) Diluted earnings. Excl. nonrecurring gains/(losses): '98, (\$0.05); '03, \$1.04; '04, \$0.32; '05, (\$0.30); '06, (\$0.45). Next earnings report due late Oct. (B) Div'ds paid in Feb.,

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May, Aug., and Nov. Incl. one-time div'ds: In or proportionate rev. from Cingular no longer incl. '03, \$0.25. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan avail. (C) Incl. goodwill: '13: \$69273 mill., \$13.25/sh. (D) In mill., adjusted for splits. (E) Starting in '03,

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A++ 100 Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability** 95