

Cash Assets Other 3563 17672 53528 5776 **Current Assets** 21235 70994 22887 Accts Payable Debt Due 16182 16453 1652 2283 7689 4369 3933 6405 6664 27050 26493 Current Liab. 26956

 ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh)
 Past 10 Yrs.
 5 Yrs.
 to '17-'19 to '17-'19 s' rs.

 Revenues "Cash Flow"
 4.0%
 2.5%
 3.0%

 "Cash Flow"
 -0.5%
 1.5%

 Earnings
 - 2.5%
 8.0%

 Dividends
 3.0%
 3.5%
 2.0%

 Book Value
 -0.5%
 -7.0%
 5.0%

Cal-	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2011	26990	27536	27913	28436	110875
2012	28242	28552	29007	30045	115846
2013	29420	29786	30279	31065	120550
2014	30818	33483	31500	32199	126000
2015	31750	31950	32300	33050	129050
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2011	.51	.57	.56	.51	2.15
2012	.59	.64	.64	.45	2.32
2013	.68	.73	.77	.66	2.84
2014	.84	.91	.94	.86	3.55
2015	.97	.96	1.01	.91	3.85
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B■				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2010	.475	.475	.487	.488	1.93
2011	.488	.488	.488	.50	1.96
2012	.50	.50	.50	.515	2.02
2013	.515	.515	.515	.53	2.08
2014	.53	.53	.55		

BUSINESS: Verizon Communications was created by the merger of Bell Atlantic and GTE in June of 2000. It is a diversified telecom company with a network that covers a population of about 298 million and provides service to nearly 98.2 million. Acquired MCI, 1/06; Alltel, 1/09; Verizon Wireless, 2/14. Also the largest provider of print and on-line directory information. Has a wireline presence in 28

Verizon is poised to ring up a 25% year-over-year earnings advance in 2014. Notably, this Dow-30 component posted second-quarter earnings of \$0.91 a share, on par with our estimate and a 25% jump over the year-earlier result, on a strong 5.7% revenue advance. A lion's share of the good news is attributable to the February acquistion of Vodafone's 45% indirect interest in VZ Wireless. Indeed, the \$130 billion deal, which provided Verizon with 100% ownership of the industry-leading wireless carrier in the United States, has definitely proven to be immediately accretive to VZ's bottom line. The company has been on quite a run of late, having now reported double-digit earnings growth in nine of the past 10 quarters, and, in the most recent interim, VZ posted its strongest revenue growth in six quarters. As has typically been the case, Verizon Wireless was once again the fair-haired boy. During the period, VZ Wireless added 1.4 million retail postpaid net subscribers, bringing Verizon's total number of retail connections to 104.6 million, up 4.5% from the year-ago figure. Separately, after a long run of uninspiring

states & Washington, D.C.; a wireless presence in 50 states & D.C.; operations in 19 countries. 2013 revenue breakdown: wireline (includes telecom & business), 33%; domestic wireless, 67%. Has approximately 176,800 employees. Chairman and CEO: Lowell McAdam. Incorporated: Delaware. Address: 140 West St., NY, NY 10007. Telephone: 212-395-1000. Internet: www.verizon.com.

comparisons, Verizon's Wireline division is bouncing back, with year-over-year quarterly revenues having grown more than 4% in the last eight quarters, thanks to strong demand for its FiOS offerings. Since the good times appear sustainable, we have upped our 2014 earnings estimate by a nickel, to \$3.55 a share.

The company's board of directors is surely dedicated to boosting share-holder value. In keeping with its impressive track record of increasing the annual dividend (see above array), the board recently upped the quarterly dividend by \$0.02 a share, to \$0.55, bringing the annual payout to \$2.20 a share.

Verizon stock should appeal to investors of all ilks. Based on recent price and earnings momentum, the issue is pegged to best the year-ahead market averages. What's more, at the recent quotation, its appreciation potential through the latter years of this decade is well above that of the Value Line median. Finally, the impressive dividend yield (more than twice that of the average selection under our review) only serves to sweeten the pot. Kenneth A. Nugent September 19, 2014

(A) Based diluted shares. Excl. n/r gains | Div'd paid in e (losses): '98, \$0.86; '99, \$0.36; '00, \$1.40; '01, bu'd reinv. pla (\$2.86); '02, (\$1.56); '03, (\$1.51); '04, \$0.08; sub. from '88. '06, (\$0.42). Next earnings report Oct. 21st. (B) | MCI pro forma.

Div'd paid in early Feb., May, Aug. & Nov. ■ Div'd reinv. plan avail. (C) In mill. (D) Incl. fin. sub. from '88. (E) '00 GTE pro forma. (F) '06 MCI pro forma.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 95
Price Growth Persistence 65
Earnings Predictability 90