

Cash Assets Other 19025 **Current Assets** 70994 29623 22836 Accts Payable Debt Due 15189 16453 16680 3933 4439 6664 8649 9085 27050 28064 28713 Current Liab.

ANNUAL RATES Past Est'd '11-'13 Past 5 Yrs. 2.5% 0.5% 2.5% to '18-'20 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs Revenues "Cash Flow" 3.0% 1.5% -.5% 8.0% Earnings Dividends Book Value 3.0% 3.5% -7.0% 2.0% 5.0%

Full

Cal- QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)

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2012	28242	28552	29007	30045	115846
2013	29420	29786	30279	31065	120550
2014	30818	31483	31586	33192	127079
2015	31984	32556	32860	33850	131250
2016	32600	33500	33300	34600	134000
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2012	.59	.64	.64	.45	2.32
2013	.68	.78	.78	.66	2.84
2014	.84	.91	.89	.71	3.35
2015	1.02	1.00	.99	.84	3.85
2016	1.06	1.03	1.02	.89	4.00
Cal-	Cal- QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B■				
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
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	.55	2.16
2015	.55	.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 has been active on the acquisition trail. In early May, the company inked an agreement to acquire AOL Inc., a leader in the digital content and advertising platforms space, for \$50 a share, or about \$4.4 billion. The deal is in keeping with VZ's desire to build digital and video platforms in order to drive future growth, and the combination of Verizon and AOL will create a scaled, mobile-first platform offering directly targeted at a nearly \$600 billion global advertising industry. Finally, the transaction, which is subject to the typical regulatory approvals, ought to be consummated this summer.

Meanwhile, the company certainly seems set for another record year. Notably, Verizon started the year on a high note, posting first-quarter earnings of \$1.02 a share, well above our estimate and the year-ago result, on a 3.8% top-line advance. As is typically the case, Verizon Wireless was responsible for a lion's share of the impressive earnings growth, and a bit of margin improvement certainly didn't hurt. During the quarter, VZ Wireless added 565,000 retail postpaid net subscribers, bring its total number of retail

states & Washington, D.C.; a wireless presence in 50 states & D.C.; operations in 19 countries. 2014 revenue breakdown: wireline (includes telecom & business), 31%; domestic wireless, 69%. Has approximately 177,300 employees. Chairman and CEO: Lowell McAdam. Incorporated: Delaware. Address: 140 West St., NY, NY 10007. Telephone: 212-395-1000. Internet: www.verizon.com.

connections to 108.6 million. And since the good times appear sustainable, we have upped our earnings estimates for this year and next by \$0.15 and \$0.10, to \$3.85 and \$4.00 a share, respectively.

Verizon is in enviable financial shape. VZ finished the first quarter with roughly \$4.4 billion in cash on hand and long-term debt of \$109 billion, down about \$1 billion since the end of last year.

We look for the board of directors to up the dividend payout early in the third quarter. As seen in the array above, the company has established quite a track record of increasing the annual dividend, and we look for more of the same over the coming year.

Patient investors may find this an attractive entry point. Indeed, at the recent quotation, Verizon stock's appreciation potential through the latter years of this decade is almost double that of the average equity under our review. What's more, income-seeking types are likely to find VZ's dividend yield rather appealing, as it is currently more than twice that of the Value Line median.

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(A) Based diluted shares. Excl. n/r gains (losses): '99, \$0.36; '00, \$1.40; '01, (\$2.86); '02, (\$1.56); '03, (\$1.51); '04, \$0.08; '08 sub from '88. (\$0.42). Next earnings report July 21st. (B) MCl 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 60
Earnings Predictability 70