Consolidated Financial Statements As of December 31, 2010 and 2009 and for the years then ended

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

To The Board of Directors and Shareowner of Verizon New York Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Verizon New York Inc. ("the Company"), a subsidiary of Verizon Communications Inc., as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, and the related consolidated statements of operations, changes in shareowner's investment, and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Verizon New York Inc. at December 31, 2010 and 2009, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Ernet + Young LLP

New York, New York March 30, 2011

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	,	ollars in millions)
Years Ended December 31,	2010	2009
Operating Revenues	\$ 7,221 \$	7,840
Operating Expenses		
Cost of services and sales (exclusive of items shown below)	5,120	4,344
Selling, general and administrative expense	2,749	2,949
Depreciation and amortization expense	 1,231	1,242
Total Operating Expenses	 9,100	8,535
Operating Loss	(1,879)	(695)
Other income, net	7	4
Interest expense	(328)	(280)
Loss Before Benefit for Income Taxes	 (2,200)	(971)
Benefit for income taxes	 716	379
Net Loss	\$ (1,484) \$	(592)

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

			(dollar	rs in millions)
At December 31,		2010	`	2009
Assets				
Current assets				
Notes receivable from affiliate	\$	18	\$	168
Accounts receivable:				
Trade and other, net of allowances for uncollectibles of \$103 and \$103		724		745
Affiliates		269		342
Prepaid expenses		98		83
Deferred income taxes		111		101
Deferred charges and other		75		132
Total current assets		1,295		1,571
Plant, property and equipment		30,053		31,674
Less accumulated depreciation		19,269		20,969
		10,784		10,705
Intangible assets, net		52		51
Prepaid pension assets		408		436
Deferred income tax assets				12
Other assets		365		364
Total assets	\$	12,904	\$	13,139
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Liabilities and Shareowner's Investment (Deficit)				
Current liabilities				
Debt maturing within one year:				
Notes payable to affiliates	\$	3,692	\$	3,402
Other		1		400
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities:				
Affiliates		445		494
Other		368		450
Other current liabilities		364		422
Total current liabilities		4,870		5,168
Long-term debt		2,251		2,251
Employee benefit obligations		5,934		4,440
Deferred credits and other liabilities:		,		,
Deferred income taxes		327		239
Unamortized investment tax credits		19		20
Other		355		335
		701		594
Shareowner's investments (deficit)				
Common stock - one share, without par value		1		1
Contributed capital		4,359		4,413
Accumulated deficit		(5,212)		(3,728)
Total shareowner's investment (deficit)		(852)		686
Total liabilities and shareowner's investment (deficit)	\$	12,904	\$	13,139
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See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREOWNER'S INVESTMENT (DEFICIT)

			(dollar	rs in millions)
Years Ended December 31,		2010		2009
Common Stock				
Balance at beginning of year	\$	1	\$	1
Balance at end of year		1		1
Contributed Capital				
Balance at beginning of year		4,413		4,413
Return of capital to parent		(54)		
Balance at end of year		4,359		4,413
Accumulated Deficit				
Balance at beginning of year		(3,728)		(3,136)
Net loss		(1,484)		(592)
Balance at end of year		(5,212)		(3,728)
Total Shareowner's Investment (Deficit)	<b>\$</b>	(852)	\$	686

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Cash Flow from Operating Activities           Net loss         \$ (1,484)         \$ (592)           Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:         1,231         1,242           Depreciation and amortization         1,231         1,242           Deferred income taxes, net         88         122           Employee retirement benefits         1,784         792           Provision for uncollectible accounts         105         130           Equity income from affilitates         1.6         (3           Equity income from affilitates         1.6         (3           Dividends received from equity affiliates         1.6         (3           Changes in current assets and liabilities:         462         234           Other current assets and liabilities         (44)         87           Accounts receivable         (54)         234         46         (54)         284           Other current lassets         (44)         (57         (441)         646         (59         (54)         234           Accounts payable and accrued liabilities         (46)         (59         (461)         (54)         (47)         (441)         (461)         (54)         (54)         (54)         (54)	Years Ended December 31,	2010	(dollars	in millions) 2009
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See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Description of Business**

Verizon New York Inc. (Verizon New York or the Company) and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Empire City Subway Ltd, Bell Atlantic Communications and NYNEX Long Distance Company are wholly owned subsidiaries of NYNEX Corporation (NYNEX), which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Verizon Communications Inc. (Verizon). Empire City Subway Ltd is primarily in the business of leasing underground conduit in Manhattan, New York (NY) and the Bronx, NY, principally to us, but also to other companies in the telecommunications business. NYNEX Long Distance is a provider of regional toll and long distance services. We currently serve a territory consisting of Local Access and Transport Areas (LATA) in New York, as well as a small portion of Connecticut (Greenwich and Byram only). We have one reportable segment which provides domestic wireline telecommunications services. We currently provide three basic types of telecommunications services:

- Exchange telecommunication service is the transmission of telecommunications among customers located within a local calling area within a LATA. Examples of exchange telecommunications services include switched local residential and business services, local private line voice and data services and Centrex services. We also provide toll services within and outside both LATA (intraLATA and interLATA long distance).
- Exchange access service links a customer's premises and the transmission facilities of other telecommunications
  carriers, generally interLATA carriers. Examples of exchange access services include switched access and special
  access services.
- In addition, we also provide fiber-to-the-premises services, operated under the FiOS service mark (FiOS TV), for residential and small business subscribers in certain areas.

The communications services we provide are subject to regulation by the New York State Public Service Commission and the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control with respect to intrastate rates and services and other matters. The Federal Communications Commission regulates rates that we charge long distance carriers and end-user subscribers for interstate access services.

On May 13, 2009, Verizon announced a definitive agreement with Frontier Communications Corporation (Frontier) that resulted in Verizon establishing a separate entity, known as New Communications Holdings Inc. (Spinco), for the purpose of holding defined assets and liabilities of Verizon's local exchange business and related landline activities in 13 states and portions of California. On July 1, 2010, after receiving regulatory approval, Verizon completed the spin-off of the shares of Spinco to Verizon stockholders and the merger of Spinco with Frontier (Frontier Merger).

Certain subsidiaries of Verizon New York provide long distance services in areas served by Verizon New York as well as in areas served by other Verizon telephone operating company subsidiaries, including the territories that became part of the Spinco operating areas at the closing of the Frontier Merger. The long distance traffic generated within the territories that became part of the Spinco operating areas generated approximately 4% of Verizon New York's consolidated revenues in the six months ended June 30, 2010 and contributed \$50 million and \$59 million to its operating income in the six months period ended June 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

At the closing of the Frontier merger, Verizon New York decreased its contributed capital by \$54 million to account for assets contributed to Spinco, and subsequently to Frontier. The long-term debt that was previously issued by Verizon New York was not affected by the Frontier Merger and remains the obligation of Verizon New York.

During 2010 and 2009, Verizon recorded pre-tax charges of \$0.5 billion and \$0.2 billion, respectively, primarily for costs incurred related to network, non-network software and other activities to enable all of the divested markets in the transaction with Frontier to operate on a stand-alone basis subsequent to the closing of the transaction, and professional advisory and legal fees in connection with this transaction. Also included during 2010 are fees related to early extinguishment of debt. The portion of these charges recorded by Verizon New York was immaterial.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

We prepare our financial statements using U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) which require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Examples of significant estimates include: the allowance for doubtful accounts, the recoverability of intangible assets and other long-lived assets, unbilled revenues, fair value of financial instruments, unrecognized tax benefits, valuation allowances on tax assets, accrued expenses and postretirement benefit assumptions.

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Verizon New York Inc. and its subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated. We have a 66-2/3% ownership interest in Telesector Resources Group, Inc. (d/b/a Verizon Services Group) and share voting rights equally with the other owner, Verizon New England Inc. (Verizon New England), which is a wholly owned subsidiary of NYNEX. Verizon Services Group operates in conjunction with Verizon Services Corp. and Verizon Corporate Services Group Inc. (collectively known as Verizon Services) to provide various centralized services on behalf of Verizon's subsidiaries. We use the equity method of accounting for our investment in Verizon Services Group.

We also have an 8.49% ownership interest in SMS/800, a venture that is jointly owned by the Bell Operating Companies. SMS/800 administers the centralized national database system associated with toll free numbers. We use the equity method of accounting for our investment in SMS/800.

All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

We have evaluated subsequent events through March 30, 2011, the date these consolidated financial statements were available to be issued.

We have reclassified certain amounts from prior periods to conform with our current presentation.

## **Revenue Recognition**

We earn revenue based upon usage of our network and facilities and contract fees. In general, fixed monthly fees for voice, video, long distance and certain other services are billed one month in advance and recognized when earned. Revenue from services that are not fixed in amount and are based on usage is generally billed in arrears and recognized when such services are provided. When we bundle the equipment with maintenance and monitoring services, we recognize equipment revenue when the equipment is installed in accordance with contractual specifications and ready for the customer's use. Revenue associated with maintenance and monitoring service contracts is accounted for using the percentage-of-completion method based on the ratio of actual costs incurred to total estimated costs of the contract. Expenses associated with each contract are recognized as incurred in connection with the installation of equipment. We use the completed contract method if we cannot estimate the costs with a reasonable degree of reliability.

Installation related fees, along with the associated costs up to, but not exceeding these fees, are deferred and amortized over the customer relationship period.

We report taxes imposed by governmental authorities on revenue-producing transactions between us and our customers on a net basis.

#### **Maintenance and Repairs**

We charge the cost of maintenance and repairs, including the cost of replacing minor items not constituting substantial betterments, principally to Cost of services and sales as these costs are incurred.

## **Trade and Other Accounts Receivable**

Trade and other accounts receivable are stated at the amount we expect to collect. We maintain allowances for uncollectible accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of our customers to make required payments. In determining these estimates, we consider historical write-offs, the aging of the receivables, and other factors, such as overall economic conditions.

#### **Concentrations of Credit Risk**

Financial instruments that subject us to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of trade receivables. Concentrations of credit risk with respect to trade receivables, other than those from AT&T Inc. (AT&T) and Sprint Nextel Corporation (Sprint), are limited due to the large number of customers. We generated revenues from services provided to AT&T and Sprint (primarily network access and billing and collection) of \$237 million and \$104 million in 2010 and \$279 million and \$119 million in 2009, respectively.

While we may be exposed to credit losses due to the nonperformance of our counterparties, we consider this risk remote and do not expect the settlement of these transactions to have a material effect on our results of operations or financial position.

#### Notes Receivable

The Financial Services agreements with Verizon Network Funding Corp. (VNFC) and Verizon Financial Services LLC (FSLLC), and us allow VNFC and FSLLC to collect funds on our behalf. These funds are assigned a variable interest rate and are payable on demand, therefore, the carrying value of the notes receivable approximates their fair market value. As of December 31, 2010 and 2009, we had notes receivable in the amounts of \$18 million and \$168 million from VNFC, respectively.

## **Plant and Depreciation**

We record our plant, property and equipment at cost. Depreciation expense is principally based on the composite group remaining life method and straight-line composite rates. This method provides for the recognition of the cost of the remaining net investment in local telephone plant, less anticipated net salvage value, over the remaining asset lives. This method requires the periodic revision of depreciation rates.

The asset lives used by our operations are presented in the following table:

Average Useful Lives (in years)

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Buildings	45
Central office equipment	5-11
Outside communications plant	
Copper cable	15
Fiber cable	25
Poles and conduit	30-50
Furniture, vehicles and other	5-15

When we replace, retire or otherwise dispose of depreciable plant used in our local telephone network, we deduct the carrying amount of such plant from the respective accounts and charge it to accumulated depreciation.

We capitalize and depreciate network software purchased or developed along with related plant assets. We also capitalize interest associated with the acquisition or construction of network-related assets. Capitalized interest is reported as a reduction in interest expense and depreciated as part of the cost of network-related assets.

In connection with our ongoing review of the estimated remaining average useful lives of plant, property and equipment, we determined that there were no changes necessary to average useful lives in 2010. We determined effective January 1, 2009 that the average useful lives of copper cable would be changed to 15 years from 13 to 15 years. As a result, 2009 depreciation expense decreased by \$50 million.

We believe that the current estimated useful asset lives are reasonable, although they are subject to continual review and analysis. In the evaluation of asset lives, multiple factors are considered, including, but not limited to, technology upgrades and enhancements, planned retirements, and the adequacy of reserves.

### **Long-Lived Assets**

Our plant, property and equipment and intangible assets are reviewed for impairment. These assets are tested for recoverability whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that their carrying amounts may not be recoverable. If any indications were present, we would test for recoverability by comparing the carrying amount of the asset to the net undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated from the asset. If those net undiscounted cash flows do not exceed the carrying amount (i.e., the asset is not recoverable), we would perform the next step, which is to determine the fair value of the asset and record an impairment, if any. An impairment charge is recognized for the amount (if any) by which the carrying value of the asset exceeds its fair value.

#### **Computer Software Costs**

We capitalize the cost of internal-use network and non-network software which has a useful life in excess of one year. Subsequent additions, modifications or upgrades to internal-use network and non-network software are capitalized only to the extent that they allow the software to perform a task it previously did not perform. Software maintenance and training costs are expensed in the period in which they are incurred. Also, we capitalize interest associated with the development of internal-use network and non-network software. Capitalized non-network computer software costs are amortized using the straight-line method over a period of 6 to 7 years.

## **Intangible Assets**

Our intangible assets primarily consist of franchise fees related to obtaining the right to provide certain services in a local area. Intangible asset amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 was not significant.

## **Advertising Costs**

Costs for advertising products and services as well as other promotional and sponsorship costs are charged to Selling, general and administrative expense in the periods in which they are incurred.

## **Stock-Based Compensation**

We participate in the Verizon Communications Long Term Incentive Plan (the Plan). The Plan permits the granting of stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance shares, performance stock units and other awards.

#### Restricted Stock Units

The Plan provides for grants of Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) that generally vest at the end of the third year after the grant. The RSUs granted prior to January 1, 2010 are classified as liability awards because the RSUs will be paid in cash upon vesting. The RSU award liability is measured at its fair value at the end of each reporting period and, therefore, will fluctuate based on the performance of Verizon common stock. The RSUs granted subsequent to January 1, 2010 are classified as equity awards because these RSUs will be paid in Verizon common stock upon vesting. The RSU equity awards are measured using the grant date fair value of Verizon common stock and are not remeasured at the end of each reporting period. Dividend equivalent units are also paid to participants at the time the RSU award is paid, and in the same proportion as the RSU award.

#### Performance Stock Units

The Plan also provides for grants of Performance Stock Units (PSUs) that generally vest at the end of the third year after the grant. As defined by the Plan, the Human Resources Committee of the Board of Directors of Verizon determines the number of PSUs a participant earns based on the extent to which the corresponding goal has been achieved over the three-year performance cycle. All payments are subject to approval by the Human Resources Committee. The PSUs are classified as liability awards because the PSU awards are paid in cash upon vesting. The PSU award liability is measured at its fair value at the end of each reporting period and, therefore, will fluctuate based on the price of Verizon common stock as well as performance relative to the targets. Dividend equivalent units are also paid to participants at the time that the PSU award is determined and paid, and in the same proportion as the PSU award.

## Stock Options

The Plan provides for grants of stock options to participants at an option price per share of 100% of the fair market value of Verizon common stock on the date of grant. Each grant has a 10-year life, vesting equally over a three-year period, starting at the date of the grant. We have not granted new stock options since 2004.

The structure of Verizon's stock incentive plans does not provide for the separate determination of certain disclosures for our company. The required information is provided on a consolidated basis in Verizon's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

After-tax compensation expense for other stock-based compensation included in net income as reported for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 was not material.

## **Employee Benefit Plans**

We participate in Verizon's benefit plans and the structure of these plans does not provide for the separate disclosure of the related pension and postretirement assets and obligations at a company level. The annual income and expense related to our employees are allocated to the Company based on employee obligations and are included in the statements of operations in Cost of services and sales and Selling, general and administrative expenses. The related pension and postretirement benefit asset/obligations have been accumulated over time based on accruals net of payments and termination/settlement charges and are included in Prepaid pension assets and Employee benefit obligations in the consolidated balance sheets (see Note 5).

Verizon recognizes a defined benefit postretirement plan's funded status as either an asset or liability on the consolidated balance sheets. Also, Verizon measures any prior service costs and credits that arise during the period as a component of Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of applicable income tax. Because of the structure of the plans, the related adjustments recorded by Verizon to recognize the funded status are not reflected in our consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2010 or 2009.

We maintain ongoing severance plans for both management and associate employees, which provide benefits to employees that are terminated. The costs for these plans are accounted for under the accounting standards regarding employers' accounting for postemployment benefits. We accrue for severance benefits based on the terms of our severance plan over the estimated service periods of the employees. The accruals are also based on the historical run-rate of actual severances and expectations for future severances. Severance costs are included in Selling, general and administrative expense in our statements of operations.

#### **Fair Value Measurements**

Fair value of financial and non-financial assets and liabilities is defined as an exit price, representing the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. The three-tier hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value, which prioritizes the inputs used in the methodologies of measuring fair value for assets and liabilities, is as follows:

- Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2 Observable inputs other than quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities
- Level 3 No observable pricing inputs in the market

Financial assets and financial liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurements. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurements requires judgment, and may affect the valuation of the assets and liabilities being measured and their placement within the fair value hierarchy.

#### **Income Taxes**

Verizon and its domestic subsidiaries, including us, file a consolidated federal income tax return. Additionally, we are included in consolidated state income tax returns which are filed by Verizon. For reporting purposes, we calculate and record current and deferred tax expense by applying the accounting standard for accounting for income taxes as if we were a separate taxpayer, with an exception for any benefits of consolidated federal and state filings generated by net operating losses based on our separate return calculation and/or tax credits. For separate states, the Company records valuation allowances against the deferred tax assets and net operating losses if they are not expected to be realized. At December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 we had an income tax receivable/(payable) due from/to Verizon Communications Inc. of \$20 million and (\$40) million, respectively.

Our effective tax rate is based on pre-tax income, statutory tax rates, tax laws and regulations and tax planning strategies available to us in the various jurisdictions in which we operate.

Deferred income taxes are provided for temporary differences in the bases between financial statement and income tax assets and liabilities. Deferred income taxes are recalculated annually at tax rates then in effect. We record valuation allowances to reduce our deferred tax assets to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized.

We use the deferral method of accounting for investment tax credits earned prior to the repeal of investment tax credits by the Tax Reform Act of 1986. We also defer certain transitional credits earned after the repeal. These credits are amortized over the estimated service lives of the related assets as a reduction to the provision for income taxes.

We use a two-step approach for recognizing and measuring tax benefits taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The first step is recognition: we determine whether it is more likely than not that a tax position will be sustained upon examination, including resolution of any related appeals or litigation processes, based on the technical merits of the position. In evaluating whether a tax position has met the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold, we presume that the position will be examined by the appropriate taxing authority that has full knowledge of all relevant information. The second step is measurement: a tax position that meets the more-likely-than-not recognition threshold is measured to determine the amount of benefit to recognize in the financial statements. The tax position is measured at the largest amount of benefit that is greater than 50 percent likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement. Differences between tax positions taken in a tax return and amounts recognized in the financial statements will generally result in one or more of the following: an increase in a liability for income taxes payable, a reduction of an income tax refund receivable, a reduction in a deferred tax asset, or an increase in a deferred tax liability.

Significant management judgment is required in evaluating our tax positions and in determining our effective tax rate.

#### **Recent Accounting Standards**

In January 1, 2011, we prospectively adopted the accounting standard update regarding revenue recognition for multiple deliverable arrangements. This method allows a vendor to allocate revenue in an arrangement using its best estimate of selling price if neither vendor specific objective evidence nor third party evidence of selling price exists. Accordingly, the residual method of revenue allocation is no longer permissible. We are currently evaluating the impact that this standard update will have in our consolidated financial statements.

In January 1, 2011, we prospectively adopted the accounting standard update regarding revenue recognition for arrangements that include software elements. This update requires tangible products that contain software and non-software elements that work together to deliver the products' essential functionality to be evaluated under the accounting standard regarding multiple deliverable arrangements. We are currently evaluating the impact that this standard update will have in our consolidated financial statements.

## 2. PLANT, PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

The following table displays the details of Plant, property and equipment, which is stated at cost:

		(dollar	rs in millions)
At December 31,	2010		2009
Land	\$ 60	\$	62
Buildings	2,754		2,788
Network equipment	26,169		27,697
Furniture, vehicles and other work equipment	578		639
Construction-in-progress	279		232
Other	 213		256
	 30,053		31,674
Less accumulated depreciation	 19,269		20,969
Total	\$ 10,784	\$	10,705

#### 3. LEASES

We lease certain facilities and equipment for use in our operations under both capital and operating leases. Total rent expense amounted to \$255 million in 2010 and \$271 million in 2009. Of these amounts, \$150 million in 2010 and \$160 million in 2009 were lease payments to affiliated companies.

The following table displays the aggregate minimum rental commitments under noncancelable leases for the periods shown at December 31, 2010, excluding those with affiliated companies:

Years	(dollars in mill <b>Operating L</b> o	
2011	\$	31
2012		23
2013		20
2014		17
2015		15
Thereafter		47
Total minimum rental commitments	\$	153

The aggregate minimum rental commitments under noncancelable capital leases at December 31, 2010 were not significant.

## 4. DEBT

Debt Maturing Within One Year

Debt maturing within one year is as follows:

		(dollars	in millions)
At December 31,	2010		2009
Notes payable to affiliates FSLLC	\$ 3,692	\$	3,402
Other debt maturing within one year	1		400
Total debt maturing within one year	\$ 3,693	\$	3,802
Weighted average interest rate for note payable outstanding at year-end	3.57%		3.37%

We have contractual agreements with affiliated companies, VNFC and FSLLC, for the provision of financing and cash management services.

The fair value of debt, excluding capital leases, is determined based on market quotes for similar terms and maturities or future cash flows discounted at current rates. The fair value of debt, excluding capital leases, was \$6,106 million and \$6,190 million at December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, as compared to the carrying value of \$5,934 million and \$6,043 million, respectively at December 31, 2010 and 2009.

Long-Term Debt

Outstanding long-term debt consists of the following:

(dollars in millions) At December 31, **Interest Rate Maturity** 2010 2009 Ten year debenture 6.875% 2012 1,000 1,000 Twenty year debenture 7.000 2013 100 100 100 100 Twenty year debenture 7.000 2013 Thirty year debenture 6.700 2023 250 250 100 Thirty year debenture 6.500 2028 100 Thirty year debenture 7.375 2032 500 500 Forty year debenture 7.000 2033 200 200 Twelve year debenture 6.125 2010 250 2010 Twenty-one year debenture 8.625 150 2,250 2,650 Other (primarily capital lease obligations) 1 2,252 2,651 Total long-term debt, including current maturities Less other debt maturing within one year 1 400 Total long-term debt 2,251 2,251 \$

The aggregate principal amount of bonds and debentures that may be issued is subject to the restrictions and provisions of our indentures. None of the securities shown above were held in sinking or other special funds or pledged by us. Debt discounts and premiums on our outstanding long-term debt are amortized over the lives of the respective issues.

During 2010, a \$250 million 6.125% twelve year debenture and a \$150 million 8.625% twenty-one year debenture were repaid.

We are in compliance with all of our debt covenants.

Maturities of long-term debt outstanding at December 31, 2010, excluding primarily capital lease obligations are as follows:

Years	(dollars in millions)
2011	\$
2012	1,000
2013	200
2014	
2015	
Thereafter	1,050
Total long-term debt outstanding	\$ 2,250

#### 5. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

We participate in Verizon's benefit plans. Verizon maintains noncontributory defined benefit pension plans for many of our employees. The postretirement health care and life insurance plans for our retirees and their dependents are both contributory and noncontributory and include a limit on the Company's share of cost for certain recent and future retirees. Verizon also sponsors defined contribution savings plans to provide opportunities for eligible employees to save for retirement on a tax-deferred basis. We use a measurement date of December 31 for our pension and postretirement health care and life insurance plans.

The structure of Verizon's benefit plans does not provide for the separate determination of certain disclosures for our company. The required information is provided on a consolidated basis in Verizon's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010.

#### **Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits**

Pension and other postretirement benefits for the majority of our employees are subject to collective bargaining agreements. Approximately 90% of our employees (associates) are covered by collective bargaining agreements which expire in August 2011. Modifications in benefits have been bargained from time to time, and Verizon may also periodically amend the benefits in the management plans.

#### **Benefit Cost**

The following table displays the details of net periodic pension and other postretirement costs:

(donars in million			
Pen	sion	Health Car	e and Life
2010	2009	2010	2009
\$ 87	\$ (10)	\$ 618	\$ 654
325	6		1
458	45		
81	75	215	21
864	126	215	22
\$ 951	\$ 116	\$ 833	\$ 676
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(dollars in millions)

In 2010, we recorded a pension settlement loss of \$458 million related to employees that received lump-sum distributions, primarily resulting from our previous separation plans, as prescribed payment thresholds were reached. Additionally, we recorded pension and postretirement curtailment losses and special termination benefits of \$621 million as workforce reductions caused the elimination of a significant amount of future service requiring us to recognize a portion of the prior service cost and actuarial losses.

In 2009, we recorded a pension settlement loss of \$45 million related to employees that received lump-sum distributions, primarily resulting from our previous separation plans, as prescribed payment thresholds were reached. Additionally, we recorded pension and postretirement curtailment losses and special termination benefits of \$103 million as workforce reductions caused the elimination of a significant amount of future service requiring us to recognize a portion of the prior service cost and actuarial losses.

Amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheets consist of:

				(dollars i	n millions)
	Pension			<b>Health Car</b>	e and Life
At December 31,		2010	2009	2010	2009
Prepaid pension asset	\$	408	\$ 436	\$	\$
Employee benefit obligations		942	20	4,485	3,931

Changes in benefit obligations were caused by factors including changes in actuarial assumptions, settlements and curtailments.

Beginning in 2013, as a result of federal health care reform, Verizon will no longer file for the Retiree Drug Subsidy (RDS) and will instead contract with a Medicare Part D plan on a group basis to provide prescription drug benefits to Medicare eligible retirees. This change to our Medicare Part D strategy, resulted in the adoption of plan amendments during the fourth quarter of 2010, which will allow the company to be eligible for greater Medicare Part D plan subsidies over time.

## Assumptions

The weighted-average assumptions used in determining benefit obligations follow:

		Pension	Health Care and Life	
At December 31,	201	<b>10</b> 2009	2010	2009
Discount rate	5.7	<b>75%</b> 6.25%	5.75%	6.25%
Rate of compensation increases	3.0	<b>00</b> 4.00	N/A	N/A

The weighted-average assumptions used in determining net periodic cost follow:

	Pens	Pension		ınd Life
Years Ended December 31,	2010	2009	2010	2009
Discount rate	6.25%	6.75%	6.25%	6.75%
Expected return on plan assets	8.50	8.50	8.25	8.25
Rate of compensation increases	4.00	4.00	N/A	N/A

In order to project the long-term target investment return for the total portfolio, estimates are prepared for the total return of each major asset class over the subsequent 10-year period, or longer. Those estimates are based on a combination of factors including the current market interest rates and valuation levels, consensus earnings expectations, historical long-term risk premiums and value-added. To determine the aggregate return for the pension trust, the projected return of each individual asset class is then weighted according to the allocation to that investment area in the Trust's long-term asset allocation policy.

The assumed Health Care Cost Trend Rates follow:

	Health Care	and Life
At December 31,	2010	2009
Health care cost trend rate assumed for next year	7.75%	8.00%
Rate to which cost trend rate gradually declines	5.00	5.00
Year the rate reaches level it is assumed to remain thereafter	2016	2014

## Savings Plans and Employee Stock Ownership Plans

Substantially all of our employees are eligible to participate in savings plans maintained by Verizon. Verizon maintains four leveraged employee stock ownership plans (ESOPs). Only one plan currently has unallocated shares. Under this plan, a certain percentage of eligible employee contributions are matched with shares of Verizon's common stock. We recognize savings plan cost based on our matching obligation attributed to our participating employees. In addition to the ESOPs, Verizon also maintains a savings plan for associate employees. We recorded total savings plan costs of \$61 million in 2010 and \$67 million in 2009.

#### **Severance Benefits**

The following table provides an analysis of our severance liability recorded in accordance with the accounting standard regarding employers' accounting for postemployment benefits:

(dollars in millions)

	Beginning of	Charged to		
Year	Year	Expense (a)	<b>Payments</b>	End of Year (b)
2009	\$ 172	\$ 146	\$ (59)	\$ 259
2010	259	299	(260)	298

- (a) Includes accruals for ongoing employee severance costs and charges of \$290 million in 2010 and \$134 million in 2009 for the involuntary separation of employees.
- (b) The remaining severance liability includes future contractual payments to employees separated as of the end of the year.

## **Recent Developments**

In April 2010, we reached an agreement with certain unions on temporary enhancements to the separation programs contained in their existing collective bargaining agreements. These temporary enhancements were intended to help address a previously declared surplus of employees and to help reduce the need for layoffs. Accordingly, during 2010, we recorded severance, pension and benefits charges of \$1,342 million, primarily associated with the union-represented employees who volunteered for the incentive offer. Included in these charges were non-cash pension settlement losses of \$436 million related to employees who received lump-sum distributions, as well as pension and postretirement curtailment losses of \$296 million as workforce reductions caused the elimination of a significant amount of future service requiring us to recognize a portion of prior service costs and actuarial losses. The charges also included \$285 million of severance charges, and \$325 million of special termination benefits for planned workforce reductions.

## 6. INCOME TAXES

The components of the provision (benefit) for income taxes are as follows:

		(dolla	ars in 1	millions)
Years Ended December 31,		2010		2009
Current:				
Federal	\$	<b>(798)</b>	\$	(488)
State and local		(6)		(13)
Total		(804)		(501)
Deferred:				
Federal		89		128
State and local				(4)
Total	·	89		124
Investment tax credits		(1)		(2)
Total benefit for income taxes	\$	(716)	\$	(379)

The following table shows the principal reasons for the difference between the effective income tax rate and the statutory federal income tax rate:

Years Ended December 31,	2010	2009
Statutory federal income tax rate	35.0%	35.0%
State and local income tax rate, net of federal tax benefits	0.2	1.2
Investment tax credits		0.1
Equity investment		0.1
Medicare subsidy	0.3	2.3
Medicare Part D subsidy charge	(3.0)	
Other, net	0.1	0.3
Effective income tax rate	32.6%	39.0%

The change in the income tax benefit in 2010 was impacted by a one-time, non-cash income tax charge of \$67 million. Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, both of which became law in March 2010 (collectively the Health Care Act), beginning in 2013, Verizon and other companies that receive a subsidy under Medicare Part D to provide retiree prescription drug coverage will no longer receive a federal income tax deduction for the expenses incurred in connection with providing the subsidized coverage to the extent of the subsidy received. Because future anticipated retiree prescription drug plan liabilities and related subsidies are already reflected in our financial statements, this change required us to reduce the value of the related tax benefits recognized in our financial statements in the period during which the Health Care Act was enacted.

Deferred taxes arise because of differences in the book and tax bases of certain assets and liabilities. Significant components of our deferred tax assets and liabilities are shown in the following table:

		(dol	lars in	millions)
Years Ended December 31,		2010		2009
Deferred tax assets:				
Employee benefits	\$	1,989	\$	1,545
Tax loss and credit carry forwards		8		5
Allowance for uncollectible accounts		53		49
Investment tax credits		7		7
Other - assets		57		81
		2,114		1,687
Valuation allowance		(10)		(8)
Net deferred tax assets		2,104		1,679
Deferred tax liabilities:				
Depreciation		2,268		1,784
Other - liabilities		52		21
Total deferred tax liabilities		2,320		1,805
Net deferred tax liability	\$	216	\$	126

At December 31, 2010 we had net tax loss carry forwards (tax effected) for income tax purposes of approximately \$8 million which will expire between 2011 and 2030.

During 2010, the valuation allowance increased \$2 million. The valuation allowance represents the tax benefits of certain temporary differences and state net operating loss carry forwards which may expire without being utilized.

## Unrecognized Tax Benefits

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending balance of unrecognized tax benefits is as follows:

	(dollars in millions)	
	2010	2009
Balance at January 1,	\$ 114	\$ 119
Additions based on tax positions related to the current year	17	41
Additions for tax positions of prior years	36	26
Reductions for tax positions of prior years	(54)	(72)
Balance at December 31,	\$ 113	\$ 114

Included in the total unrecognized tax benefits at December 31, 2010 and 2009 is \$13 million and \$15 million, respectively, that, if recognized, would favorably affect the effective income tax rate.

We recognized the following net after tax benefits related to interest and penalties in the provision for income taxes:

Years Ended December 31,	(dollars in millions)
2010	\$ 1
2009	8

The after tax accrual for the payment of interest and penalties in the balance sheet are as follows:

At December 31,	(dollars in millions)
2010	\$ 13
2009	14

Verizon and/or its domestic subsidiaries file income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and various state and local jurisdictions. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is currently examining Verizon's U.S. income tax returns for the years 2004 through 2006. As a large taxpayer, we are under continual audit by the IRS and multiple state jurisdictions on numerous open tax positions. It is reasonably possible that the amount of the liability for unrecognized tax benefits could change by a significant amount during the next twelve-month period. An estimate of the range of the possible change cannot be made until issues are further developed or examinations close.

#### 7. TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

Our consolidated financial statements include transactions with the following affiliates:

			(dollar	s in millions)
At December 31,		2010		2009
Operating revenues:				
Verizon Internet Services Inc.	\$	706	\$	648
Verizon Business		275		351
Verizon Wireless Inc.		95		78
Verizon Services		59		56
Verizon Operating Telephone Companies		1		2
Other				1
	\$	1,136	\$	1,136
Operating expenses:				
Verizon Services	\$	1,710	\$	2,036
Verizon Operating Telephone Companies		637		835
Verizon Data Services Inc.		249		240
Verizon Wireless Inc.		4		5
Verizon Business		4		4
	\$	2,604	\$	3,120
Other income (expense), net:				
Equity income from investees	\$	2	\$	3
Interest income from Verizon Network Funding Corp.	•	1	·	1
	\$	3	\$	4
Interest expense:				
Interest expense to Verizon Financial Services LLC	\$	169	\$	105
Dividends received from affiliates	\$		\$	22

Outstanding balances with affiliates are reported on the balance sheets at December 31, 2010 and 2009 as Notes receivable from affiliates, Accounts receivable - affiliates, Notes payable to affiliates, and Accounts payable and accrued liabilities - affiliates.

#### Verizon Internet Services Inc.

Our operating revenues include transactions with Verizon Internet Services Inc. (Verizon Internet Services) associated with the provision of network access and billing and collection services. These revenues are earned from Verizon Internet Services who utilizes our facilities to provide Internet access services to their customers.

#### **Verizon Business**

Our operating revenues include transactions with Verizon Business associated with the provision of network access services, wholesale interconnection service agreements and from billing and collection services.

Our operating expenses also include transactions with Verizon Business. We recognize costs associated with interconnection agreements and capacity services agreements.

#### Verizon Wireless Inc.

Our operating revenues include transactions with Verizon Wireless Inc. (Verizon Wireless) associated with the provision of local and network access services, billing and collection services and from interconnection agreements. These revenues are earned from Verizon Wireless who provides wireless voice and data services, paging services and equipment sales to their customers.

Our operating expenses also include transactions with Verizon Wireless. We recognize costs associated with wireless voice and data services and for interconnection agreements.

#### Verizon Services

Our operating revenues include transactions with Verizon Services (including Verizon Services Corp., Verizon Services Group and Verizon Corporate Services Group Inc., and Verizon Long Distance) for the provision of local telephone service and for the rental of facilities and equipment.

We have contractual arrangements with Verizon Services for the provision of various centralized services. These services are divided into two broad categories. The first category is comprised of network related services which generally benefit only Verizon's operating telephone subsidiaries. These services include marketing, sales, legal, accounting, finance, data processing, materials management, procurement, labor relations, and staff support for various network operations. The second category is comprised of overhead and support services which generally benefit all subsidiaries of Verizon. Such services include corporate governance, corporate finance, external affairs, legal, media relations, employee communications, corporate advertising, human resources, treasury, and rent expenses associated with the rental of facilities and equipment. Costs may be either directly assigned to one subsidiary or allocated to more than one subsidiary based on functional reviews of the work performed.

#### **Verizon Operating Telephone Companies**

Our operating revenues and expenses include transactions with other Verizon operating telephone companies. Revenues and expenses associated with transactions with these affiliates are primarily earned from the rental of facilities and equipment.

#### Verizon Data Services Inc.

Verizon Data Services Inc. provides data processing services, software application development and maintenance, which generally benefit Verizon's operating telephone subsidiaries, including us. We are charged for these affiliated transactions based on proportional cost allocation methodologies.

#### **Other Affiliates**

Other operating revenues primarily include miscellaneous items of income resulting from transactions with other affiliates. These transactions include primarily the provision of local and network access services and rental of facilities and equipment.

#### Verizon Network Funding Corp. and Verizon Financial Services LLC

We recognize interest expense/income in connection with contractual agreements with affiliated companies, Verizon Network Funding Corp. and Verizon Financial Services LLC, for the provision of short-term financing and cash management services.

#### 8. ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The tables below provide additional financial information related to our consolidated financial statements:

	(dollars	in millions)
Years Ended December 31,	2010	2009
Cash Flow Information:		_
Cash paid (refunded) during the year for:		
Income taxes refunded, net	\$ (720)	(456)
Interest, net of amounts capitalized (excluding affiliates)	166	178
Income Statement Information:		
Depreciation expense	1,222	1,234
Interest costs incurred	342	296
Capitalized interest	(14)	(16)
Advertising expense (allocated to us by Verizon Services)	152	114

## 9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Various legal actions and regulatory proceedings are pending to which we are a party and claims which, if asserted, may lead to other legal actions. We have established reserves for specific liabilities in connection with regulatory and legal matters that we currently deem to be probable and estimable. We do not expect that the ultimate resolution of pending regulatory and legal matters in future periods will have a material effect on our financial condition, but it could have a material effect on our results of operations.

From time to time, state regulatory decisions require us to assure customers that we will provide a level of service performance that falls within prescribed parameters. There are penalties associated with failing to meet those service parameters and we, from time to time, pay such penalties. We do not expect these penalties to have a material effect on our financial condition, but they could have a material effect on our results of operations.