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#### UNIVERSAL CABLE COMMUNICATIONS INC

CIK:1069893| IRS No.: 840913858 | State of Incorp.:DE | Fiscal Year End: 1231

Type: 424B3 | Act: 33 | File No.: 333-86541-07 | Film No.: 99709242

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#### UNIVERSAL CABLE OF BEAVER OKLAHOMA INC

CIK:1069894| IRS No.: 752243788 | State of Incorp.:DE | Fiscal Year End: 1231

Type: 424B3 | Act: 33 | File No.: 333-86541-08 | Film No.: 99709243

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#### WT ACQUISITION CORP

CIK:1069895 | IRS No.: 742644608 | State of Incorp.:DE | Fiscal Year End: 1231

Type: 424B3 | Act: 33 | File No.: 333-86541-09 | Film No.: 99709244

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#### **TELEVISION ENTERPRISES INC**

CIK:1069896| IRS No.: 741532349 | State of Incorp.:DE | Fiscal Year End: 1231

Type: 424B3 | Act: 33 | File No.: 333-86541-10 | Film No.: 99709245

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#### **BLACK CREEK COMMUNICATIONS LP**

CIK:1069897| IRS No.: 742881867 | State of Incorp.:DE | Fiscal Year End: 1231

Type: 424B3 | Act: 33 | File No.: 333-86541-11 | Film No.: 99709246

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#### **BLACK CREEK MANAGEMENT LLC**

CIK:1069898| IRS No.: 742881870 | State of Incorp.:DE | Fiscal Year End: 1231

Type: 424B3 | Act: 33 | File No.: 333-86541-12 | Film No.: 99709247

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#### **BUFORD GROUP INC**

CIK:1093182| IRS No.: 752237583 | State of Incorp.:TX | Fiscal Year End: 1231

Type: **424B3** | Act: **33** | File No.: **333-86541-13** | Film No.: **99709248** 

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#### **BUFORD TELEVISION INC**

CIK:1093183| IRS No.: 752237583 | State of Incorp.:TX | Fiscal Year End: 1231

Type: 424B3 | Act: 33 | File No.: 333-86541-14 | Film No.: 99709249

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#### **CORRECTIONAL CABLE TV INC**

CIK:1093184| IRS No.: 752237583 | State of Incorp.:TX | Fiscal Year End: 1231

Type: **424B3** | Act: **33** | File No.: **333-86541-15** | Film No.: **99709250** 

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#### **CALLCOM 24 INC**

CIK:1093185| IRS No.: 752237583 | State of Incorp.:TX | Fiscal Year End: 1231

Type: 424B3 | Act: 33 | File No.: 333-86541-16 | Film No.: 99709251

Mailing Address 515 CONGRESS SUITE 2626 AUSTIN TX 78701 Business Address 515 CONGRESS, SUITE 2626 AUSTIN TX 78701 5124769095

#### FRIENDSHIP CABLE OF TEXAS INC

CIK:1093186| IRS No.: 752237583 | State of Incorp.:TX | Fiscal Year End: 1231

Type: 424B3 | Act: 33 | File No.: 333-86541-17 | Film No.: 99709252

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#### **BUFORD TELEVISION INC OF FORT SMITH**

CIK:1093187| IRS No.: 752237583 | State of Incorp.:TX | Fiscal Year End: 1231

Type: 424B3 | Act: 33 | File No.: 333-86541-18 | Film No.: 99709253

Mailing Address 515 CONGRESS SUITE 2626 AUSTIN TX 78701 Business Address 515 CONGRESS, SUITE 2626 AUSTIN TX 78701 5124769095

#### FRIENDSHIP CABLE OF ARKANSAS INC

CIK:1093188| IRS No.: 752237583 | State of Incorp.:TX | Fiscal Year End: 1231

Type: 424B3 | Act: 33 | File No.: 333-86541-19 | Film No.: 99709254

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PROSPECTUS

EXCHANGE OFFER FOR \$150,000,000 9 3/8% SENIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES DUE 2009

[CLASSIC CABLE, INC. LOGO]

#### Terms of Exchange Offer

- Expires 5:00 p.m., New York City time, October 13, 1999, unless extended
- Not subject to any condition other than that the exchange offer not violate applicable law or any applicable interpretation of the Staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission
- All outstanding notes that are validly tendered and not validly withdrawn will be exchanged
- Tenders of outstanding notes may be withdrawn any time prior to the expiration of the exchange offer  $\,$
- The exchange of notes will not be a taxable exchange for U.S. federal income tax purposes
- We will not receive any proceeds from the exchange offer
- The terms of the notes to be issued are substantially identical to the outstanding notes, except for certain transfer restrictions and registration rights relating to the outstanding notes
- As of June 30, 1999, on a pro forma basis we had approximately \$294.3 million of senior indebtedness

THE INFORMATION IN THIS PROSPECTUS IS NOT COMPLETE AND MAY BE CHANGED. WE MAY NOT SELL THESE SECURITIES UNTIL THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION IS EFFECTIVE. THIS PROSPECTUS IS NOT AN OFFER TO SELL THESE SECURITIES AND IT IS NOT SOLICITING AN OFFER TO BUY THESE SECURITIES IN ANY STATE WHERE THE OFFER OR SALE IS NOT PERMITTED.

NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED THE NOTES TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE EXCHANGE OFFER, NOR HAVE ANY OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS DETERMINED THAT THIS PROSPECTUS IS TRUTHFUL OR COMPLETE. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

SEPTEMBER 9, 1999

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#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. As a result, we are required to file annual, quarterly and special reports and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You may read and copy any of these reports, statements and other information that we may file at the SEC's public reference rooms in Washington, D.C., New York, New York, and Chicago, Illinois. Please call 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference rooms. Our filings are also available to the public from commercial document retrieval services and at the web site maintained by the SEC at http://www.sec.gov.

We, together with the subsidiary guarantors, have filed a registration statement on Form S-4 to register with the SEC the exchange notes to be issued in exchange for the old notes. This prospectus is part of that registration statement. As allowed by the SEC's rules, this prospectus does not contain all of the information you can find in the registration statement or the exhibits to the registration statement.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The statements, other than statements of historical fact, included in this prospectus are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "will," "expect," "intend," "estimate," "anticipate," "plan," "seek," or "believe." We believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are accurate. However, we cannot assure you that such expectations

will occur. Our actual future performance could differ materially from such statements. Factors that could cause such or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to:

- the uncertainties and/or potential delays associated with respect to integrating Buford following the Buford acquisition;
- our ability to acquire additional cable systems on terms favorable to us;
- the passage of legislation or court decisions adversely affecting the cable industry;
- our ability to repay our outstanding indebtedness;
- competition in the cable industry;
- the advent of new technology; and
- seasonality.

You should not unduly rely on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this prospectus. Except as required by law, we are not obligated to publicly release any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances occurring after the date of this prospectus or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. Important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from our expectations are discussed under "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this prospectus. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to Classic, or persons acting on its behalf, are expressly qualified in their entirety by the statements in those sections.

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#### SUMMARY

The following summary is intended to highlight certain information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary is not intended to be a complete statement of all material facts of the offering and is qualified in its entirety by the more detailed information and historical and pro forma financial information, including the notes relating to that information, appearing elsewhere in this prospectus. Except as otherwise required by the context, the information presented in this prospectus concerning Classic and its business gives effect to the acquisition of Buford Group, Inc. and the other acquisitions completed by either Classic or Buford prior to the date of this prospectus. Reference should be made to the "Selected Historical Consolidated Financial Data -- Classic Cable, Inc.," "Selected Historical Consolidated Financial Data -- Buford Group, Inc.," and "Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Financial Information" for the definition of certain financial terms appearing throughout this prospectus.

#### THE EXCHANGE OFFER

Series B Exchange Notes.... The forms and terms of the exchange notes are identical in all material respects to the terms of the old notes, except for certain transfer restrictions, registration rights and liquidated damages provisions relating to the old notes. These are described elsewhere in this prospectus under "Description of the Notes and Guarantees" and "The Exchange Offer."

The Exchange Offer..... We are offering to exchange up to \$150,000,000 of the exchange notes for up to \$150,000,000 of the old notes. Old notes may be exchanged only in \$1,000 increments.

Expiration Date; Withdrawal

of Tender...... Unless we extend the exchange offer, it will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on October 13, 1999. We will not extend this time period to a date later than October 27, 1999. You may withdraw any old notes you tender pursuant to the exchange offer at any time prior to October 13, 1999. We will return, as promptly as practicable after the expiration or termination of the exchange offer, any old notes not accepted for exchange for any reason without expense to you.

Certain Conditions to the

Exchange Offer..... The exchange offer is subject to the following conditions, which we may waive.

> These conditions permit us to refuse acceptance of the old notes or to terminate the exchange offer

- a lawsuit is instituted or threatened in a court or before a government agency which may impair our ability to proceed with the exchange offer;
- a law, statute, rule or regulation is proposed or enacted or interpreted by the SEC which may impair our ability to proceed with the exchange offer; or
- any governmental approval is not received which we think is necessary to consummate the exchange

Procedures for Tendering

Old Notes...... If you wish to accept the exchange offer, you must complete, sign and date the letter of transmittal in accordance with the instructions, and deliver the letter of transmittal, along with the old notes and any other

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required documentation, to the exchange agent. By executing the letter of transmittal, you will represent to us that, among other things:

- any exchange notes you receive will be acquired in the ordinary course of your business;
- you have no arrangement with any person to participate in the distribution of the exchange notes; and
- you are not an affiliate of Classic or, if you are an affiliate, you will comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 to the extent applicable.

If you hold your old notes through The Depository Trust Corporation and wish to participate in the exchange offer, you may do so through The Depository Trust Corporation's Automated Tender Offer Program. By participating in the exchange offer, you will agree to be bound by the letter of transmittal as though you had executed such letter of transmittal.

Interest on the Exchange

Notes...... Interest on the exchange notes accrues from the date of issuance at the rate of 9 3/8% per annum.

Payment of Interest...... Interest is payable semi-annually in arrears on each February 1 and August 1, commencing on February 1, 2000.

> After February 1, 2000, interest on the old notes accepted for exchange will stop accruing upon the issuance of the exchange notes.

Special Procedures for

Beneficial Owners...... If you are a beneficial owner whose old notes are registered in the name of a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee and wish to tender such old notes in the exchange offer, please contact the registered holder as soon as possible and instruct them to tender on your behalf and comply with our instructions set forth

Guaranteed Delivery

Procedure...... If you wish to tender your old notes, you may, in

elsewhere in this prospectus.

certain instances, do so according to the guaranteed delivery procedures set forth elsewhere in this prospectus under "The Exchange Offer -- Guaranteed Delivery Procedures."

Registration Rights

Agreement...... We sold the old notes and the related guarantees to the initial purchasers in a transaction exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act on July 28, 1999. At that time, Classic and the initial purchasers entered into a registration rights agreement which grants the holders of the old notes certain exchange and registration rights. This exchange offer satisfies those rights, which terminate upon consummation of the exchange offer. You will not be entitled to any exchange or registration rights with respect to the exchange

Certain Federal Tax

Considerations...... With respect to the exchange of the old notes for the exchange notes:

> - the exchange will not constitute a taxable exchange for U.S. federal income tax purposes;

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- you will not recognize gain or loss upon receipt of the exchange notes;
- you must include interest in gross income to the same extent as the old notes; and
- you will be able to tack the holding period of the exchange notes to the holding period of the old notes.

Use of Proceeds...... We will not receive any proceeds from the exchange of notes pursuant to the exchange offer.

Exchange Agent..... We have appointed Chase Bank of Texas, National Association as the exchange agent for the exchange

offer.

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#### TERMS OF THE NOTES AND GUARANTEES

The form and terms of the exchange notes are substantially the same as the form and terms of the old notes, except that the exchange notes are registered under the Securities Act. As a result, the exchange notes will not bear legends restricting their transfer and will not contain the registration rights and liquidated damages provisions contained in the old notes.

Issuer..... Classic Cable, Inc. 515 Congress Avenue, Suite 2626 Austin, Texas 78701

The notes are guaranteed by each of our current Guarantors..... and future domestic restricted subsidiaries. Each guarantor is our wholly owned subsidiary. If we cannot make payments on the notes when they are due, the guarantors must make them

instead.

Maturity..... August 1, 2009.

Interest..... Annual rate -- 9 3/8%.

Payment frequency -- every six months on February 1 and August 1.

First payment -- February 1, 2000.

These notes and the subsidiary guarantees are Ranking.....

senior subordinated debts.

They rank behind all of our and our guarantors'

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- trade payables, and
- indebtedness that expressly provides that it is not senior to these notes and the subsidiary guarantees.

Optional Redemption.....

On or after August 1, 2004, we may redeem some or all of the notes at any time at the redemption prices listed in the "Description of Notes and Guarantees" section under the heading "Optional Redemption."

Before August 1, 2002, we may redeem up to 35% of the notes ever issued under the indenture with the proceeds of one or more Public Equity Offerings by, or Strategic Equity Investments in, Classic or Classic's direct parent at the price listed in the "Description of Notes and Guarantees" section under the heading "Optional Redemption."

Mandatory Offer to

Repurchase...... If we sell assets under some circumstances, or experience specific kinds of changes of control, we must offer to repurchase the notes at the prices listed in the "Description of Notes and Guarantees" section under the heading "Repurchase at the Option of Holders."

Basic Covenants of Indenture.....

We will issue the exchange notes under an  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left$ indenture with Chase Bank of Texas, National Association. The indenture, among other things, restricts our ability and the ability of our subsidiaries to:

- borrow money;
- pay dividends on stock or repurchase stock;

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- make investments;
- use assets as security in other transactions;
- sell certain assets or merge with or into other companies; and
- engage in certain transactions with affiliates.

These covenants are subject to important exceptions. For more details, see the "Description of Notes and Guarantees" section under the heading "Certain Covenants."

Absence of a Public Market for the Exchange Notes.....

In general, you may freely transfer the exchange notes. However, there are exceptions to this general statement. Holders may not freely transfer the exchange notes if:

- they acquire the exchange notes outside of their ordinary course of business;
- they have an arrangement with any person to participate in the distribution of the exchange notes; or
- they are an affiliate of Classic.

Further, the exchange notes will be new securities for which there will not initially be a market. As a result, the development or liquidity of any market for the exchange notes may not occur. The initial purchasers have

advised us that they currently intend to make a market in the exchange notes. However, you should be aware that the initial purchasers are not obligated to do so. In the event such a market may develop, the initial purchasers may discontinue it at any time without notice. We do not intend to apply for a listing of the exchange notes on any securities exchange or on any automated dealer quotation system.

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#### OUR BUSINESS

We are a growth oriented cable operator focused on non-metropolitan markets in the central United States. We have experienced growth in subscribers, revenues and cash flows, primarily through the successful execution and integration of over 20 acquisitions of clustered cable systems in nine contiguous states. Pro forma for the acquisition of Buford Group, Inc., and assuming completion of other recently publicly announced transactions by other companies in the cable television industry, we believe we are the 14th largest cable operator in the United States, with systems that pass approximately 609,000 homes and serve approximately 359,000 basic subscribers.

Through the acquisition of clustered non-metropolitan cable systems, and by upgrading these cable systems, we are building a regional platform for the delivery of digital cable and high-speed Internet access to the homes and businesses of our customers. We believe that our strategy combines the attractive characteristics of the non-metropolitan cable market segment with the growth opportunity of broadband services and the Internet. The combination of attractive market characteristics and the successful execution of our acquisition strategy has enabled us to achieve high growth rates and attractive EBITDA margins.

#### OUR STRATEGY

Our business strategy is to:

- Focus on attractive non-metropolitan markets: We plan to continue to focus on growing communities in or around county seats, which generally tend to have more robust household growth, higher income per household and a stronger business foundation than do other non-metropolitan markets
- Expand and improve clusters through selective acquisitions: We plan to continue to leverage our experience in acquiring and integrating cable systems by continuing our acquisition growth strategy when attractive cable systems are available for acquisition at reasonable valuations.
- Focus on community relations and customer satisfaction: We plan to maintain and enhance our relationships with the local communities in which we operate and utilize Buford's state-of-the-art call center to complement our existing service to our customers.
- Increase the revenue-generating bandwidth of our cable plant: We plan to continue to upgrade our cable plant aggressively and systematically, utilizing the most cost-effective and appropriate technology.
- Implement our broadband services: We plan to continue to offer enhanced video services and begin offering high-speed Internet access in selected systems, a move which we believe will improve our competitiveness and increase our revenues and cash flows.

#### RAPIDLY CONSOLIDATING INDUSTRY

Consolidation in the cable industry over the past three years has been driven by the benefits derived from scale, including operating efficiencies, increased advertising sales and the ability to deploy new broadband applications efficiently. This consolidation has accelerated recently with the emergence of the Internet as a mass medium for disseminating information, entertainment and commerce. We believe that cable companies with broadband capacity are the leaders in the race to become the high-speed data service providers of choice to the consumer. Recent investments and acquisitions by AT&T, Microsoft, and Charter Communications have validated cable's position as a preferred broadband solution.

While this consolidation has taken place primarily among large-scale metropolitan operators, attention has expanded recently to non-metropolitan markets. Smaller independent operators understand the value created through

consolidation and are beginning to make themselves available to be merged or acquired. Additionally, metropolitan focused consolidators are beginning to sell their non-metropolitan area systems.

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We believe that these circumstances create an opportunity for us to continue and accelerate our focused strategy to consolidate attractive non-metropolitan cable assets.

#### PROVEN MANAGEMENT TEAM

J. Merritt Belisle, our Chief Executive Officer, and Steven E. Seach, our President and Chief Financial Officer, founded Classic in 1992 and have assembled a management team with significant business experience operating cable television systems and providing quality customer service to cable subscribers. Messrs. Belisle and Seach have 20 years of collective experience in acquiring, operating, integrating and developing cable television systems and have worked together for over ten years.

As a result of the Buford acquisition, our management team has been further enhanced by the addition of several key members of Buford's management team, including Ron Martin, who became our Executive Vice President of Operations, and Kay Monigold, who became our Executive Vice President of Administration. Mr. Martin and Ms. Monigold have been in the cable industry for over 25 years and 18 years, respectively.

Members of our management team collectively own or have the right to acquire approximately 15% of the common stock of Classic Communications, Inc., our parent, and up to an additional 10% of Classic Communications' common stock has been set aside for issuance to management pursuant to options granted to them

#### THE BUFORD ACQUISITION

On July 28, 1999, we acquired Buford Group, Inc., which operates cable television systems in Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri and Texas, for approximately \$300 million in cash. The Buford cable systems serve approximately 172,000 basic subscribers and, we believe, represent an excellent geographic and strategic fit with our existing cable systems. In addition, we believe that the Buford acquisition provides other benefits, including an opportunity to reduce programming costs, consolidate headends and enhance customer service. We financed the Buford acquisition through certain financing arrangements, consisting of a \$250.0 million new credit facility and the issuance of \$150.0 million of senior subordinated notes due 2009. See "Description of Other Indebtedness." In addition, approximately \$95.7 million in cash was contributed to us by our parent, Classic Communications, pursuant to the Brera Classic equity investment. See "-- The Brera Classic Equity Investment."

#### THE BRERA CLASSIC EQUITY INVESTMENT

In connection with the Buford acquisition, Classic Communications received \$100.0 million from Brera Classic, L.L.C., \$95.7 million of which was contributed in cash to us, \$3.3 million of which was paid to Brera Classic pursuant to management and advisory fee agreements, and \$1.0 million was paid to Brera Classic to reimburse Brera Classic for certain of its fees and expenses incurred in connection with the Brera Classic equity investment. This equity investment was financed through the sale of common stock of Classic Communications to Brera Classic. Brera Classic is an indirect subsidiary of Brera Capital Partners Limited Partnership. Brera Capital Partners is a \$650 million private equity investment firm based in New York. Brera Capital Partners invests in a limited number of industries, including telecommunications and media. Brera Capital Partners prefers to invest alongside management teams to assist them in achieving the operating and financial goals of their companies. Brera Classic now owns approximately 64% of the outstanding capital stock of Classic Communications, subject to dilution in connection with the issuance of options to certain members of our management team. See "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions" and "Principal Stockholders."

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#### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

On July 28, 1999, we had a change of control upon the sale of approximately 64% of Classic Communications' outstanding capital stock to Brera Classic as part of the Brera Classic equity investment. Accordingly, as required by the indenture governing our senior subordinated notes due 2008, we offered to repurchase all of the outstanding 2008 subordinated notes at a price equal to

101% of the original aggregate principal amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of repurchase. This offer to repurchase expired at the close of business on September 1, 1999. Of the \$125.0 million outstanding, approximately \$86.0 million was tendered to us for repurchase. Accordingly, we borrowed \$90.0 million under our incremental facility to repurchase the tendered 2008 subordinated notes and to pay associated fees and expenses incurred as a result of the change of control offer. See "Description of Other Indebtedness." The tendered notes were repurchased by us on September 8, 1999.

#### RISK FACTORS

You should consider carefully the information set forth under the caption "Risk Factors" beginning on page 16 and all the other information set forth in this prospectus before deciding whether to participate in the exchange offer.

Our principal executive offices are located at 515 Congress Avenue, Suite 2626, Austin, Texas 78701. Our telephone number is (512) 476-9095, and our Internet Web site is www.classic-cable.com. The information on our Web site is not a part of this prospectus.

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#### SUMMARY PRO FORMA FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA

The following table presents summary pro forma financial and operating data about us. The unaudited pro forma data give effect to the Brera Classic equity investment, our new credit facility, the Buford acquisition, and the completed acquisitions as if all of these transactions had been consummated on January 1, 1998 in the case of the income statement and cash flow data and on June 30, 1999 with respect to the balance sheet data. The pro forma data have been derived from the Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Financial Information of Classic and Buford, which is included elsewhere in this prospectus. The unaudited pro forma data do not purport to be indicative of the results that would have been obtained had such transactions been completed as of the assumed dates and for the periods presented nor are they necessarily indicative of results that may be obtained in the future. You should read this information together with "Selected Historical Consolidated Financial Data -- Classic Cable, Inc.," "Selected Historical Consolidated Financial Data -- Buford Group, Inc.," "Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Financial Information," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and Classic's and Buford's consolidated financial statements and the notes relating to those statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

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|                                      | YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998              | ENDED JUNE 30, 1999 |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------|--|
|                                      | (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT<br>SUBSCRIBER DATA) |                     |  |
| <\$>                                 | <c></c>                                   | <c></c>             |  |
| INCOME STATEMENT DATA:               |   |                     |  |
| Revenues                             | \$149 <b>,</b> 897                        | \$ 77,684           |  |
| Costs and expenses                   | 97 <b>,</b> 289                           | 44,686              |  |
| Depreciation and amortization        | 66,257                                    | 34,989              |  |
| Operating loss                       | (13,649)                                  | (1,991)             |  |
| Interest expense                     | (43,292)                                  | (21,630)            |  |
| Other income (expense)               | (896)                                     | (63)                |  |
| Loss before income tax benefit       | (57,837)                                  | (23,684)            |  |
| Income tax benefit                   | 2,565                                     | 210                 |  |
| Net loss                             | \$ (55,272)                               | \$ (23,474)         |  |
| BALANCE SHEET DATA:                  |   |                     |  |
| Total cash and cash equivalents      |   | \$ 7,368            |  |
| Total assets                         |   | 568,512             |  |
| Total debt                           |   | 449,966             |  |
| Total liabilities                    |   | 478,752             |  |
| Total stockholders' equity           |   | 89,760              |  |
| OTHER FINANCIAL DATA:                |   |                     |  |
| Cash flows from operating activities | 21,169                                    | 7,688               |  |
| Cash flows from investing activities | (408,179)                                 | (16,061)            |  |
| Cash flows from financing activities | 379 <b>,</b> 865                          | (5,134)             |  |
| Adjusted EBITDA(1)                   | \$ 61,604(2)                              | \$ 32,886           |  |

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| Adjusted EBITDA margin(3)                              | 41.1%     | 42.3%     |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Ratio of net debt to annualized Adjusted EBITDA(4)     |           | 6.7x      |
| Ratio of Classic Communications net debt to annualized |           |           |
| Adjusted EBITDA  |           | 6.7x      |
| Ratio of Adjusted EBITDA to interest expense           |           | 1.5x      |
| Ratio of Adjusted EBITDA to cash interest expense      |           | 1.5x      |
| Capital expenditures                                   | \$ 34,228 | \$ 15,548 |
| Deficiency of earnings to fixed charges (5)            | 57,837    | (23,684)  |
| OPERATING DATA:  |           |           |
| Homes passed(6)  | 612,624   | 609,107   |
| Basic subscribers (7)                                  | 361,428   | 358,969   |
| Basic penetration(8)                                   | 59.0%     | 58.9%     |
| Digital subscribers                                    | 1,454     | 3,060     |
| Premium subscribers(9)                                 | 194,106   | 189,769   |
| Premium penetration(10)                                | 53.7%     | 52.9%     |
| Average monthly basic revenue per basic subscriber(11) | \$ 28.02  | \$ 30.15  |
| Average monthly total revenue per basic subscriber(12) | \$ 34.44  | \$ 36.35  |
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- (1) Adjusted EBITDA is defined as operating income (loss) plus depreciation and amortization plus non-cash operating charges. Non-cash operating charges consist of Classic's compensation on restricted stock of \$1,108,000 and \$332,000 as well as Buford's compensation relating to stock appreciation rights of \$7,888,000 and \$(775,000) for the periods ended December 31, 1998 and June 30, 1999, respectively. Adjusted EBITDA is presented because management believes it is a widely accepted financial indicator of a company's ability to incur and service debt. We believe that Adjusted EBITDA is not intended to be a performance measure that should be regarded as an alternative to, or more meaningful than, either operating income or net income as an indicator of operating performance or to the statement of cash flows as a measure of liquidity, is not intended to represent funds available for dividends, reinvestment or other discretionary uses, and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Adjusted EBITDA measures presented may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies.
- (2) Adjusted EBITDA for 1998 was reduced by \$775,000 of fees paid to certain members of the executive management team in connection with completed acquisition and financing transactions. Without these fees, Adjusted EBITDA would have been \$62,379,000.
- (3) Adjusted EBITDA margin represents Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of revenues. This measurement is used by management, and is commonly used in the cable television industry, to analyze and compare cable television companies on the basis of operating performance. We believe that Adjusted EBITDA margin is not intended to be a performance measure that should be regarded as an alternative either to operating income or net income as prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Adjusted EBITDA measures presented may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies.
- (4) Net debt represents total debt less total cash and cash equivalents.
- (5) Deficiency of earnings consists of loss before income tax benefit and extraordinary loss. Fixed charges consist of interest expense and the interest portion of rental expense.
- (6) Homes passed refers to estimates by us of the approximate number of dwelling units in a particular community that can be connected to our cable television distribution system without any further extension of principal transmission lines.
- (7) A home with one or more television sets connected to a cable system is counted as one basic subscriber. Bulk accounts are included on an equivalent basic unit basis in which the total monthly bill for the account is divided by the basic monthly charge for a single outlet in the area.
- (8) Penetration is calculated as the number of basic subscribers as a percentage of homes passed.
- (9) For the Classic systems, premium subscribers are the number of subscribers who pay a monthly fee for premium channels. Multiplexing of premium channels is counted as one subscriber. For the Buford systems, multiplexing of premium channels is counted as one subscriber for each premium channel

- (10) Premium penetration is calculated as the number of premium subscribers as a percentage of basic subscribers.
- (11) Average monthly basic revenue per basic subscriber equals revenues from basic subscriptions of cable systems during the respective period divided by the months in the period and divided by the weighted average number of our basic subscribers for the respective period.
- (12) Average monthly total revenue per basic subscriber equals total revenues of cable systems during the respective period divided by the months in the period and divided by the weighted average number of our basic subscribers for such respective period.

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SUMMARY HISTORICAL FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA -- CLASSIC CABLE, INC.

The following table presents summary historical financial and operating data about Classic. You should read this information together with "Selected Historical Consolidated Financial Data -- Classic Cable, Inc.," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and Classic's consolidated financial statements and the notes relating to those statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

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|  | YEAR EN                                 | NDED DECEMBE                                | R 31,                                   | JUNE 30,                        |                                   |  |
|--|---|---|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
|  | 1996                                    | 1997  | 1998                                    | 1998                            | 1999                              |  |
| <\$>   |   | (AUDITED) N THOUSANDS, <c></c>              |   | (UNAUD                          |                                   |  |
| INCOME STATEMENT DATA: Revenues  | \$ 59,821<br>33,553<br>27,510           | \$ 60,995<br>36,555<br>27,832               | \$ 69,802<br>42,070<br>30,531           | \$ 32,214<br>19,038<br>14,169   | \$ 39,286<br>22,760<br>18,096     |  |
| Operating loss Interest expense Gain on sale of cable systems Write-off of abandoned telephone operations Other income (expense) | (1,242)<br>(20,164)<br>4,901<br>(2,994) | (3,392)<br>(20,759)<br>3,644<br>(500)<br>71 | (2,799)<br>(20,688)<br><br>(220)<br>192 | (993)<br>(10,223)<br><br><br>64 | (1,570)<br>(10,675)<br><br><br>15 |  |
| Loss before income tax benefit and extraordinary loss  | (19,499)<br>6,633                       | (20,936)<br>7,149<br>                       | (23,515)<br>2,339<br>(5,524)            | (11,152)<br>1,371<br>           | (12,230)                          |  |
| Net loss   | \$(12,866)<br>======                    | \$ (13,787)                                 | \$(26,700)<br>======                    | \$ (9,781)<br>======            | \$ (12,230)<br>======             |  |
| BALANCE SHEET DATA:  | \$ 653                                  | \$ 616                                      | \$ 2,779                                | \$                              | \$ 638                            |  |
| Total cash and cash equivalents  Total assets  |   |   |   | Ş                               |                                   |  |
| Total debt   | 245,987<br>193,998                      | 220,218<br>187,967                          | 252,445<br>220,804                      |                                 | 241,496<br>222,016                |  |
| Total liabilities  | 215,826                                 | 202,887                                     | 239,303                                 |                                 | 239,921                           |  |
| Total redeemable preferred stock   | 1,292                                   | 1,293                                       | 239,303                                 |                                 | 239,921                           |  |
| Total stockholders' equity OTHER FINANCIAL DATA:   | 28,868                                  | 16,038                                      | 13,142                                  |                                 | 1,575                             |  |
| Cash flows from operating activities   | \$ 7,848                                | \$ 7,892                                    | \$ 13,996                               | \$ 4,502                        | \$ 5,514                          |  |
| Cash flows from investing activities   | 3,387                                   | (1,341)                                     | (57, 245)                               | (4,219)                         | (8,521)                           |  |
| Cash flows from financing activities   | (12,070)                                | (6,588)                                     | 45,412                                  | 920                             | 866                               |  |
| Adjusted EBITDA(1)   | 27,326                                  | 25,498(2                                    | 28,840                                  | (3) 13,652                      | 17,189                            |  |
| Adjusted EBITDA margin(4)  | 45.7%                                   | 41.8%                                       | 41.3%                                   | 42.4%                           | 43.8%                             |  |
| EBITDA(5)  |   |   |   |                                 | 6.4x                              |  |
| Ratio of Adjusted EBITDA to interest expense Ratio of Adjusted EBITDA to cash interest   |   |   |   |                                 | 1.6x                              |  |
| expense  |   |   |   |                                 | 1.6x                              |  |
| Capital expenditures  Deficiency of earnings to fixed charges(6)  OPERATING DATA (END OF PERIOD, EXCEPT AVERAGE):                | \$ 8,212<br>(19,499)                    | \$ 10,135<br>(20,936)                       | \$ 13,759<br>(23,515)                   | \$ 4,201<br>(11,152)            | \$ 8,008<br>(12,230)              |  |
| Homes passed(7)  | 259,181                                 | 254,649                                     | 296,995                                 | 254,449                         | 293,478                           |  |
| Basic subscribers(8)(9)  | 171,657                                 | 165,737                                     | 188,871                                 | 163,243                         | 185,170                           |  |
| Basic penetration(9)(10)   | 66.2%                                   | 65.1%                                       | 63.6%                                   | 64.2%                           | 63.1%                             |  |
| Digital subscribers  |   |   | 200                                     |                                 | 1,480                             |  |

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| Premium subscribers(11)Premium penetration(12)         | 62,458      | 63,819<br>38.5% | 71,702<br>38.0% | 63,389<br>38.8% | 67,501<br>36.5% |
|--|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Average monthly basic revenue per basic subscriber(13) | 22.77       | \$<br>25.22     | \$<br>27.87     | \$<br>27.42     | \$<br>29.35     |
| Average monthly total revenue per basic subscriber(14) | \$<br>27.68 | \$<br>30.14     | \$<br>33.24     | \$<br>32.55     | \$<br>34.85     |

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- (1) Adjusted EBITDA is defined as operating loss plus depreciation and amortization plus non-cash operating charges. Non-cash operating charges for the years ended December 31, 1996, 1997 and 1998 and the six month periods ended June 30, 1998 and 1999 related to compensation on restricted stock and were \$1,058,000, \$1,058,000, \$1,108,000, \$476,000 and \$663,000, respectively. Adjusted EBITDA is presented because we believe it is a widely accepted financial indicator of a company's ability to incur and service debt. We believe that Adjusted EBITDA is not intended to be a performance measure that should be regarded as an alternative to, or more meaningful than, either operating income or net income as an indicator of operating performance or to the statement of cash flows as a measure of liquidity, is not intended to represent funds available for dividends, reinvestment or other discretionary uses, and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Adjusted EBITDA measures presented may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies.
- (2) Adjusted EBITDA for 1997 was reduced by legal, consultant and other fees totaling \$1,411,000 incurred in connection with the settlement of certain claims that arose in conjunction with divorce proceedings of one of our officers as well as \$400,000 in fees paid to certain members of our management team in connection with completed acquisition and divestiture transactions. Without these fees, Adjusted EBITDA would have been \$27,309,000.
- (3) Adjusted EBITDA for 1998 was reduced by \$775,000 of fees paid to certain members of our executive management team in connection with completed acquisition and financing transactions. Without these fees, Adjusted EBITDA would have been \$29,615,000.
- (4) Adjusted EBITDA margin represents Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of revenues. This measurement is used by us, and is commonly used in the cable television industry, to analyze and compare cable television companies on the basis of operating performance. We believe that Adjusted EBITDA margin is not intended to be a performance measure that should be regarded as an alternative either to operating income or net income as prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Adjusted EBITDA measures presented may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies.
- (5) Net debt represents total debt less total cash and cash equivalents.
- (6) Deficiency of earnings consists of loss before income tax benefit and extraordinary loss. Fixed charges consist of interest expense and the interest portion of rental expense.
- (7) Homes passed refers to estimates by us of the approximate number of dwelling units in a particular community that can be connected to our cable television distribution system without any further extension of principal transmission lines.
- (8) A home with one or more television sets connected to a cable system is counted as one basic subscriber. Bulk accounts are included on an equivalent basic unit basis in which the total monthly bill for the account is divided by the basic monthly charge for a single outlet in the area. End of period basic and premium subscribers are net of system sales that occurred during 1996 and 1997.
- (9) End of period subscribers reflect asset sales that were consummated during the third quarter of 1996 and the second quarter of 1997.
- (10) Penetration is calculated as the number of basic subscribers as a percentage of homes passed.
- (11) Premium subscribers are the number of subscribers who pay a monthly fee for premium channels. Multiplexing of premium channels is counted as one

- (12) Premium penetration is calculated as the number of premium subscribers as a percentage of basic subscribers.
- (13) Average monthly basic revenue per basic subscriber equals revenues from basic subscriptions of cable systems during the respective period divided by the months in the period and divided by the weighted average number of our basic subscribers for the respective period.
- (14) Average monthly total revenue per basic subscriber equals total revenues of cable systems during the respective period divided by the months in the period and divided by the weighted average number of our basic subscribers for the respective period.

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SUMMARY HISTORICAL FINANCIAL AND OPERATING DATA -- BUFORD GROUP, INC.

The following table presents summary historical financial and operating data about Buford. You should read this information together with "Selected Historical Consolidated Financial Data -- Buford Group, Inc.," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and Buford's consolidated financial statements and the notes relating to those statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

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|   |                    | IDED DECEMBE                    | JUNE 30,             |                      |                    |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
|   | 1996               | 1997                            | 1998                 | 1998                 | 1999               |
| <s></s>   |                    | (AUDITED) THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SUB |                      | (UNAUD               | DITED)             |
| INCOME STATEMENT DATA:                                      |                    |                                 |                      |                      |                    |
| Revenues  | \$ 49,561          | \$ 58,136                       | \$ 70,475            | \$ 32,943            | \$ 38,398          |
| Costs and expenses  | 32,932<br>17,175   | 40,858<br>17,753                | 51,168<br>21,399     | 24,547<br>10,137     | 22,433<br>12,105   |
| Depreciation and amortization                               | 17,175             | 17,755                          | 21,399               | 10,137               | 12,105             |
| Operating income (loss)                                     | (546)<br>(5,345)   | (475)<br>(5,787)                | (2,092)<br>(7,919)   | (1,741)<br>(3,681)   | 3,860<br>(4,095)   |
| Gain on sale of cable systems                               | 5,418              |                                 |                      |                      |                    |
| Other income (expense)                                      | 344                | 859                             | (221)                | 73<br>               | (78)               |
| Loss before income taxes and cumulative effect of           |                    |                                 |                      |                      |                    |
| change in accounting principle                              | (129)              | (5,403)                         | (10, 232)            | (5,349)              | (313)              |
| Income tax benefit (expense)                                | (94)               | 315                             | 226                  | (25)                 | 210                |
| principle, net of taxes                                     |                    |                                 |                      |                      | (207)              |
|   |                    |                                 |                      |                      |                    |
| Net loss  | \$ (223)<br>====== | \$ (5,088)<br>======            | \$(10,006)<br>====== | \$ (5,374)<br>====== | \$ (310)<br>====== |
| BALANCE SHEET DATA:   |                    |                                 |                      |                      |                    |
| Total assets  | \$117,676          | \$143,932                       | \$175,953            |                      | \$166,602          |
| Total debt  | 60,053             | 85,000                          | 118,000              |                      | 112,000            |
| Total liabilities   | 69 <b>,</b> 182    | 97 <b>,</b> 008                 | 131,147              |                      | 122,881            |
| Total stockholders' equity OTHER FINANCIAL DATA:            | 48,493             | 46,924                          | 44,806               |                      | 43,721             |
| Cash flows from operating activities                        | \$ 13,628          | \$ 16,872                       | \$ 20,334            | \$ 8,470             | \$ 8,527           |
| Cash flows from investing activities                        | (20,289)           | (39,683)                        | (53, 151)            | (40,969)             | (7,540)            |
| Cash flows from financing activities                        | (10,927)           | 24,947                          | 32,830               | 30,000               | (6,000)            |
| Adjusted EBITDA(1)  | 18,087             | 20,797                          | 27,195               | 11,946               | 15 <b>,</b> 190    |
| Adjusted EBITDA margin(2)                                   | 36.5%              | 35.8%                           | 38.6%                | 36.3%                | 39.6%              |
| Capital expenditures  Deficiency of earnings to cover fixed | \$ 15,593          | \$ 22,042                       | \$ 20,469            | \$ 10,980            | \$ 7,540           |
| charges(3)  | (129)              | (5,403)                         | (10,232)             | (5,349)              | (313)              |
| Homes passed(4)   | 234,994            | 270,430                         | 315,629              | 307,974              | 315,629            |
| Basic subscribers(5)  | 131,148            | 143,829                         | 172,557              | 172,923              | 173,799            |
| Basic penetration(6)  | 55.8%              | 53.2%                           | 54.7%                | 56.2%                | 55.1%              |
| Digital subscribers   |                    | 65                              | 1,254                | 604                  | 1,580              |
| Premium subscribers(7)                                      | 92,247             | 99,644                          | 122,404              | 122,668              | 122,268            |
| Premium penetration(8)                                      | 70.3%              | 69.3%                           | 70.9%                | 70.9%                | 70.4%              |
| subscriber(9)   | \$ 24.80           | \$ 26.31                        | \$ 28.17             | \$ 28.27             | \$ 30.94           |
| Average monthly total revenue per basic                     |                    |                                 |                      |                      |                    |
| subscriber(10)  | \$ 32.05           | \$ 33.68                        | \$ 35.64             | \$ 33.52             | \$ 37.84           |

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(1) Adjusted EBITDA is defined as operating income (loss) plus depreciation and amortization plus non-cash operating charges. Non-cash operating charges for the years ended December 31, 1996, 1997 and 1998 and the six month periods ended June 30, 1998 and 1999 related to employee stock compensation were \$1,458,000, \$3,519,000, \$7,888,000, \$3,550,000 and a credit of (\$775,000), respectively. Adjusted EBITDA is presented because we believe it is a widely accepted financial indicator of a company's ability to incur and service debt. We believe that Adjusted EBITDA is not intended to be a performance measure that should be regarded as an alternative to, or more meaningful than, either operating income or net income as an indicator of operating performance or to cash provided by operations as a measure of liquidity, is not intended to represent funds available for dividends, reinvestment or other discretionary uses, and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Adjusted EBITDA measures presented may not be comparable to similarly titled measures

(2) Adjusted EBITDA margin represents Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of revenues. This measurement is used by us, and is commonly used in the cable television industry, to analyze and compare cable television companies on the basis of operating performance. We believe that Adjusted EBITDA margin is not intended to be a performance measure that should be regarded as an alternative either to operating income or net income as prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Adjusted EBITDA measures presented may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies.

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- (3) Deficiency of earnings consists of loss before income tax benefit (expense) and cumulative effect of change in accounting principle. Fixed charges consist of interest expense and the interest portion of rental expense.
- (4) Homes passed refers to estimates by us of the approximate number of dwelling units in a particular community that can be connected to our cable television distribution system without any further extension of principal transmission lines.
- (5) A home with one or more television sets connected to a cable system is counted as one basic subscriber. Bulk accounts are included on an equivalent basic unit basis in which the total monthly bill for the account is divided by the basic monthly charge for a single outlet in the area.
- (6) Penetration is calculated as the number of basic subscribers as a percentage of homes passed.
- (7) Each premium channel received is counted as a separate premium subscriber.
- (8) Premium penetration is calculated as the number of premium subscribers as a percentage of basic subscribers.
- (9) Average monthly basic revenue per basic subscriber equals revenues from basic subscriptions of cable systems during the respective period divided by the months in the period and divided by the weighted average number of Buford's basic subscribers for the respective period.
- (10) Average monthly total revenue per basic subscriber equals total revenues of cable systems during the respective period divided by the months in the period and divided by the weighted average number of Buford's basic subscribers for the respective period.

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#### RISK FACTORS

In addition to the other information set forth in this prospectus, you should carefully review the following risk factors before deciding whether to participate in the exchange offer.

WE HAVE SIGNIFICANT DEBT WHICH MAY LIMIT FUNDS AVAILABLE TO OPERATE AND COMPETE EFFECTIVELY.

We have a significant amount of debt outstanding. As of June 30, 1999, pro forma for the Buford acquisition, we would have owed approximately \$450.0 million under our various debt agreements. The maximum amount of senior debt that we would have been able to borrow on that date was \$75.0 million, subject to limitations contained in our new credit facility. Under our new credit facility, we will be required to make minimum principal payments totaling approximately \$3.8 million beginning in 2001, increasing to \$20.6 million by 2007, with all unpaid amounts due by 2008. You should be aware that this significant amount of debt could have important consequences to you as a holder of the notes, including the following:

- We may be unable to obtain additional financing for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and general corporate purposes;
- A significant portion of our cash flow from operations must be dedicated to the repayment of indebtedness, which will reduce the amount of cash we have available for other purposes;
- We may be disadvantaged as compared to our competitors as a result of the significant amount of debt we now owe; and
- Our ability to adjust to changing market conditions and our ability to withstand competition may be hampered by the amount of debt we now owe. It may also make us more vulnerable in a market downturn.

Our earnings on a pro forma basis were not sufficient to cover our fixed charges by \$57.8 million for the year ended December 31, 1998 and by \$23.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 1999. However, you should know that these amounts reflect non-cash charges totaling approximately \$75.3 million for the year ended and \$34.9 million for the six months, primarily from depreciation and amortization.

DESPITE CURRENT INDEBTEDNESS LEVELS, WE AND OUR SUBSIDIARIES WILL BE ABLE TO INCUR SUBSTANTIALLY MORE DEBT. THIS COULD FURTHER EXACERBATE THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH OUR SUBSTANTIAL LEVERAGE.

We and our subsidiaries will be able to incur substantial additional indebtedness in the future. The terms of the indenture and our existing indenture do not fully prohibit us or our subsidiaries from doing so. Our new credit facility permits additional borrowing of up to \$75.0 million, and all of those borrowings would be senior to the notes and the subsidiary guarantees. If new debt is added to our and our subsidiaries' current debt levels, the related risks that we and they now face could intensify. See "Description of Other Indebtedness" and "Description of the Notes and Guarantees."

WE MAY NOT HAVE ENOUGH CASH TO SERVICE OUR INDEBTEDNESS AND TO FUND OUR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES AND ACQUISITIONS.

Our ability to make payments on and to refinance our indebtedness, including these notes, and to fund planned capital expenditures and acquisitions will depend on our ability to generate cash in the future. This, to a certain extent, is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory and other factors that are beyond our control.

We cannot assure you that our business will generate sufficient cash flow from operations, that currently anticipated cost savings and operating improvements will be realized on schedule or that future borrowings will be available to us under our new credit facility in an amount sufficient to enable us to pay our indebtedness, including indebtedness under these notes, or to fund our other liquidity needs. We may need to refinance all or a portion of our indebtedness, including these notes, on or before maturity. We

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cannot assure you that we will be able to refinance any of our indebtedness, including our new credit facility and these notes, on commercially reasonable terms or at all.

IF THE OPERATIONS OF THE COMPANIES WE ACQUIRE ARE NOT SUCCESSFULLY INTEGRATED WITH OUR OPERATIONS, OUR FINANCIAL RESULTS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED.

The benefits we anticipate in the combination of Classic and Buford may not be realized if combining Classic's business and Buford's business cannot be accomplished in an efficient and effective manner. This combination will require, among other things, the integration of management philosophies and personnel, arrangements with third party vendors, standardization of training programs, realization of operating efficiencies and effective coordination of sales and marketing and financial reporting efforts. Acquisitions in general pose a number of special risks for us, including adverse short-term effects on our reported operating results, diversion of management's attention, and

unanticipated problems or legal liabilities. Future acquisitions and the integration of other companies' operations into ours may not be successful or accomplished efficiently. If we fail to integrate Buford's operations successfully, our operations and financial results could be affected, both materially and adversely.

IF WE CANNOT ADEQUATELY MANAGE OUR INCREASED SIZE RESULTING FROM OUR ACQUISITION OF BUFORD, OUR FUTURE OPERATIONS MAY BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED.

Our operations approximately doubled with the purchase of Buford. Our future operations depend largely upon our ability to manage this sizeable and growing business successfully. In addition, our management team now manages a larger number of cable operations than we have previously operated. If we fail to manage the size and the growth of our business, a material adverse effect could result.

WE MAY CONTINUE TO INCUR NET LOSSES.

We had a pro forma net loss of \$55.3 million for the year ended December 31, 1998 and a pro forma net loss of \$23.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 1999. We expect to continue to incur net losses for the foreseeable future. These losses reflect significant depreciation and amortization charges and interest expense on debt we incurred. We cannot assure you that we will become profitable in the foreseeable future, if ever. You should also be aware that there are restrictions and limitations on our ability to utilize our net operating losses for federal income tax purposes in the future. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations -- Results of Operations -- Classic Cable."

OUR DEBT AGREEMENTS MAY SIGNIFICANTLY LIMIT OR PROHIBIT US FROM ENGAGING IN CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS.

The indenture and our new credit facility impose significant operating and financial restrictions on us and our subsidiaries.

The loan documents we signed to borrow money to acquire Buford impose significant restrictive covenants on us and require us to maintain specified financial ratios and satisfy certain financial tests. Our ability to meet these financial ratios and tests may be affected by events beyond our control and, as a result, we cannot assure you that we will be able to meet such tests. In addition, the restrictions contained in our new credit facility could limit our ability to obtain future financing, make needed capital expenditures, withstand a future downturn in our business or in the economy or otherwise conduct necessary corporate activities. Our failure to comply with the restrictions in the indenture and our new credit facility could lead to a default under the terms of those documents. In the event of such a default, our lenders could declare all amounts borrowed and all amounts due under other instruments that contain certain provisions for cross-acceleration or cross-default due and payable. In addition, our lenders could terminate their commitments to lend to us in the future. If that occurs, we cannot assure you that we would be able to make payments on the notes or that we would be able to find additional alternative financing. Even if we could obtain additional alternative financing, we cannot assure you that it would be on terms that are favorable or acceptable to us.

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You should also be aware that the existing indebtedness under the new credit facility is secured by substantially all of our and our subsidiaries' assets. Should a default or acceleration of such indebtedness occur, the holders of such indebtedness could sell the assets to satisfy all or a part of what is owed. Our new credit facility also contains provisions prohibiting the modification of the notes and limiting our ability to refinance the notes. For additional information, please refer to the sections in this prospectus entitled "Description of the Notes and Guarantees -- Certain Covenants" and "Description of Other Indebtedness -- New Credit Facility."

YOUR RIGHTS TO PAYMENT ON THE NOTES ARE SUBORDINATE TO OUR SENIOR DEBT.

The notes will be unsecured and subordinated in right of payment to all of our existing and future senior indebtedness, including obligations under our new credit facility. As a result, in the event of a default in payment of or acceleration of our other indebtedness, or upon the liquidation, reorganization, insolvency, bankruptcy, or dissolution of us, holders of senior indebtedness will be entitled to receive payment in full prior to any payment being made on the notes. As of June 30, 1999, on a pro forma basis, we had approximately \$294.3 million of senior indebtedness. In addition, if any default exists with respect to certain senior indebtedness under our new credit facility and certain other conditions are satisfied, we may not make any payments on the notes for a

designated period of time. As a result of the subordination provisions, upon the occurrence of any such event, there may be insufficient assets remaining after payment of senior indebtedness to pay amounts due on the notes. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations -- Liquidity and Capital Resources" and "Description of the Notes and Guarantees -- Ranking."

WE MAY NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO RAISE THE FUNDS NECESSARY TO FINANCE THE CHANGE OF CONTROL OFFER REQUIRED BY THE INDENTURE TO PURCHASE THESE NOTES.

If we have or Classic Communications has a change of control in the future, we will be required to make an offer to purchase all of the notes outstanding at that time. We will be required to purchase the notes at 101% of their principal amount, plus accrued and unpaid interest and additional interest, if any, to the date of repurchase. If a change of control occurs, we cannot be sure that we will have enough funds to pay for all of the notes. If we are required to purchase the notes, we will need to secure third-party financing if we do not have available funds to meet our purchase obligations. However, we cannot assure you that we will be able to secure such financing on favorable terms, if at all.

Also, our financing arrangements will restrict our ability to repurchase the notes, including pursuant to a change of control. Furthermore, a change of control will result in an event of default under our new credit facility and may lead to an acceleration of any other senior indebtedness we may have at that time. In such event, the subordination provisions of the notes would require us to pay our new credit facility and any other senior indebtedness in full before repurchasing notes. In addition, a change of control could require us to repurchase our existing notes. See "Description of the Notes and Guarantees -- Repurchase at the Option of Holders -- Change of Control." The inability to repay senior indebtedness, if accelerated, and to purchase all of the tendered notes, would constitute an event of default under the indenture.

BRERA CLASSIC WILL INDIRECTLY BE OUR CONTROLLING STOCKHOLDER.

As a result of making the Brera Classic equity investment, Brera Classic beneficially owns approximately 64% of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock of Classic Communications, our parent. Brera Classic will therefor indirectly control us and, through its control of Classic Communications, will have the ability to elect the majority of our directors. The board, in turn, may appoint new senior management and approve any actions requiring the approval of our stockholder, Classic Communications. These actions include adopting amendments to our certificate of incorporation and approving mergers or sales of substantially all of our assets. The interests of Brera Classic and Classic and their respective affiliates may conflict with the interests of the holders of the notes.

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OUR BUSINESS DEPENDS ON A LIMITED NUMBER OF KEY PERSONNEL. THE LOSS OF ANY ONE OF THESE COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR BUSINESS.

Our continued success is highly dependent upon the personal efforts and abilities of our senior management, including J. Merritt Belisle, our Chief Executive Officer, and Steven E. Seach, our President and Chief Financial Officer. Although we have employment contracts with these officers, we cannot assure you that their services will continue to be available to us and the loss of either one of them could impact us in a negative way.

WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE OUR ACQUISITION STRATEGY.

A significant element of our growth strategy is to expand by acquiring cable television systems located in reasonable proximity to existing systems or of a sufficient size to enable the acquired system to serve as the basis for a regional cluster. We cannot assure you that we will be able to identify and acquire additional cable systems or that we will be able to finance significant acquisitions in the future. See "Business -- Our Strategy."

WE CANNOT ASSURE YOU THAT OUR FRANCHISES WILL BE RENEWED OR THAT A FRANCHISE AUTHORITY WILL NOT GRANT A FRANCHISE IN OUR MARKETS TO A COMPETITOR.

Our business is dependent upon the retention and renewal of our local franchises. Franchises typically impose conditions relating to the operation of cable television systems, including requirements relating to the payment of fees, system bandwidth capacity, customer service requirements, franchise renewal and termination. Historically, franchises have been renewed for cable operators that have provided satisfactory services and have complied with the terms of their franchises. We may not be able to retain or renew such franchises, or renew these franchises on terms as favorable to us as our existing franchises. Furthermore, it is possible that a franchise authority

might grant a franchise to another cable company or other telecommunications provider seeking to provide cable services. The non-renewal or termination of franchises relating to a significant portion of our subscribers could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. See "Business -- Franchises."

OUR BUSINESS IS SUBJECT TO COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENT REGULATION.

The cable television industry is subject to extensive regulation at the federal and local levels, and in some cases, at the state level. The 1984 Cable Act, the 1992 Cable Act and the 1996 Telecom Act establish a national policy to guide the development and regulation of cable television systems. Principal responsibility for implementing the policies of the Cable Acts and 1996 Telecom Act has been allocated between the FCC and state or local regulatory authorities. We cannot predict the effect that ongoing or future developments may have on the cable communications industry or on our operations and we cannot assure you that our revenues and results of operations will not be adversely affected in the future by regulation of cable system rates.

A federal district court in Oregon recently held that, as a condition of approving AT&T's acquisition of TCI's cable franchises, the City of Portland had the authority to require AT&T to provide competing Internet and other on-line services providers with open access to AT&T's cable platforms. This case has been appealed. Similar conditions could be imposed upon us, either pursuant to a local franchising authority's approval of a merger or other transaction between us and another company or through future regulatory or legislative developments at the federal, state or local level. On the other hand, future regulatory or legislative developments at the federal or state level could limit the authority of local franchising authorities to impose such conditions. Restrictions along these lines, if upheld or enacted, could prohibit us from entering into exclusive access agreements with affiliated, and possibly unaffiliated, Internet providers.

A number of states subject cable television systems to the jurisdiction of centralized state governmental agencies. Although no state in which we currently operate has enacted state level regulation, we cannot assure you that the states in which we do operate will not enact such regulation, or that we will not acquire any other cable systems in a state that does regulate our business. See "Legislation and Regulation -- State and Local Regulation." Government regulations at any level may affect our ability to

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obtain a sufficient return on our investments. Furthermore, the regulations are changing rapidly to allow significantly increased competition among various service providers. As a result, we cannot predict the eventual effect of these regulations. See "Legislation and Regulation." We closed the Buford acquisition and the Brera Classic equity investment using temporary licenses from the FCC in certain limited instances. While we do not anticipate problems in obtaining final approval, our ability to operate some of our systems could be significantly impaired if we cannot obtain final approval. With respect to a small number of other licenses, additional filings will be required to ensure compliance with the FCC's foreign ownership restrictions.

THE CABLE TELEVISION INDUSTRY IS EXTREMELY COMPETITIVE AND WE CANNOT PREDICT WHETHER WE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN REMAINING COMPETITIVE.

Because our franchises are non-exclusive, there is the potential for competition with our cable systems from other operators of cable systems, including systems operated by local governments and from other distribution systems capable of delivering programming to homes or businesses, including direct broadcast satellite systems, known as DBS, and multichannel multipoint distribution service systems, known as wireless cable, because these systems use low-power microwave frequencies to transmit video programming over the air to customers. Within the home video programming market, we compete with other cable franchise holders and with DBS and wireless cable providers. In recent years, the FCC has adopted policies providing for a more favorable operating environment for new and existing technologies that provide, or have the potential to provide, substantial competition to cable systems. Programming comparable to that of cable systems is currently available to the owners of home satellite dish earth stations through conventional-, medium- and high-powered satellites. Several companies offer DBS service. In recent years there has been significant national growth in the number of subscribers to DBS services, and such growth would be assisted if one or more DBS providers is successful in delivering local broadcast signals. Legislation to amend the Copyright Act to authorize carriage of local broadcast signals by DBS providers has passed both chambers of Congress and is currently pending before a conference committee.

In addition, recent FCC and judicial decisions and federal legislation has

enabled local telephone companies to provide a wide variety of video services competitive with services provided by cable systems and to provide cable services directly to customers. We cannot predict the extent to which competition will materialize from other cable television operators, other distribution systems for delivering video programming to the home or other potential competitors, or, if such competition materializes, the extent of its effect on us. Various local exchange carriers currently are providing video programming services within and outside their telephone service areas through a variety of distribution methods, including both the deployment of broadband cable facilities and the use of wireless transmission facilities. Advances in communications technology, as well as changes in the marketplace and the regulatory and legislative environment, are constantly occurring. As a result, we cannot predict the effect that ongoing or future developments might have on the cable industry. See "Business -- Competition" and "Legislation and Regulation."

WE COULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED IF OUR OR OUR VENDORS' COMPUTER SYSTEMS ARE NOT YEAR 2000 COMPLIANT.

Year 2000 issues exist when dates are recorded in computers using two digits, rather than four, and are then used for arithmetic operations, comparisons or sorting. A two-digit recording may recognize a date using "00" as 1900 rather than 2000, which could cause our computer systems to perform inaccurate computations. We may not be able to identify all systems with Year 2000 problems. Moreover, the costs to correct these problems may be substantial. Also we may not be able to correct the problems we identify. You should be aware that Year 2000 issues relate not only to our systems, but also to those used by our suppliers. We anticipate that system replacements and modifications will resolve any Year 2000 issues that may exist with our suppliers or their suppliers. However, we cannot assure you that such replacements or modifications will be completed successfully or on time and, as a result, any failure to complete such modifications on time could materially affect our financial and operating results in a negative way. For additional information regarding the Year 2000 issue and the potential impact on our business, refer to the

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section in this prospectus entitled "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations -- Year 2000 Compliance."

WE ARE A HOLDING COMPANY AND ARE DEPENDENT ON THE OPERATIONS OF OUR SUBSIDIARIES.

We are a holding company and are dependent on the cash flow generated by our direct and indirect operating subsidiaries. We must rely on dividends or other intercompany transfers from our operating subsidiaries to generate the funds necessary to meet debt service and other obligations, including the payment of principal and interest on the notes. The ability of our subsidiaries to pay dividends or make other payments will be subject to applicable state laws.

THE INCURRENCE OF THIS INDEBTEDNESS MAY BE VOIDED BY A COURT IF THE COURT DETERMINES THAT THE INCURRENCE OF THIS INDEBTEDNESS RESULTED IN A FRAUDULENT TRANSFER.

In the event of the bankruptcy or insolvency of any of the subsidiary guarantors, the incurrence by each subsidiary guarantor of its guarantee of these notes would be subject to review under relevant federal and state fraudulent conveyance and similar statutes in a bankruptcy or reorganization case or a lawsuit by or on behalf of creditors of such subsidiary guarantor. Under those statutes, if a court were to find that the subsidiary guarantee was incurred with the intent of hindering, delaying or defrauding creditors or that such subsidiary guarantor received less than a reasonably equivalent value or fair consideration therefor and, at the time of its incurrence, the subsidiary guarantor either (A) was insolvent or rendered insolvent by reason thereof, (B) was engaged in a business or transaction for which its remaining unencumbered assets constituted unreasonably small capital, or (C) intended to or believed that it would incur debts beyond its ability to pay as they matured or became due, the court could void those obligations.

The measure of insolvency for purposes of a fraudulent conveyance claim will vary depending upon the law of the jurisdiction being applied. Generally, however, a company is considered insolvent at a particular time if the sum of its debts is greater than the then fair value of its assets, or if the fair salable value of its assets is less than the amount that would be required to pay its probable liability on its existing debts as they become absolute and mature. As of June 30, 1999, pro forma for the Buford acquisition, we would have had total indebtedness of approximately \$450.0 million and we believe that the total fair value of our assets is not less than that amount. We believe that

each of our subsidiary guarantors is (A) neither insolvent nor rendered insolvent by the incurrence of its subsidiary guarantee, (B) in possession of sufficient capital to run its business effectively, and (C) incurring debts within its ability to pay as the same mature or become due. We cannot assure you, however, that the assumptions and methodologies used by us in reaching our conclusions about the solvency of the subsidiary guarantors would be adopted by a court or that a court would concur with those conclusions.

In the event that the subsidiary guarantee of a subsidiary guarantor was voided as a fraudulent conveyance, holders of the notes would effectively be subordinated to all indebtedness and other liabilities and commitments of such subsidiary guarantor.

YOU MAY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SELL YOUR NOTES.

Currently, there is no public market for the notes. We do not intend to apply for listing of the notes on any securities exchange or on any automated dealer quotation system. Although the initial purchasers have informed us that they intend to make a market in the notes, they are not obligated to do so and may discontinue any such market at any time without notice. As a result, we can make no assurances to you as to the development or liquidity of any market for the notes, your ability to sell the notes, or the price at which you may be able to sell the notes. Future trading prices of the notes will depend on many factors, including, among other things, prevailing interest rates, our operating results and the market for similar securities. Historically, the market for securities similar to the notes, including non-investment grade debt, has been subject to disruptions that have caused substantial volatility in the prices of such securities. We cannot assure you that, if a market develops, it will not be subject to similar disruptions.

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#### USE OF PROCEEDS OF THE EXCHANGE NOTES

This exchange offer is intended to satisfy our obligations under the exchange and registration rights agreement dated as of July 28, 1999 by and between Classic and Goldman, Sachs & Co., Merrill Lynch & Co., and Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, as initial purchasers. We will not receive any cash proceeds from the issuance of the exchange notes. We will only receive old notes with a total principal amount equal to the total principal amount of the exchange notes issued in the exchange offer.

We financed the Buford acquisition through certain financing arrangements, consisting of a \$250.0 million new credit facility and the issuance of \$150.0 million of senior subordinated notes due 2009. See "Description of Other Indebtedness." In addition, approximately \$95.7 million in cash was contributed to us by Classic Communications pursuant to the Brera Classic equity investment. See "Brera Classic Equity Investment." The sources and uses of funds for the Buford acquisition were as follows:

| <pre> SOURCES OF FUNDS: The offering of new subordinated notes. The offering of new subordinated notes. The Brera Classic equity investment (net of fees of and expense reimbursements to Brera Classic)  Total sources of funds.  Total sources of funds.  Substitute of existing credit facility.  Substitute of existing credit f</pre> | 4 | <table></table>                          |                     |
|--|---|--|---------------------|
| The offering of new subordinated notes. \$150,000  The Brera Classic equity investment (net of fees of and expense reimbursements to Brera Classic). 95,748  New credit facility. 175,000  Total sources of funds. \$420,748  ======  USES OF FUNDS: Retirement of existing credit facility. \$97,050  Buford acquisition. 297,783  Fees and expenses: Deferred financing costs. 16,875 Other transaction costs 5,200  Working capital. 3,840  |   | <\$>                                     | <c></c>             |
| The Brera Classic equity investment (net of fees of and expense reimbursements to Brera Classic).  New credit facility   | : | SOURCES OF FUNDS:                        |                     |
| expense reimbursements to Brera Classic)       95,748         New credit facility       175,000         Total sources of funds       \$420,748         USES OF FUNDS:         Retirement of existing credit facility       \$ 97,050         Buford acquisition       297,783         Fees and expenses:       16,875         Other transaction costs       5,200         Working capital       3,840  |   |  | \$150,000           |
| Total sources of funds. \$420,748 ======  USES OF FUNDS: Retirement of existing credit facility. \$ 97,050 Buford acquisition. 297,783 Fees and expenses: Deferred financing costs. 16,875 Other transaction costs. 5,200 Working capital. 3,840   |   | expense reimbursements to Brera Classic) |                     |
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| Retirement of existing credit facility. \$ 97,050 Buford acquisition. 297,783 Fees and expenses: Deferred financing costs. 16,875 Other transaction costs. 5,200 Working capital. 3,840  |   | Total sources of funds                   | \$420,748<br>====== |
| Buford acquisition   | Ţ | USES OF FUNDS:                           |                     |
| Fees and expenses:  Deferred financing costs. 16,875  Other transaction costs 5,200  Working capital. 3,840  | ] | Retirement of existing credit facility   | \$ 97,050           |
| Deferred financing costs   |   | 1  | 297 <b>,</b> 783    |
| Working capital  |   | ±  | 16,875              |
|  | ( | Other transaction costs                  | 5,200               |
| Total uses of funds  | Ī | Working capital                          | 3,840               |
|  |   | Total uses of funds                      | \$420,748<br>====== |

The amount set forth above under the caption "Other transaction costs" represents compensation-related payments related to the Buford acquisition and the Brera Classic equity investment.

#### UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Financial Information is based on the audited and unaudited financial statements of Classic and Buford, included elsewhere in this prospectus, and unaudited financial information of certain systems acquired by Classic in July 1998 from Cable One and certain systems acquired by Buford in April 1998. The unaudited pro forma adjustments are based upon available information and certain assumptions that we believe are reasonable. The Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Financial Information and accompanying notes should be read in conjunction with the historical financial statements of Classic and Buford and the respective notes to those statements, and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" appearing elsewhere in this prospectus.

The Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet has been prepared to give effect to the financing we entered into in connection with the Buford acquisition as if it had occurred on June 30, 1999. The Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Statements of Operations have been prepared to give effect to the Buford acquisition and the other acquisitions completed by both Classic and Buford during 1998 as if they had occurred on January 1, 1998. All acquisitions are accounted for under the purchase method of accounting. The Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Financial Information reflects our allocation of the purchase price for the Buford acquisition based upon our current estimates of the values of the assets to be acquired and liabilities assumed. The final purchase price and the allocation of that price may vary as additional information is obtained and, accordingly, the ultimate allocation may differ from those used in the Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Financial Information.

The Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Financial Information does not purport to be indicative of the results that would have been obtained had the transactions been completed as of the assumed date and for the periods presented or that may be obtained in the future. The Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Financial Information is included in this prospectus for informational purposes, and while we believe that it may be helpful in understanding our combined operations for the periods indicated, you should not unduly rely on the information.

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# CLASSIC CABLE, INC. UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS OF JUNE 30, 1999 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

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| G.12 12 G.17  | CLASSIC CABLE                                   | BUFORD  | TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS  | PRO FORMA   |
|---|---|---|--|---|
| <\$>  | <c></c>   | <c></c>   | <c></c>  | <c></c>   |
| ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents  | \$ 638<br>5,136<br>1,341<br>135,177<br>(47,486) | \$ 2,890<br>2,846<br>484<br>208,268<br>(96,913) | 3,840(w)<br><br>\$(85,059)(d)(1)<br>96,913(e)                  | \$ 7,368<br>7,982<br>1,825<br>258,386<br>(47,486)       |
| Advances to parent  Deferred financing costs, net Other assets Intangible assets: Subscriber relationships Franchise rights | 87,691<br>519<br>6,429<br><br>95,367<br>71,500  | 111,355<br><br>142<br>2,444<br><br>54,417       | 11,854<br><br>14,370(f)(u)(x)<br><br>82,042(m)<br>31,877(g)(n) | 210,900<br>519<br>20,941<br>2,444<br>177,409<br>157,794 |
| Noncompete agreementsGoodwill   | 8,425<br>40,865<br><br>216,157                  | 7,434<br>3,203<br><br>65,054                    | (441) (h) (o)<br>(1,741) (i) (p)<br><br>111,737                | 15,418<br>42,327<br><br>392,948                         |
| Less accumulated amortization   | (76,415)<br><br>139,742<br>                     | (18,613)<br><br>46,441<br>                      | 18,613(j)<br><br>130,350                                       | (76,415)<br><br>316,533<br>                             |
| Total assets  | \$241,496<br>======                             | \$166,602<br>======                             | \$160,414<br>======  | \$568,512<br>======                                     |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY Liabilities: Accounts payable  | \$ 489  | \$ 491  |  | \$ 980  |
| necounted payable   | 7 707   | ~ 1JI   |  | φ 500   |

| Subscriber deposits and unearned income | 5,203     | 2,341     |                       | 7,544             |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Accrued expenses                        | 5,465     | 7,073     |                       | 12,538            |
| Accrued interest                        | 5,731     |           |                       | 5,731             |
| Long-term debt                          | 222,016   | 112,000   | \$115,950(k)(q)(s)(t) | 449,966           |
| Deferred taxes, net                     | 1,017     | 976       |                       | 1,993             |
|   |           |           |                       |                   |
| Total liabilities                       | 239,921   | 122,881   | 115,950               | 478,752           |
| Stockholders' equity:                   |           |           |                       |                   |
| Common stock                            |           | 1         | (1) (a)               |                   |
| Additional paid-in capital              | 86,805    | 14,058    | 81,690(b)(r)()        | 182,553           |
| Accumulated deficit                     | (85,230)  | 29,662    | (37,225) (c) (v) (x)  | (92 <b>,</b> 793) |
| Total stockholders' equity              | 1,575     | 43,721    | 44,464                | 89,760            |
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| Total liabilities and stockholders'     |           |           |                       |                   |
| equity                                  | \$241,496 | \$166,602 | \$160,414             | \$568,512         |
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See Notes to Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet.

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CLASSIC CABLE, INC.

NOTES TO UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

AS OF JUNE 30, 1999

(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

The following pro forma adjustments to the unaudited consolidated balance sheet assume the Buford acquisition and the related financing had been consummated on June 30, 1999.

The Buford acquisition will be accounted for using the purchase method. The cost of the acquisition will be allocated to the fair value of the assets acquired, based upon valuations that are not yet complete. Accordingly, the allocations of the purchase price may change upon completion of the acquisition.

The estimated purchase price of Buford and the preliminary allocations are as follows:

#### <S> <C> <C> Purchase price of Buford..... \$ 297,783 Eliminate Buford equity: (a) Common stock.... (b) Additional paid-in capital..... 14,058 (c) Accumulated deficit..... 29,662 43,721 Total Buford equity..... Eliminate historical property, plant and equipment: (d) Costs..... (208, 268)(e) Accumulated deprecation..... 96,913 Eliminate historical intangible assets: (f) Deferred financing costs..... (142)(g) Franchise rights..... (54,417)(7,434)(h) Noncompete agreements..... (i) Goodwill and other intangible assets..... (3,203)(j) Accumulated amortization..... 18,613 (k) Eliminate long-term debt not assumed...... 112,000 Adjustments to record assets at fair value: (1) 123,209 Property, plant and equipment..... (m) Subscriber relationships..... 86,294 Franchise rights..... (n) (0) Noncompete agreements..... Goodwill.... 1,462 Total..... \$ 297,783

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Sources and uses of funds for the Buford acquisition are as follows:

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| working capital  |  |
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| Working capital  | 3,840  |
| Other transaction costs  | 5,200  |
| Deferred financing costs   | 16,875   |
| 1  | 297 <b>,</b> 783   |
| Retirement of existing credit facility   | \$ 97,050  |
|  | \$420,748<br>======  |
|  | 0400 740   |
| New credit facility  | 175,000  |
| The Brera Classic equity investment (net of fees of and expense reimbursements to Brera Classic) | 95 <b>,</b> 748  |
| SOURCES OF FUNDS: The offering of new subordinated notes   | \$150,000  |
|  | The offering of new subordinated notes.  The Brera Classic equity investment (net of fees of and expense reimbursements to Brera Classic).  New credit facility.  Total sources of funds.  USES OF FUNDS: Retirement of existing credit facility.  Buford acquisition.  Fees and expenses: |

(x) Concurrent with the Buford acquisition, we will write off unamortized deferred financing costs of \$2,363 related to the existing credit facility. The charge for the write off will be reflected as an extraordinary charge in the income statement for the period during which the Buford acquisition is closed. No such charge is included in the pro forma income statement information presented in this prospectus.

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#### CLASSIC CABLE, INC.

UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

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|  | CLASSIC<br>CABLE | CABLE<br>ONE | BUFORD          | BUFORD<br>1998<br>ACQUISITION | TOTAL<br>ADJUSTMENTS | PRO<br>FORMA      |
|--|------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| <\$>   | <c></c>          | <c></c>      | <c></c>         | <c></c>                       | <c></c>              | <c></c>           |
| Revenues Operating expenses:                 | \$ 69,802        | \$6,564      | \$ 70,475       | \$3,056                       |                      | \$149,897         |
| Programming                                  | 17,840           | 1,831        | 18,339          | 708                           |                      | 38,718            |
| Plant and operating                          | 8,437            | 815          | 6 <b>,</b> 937  | 397                           |                      | 16,586            |
| General and administrative                   | 11,295           | 1,037        | 16,183          | 557                           |                      | 29,072            |
| Marketing and advertising                    | 850              | 97           | 345             |                               |                      | 1,292             |
| Corporate overhead                           | 3,648            |              | 9,364           | 99                            | \$ (1,490)(a)        | 11,621            |
| Depreciation and amortization                | 30,531           | 529          | 21,399          | 750<br>                       | 13,048(b)            | 66 <b>,</b> 257   |
| Total operating expenses                     | 72 <b>,</b> 601  | 4,309        | 72 <b>,</b> 567 | 2,511                         | 11,558               | 163,546           |
| Operating income (loss)                      |                  |              | (2,092)         | 545                           | (11,558)             | , ,               |
| Interest expense                             |                  |              |                 | (34)                          | (14,651)(c)          | , . ,             |
| Other income (expense)                       | (28)             | (648)        | (221)           | 1                             |                      | (896)             |
| <pre>Income (loss) before income taxes</pre> | (23,515)         | 1,607        | (10,232)        | 512                           | (26,209)             | (57 <b>,</b> 837) |
| Income tax benefit                           | 2 <b>,</b> 339   |              | 226             |                               | (d)                  | 2,565             |
| Net Income (loss)                            | \$(21,176)       | \$1,607      | \$(10,006)      | \$ 512                        | \$(26,209)           | \$ (55,272)       |
|  |                  |              |                 |                               |                      |                   |

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CLASSIC CABLE, INC.

UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1999
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

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|                               | CLASSIC<br>CABLE | BUFORD   | TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS | PRO FORMA AS ADJUSTED |
|-------------------------------|------------------|----------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| <\$>                          | <c></c>          | <c></c>  | <c></c>           | <c></c>               |
| Revenues                      | \$ 39,286        | \$38,398 | \$                | \$ 77,684             |
| Operating expenses:           |                  |          |                   |                       |
| Programming                   | 10,427           | 10,430   |                   | 20,857                |
| Plant and operating           | 4,401            | 3,377    |                   | 7,778                 |
| General and administrative    | 5 <b>,</b> 755   | 8,461    |                   | 14,216                |
| Marketing and advertising     | 452              | 237      |                   | 689                   |
| Corporate overhead            | 1,725            | (72)     | (507)(a)          | 1,146                 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 18,096           | 12,105   | 4,788(b)          | 34,989                |
| Total operating expenses      | 40,856           | 34,538   | 4,281             | 79 <b>,</b> 675       |
| Income (loss) from operations | (1,570)          |          | (4,281)           | (1,991)               |
| Interest expense              | (10,675)         | (4,095)  | (6,860)(c)        | (21,630)              |
| Other income (expense)        |                  | (78)     |                   | (63)                  |
| Loss before income taxes      | (12,230)         | (313)    | (11,141)          | (23,684)              |
| Income tax benefit            |                  | 210      | (d)               | 210                   |
| Net loss                      | \$(12,230)       | \$ (103) | \$ (11,141)       | \$ (23,474)           |
|                               |                  |          |                   |                       |

See the Notes to Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Statements of Operations.

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#### CLASSIC CABLE, INC.

## NOTES TO UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

The accompanying Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Statements of Operations for the year ended December 31, 1998 and the six months ended June 30, 1999 reflect the pro forma adjustments described below as if the Buford acquisition and the related financing as well as acquisitions completed in 1998 by Classic and Buford all occurred on January 1, 1998. The Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Statements of Operations combine the historical results of operations of Classic with those of Buford and the completed acquisitions. These statements reflect the following adjustments for the period indicated:

- (a) Classic has formulated a restructuring plan whereby certain identified employees of Buford's corporate management will be terminated. The functions of these employees were duplicative with those of Classic and there is no expectation that the revenues generated by the Buford systems will be adversely affected by the restructuring plan. The costs associated with these employees was \$1,490 and \$507 for the year ended December 31, 1998 and the six months ended June 30, 1999, respectively.
- (b) Represents pro forma adjustments to depreciation and amortization in connection with the Buford acquisition and the completed acquisitions. The depreciation and amortization expense of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets acquired, net of elimination of depreciation and amortization expense on historical assets, is as follows:

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

|   | YEAR ENDED<br>DECEMBER 31,<br>1998 | SIX MONTHS<br>ENDED<br>JUNE 30, 1999 |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <\$>  | <c></c>                            | <c></c>                              |
| Depreciation and amortization expense on the purchased basis of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets |                                    |                                      |
| acquired  Elimination of historical depreciation and amortization   | \$ 35 <b>,</b> 726                 | \$ 16,893                            |
| expense   | (22,678)                           | (12,105)                             |
| Total adjustment to depreciation and  |                                    |                                      |
| amortization  | \$ 13,048                          | \$ 4,788                             |
|   | ======                             | ======                               |

</TABLE>

The property, plant, and equipment and intangible assets acquired in connection with the Buford acquisition are estimated below:

| DEPRECIATION/ |
|---------------|
| AMORTIZATION  |
| PERIOD        |
| (YEARS)       |
|               |
| <c></c>       |

DEPRECIATION/

| <\$>                                  | <c></c> | <c></c> |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Land                                  | \$ 888  |         |
| Buildings                             | 3,909   | 30      |
| Leasehold improvements                | 818     | 7       |
| Vehicles                              | 3,766   | 5       |
| Cable television distribution systems | 43,940  | 12      |
| UHF system                            | 9,280   | 7       |
| Mobile radio equipment                | 364     | 7       |
| Headend electronics                   | 26,406  | 7       |
| Headend tower and antennae            | 11,077  | 7       |
| Microwave equipment                   | 4,657   | 7       |
| Shop and test equipment               | 5,517   | 7       |
| Drops                                 | 9,622   | 7       |
| Furniture and fixtures                | 1,608   | 7       |
| Office equipment                      | 986     | 7       |
| Computer hardware and equipment       |         |         |

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|                          |           | AMORTIZATION PERIOD (YEARS) |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| <\$>                     | <c></c>   | <c></c>                     |
| Computer software        | 49        | 3                           |
| Subscriber relationships | 82,042    | 12                          |
| Franchise rights         | 86,294    | 8                           |
| Noncompete agreements    | 6,993     | 5                           |
| Goodwill                 | 1,462     | 20                          |
|                          |           |                             |
|                          | \$300,000 |                             |
|                          |           |                             |

#### </TABLE>

#### (c) Represents:

- interest expense on the new credit facility using a current interest rate of 7.75% and 8.00% for the Term A and the Term B loans, respectively, per annum,
- interest expense on the notes using a rate of 9.375% per annum,
- amortization expense of deferred financing fees related to the new debt under our financing,
- elimination of historical interest expense related to Buford's debt not assumed, and
- elimination of historical interest expense from the repayment of the current credit facility with proceeds from the financing and elimination of the related amortization of deferred financing costs, as follows:

## <TABLE> <CAPTION>

| CAPITON  | YEAR ENDED<br>DECEMBER 31, 1998 | SIX MONTHS ENDED<br>JUNE 30, 1999 |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <\$>   | <c></c>                         | <c></c>                           |
| Interest expense on the new credit facility  | \$ 13,813*                      | \$ 6,907*                         |
| Interest expense on the new subordinated notes   | 14,063                          | 7,032                             |
| Full year interest expense on the exchange notes Amortization expense of deferred financing fees related to                | 7,612                           |                                   |
| the financing  Elimination of historical interest expense on the current credit facility and subordinated debt and related | 1,869                           | 934                               |
| amortization of deferred financing costs   | (22,706)                        | (8,013)                           |

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- \* The total effect of a 1/8% variance in the interest rate would be \$219 and \$109, respectively.
  - (d) Represents the:
    - tax effect of pro forma adjustments,
    - recognition of tax expense for the acquired systems which were historically not allocated tax expense by their former parent, and
    - the effect of recording a valuation allowance on excess deferred tax assets arising from pro forma adjustments.

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We record a tax benefit only to the extent existing deferred tax liabilities reverse within the appropriate period to offset deferred tax assets. These reversing liabilities will be fully recognized in 1998, and a valuation allowance remains on 100% of the remaining deferred tax assets. As a result, the ratable tax benefit to be realized is limited, resulting in an effective rate of less than 5%.

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| CAFILON  | YEAR ENDED<br>DECEMBER 31,<br>1998 | SIX MONTHS<br>ENDED<br>JUNE 30, 1999 |
|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <\$>   | <c></c>                            | <c></c>                              |
| Total pro forma adjustments  Tax rate                          | (26,209)<br>34%                    | (11,141)<br>34%                      |
|  | 8,911                              | 3,788                                |
| Total Cable One and the Buford 1998 acquisition pre tax income | 2,119<br>34%                       | <br>34%                              |
|  | (720)                              |                                      |
| Effect of valuation allowance                                  | (8,191)                            | (3,788)                              |
| Total adjustment to income tax benefit                         |                                    |                                      |
| (/33.57.5)   |                                    |                                      |

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SELECTED HISTORICAL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA -- CLASSIC CABLE, INC.

The following table presents selected historical financial data about Classic. You should read this information together with "Summary Historical Financial and Operating Data -- Classic Cable, Inc.," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," and Classic's consolidated financial statements and the notes relating to those statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

Classic's selected historical financial data as of and for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 1998 have been derived from Classic's consolidated financial statements, which have been audited and reported upon by Ernst & Young LLP. The historical data for the six months ended June 30, 1998 and 1999 have been derived from Classic's unaudited financial statements. The unaudited financial statements contain all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals, which Classic considers necessary for a fair presentation of its financial position and results of operations for these periods.

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

> SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30,

|   | 1994              | 1995               | 1996                   | 1997              | 1998             | 1998       | 1999                |  |
|---|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------|--|
|   |                   |                    | (DOLLA                 | ARS IN THOUS      |                  |            |                     |  |
| <\$>  | <c></c>           | <c></c>            | <c></c>                | <c></c>           | <c></c>          | <c></c>    | <c></c>             |  |
| INCOME STATEMENT DATA:                            |                   |                    |                        |                   |                  |            |                     |  |
| Revenues  | \$16,019          | \$ 36,677          | \$ 59,821              | \$ 60,995         | \$ 69,802        | \$ 32,214  | \$ 39,286           |  |
| Costs and expenses                                | 8,372             | 18,911             | 33,553                 | 36,555            | 42,070           | 19,038     | 22,760              |  |
| Depreciation and amortization                     | 6,383             | 16,427             | 27,510                 | 27,832            | 30,531           | 14,169     | 18,096              |  |
|   |                   |                    |                        |                   |                  |            |                     |  |
| Operating income (loss)                           | 1,264             | 1,339              | (1,242)                | (3,392)           | (2 <b>,</b> 799) | (993)      | (1,570)             |  |
| Interest expense                                  | (4 <b>,</b> 975)  | (14, 132)          | (20,164)               | (20 <b>,</b> 759) | (20,688)         | (10, 223)  | (10,675)            |  |
| Gain on sale of cable systems                     | 115               |                    | 4,901                  | 3,644             |                  |            |                     |  |
| Write-off of abandoned telephone operations       |                   |                    | (2,994)                | (500)             | (220)            |            |                     |  |
| Other income (expense)                            |                   |                    |                        | 71                | 192              | 64         | 15                  |  |
| Loss before income tax benefit, minority interest |                   |                    |                        |                   |                  |            |                     |  |
| and extraordinary loss                            | (3,596)           | (12,793)           | (19,499)               | (20,936)          | (23,515)         | (11,152)   | (12,230)            |  |
| Income tax benefit                                | 1,121             | 4,510              | 6,633                  | 7,149             | 2,339            | 1,371      | (12,230)            |  |
| Extraordinary loss                                | 1,121             | (4,054)            | 0,033                  | 7,149             | (5,524)          | 1,3/1      |                     |  |
| 2   |                   | (4,054)            |                        |                   | (5,524)          |            |                     |  |
| Minority interest in net loss of subsidiary       | 46                |                    |                        |                   |                  |            |                     |  |
| Net loss  | \$(2,429)         | \$(12,337)         | \$(12,866)             | \$(13,787)        | \$(26,700)       | \$ (9,781) | \$(12,230)          |  |
| Net 1055  | Ψ(Z <b>,</b> 423) | Ψ(12 <b>,</b> 337) | \$ (12,000)<br>======= | (13 <b>,</b> 767) | =======          | =======    | 7 (12 <b>,</b> 230) |  |
| BALANCE SHEET DATA (END OF PERIOD):               |                   |                    |                        |                   |                  |            |                     |  |
| Total assets                                      | \$96,136          | \$271,496          | \$245,987              | \$220,218         | \$252,445        |            | \$241,496           |  |
| Total debt  | 58,161            | 204.646            | 193,998                | 187,967           | 220,804          |            | 222,016             |  |
| Total liabilities                                 | 78,251            | 229,426            | 215,826                | 202,887           | 239,303          |            | 239,921             |  |
| Total redeemable preferred stock                  | 12,332            | 1,292              | 1,292                  | 1,293             |                  |            |                     |  |
| Total stockholders' equity                        | 5,553             | 40,777             | 28,868                 | 16,038            | 13,142           |            | 1,575               |  |

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SELECTED HISTORICAL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA -- BUFORD GROUP, INC.

The following table presents selected historical financial data about Buford. You should read this information together with "Summary Historical Financial and Operating Data -- Buford Group, Inc.," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," and Buford's consolidated financial statements and the notes relating to those statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

The selected data presented below under the headings "Income Statement Data" and "Balance Sheet Data," for and as of the end of each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 1998 are derived from Buford's consolidated financial statements, which financial statements have been audited by KPMG LLP, independent certified public accountants. The consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 1998, and the auditors' report thereon, are included elsewhere in this prospectus. The historical data for the six months ended June 30, 1998 and 1999 have been derived from Buford's unaudited financial statements. The unaudited financial statements contain all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals, which Buford considers necessary for a fair presentation of Buford's financial position and results of operations for these periods.

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

|  | YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, |                  |                  |                  | SIX MONT<br>ENDED JUNE |          |           |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------|----------|-----------|
|  | 1994                    | 1995             | 1996             | 1997             | 1998                   | 1998     | 1999      |
|  |                         |                  | (DOLLAF          | RS IN THOUS      | ANDS)                  |          |           |
| <pre><s> INCOME STATEMENT DATA:</s></pre>  | <c></c>                 | <c></c>          | <c></c>          | <c></c>          | <c></c>                | <c></c>  | <c></c>   |
| Revenues   | \$ 37,032               | \$ 49,558        | \$ 49,561        | \$ 58,136        | \$ 70,475              | \$32,943 | \$ 38,398 |
| Costs and expenses   | 26,755                  | 32,965           | 32,932           | 40,858           | 51,168                 | 24,547   | 22,433    |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 13,670                  | 17,379           | 17,175           | 17,753           | 21,399                 | 10,137   | 12,105    |
| Operating income (loss)  | (3,393)                 | (786)            | (546)            | (475)            | (2,092)                | (1,741)  | 3,860     |
| Interest expense   | (2,823)                 | (6 <b>,</b> 332) | (5 <b>,</b> 345) | (5 <b>,</b> 787) | (7 <b>,</b> 919)       | (3,681)  | (4,095)   |
| Gain on sale of cable systems  |                         | 8,506            | 5,418            |                  |                        |          |           |
| Other income (expense)   | 191                     | 1,443            | 344              | 859              | (221)                  | 73       | (78)      |
| Loss before income tax benefit (expense) and cumulative effect of change in accounting |                         |                  |                  |                  |                        |          |           |
| principle  | (6,025)                 | 2,831            | (129)            | (5,403)          | (10, 232)              | (5,349)  | (313)     |

| Income tax benefit (expense)                        | 3,027      | 7,235               | (94)      | 315             | 226                | (25)                | 210       |
|---|------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Cumulative effect of change in accounting principle |            |                     |           |                 |                    |                     | (207)     |
| Net income (loss)                                   | \$ (2,998) | \$ 10,066<br>====== | \$ (223)  | \$ (5,088)      | \$(10,006)         | \$(5,374)<br>====== | \$ (310)  |
| BALANCE SHEET DATA (END OF PERIOD):                 |            |                     |           |                 |                    |                     |           |
| Total assets  | \$127,702  | \$127,379           | \$117,676 | \$143,932       | \$175 <b>,</b> 953 |                     | \$166,602 |
| Total debt  | 72,110     | 70,643              | 60,053    | 85 <b>,</b> 000 | 118,000            |                     | 112,000   |
| Total liabilities                                   | 91,773     | 80,122              | 69,182    | 97,008          | 131,147            |                     | 122,881   |
| Total stockholders' equity                          |            |                     |           |                 |                    |                     |           |

 35,969 | 47,257 | 48,493 | 46,924 | 44,806 |  | 43,721 |35

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion provides additional information regarding our financial condition and results of operations for each of the years ended December 31, 1996, 1997 and 1998 and the six months ended June 30, 1998 and 1999. This discussion should be read in conjunction with "Selected Historical Consolidated Financial Data -- Classic Cable, Inc.," "Selected Historical Consolidated Financial Data -- Buford Group, Inc.," "Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Financial Information" and both Classic's and Buford's consolidated financial statements and the notes relating to those statements appearing elsewhere in this prospectus. During their existence, both Classic and Buford have completed multiple acquisitions and divestitures of cable systems. As a result, we believe that period-to-period comparisons of their financial results to date are not necessarily meaningful and should not be relied upon as an indication of future performance.

#### OVERVIEW

As a result of the Buford acquisition and assuming completion of other recently publicly announced transactions by other companies in the cable television industry, we believe we are the 14th largest cable television operator in the United States. We own, operate and develop cable television systems in selected non-metropolitan markets across nine contiguous states primarily located in the central United States. Since 1992, we have completed and integrated over 20 acquisitions. As of June 30, 1999, our collective systems passed approximately 609,000 homes and served approximately 359,000 basic subscribers

We have developed a plan to integrate the operation of Buford's cable systems with Classic's cable systems. The major initiatives of this plan are to (A) eliminate duplicative general and administrative expenses, (B) enhance our customer service program with the addition of Buford's call center and satellite-based communications service system, (C) reduce duplicative service costs pursuant to our "clustering" philosophy, and (D) increase the quality of programming services in the acquired systems.

Revenues. Revenues are primarily attributable to monthly subscription fees charged to subscribers for our basic and premium cable television programming services. Basic revenues consist of monthly subscription fees for all services, other than premium programming, as well as monthly charges for customer equipment rental. Premium revenues consist of monthly subscription fees for programming provided on a per channel basis. In addition, other revenues are derived from:

- installation and reconnection fees charged to basic subscribers to commence or reinstate service;
- pay-per-view charges;
- late payment fees;
- advertising revenues; and
- commissions related to the sale of merchandise by home shopping services.

At June 30, 1999, our collective systems served approximately 359,000 basic subscribers and approximately 192,000 premium units, representing a basic penetration rate of approximately 59% and a premium penetration rate of approximately 53%. The table below sets forth for the periods indicated the percentage of our total revenues attributable to the various sources:

<TABLE>

|                                | YEAR ENDED<br>DECEMBER 31,<br>1998            | SIX MONTHS ENDED<br>JUNE 30,<br>1999 |
|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| <s> Basic. Premium. Other.</s> | <pre><c>     84.0%     11.2     4.8</c></pre> | <c> 84.7% 11.0 4.3</c>               |
| Total revenues                 | 100.0%  | 100.0%                               |

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Operating Expenses. Our operating expenses consist of (A) programming fees, (B) plant and operating costs, (C) general and administrative expenses and (D) marketing costs directly attributable to the systems. Programming fees have historically increased at rates in excess of inflation due to system acquisitions and internal growth, as well as increases in the number, quality and cost of programming services offered by us. We benefit from our membership in an industry cooperative with over 10 million basic subscribers that provides its members with volume discounts from programming networks and cable equipment vendors. Plant and operating costs include expenses related to wages and employee benefits of technical personnel, electricity, systems supplies, vehicles and other operating costs. General and administrative expenses directly attributable to the systems include wages and employee benefits for customer service, accounting and administrative personnel, franchise fees and expenses related to billing, payment processing, and office administration.

Corporate Overhead. Corporate overhead consists primarily of expenses incurred by our executive management, which are not directly attributable to any one system.

Operating Losses. The high level of depreciation and amortization associated with the acquisitions and capital expenditures related to continued construction and upgrading of the current systems, together with interest costs related to our financing activities, have contributed to our net losses. We believe that such net losses are common for the cable television industry.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS -- CLASSIC CABLE

SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1999 COMPARED TO SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

|                               | SIX MONTHS ENDED<br>JUNE 30, 1998 |             | JUNE       | NTHS ENDED<br>30, 1999 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------------------|
|                               | AMOUNT % OF REVENUES              |             | AMOUNT     | % OF REVENUES          |
|                               |                                   | (DOLLARS IN | THOUSANDS) |                        |
| <\$>                          | <c></c>                           | <c></c>     | <c></c>    | <c></c>                |
| STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS DATA: |                                   |             |            |                        |
| Revenues                      | \$32,214                          | 100.0%      | \$39,286   | 100.0%                 |
| Operating expenses:           |                                   |             |            |                        |
| Programming                   | 8,218                             | 25.5        | 10,427     | 26.5                   |
| Plant and operating           | 3,865                             | 12.0        | 4,401      | 11.2                   |
| General and administrative    | 5,357                             | 16.6        | 5,755      | 14.6                   |
| Marketing and advertising     | 339                               | 1.1         | 452        | 1.2                    |
| Corporate overhead            | 1,259                             | 3.9         | 1,725      | 4.4                    |
| Depreciation and amortization | 14,169                            | 44.0        | 18,096     | 46.1                   |
| -                             |                                   |             |            |                        |
| Loss from operations          | \$ (993)                          | (3.1)%      | \$(1,570)  | (4.0)%                 |
|                               |                                   | =====       | ======     | =====                  |
|                               |                                   |             |            |                        |

</TABLE>

Revenues. Revenues increased \$7.1 million, or 22%, for the six months ended June 30, 1999, as compared to the corresponding prior year period. Basic revenues increased by \$6.0 million due to increased subscribers of approximately 23,000 and basic rate increases. The increase in subscribers was due to the acquisition of systems from Cable One in July 1998. In addition, there was a rate increase of approximately 7% affecting approximately two-thirds of our customers in February 1999 which resulted in an increase in basic revenues per subscriber of 7% from \$27.42 to \$29.35 period to period. Classic has historically increased rates in February in order to offset increases in operating costs such as programming which occur primarily in January of each year.

Operating Expenses. Operating expenses increased \$8.1 million, or 24%, for the six months ended June 30, 1999, as compared to the corresponding prior year period. Programming expense increased \$2.2 million due to the continued escalation in rates charged by programming vendors as well as an increase in the subscriber base over the same period in 1998. Depreciation and amortization expense for the six months ended June 30, 1999 was \$18.1 million, an increase of \$3.9 million over the same period in 1998. The increase represents the effect of acquisitions and capital expenditures.

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Other Income and Expenses. Interest expense increased 0.4 million, or 4%, for the six months ended June 30, 1999, as compared to the corresponding prior year period. This increase is primarily the result of the debt issued in conjunction with the July 1998 financing.

Income Tax Benefit. The income tax benefit decreased \$1.4 million for the six months ended June 30, 1999, as compared to the corresponding prior year period. No tax benefit was recognized in 1999. The effective tax rates for the six months ended June 30, 1999 and June 30, 1998 differ from the statutory rates primarily due to an increase in the valuation allowance on deferred tax assets.

Net Loss. As a result of the above described fluctuations in Classic's results of operations, the net loss of \$12.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 1999 increased by \$2.4 million, as compared to the net loss of \$9.8 million for the corresponding prior year period.

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998 COMPARED TO YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

|                               | YEAR ENDED<br>DECEMBER 31, 1997 |             |            | R ENDED<br>ER 31, 1998 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|------------|------------------------|
|                               | AMOUNT % OF REVENUES            |             | AMOUNT     | % OF REVENUES          |
|                               |                                 | (DOLLARS IN | THOUSANDS) |                        |
| <\$>                          | <c></c>                         | <c></c>     | <c></c>    | <c></c>                |
| STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS DATA: |                                 |             |            |                        |
| Revenues                      | \$60,995                        | 100.0%      | \$69,802   | 100.0%                 |
| Operating expenses:           |                                 |             |            |                        |
| Programming                   | 14,916                          | 24.5        | 17,840     | 25.6                   |
| Plant and operating           | 7,622                           | 12.5        | 8,437      | 12.1                   |
| General and administrative    | 9,257                           | 15.2        | 11,295     | 16.2                   |
| Marketing and advertising     | 438                             | 0.7         | 850        | 1.2                    |
| Corporate overhead            | 4,322                           | 7.1         | 3,648      | 5.2                    |
| Depreciation and amortization | 27,832                          | 45.6        | 30,531     | 43.7                   |
| Loss from operations          | \$(3,392)                       | (5.6)%      | \$(2,799)  | (4.0)%                 |
|                               | ======                          | =====       | ======     | =====                  |

</TABLE>

Revenues. Revenues for the year ended December 31, 1998 were \$69.8 million, an improvement of \$8.8 million over revenues for the year ended December 31, 1997. Basic revenues improved by \$7.4 million, or 14.7%, while average monthly basic revenues per subscriber increased from \$25.22 to \$27.87, or 10.5%. The improvement was due primarily to basic rate increases in February 1998 affecting 234 systems and serving approximately 114,000 subscribers, or 69% of total subscribers, as well as revenue generated from the systems acquired from Cable One on July 29, 1998. The majority of the remaining systems also had rate increases during 1998. The change in basic subscribers for the year ended December 31, 1998 is primarily due to the acquisition of systems from Cable One in 1998 and the sale of certain Kansas and Oklahoma systems serving approximately 4,000 basic subscribers during the second quarter of 1997, as well as bulk account equivalent basic unit conversion calculations following the basic rate increases, the increased availability and affordability of competitive video services, non-pay disconnects, and other terminations of service. Other revenues increased 13.7%, from \$10.2 million for the year ended December 31, 1997 to \$11.6 million for the year ended December 31, 1998, due in large part to continued promotion of pay-per-view events.

Operating Expenses. Operating expenses for the year ended December 31, 1998 were \$38.4 million, an increase of \$6.2 million, or 19.2%, over operating expenses for the year ended December 31, 1997. An escalation in rates charged by certain programming vendors as well as increases in copyright fees and premium units were largely responsible for the \$2.9 million increase in programming costs over programming costs for the year ended December 31, 1997. Plant and operating expenses increased from \$7.6 million for the year ended December 31, 1997 to \$8.4 million for the year ended December 31, 1998, reflecting increases

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administrative wages and benefits, telephone, property taxes and bad debt expense. General and administrative expense as a percentage of revenue increased during this period from 15.2% to 16.2%. Marketing expenses for the year ended December 31, 1998 were \$0.9 million, an increase of 94.1% over marketing expenses for the year ended December 31, 1997. The majority of this increase relates to increased spending associated with our marketing initiatives. As a percentage of revenues, operating expenses increased slightly from 52.8% for the year ended December 31, 1997 to 55.0% for the year ended December 31, 1998.

Corporate Overhead. Corporate overhead decreased \$0.7 million, or 15.6%, from \$4.3 million for the year ended December 31, 1997 to \$3.6 million for the year ended December 31, 1998 due primarily to a reduction in litigation costs compared to the year ended December 31, 1997.

Depreciation and Amortization. Depreciation and amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 1998 was \$30.5 million, an increase of \$2.7 million over depreciation and amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 1997. The increase is largely reflective of the inclusion of fixed assets placed into service during 1997 and 1998.

Income Tax Benefit. The income tax benefit decreased from \$7.1 million for year ended December 31, 1997 to \$2.3 million for the year ended December 31, 1998. The pre-tax loss increased in 1998. However, the effective tax rate decreased. The effective tax rate decreased from 34.1% for the year ended December 31, 1997 to 9.9% for the year ended December 31, 1998. This decrease is primarily due to an increase in the valuation allowance against deferred tax assets.

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997 COMPARED TO YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

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|                               | YEAR ENDED<br>DECEMBER 31, 1996 |                  | YEAR ENDED<br>DECEMBER 31, 1997 |                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
|                               | AMOUNT                          | % OF REVENUES    | AMOUNT                          | % OF REVENUES   |
|                               |                                 | (DOLLARS IN      | THOUSANDS)                      |                 |
| <\$>                          | <c></c>                         | <c></c>          | <c></c>                         | <c></c>         |
| STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS DATA: |                                 |                  |                                 |                 |
| Revenues                      | \$59,821                        | 100.0%           | \$60,995                        | 100.0%          |
| Operating expenses:           |                                 |                  |                                 |                 |
| Programming                   | 15,106                          | 25.3             | 14,916                          | 24.5            |
| Plant and operating           | 7,308                           | 12.2             | 7,622                           | 12.5            |
| General and administrative    | 8,688                           | 14.5             | 9,257                           | 15.2            |
| Marketing and advertising     | 238                             | 0.4              | 438                             | 0.7             |
| Corporate overhead            | 2,213                           | 3.7              | 4,322                           | 7.1             |
| Depreciation and amortization | 27,510                          | 46.0             | 27,832                          | 45.6            |
| Loss from operations          | \$(1,242)<br>======             | (2.1) %<br>===== | \$ (3,392)<br>=====             | (5.6)%<br>===== |

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Revenues. Revenues for the year ended December 31, 1997 were \$61.0 million, an improvement of \$1.2 million, or 2.0%, over revenues of \$59.8 million for the year ended December 31, 1996. In 1997, basic revenues increased by \$1.8 million, or 3.7%, due to basic rate increases implemented primarily during the first quarter of the year. Average monthly basic revenues per subscriber increased from \$22.77 to \$25.22 or 10.8% over the same period in 1996. The decrease in basic subscribers for the period ended December 31, 1997 is largely reflective of the sale of Kansas and Oklahoma systems serving approximately 4,000 basic subscribers during the second quarter of 1997 as well as bulk account equivalent basic unit conversion calculations following the basic rate increases, the increased availability and affordability of competitive video services, non-pay disconnects, and other terminations of service. In 1997, Classic launched a coordinated array of marketing techniques to attract and retain customers and to increase premium service penetration, including door-to-door and direct mail solicitation, telemarketing, media advertising, local promotional events and cross-channel promotions of new services and pay-per-view events. Net of the system sales, premium subscribers increased by 2,975 units or 4.9% during 1997 with a corresponding 2.2% increase in penetration, from 36.4% in 1996 to 38.5% at December 31, 1997. The corresponding premium

revenue decreased, however, 3.2% from \$6.5 million in 1996 to \$6.3 million in 1997 due in large part to the system divestitures and discounted pricing offered in connection with the various marketing campaigns. Other revenues also decreased 11.0%, from \$4.1 million in 1996 to \$3.6 million in 1997, largely as a function of the system divestitures and free or heavily-discounted installation marketing promotions. The decrease was partially offset by \$196,698 or 181%, increase in pay-per-view event revenue.

Operating Expenses. Operating expenses increased \$893,000, or 2.8%, from \$31.3 million in 1996 to \$32.2 million in 1997. Programming costs for the year ended December 31, 1997 decreased \$190,000, or 1.3%, over the year ended December 31, 1996 to \$14.9 million. Increases in copyright fees, premium units and rates charged by certain programming vendors were offset by the renegotiation of certain programming contracts wherein rate concessions, launch fees and other marketing support totaling \$564,000 were obtained. Plant and operating expenses increased \$314,000, or 4.3%, to \$7.6 million during 1997 due to the hiring of additional technical personnel as well as increases in technical wages and benefits and vehicle operating expenses. General and administrative expenses for 1997 were \$9.3 million, an increase of \$569,000, or 6.5%, over 1996. The increase was due primarily to the addition of certain key management and administrative personnel, an increase in bad debt expense, and the write-off of certain costs related to the termination of the purchase agreement and operations associated with the proposed acquisition of telephone exchanges in Kansas. Marketing and advertising expenses for the year ended December 31, 1997, were \$438,000, an increase of \$200,000, or 84.0%, over the year ended December 31, 1996, relating directly to increased spending associated with our aforementioned new marketing initiatives. As a percentage of revenues, operating expenses increased slightly, from 52.4% for the year ended December 31, 1996 to 52.9% for the year ended December 31, 1997.

Corporate Overhead. Corporate overhead for the year ended December 31, 1997, was \$4.3 million, an increase of \$2.1 million over the year ended December 31, 1996. The increase was largely reflective of costs incurred in conjunction with divorce proceedings with one of Classic's officers. Classic Communications agreed to repurchase certain stock of Classic Communications in which the officer's wife held a community property interest and provide monetary consideration for the release of certain claims. Legal, consultant and other fees of approximately \$1.4 million were charged to corporate overhead for 1997 in connection with this matter. The remainder of the increase was due primarily to the hiring of the Vice President of Operations in February 1997 as well as other increases in executive compensation, travel and entertainment.

Depreciation and Amortization. Depreciation and amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 1997, was \$27.8 million, an increase of \$322,000 over the year ended December 31, 1996. The increase is due primarily to the inclusion of fixed assets placed into service during the year. The increase was partially offset by the sales of certain systems during 1996 and 1997.

Income Tax Benefit. The benefit for income taxes increased from \$6.6 million in 1996 to \$7.1 million in 1997, primarily due to the increase in the pre-tax loss from operations in 1997 and an increase in the effective tax rate from 34.0% to 34.1% in 1996 and 1997, respectively.

Total deferred tax liabilities and total deferred tax assets decreased by \$12.9 million and \$6.5 million, respectively, from 1996 to 1997. Approximately \$8.1 million of the decrease in deferred tax liabilities relates to taxable temporary differences, primarily recurring book depreciation, and amortization in excess of tax. The remaining \$4.8 million decrease in deferred tax liabilities relates to the increase in tax basis of assets held by one of our subsidiaries as a result of a deferred intercompany gain recognized during 1997. Approximately \$5.0 million of the decrease in total deferred tax assets relates primarily to the utilization of net operating losses to offset taxable income generated by the taxable temporary differences noted above. Total deferred tax assets also decreased by \$1.5 million due to the expiration of certain net operating losses in 1997.

The expiration of net operating losses in 1997 had no impact on the provision for income taxes since a valuation allowance had previously been provided for these loss carryforwards. The deferred tax asset for the expired net operating loss carryforwards and the related valuation allowance were reduced accordingly.

The net effect of the above item resulted in a current federal tax expense of \$0.3 million for alternative minimum tax and a deferred tax benefit of \$7.4 million for the reduction in net deferred tax liabilities.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS -- BUFORD

SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1999 COMPARED TO SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1998

Revenues. Revenues for the six months ended June 30, 1999 were \$38.4 million, an improvement of \$5.5 million, or 17%, over revenues of \$32.9 million for the corresponding prior year period. Revenues for the six months ended June 30, 1999 included the revenues for the systems acquired in late April 1998. Average monthly basic revenue per basic subscriber increased 7% from \$28.27 in the first six months of 1998 to \$30.94 in the first six months of 1999.

Operating Expenses. Operating expenses increased \$2.3 million from \$20.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 1998 to \$22.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 1999. Programming costs for the six months ended June 30, 1999 increased \$1.7 million, or 19%, over the corresponding prior year period to \$10.4 million. The increase was due primarily to the acquisition of subscribers in late April 1998 and an increase in the number and quality of programming services offered by Buford. Plant and operating expenses totaled \$3.4\$ millionfor the six months ended June 30, 1999 and June 30, 1998. Plant and operating expenses as a percent of revenues decreased from 10% for the six months ended June 30, 1998 to 9% for the six months ended June 30, 1999 reflecting the continued benefits derived from Buford's cluster strategy. General and administrative expenses for the six months ended June 30, 1999 were \$8.5 million, up \$0.6 million, or 7%, over the corresponding prior year period. The increase was due primarily to cable systems and subscribers acquired in 1998. As a percentage of revenues, general and administrative expenses decreased from 24% for the six months ended June 30, 1998 to 22% for the six months ended June 30, 1999. Marketing and advertising expenses for the six months ended June 30, 1999 and 1998 were relatively flat at \$0.2 million.

Corporate Overhead. Corporate overhead for the six months ended June 30, 1999 was a credit of \$0.1 million, a decrease over the six months ended June 30, 1998 of approximately \$4.4 million due primarily to compensation expense related to employee stock appreciation rights in 1998. The management group's appreciation rights are tied to the appreciation in the market value of Buford's common stock. Buford recorded a credit of approximately \$0.7 million during the six months ended June 30, 1999 to corporate overhead based on the actual payments made upon consummation of the sale. Buford recorded compensation expense of \$3.6 million in the six months ended June 30, 1998 related to these appreciation rights. Excluding the compensation expense relating to these appreciation rights, corporate overhead decreased by approximately \$0.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 1999 as compared to the six months ended June 30, 1998.

Depreciation and Amortization. Depreciation and amortization expense for the six months ended June 30, 1999 was \$12.1 million, an increase of \$2 million or 19% over the corresponding prior year period. The increase is due primarily to the inclusion of the tangible and intangible assets acquired during 1998.

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998 COMPARED TO YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

Revenues. Revenues in 1998 were \$70.5 million, an improvement of \$12.4 million, or 21.3%, over revenues in 1997. The improvement was due primarily to basic rate increases during the first half of 1998 as well as revenue generated from the systems acquired in late April 1998. Buford has historically increased rates in the majority of its systems during the first half of the year in order to offset increases in its operating costs such as programming which occur in January of each year. Average monthly basic revenue per basic subscriber increased 7.1%, from \$26.31 for the year ended December 31, 1997 to \$28.17 for the year ended December 31, 1998.

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Operating Expenses. Operating expenses in 1998 were \$41.8 million, an increase of \$5.8 million, or 16.1%, over operating expenses for the year ended December 31, 1997. The continued escalation in rates charged by programming vendors as well as increases in copyright fees and premium units were largely responsible for the \$4.0 million increase in programming costs over 1997. Plant and operating expenses increased from \$6.6 million for the year ended December 31, 1997 to \$6.9 million for the year ended December 31, 1998, reflecting increases in technical wages and benefits and amounts paid to outside contractors. General and administrative expenses increased from \$14.9 million for the year ended December 31, 1998 due to increases in administrative wages and benefits and utility expense. Marketing and advertising expenses for the year ended December

31, 1998 were \$0.3 million, an increase of 50.0% over marketing and advertising expenses for the year ended December 31, 1997. The majority of this increase relates to increased spending associated with Buford's marketing initiatives.

Corporate Overhead. Corporate overhead increased \$4.5 million, or 91.8\$, from \$4.9 million for the year ended December 31, 1997 to \$9.4 million for the year ended December 31, 1998 due primarily to an increase in compensation expense related to employee stock appreciation rights from \$3.5 million for the year ended December 31, 1997 to \$7.9 million for the year ended December 31, 1998 to \$7.9 million for the year ended December 31,

Depreciation and Amortization. Depreciation and amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 1998 was \$21.4 million, an increase of \$3.6 million over depreciation and amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 1997. The increase is largely reflective of the inclusion of fixed assets acquired and those placed into service during 1997 and 1998.

Income Tax Benefit. Income tax benefit of \$0.2 million was recorded for the year ended December 31, 1998 versus \$0.3 million for the year ended December 31, 1997. This decrease is primarily due to an increase in the valuation allowance against deferred tax assets.

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997 COMPARED TO YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

Revenues. Revenues for the year ended December 31, 1997 were \$58.1 million, an improvement of \$8.5 million, or 17.1%, over revenues of \$49.6 million for the year ended December 31, 1996. This increase was primarily due to basic rate increases implemented during the first half of the year, and acquisitions of cable systems in Arkansas and Texas. Average monthly basic revenue per basic subscriber increased 6.1% from \$24.80 for the year ended December 31, 1996 to \$26.31 for the year ended December 31, 1997.

Operating Expenses. Operating expenses increased \$6.0 million, or 20.0%, from \$30.0 million for the year ended December 31, 1996 to \$36.0 million for the year ended December 31, 1997. Programming costs for the year ended December 31, 1997 were 14.3 million, an increase of \$2.7 million, or 23.3%, over the year ended December 31, 1996. This increase was due to the acquisition of several cable systems, increased subscriber rates and the expanded channel lineups in many of Buford's markets. Plant and operating expenses increased \$0.9 million, or 15.8%, to \$6.6 million during 1997 due to the hiring of additional technical personnel as well as increases in technical wages and benefits and vehicle operating expenses. General and administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 1997 were \$14.9 million, an increase of \$2.3 million, or 18.3%, over general and administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 1996. The increase was due primarily to an increase in bad debt expense and telephone expense which were related to the consolidation of regional offices into the Buford Call Center facility in Tyler, Texas. Marketing and advertising expenses for the year ended December 31, 1997 and December 31, 1996 were flat at \$0.2 million.

Corporate Overhead. Corporate overhead for the year ended December 31, 1997 was \$4.9 million, an increase of \$2.0 million over the year ended December 31, 1996. The increase was largely reflective of an increase in compensation expense related to employee stock appreciation rights from \$1.5 million for the year ended December 31, 1996 to \$3.5 million for the year ended December 31, 1997.

Depreciation and Amortization. Depreciation and amortization expense for the year ended December 31, 1997, was \$17.8 million, an increase of \$0.6 million over depreciation and amortization expense for

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the year ended December 31, 1996. The increase is due primarily to the inclusion of fixed assets placed into service during the year.

Income Tax Benefit. The benefit for income taxes was 0.3 million for the year ended December 31, 1997 versus tax expense of 0.1 million for the year ended December 31, 1996, primarily due to the increase in the pre-tax loss from operations in 1997.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

CLASSIC -- HISTORICAL

Since Classic's inception, Classic has been supported through debt financings and equity contributed by its parent Classic Communications raised through sales of equity to institutional equity investors. Capital stock of Classic Communications is owned by institutional investors, including Austin Ventures, L.P., NationsBanc Capital Corp., The Texas Growth Fund, BT Capital

Partners, Inc., and certain members of its bank group led by The Chase Manhattan Bank and Union Bank Ventures. These institutional investors have contributed approximately \$34.1 million of total equity financing to Classic Communications. At June 30, 1999, Classic Communications had aggregate consolidated indebtedness of approximately \$288.3 million. This debt and equity financing was utilized primarily in the acquisition of cable television systems.

Our net cash provided by operations was \$14.0 million in 1998 compared to \$7.9 million in 1997 and \$7.8 million in 1996. Our net cash provided by (used in) investing activities was \$(57.2) million, \$(1.3) million and \$3.4 million in 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively. Our net cash provided by (used in) financing amounted to \$45.4 million, \$(6.6) million and \$(12.1) million, in 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively. Our Adjusted EBITDA increased to \$28.8 million in 1998 from \$25.5 million in 1997 and \$27.3 million in 1996. Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of revenue changed to 41.3% in 1998 from 41.8% in 1997, and 45.7% in 1996. Included in Adjusted EBITDA for the year ended December 31, 1997 were charges of \$1.4 million for divorce litigation costs and \$0.4 million for special bonuses paid to executive officers. Included in Adjusted EBITDA for the year ended December 31, 1998 were special bonuses paid to executive officers.

For the three years ended December 31, 1998, our capital expenditures, other than those related to acquisitions, were approximately \$32.1 million. Capital expenditures include expansion and improvements of existing cable properties, plant and equipment upgrades, as well as cable line drops, line plant extensions and installations of service to new subscribers.

BUFORD -- HISTORICAL

For the three years ended December 31, 1998, Buford's capital expenditures, other than those related to acquisitions, were approximately \$58.1 million. Capital expenditures include expansion and improvements of existing cable properties, plant and equipment upgrades, as well as cable line drops, line plant extensions and installations of services to new subscribers.

Since its inception, Buford has been supported by commercial banking institutions and insurance company funding. At June 30, 1999, Buford had aggregate consolidated indebtedness of \$112.0 million, all of which was repaid on the date of acquisition. Borrowings bore interest at the banks' floating rates, LIBOR, or a combination thereof as selected by Buford, plus a margin dependent on Buford's leverage ratio. The weighted average effective interest rate at June 30, 1999 was 6.2%.

Buford's net cash provided by operations was \$20.3 million in 1998 compared to \$16.9 million in 1997 and \$13.6 million in 1996. Buford's net cash provided by (used in) investing activities was (\$53.2 million), (\$39.7 million) and \$20.3 million in 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively. Buford's net cash provided by (used in) financing amounted to \$32.8 million, \$24.9 million and (\$10.9 million) in 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively. Buford's Adjusted EBITDA increased to \$27.2 million in 1998 from \$20.8 million in 1997 and \$18.1 million in 1996. Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of revenue changed to 38.6% in 1998 from 35.8% in 1997 and 36.5% in 1996.

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PRO FORMA FOR THE BUFORD ACQUISITION AND OTHER COMPLETED ACQUISITIONS

The cable television industry is a capital intensive business that generally requires financing for the upgrade, expansion and maintenance of the technical infrastructure. In addition, we have pursued, and continue to pursue, a business strategy that includes selective acquisitions. We have funded our working capital requirements, capital expenditures and acquisitions through a combination of internally generated funds, long- and short-term borrowings, and equity contributions. We intend to continue to finance these expenditures from similar sources.

We financed the Buford acquisition through certain financing arrangements, consisting of a \$250.0 million new credit facility and the issuance of \$150.0 million of senior subordinated notes due 2009. See "Description of Other Indebtedness." In addition, approximately \$95.7 million in cash was contributed to us by Classic Communications pursuant to the Brera Classic equity investment. See "Brera Classic Equity Investment." The sources and uses of funds for the Buford acquisition were as follows:

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The offering of new subordinated notes..... \$150,000

The Brera Classic equity investment (net of fees of and

| expense reimbursements to Brera Classic)  New credit facility                  | 95,748<br>175,000        |
|--|--------------------------|
| Total sources of funds   | \$420,748<br>======      |
| USES OF FUNDS:   |                          |
| Retirement of existing credit facility  Buford acquisition  Fees and expenses: | \$ 97,050<br>297,783     |
| Deferred financing costs Other transaction costs Working capital               | 16,875<br>5,200<br>3,840 |
| Total uses of funds  | \$420,748<br>======      |

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The amount set forth above under the caption "Other transaction costs" represents compensation-related payments related to the Buford acquisition and the Brera Classic equity investment.

Following the Buford acquisition, we have debt service requirements increasing from approximately \$41 million a year to \$55 million over the next eight years. During this time, we anticipate capital expenditures averaging approximately \$40 million a year. Debt covenants dictate that we maintain certain ratios related to debt balances and operating results in addition to limiting the amount that can be used for capital expenditures. Funds to support our operations and pay the anticipated debt service and capital expenditure requirements are anticipated to be primarily generated from our operating activities and from additional financing activities. On June 30, 1999, we had \$75.0 million available under our line of credit subject to some limitations. Although we have not generated earnings sufficient to cover our fixed charges, we have generated cash and obtained financing sufficient to meet our debt service, working capital and capital expenditure requirements.

We have formulated a capital expenditures plan to spend by August 2003 approximately:

- \$100.0 million to establish a technical standard of 550-750 MHz bandwidth capacity, or 78 analog channels, in cable television systems serving approximately 75% of our basic subscribers and headend consolidation;
- \$45.0 million for ongoing maintenance and replacement, for installations and extensions to improve the cable plant related to customer growth; and
- \$15.0 million for the purchase of additional addressable converters and headend equipment to support the deployment of digital services. See "Business."

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Our ability to make payments on and to refinance our indebtedness, including the exchange notes, and to fund planned capital expenditures will depend on our ability to generate cash in the future. This, to a certain extent, is subject to general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory and other factors that are beyond our control.

Based on our current level of operations and anticipated cost savings and operative improvements, we believe our cash flow from operations, available cash and available borrowings under our credit facility, will be adequate to meet our future liquidity needs for at least the next few years.

We cannot assure you, however, that our business will generate sufficient cash flow from operations, that currently anticipated cost savings and operative improvements will be realized on schedule or that future borrowings will be available to us under our new credit facility in an amount sufficient to enable us to pay our indebtedness, including these notes, or to fund our other liquidity needs. We may need to refinance all or a portion of our indebtedness, including these notes on or before maturity. We cannot assure you that we will be able to refinance any of our indebtedness, including our new credit facility and these notes, on commercially reasonable terms or at all. See "Risk Factors."

### INFLATION

Certain of our expenses, such as programming, wages and benefits, equipment repair and maintenance, billing and marketing are subject to inflation. However, because changes in costs are generally passed through to subscribers, these changes historically have not had a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

Through 1999, most large companies will be facing a potentially serious business problem because many software applications and computer equipment developed in the past may not properly recognize calendar dates beginning in the year 2000. This problem could cause computers to either shutdown or provide incorrect data. We have begun taking measures to address this problem. However, we have not yet completed the assessment of the potential impact of Year 2000 on our key business applications, operational systems, or relationships with key business partners. We have initiated an extensive assessment of Year 2000 readiness relative to our information system and communications technology. In addition, we have engaged an outside consultant in performing this evaluation and expect that it will be completed by the end of the third quarter of 1999. We cannot estimate what the total cost will be to implement our remediation efforts for our critical operational systems, but it is possible that such costs will be material.

We have also started an ongoing program to review the status of key supplier Year 2000 compliance efforts. While we believe we are taking all appropriate steps to insure Year 2000 compliance, there can be no assurance that these key partners, which may include third-party vendors and service providers, will complete their own Year 2000 compliance projects in a timely manner and that failure to do so will not have an adverse impact on our business. Further, until we have completed our Year 2000 assessment, we cannot determine whether a contingency plan is required nor the timetable for establishment of such a plan. The lack of contingency plans could prevent us from resolving Year 2000 issues in a timely and efficient manner, and could heighten the risk that the Year 2000 problem may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations.

The Year 2000 problem is pervasive as virtually every computer operation will be affected in some way. Consequently, no assurance can be given that Year 2000 compliance can be achieved without costs that might affect future financial results or cause reported financial information not to be necessarily indicative of future operating results or future financial condition.

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#### BUSINESS

## COMPANY OVERVIEW

We are a growth oriented cable operator focused on non-metropolitan markets in the central United States. We have experienced growth in subscribers, revenues and cash flows, primarily through the successful execution and integration of over 20 acquisitions of clustered cable systems in nine contiguous states. Pro forma for the acquisition of Buford Group, Inc. and assuming completion of other recently publicly announced transactions by other companies in the cable television industry, we believe we are the 14th largest cable operator in the United States, with systems that pass approximately 609,000 homes and serve approximately 359,000 basic subscribers.

We believe that there are significant operating, competitive and economic advantages in acquiring and owning systems in non-metropolitan markets. In pursuing our business strategy, we have focused our acquisition efforts on cable television systems in growing non-metropolitan markets and have sought to build geographic clusters of these systems. Because of poor reception of broadcast television signals, customers often require cable television service in these markets to receive a full complement of off-air broadcast stations, such as ABC, NBC, CBS, and FOX. These off-air broadcast stations represent approximately 31% of overall television viewing. In addition, there are typically fewer competitive entertainment alternatives in these markets. As the leading multi-channel video provider in our markets, we have capitalized on these market characteristics by generating predictable revenue streams and EBITDA.

Approximately 80% of our cable subscribers reside in a county seat or are located within a 30-mile radius of a county seat. These markets typically have (A) larger populations, (B) more favorable demographics, (C) higher growth characteristics, and (D) stronger economic activity than do other non-metropolitan markets. We have created clusters of cable television systems around these markets and believe that clustering cable systems provides significant operating and cost advantages. We own and manage 539 cable systems in nine contiguous states. Approximately 70% of our customers are located on approximately 26% of our headends. This level of clustering allows us to deploy our technical staff, vehicle fleet, and shared resources more efficiently, resulting in lower operating and capital costs and improved customer response time. Clustering also allows us to:

- manage the workforce and allocate personnel more effectively;
- address the specific customer service and programming needs of our customers;
- introduce digital cable services and other new services in a cost effective manner;
- increase the number of households reached with existing marketing budgets;
- increase the benefits of local and regional community relations efforts;
   and
- manage political relationships at the local and state level.

We believe that providing superior customer service and developing strong community relations are key elements to our long-term success and enable us to maintain our subscribers, support our rates, and foster good working relationships with local administrators. We seek to achieve a high level of customer satisfaction by employing a well-trained staff of customer service representatives and experienced field technicians. We operate two call centers located in Tyler, Texas, and Plainville, Kansas, which offer 24-hour, 7-day per week coverage to all of our customers on a toll-free basis. We believe that the combination of these call centers provides us with redundancy safeguards and a platform for further growth.

J. Merritt Belisle, our Chief Executive Officer, and Steven E. Seach, our President and Chief Financial Officer, founded Classic in 1992 and have assembled a management team with significant business experience operating cable television systems and providing quality customer service to cable

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subscribers. Messrs. Belisle and Seach have 20 years of collective experience in acquiring, operating, integrating and developing cable television systems and have worked together for over ten years.

As a result of the Buford acquisition, our management team has been further enhanced by the addition of several key members of Buford's management team, including Ron Martin, who became our Executive Vice President of Operations, and Kay Monigold, who became our Executive Vice President of Administration. Mr. Martin and Ms. Monigold have been in the cable industry for over 25 years and 18 years, respectively.

Members of our management team collectively own or have the right to acquire approximately 15% of the common stock of Classic Communications, Inc., our parent, and up to an additional 10% of Classic Communications' common stock will be set aside for issuance to management pursuant to options granted to them

Since Classic's inception, Classic has been supported through debt financings and equity contributed by its parent, Classic Communications, that was raised through sales to institutional equity investors. Capital stock of Classic Communications is owned by institutional investors, including Austin Ventures, L.P., Brera Classic, NationsBanc Capital Corp., The Texas Growth Fund, BT Capital Partners, Inc., and certain members of its existing bank group led by The Chase Manhattan Bank and Union Bank Ventures. These institutional investors have contributed approximately \$134.1 million of total equity financing to Classic Communications. At June 30, 1999, on a pro forma basis, we had long term debt of approximately \$450.0 million and Classic Communications had additional long-term debt of approximately \$66.3 million. This debt and equity financing was utilized primarily in the acquisition of cable television systems.

OUR STRATEGY

# FOCUS ON ATTRACTIVE NON-METROPOLITAN MARKETS

We have followed a systematic approach to acquiring, consolidating, operating and developing cable television systems based on the primary goal of increasing our operating cash flow while maintaining the quality of our services. Our business strategy has focused on serving growing non-metropolitan communities in the central United States. For example, approximately 80% of our cable subscribers reside in a county seat or within a 30-mile radius of a county seat. These markets generally tend to have more serviceable households per mile, more robust household growth, higher income per household, more disposable income per household and a stronger business foundation than do other non-metropolitan markets. According to Equifax National Decisions Systems and Claritus, Inc., total households in the top 97 systems owned by us are projected

to grow by approximately 9.4%, versus the national average of 5.7%, from 1997 to 2002. Those 97 systems currently serve approximately 60.1% of our total subscribers. We believe that our cable systems generally involve less competition than systems serving large urban cities, especially for services such as high speed Internet access. It is our goal to continue to focus on growing non-metropolitan areas.

#### EXPAND AND IMPROVE CLUSTERS THROUGH SELECTIVE ACQUISITIONS

To date, we have sought to acquire cable television systems in communities that are in close geographic proximity to other cable television systems owned or managed by us in order to maximize the economies of scale and operating efficiencies associated with "clusters" of systems. We plan to continue our clustering strategy by pursuing opportunities to purchase cable television systems in our existing markets as well as by entering contiguous or surrounding markets, if and when attractive acquisition opportunities become available. In addition to system acquisition opportunities, we expect to pursue opportunities to exchange certain of our cable systems for other cable television properties to promote our clustering strategy further. Factors likely to be considered by us in evaluating the desirability of a potential acquisition or asset exchange opportunity include valuation, subscriber densities, growth potential, in terms of both market and cash flow, and whether the target system can be readily integrated into our operations.

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In order to offer Internet access on a full-scale residential and commercial basis in the communities we serve, we are actively seeking to acquire incumbent Internet service providers in and around our markets. We believe that acquiring the expertise from an incumbent Internet service provider would allow us to offer services in the most effective and timely manner enabling us to capitalize on the immediate, viable Internet opportunities in our markets. We are also interested in acquiring or aligning with other companies that provide other telecommunications services including local and long distance telephone, utility, and direct-to-home, in addition to other Internet technology and software firms.

#### FOCUS ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

We believe that providing superior customer service and enhancing the quality of life in the communities we serve are the key elements to our ultimate long-term success. Our high level of service enables us to maintain subscribers and support our rates. It is our goal to achieve a high level of customer satisfaction by employing a well-trained staff of customer service representatives and experienced field technicians.

Our Tyler, Texas call center offers 24-hour, 7-day per week coverage to existing Buford customers on a toll-free basis. The call center utilizes four T-1 lines and can handle up to 80 incoming calls at any given time. We believe the call center can accommodate 250,000 subscribers with our current facilities. The call center complex, including hardware and software, was designed to be rapidly and cost-effectively increased in scale to manage up to approximately 2.0 million subscribers.

The Tyler, Texas call center administers all phases of on-site service at a customer's home, including dispatching the order, confirming that service has been completed and updating the billing system and the customer's records to reflect completion of the service. We utilize a satellite-based system to track and dispatch our service vehicles throughout the service territory. The Qualcomm OmniTRACS system provides real-time, constant two-way communications between the call center and service vehicles. The system utilizes a base unit at the call center that sends and receives messages via satellite from receiver/transmitters installed atop each service vehicle.

Our call center in Plainville, Kansas also offers 24-hour, 7-day per week coverage to existing Classic customers on a toll-free basis. The customer service center is supported by three T-1 lines and can handle up to 60 incoming calls at any given time through a telephone switch we own. The switch is complemented by a software package that can track call statistics ranging from average answer time to the number of calls by type, as well as individual and group performance statistics. This sophisticated software facilitates the movement of customer service and field service agents in order to minimize answer times. Data is recorded daily and reports can be generated to track trends in call volume.

We believe customer service is further enhanced by our 44 local offices' ability to coordinate technical service and installation appointments more effectively and to respond quickly to customer inquiries. We also believe that local offices increase the effectiveness of our customer retention efforts,

community relations endeavors, and marketing campaigns. Our customer service and technical staff attend ongoing workshops led by both a full-time, in-house training specialist and outside customer service and technical training firms that emphasize first time quality, point-of-sale subscriber acquisition, upgrade and retention, technical support, and other pertinent customer service issues. In addition, we employ bilingual customer service representatives to serve our Spanish-speaking subscriber base.

We are dedicated to fostering strong community relations in the communities we serve. The cornerstone of our community relations strategy is our Classic Scholarship Fund, which has provided meaningful financial assistance to hundreds of graduating high school seniors within our service areas over the past three years. We install and provide free cable television service and Internet access to public schools, government buildings, and public libraries in our franchise areas. We believe that our relations with the communities we serve are good.

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We maintain a site on the World Wide Web (http://www.classic-cable.com) to help communicate and interact with our online customers. Our website was designed to help our customers make intelligent television viewing choices and to acquaint our customers with us and our corporate mission.

INCREASE THE REVENUE-GENERATING BANDWIDTH OF OUR CABLE PLANT

Through our capital improvement program, we plan to upgrade our cable plant aggressively and systematically utilizing cost-effective and appropriate technology for the market served. These upgrades include:

- Traditional rebuild to a 550-750 MHz bandwidth capacity in selected systems;
- The deployment of digital compression services such as Headend in The Sky(R), known as HITS, a digital compression service developed by National Digital Television Center, Inc., a subsidiary of Tele-Communications, Inc., and TVN Entertainment Digital Service, known as TVN;
- The deployment of fiber optic cable; and
- The consolidation of headends.

We believe that these technical upgrades create additional revenue opportunities, enhance operating efficiencies, increase customer satisfaction, improve franchise relationships and solidify our position as the dominant provider of multi-channel video services in our markets. We seek to benefit from the capital improvement program by generating additional revenue from:

- Expanded tiers of basic programming;
- Multiplexed premium services;
- Pay-per-view movies and events;
- Digital music;
- On-screen navigators;
- Home shopping services;
- High-speed data services;
- Internet access; and
- Advertising.

# IMPLEMENT OUR BROADBAND SERVICES

Digital services. Depending on the size of the system, we intend to offer digital video services through either a digital headend or through direct-to-home solution. In larger systems, we provide enhanced digital video in our upgraded and certain other systems using either HITS or TVN. HITS enables us to deliver video services such as:

- pay-per-view programming;
- on-screen programming navigators;
- multiplexed premium channels such as HBO-Family and HBO-Signature;

- digital music; and
- multiple tiers of niche satellite basic programming.

TVN also offers a similar digital compression service which provides a robust line up of pay-per-view programming, digital quality music channels, and the on-screen programming navigator. This digital delivery method provides for a more flexible, customized product and improved channel lineups and may potentially allow for more flexibility in pricing and packaging.

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For systems with fewer than 2,000 subscribers, or other systems whose headends are uneconomical to upgrade, we intend to use a digital satellite alternative to provide a more robust cable product offering. Whether through the resale of digital programming from a DBS provider or HITS-2-Home, we can offer customers over 140 additional channels. For example, HITS has recently developed a seamlessly delivered digital satellite programming overlay product direct to the home. This product, HITS-2-Home, is expected to offer customers a comparable programming selection currently offered by HITS to the headend.

We believe that these enhanced digital video services will allow us to provide digital services comparable to DBS at a lower cost. We have introduced the HITS or TVN digital product in 7 systems which in the aggregate pass approximately 64,000 homes, representing approximately 39,000 cable subscribers. As of June 30, 1999, we had approximately 3,100 digital customers. We plan to offer digital cable service in 23 additional markets, serving approximately 63,000 additional subscribers over the next few months.

Internet services. We believe that additional revenue opportunities exist in non-metropolitan markets by providing advanced telecommunication services, such as Internet access and the delivery of high-speed data services, including local- and wide-area network applications, for residential and commercial customers. We believe that these markets have limited appeal to the larger telecommunications companies and that our technical platform will provide these services at higher speeds and lower cost, giving us a competitive advantage over other telecommunication providers in the markets in which we operate. For example, a 10 megabit cable modem provides Internet access at download speeds 350 times faster than typical 28.8 kilobit dial-up telephone modem connections. We have introduced Internet access via the cable modem in selected systems and will seek to complement this service with the telephone modem connection through acquisitions of local Internet service providers.

As part of our strategy to deliver Classic-branded advanced data services in communities we serve, we have entered into a non-exclusive agreement with High Speed Access Corporation, known as HSA. HSA provides a comprehensive turnkey solution for high speed Internet access via cable modems to residential and commercial end users. HSA will provide speed to market, call center/help desk support, national and local marketing assistance, engineering and network design, cable modems and supporting headend equipment. The Com21 modem that HSA currently uses is system flexible, capable of being deployed in a one-way, or telco return, or two-way scenario. In return for these services, we will receive a 50% split of gross customer revenue. Our initial launch plan will include 43 additional systems representing approximately 253,000 homes passed within the next twelve months. Presently, we have six active sites passing approximately 17,000 homes.

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# SYSTEM LOCATION

We operate cable television systems in non-metropolitan markets across nine contiguous states in the central United States. The following table illustrates our relative rank in each of the states we operate based on total number of subscribers:

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|          | EQUIVALENT |                 |             |         |  |
|----------|------------|-----------------|-------------|---------|--|
|          | HOMES      | BASIC           | BASIC       | STATE   |  |
| STATE    | PASSED     | UNITS           | PENETRATION | RANK    |  |
|          |            |                 |             |         |  |
| <\$>     | <c></c>    | <c></c>         | <c></c>     | <c></c> |  |
| Texas    | 274,325    | 141,310         | 52%         | 5       |  |
| Arkansas | 96,728     | 61 <b>,</b> 907 | 64          | 4       |  |
| Oklahoma | 81,270     | 49,880          | 61          | 6       |  |
| Missouri | 67,288     | 38,841          | 58          | 6       |  |

| Kansas     | 50,965  | 34,977           | 69  | 3  |
|------------|---------|------------------|-----|----|
| Louisiana  | 27,381  | 18,586           | 68  | 8  |
| Colorado   | 5,157   | 5,312            | 103 | 7  |
| Nebraska   | 3,389   | 2,166            | 64  | 12 |
| New Mexico | 2,604   | 1,655            | 64  | 11 |
|            |         |                  |     |    |
| Subtotals  | 609,107 | 354,634          | 58% |    |
|            |         |                  | === |    |
| CCT        |         | 4,335            |     |    |
|            |         |                  |     |    |
| Totals     | 609,107 | 358 <b>,</b> 969 |     |    |
|            | ======  | ======           |     |    |

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As part of the Buford acquisition, we acquired Correctional Cable Television, Inc., known as CCT. CCT is the largest provider of programming services to the prison market, serving 90 correctional facilities in 18 states, reaching more than 70,000 inmates. CCT provides programming services through company-owned and installed modified headends under three to five year contracts. CCT's EBITDA has grown at a compounded annual rate of approximately 40% during the last three years. CCT's continued growth will be driven by increased penetration of the prison market, which consists of approximately 2,000 federal, state and juvenile facilities.

#### MARKETING, PROGRAMMING AND RATES

Our marketing programs and campaigns are based upon a variety of cable services creatively packaged and tailored to appeal to our different markets and segments within each market. We routinely survey our customer base to ensure that it is meeting the demands of our customers and stays abreast of our competition in order to counter competitors' promotional campaigns effectively. We use a coordinated array of marketing techniques to attract and retain customers and to increase premium service penetration, including door-to-door and direct mail solicitation, telemarketing, media advertising, local promotional events typically sponsored by programming services and cross-channel promotion of new services and pay-per-view.

We have various contracts to obtain basic, satellite and premium programming for our cable systems from program suppliers, including, in limited circumstances, some broadcast stations, with compensation generally based on a fixed fee per customer or a percentage of the gross receipts for the particular service. Some program suppliers provide volume discount pricing structures and/or offer marketing support. In addition, we are a member of a programming consortium consisting of small to medium sized multiple cable systems operators and individual cable systems serving, in the aggregate, over ten million cable subscribers. The consortium helps create efficiencies in the areas of securing and administering programming contracts, as well as to establish more favorable programming rates and contract terms for small and medium sized cable operators. We do not have long-term programming contracts for the supply of a substantial amount of our programming. In cases where we do have such contracts, they are generally for fixed periods of time ranging from one to five years and are subject to negotiated renewal. While we believe that our relations with our programming suppliers are generally good, the loss of contracts with certain of our programming suppliers would have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

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Cable programming costs are expected to continue to increase due to additional programming being provided to customers, increased costs to purchase cable programming, inflationary increases and other factors. For the year ended December 31, 1998 and the six months ended June 30, 1999, programming costs as a percentage of revenues were 26% and 27%, respectively. We cannot assure you that our programming costs will not increase substantially in the near future or that other materially adverse terms will not be added to our programming contracts.

Our cable systems offer our customers programming that includes the local network, independent and educational television stations, a limited number of television signals from distant cities, numerous satellite-delivered, non-broadcast channels such as CNN, MTV, USA, ESPN and TNT, and in some systems local information and public access channels. The programming offered by us varies among the cable systems depending upon each system's channel capacity and viewer interests. Primarily for competitive reasons, we generally attempt to offer a single level of basic service containing all broadcast and satellite-delivered programming. In a few systems, however, we do offer multiple tiers of cable television programming. We also offer premium programming services, both on a per-channel basis and in many systems as part of premium service packages designed to enhance our customer's perception of value.

Monthly customer rates for services vary from market to market, primarily according to the amount of programming provided and competitive factors. At June 30, 1999, our monthly full basic service rates for residential customers ranged from \$18.00 to \$35.45 and per-channel premium service rates, not including special promotions, ranged from \$5.95 to \$12.00 per service. At June 30, 1999, the weighted average price for our monthly full basic service was approximately \$30.28.

A one-time installation fee, which we may wholly or partially waive during a promotional period, is usually charged to new customers. We charge monthly fees for converters and remote control tuning devices. In addition, we also charge administrative fees for delinquent payments for service. Customers are free to discontinue service at any time without additional charge but may be charged a reconnection fee to resume service. Commercial customers, such as hotels, motels and hospitals, are charged a negotiated, non-recurring fee for installation of service and monthly fees. Multiple dwelling unit accounts may be offered a bulk rate in exchange for single-point billing and basic service to all units.

In addition to customer fees, we derive modest revenues from the sale of local spot advertising time on locally originated and satellite-delivered programming. We also derive modest revenues from affiliations with home shopping services, which offer merchandise for sale to customers and compensate system operators with a percentage of their sales receipts.

We also derive revenue from the sale of programming featuring movies and special events to customers on a pay-per-view basis. We believe that we will be able to further increase our pay-per-view penetration rates and revenue as we continue to deploy addressable technology in upgraded systems and in systems where we launch a digital compression service.

While we plan to offer advanced telecommunications services in certain of our cable systems, we anticipate that monthly customer fees derived from multi-channel video services will continue to constitute the large majority of our total revenues for the foreseeable future.

#### TECHNICAL OVERVIEW

We endeavor to maintain high technical performance standards in all of our cable systems. To accomplish this, we have embarked on our capital improvement plan to upgrade our cable systems selectively. This program, which involves the use of fiber optic technology, will (A) expand channel capacities, (B) enhance signal quality, (C) improve technical reliability, (D) augment address ability, and (E) provide a platform to develop high-speed data services and Internet access. We believe that such technical upgrades create additional revenue opportunities, enhance operating efficiencies, increase customer satisfaction, improve franchising relations and solidify our position as the dominant provider of

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video services in the markets in which we operate. Before committing the capital to upgrade or rebuild a system, we carefully assess:

- the existing technical reliability and picture quality of the system;
- basic subscribers' demand for more channels;
- requirements in connection with franchise renewals;
- programming alternatives offered by our competitors;
- customers' demand for other cable television and broadband telecommunications services; and
- the return on investment of any such capital outlay.

Currently, our subscribers, on average, are served by systems with an analog capacity of 44 channels with 33 channels in use. The table below summarizes our existing technical profile, as of June 30, 1999:

# <TABLE>

|                   | UP TO 29<br>CHANNELS | 30 TO 39<br>CHANNELS | 40 TO 49<br>CHANNELS |         | OVER 60<br>CHANNELS | TOTAL   |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
|                   |                      |                      |                      |         |                     |         |
| <\$>              | <c></c>              | <c></c>              | <c></c>              | <c></c> | <c></c>             | <c></c> |
| Number of systems | 18                   | 240                  | 124                  | 62      | 95                  | 539     |
| Miles of plant    | 169                  | 4,578                | 4,596                | 3,097   | 4,144               | 16,584  |

| Homes passed                 | 7,001 | 145,782         | 164,570         | 99,536 | 192,218          | 609,107    |
|------------------------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|------------------|------------|
| -                            |       | •               | •               | ,      |                  | ,          |
| Basic subscribers            | 3,383 | 79 <b>,</b> 694 | 95 <b>,</b> 221 | 54,802 | 121 <b>,</b> 534 | 354,634(1) |
| % of total basic subscribers | 1.0%  | 22.5%           | 26.9%           | 15.5%  | 34.3%            | 100.0%     |
| Basic subscribers per plant  |       |                 |                 |        |                  |            |
| mile                         | 20.0  | 17.4            | 20.7            | 17.7   | 29.3             | 21.4       |
| Premium subscribers          | 1,000 | 35,331          | 42,514          | 38,480 | 72,444           | 189,769    |
| Premium penetration          | 29.6% | 44.3%           | 44.6%           | 70.2%  | 59.6%            | 53.5%      |

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Our capital improvement plan contemplates the investment of approximately \$160.0 million over the next four years as follows:

- \$100.0 million to establish a technical standard of 550-750 MHz bandwidth capacity in cable television systems serving approximately 75% of our basic subscribers and headend consolidation;
- \$45.0 million for ongoing maintenance and replacement, for installations and extensions to the cable plant related to customer growth; and
- \$15.0 million for the purchase of additional addressable converters and headend equipment to support the deployment of digital services.

The table below summarizes our expected technical profile upon completion of the capital improvement program:

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|                              | UP TO 29<br>CHANNELS | 30 TO 39<br>CHANNELS | 40 TO 49<br>CHANNELS | 50 TO 59<br>CHANNELS | OVER 60<br>CHANNELS | TOTAL      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------|
|                              |                      |                      |                      |                      |                     |            |
| <s></s>                      | <c></c>              | <c></c>              | <c></c>              | <c></c>              | <c></c>             | <c></c>    |
| Number of systems(1)         |                      | 206                  | 113                  | 38                   | 182                 | 539        |
| Miles of plant               |                      | 3,013                | 1,873                | 1,043                | 10,655              | 16,584     |
| Homes passed                 |                      | 90,458               | 65,225               | 31,764               | 421,660             | 609,107    |
| Basic subscribers            |                      | 45,438               | 29,892               | 12,226               | 267,038             | 354,634(2) |
| % of total basic subscribers |                      | 12.9%                | 8.4%                 | 3.4%                 | 75.3%               | 100.0%     |
| Basic subscribers per plant  |                      |                      |                      |                      |                     |            |
| mile                         |                      | 15.1                 | 16.0                 | 11.8                 | 25.1                | 21.4       |
| Premium subscribers          |                      | 20,265               | 14,144               | 11,270               | 144,090             | 189,769    |
| Premium penetration          |                      | 44.6%                | 47.3%                | 91.9%                | 54.0%               | 53.5%      |
|                              |                      |                      |                      |                      |                     |            |

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- (1) The analysis above does not reflect the impact of anticipated headend consolidations achieved through the selective deployment of fiber optic technology.
- (2) Does not include approximately 4,300 equivalent basic units related to CCT.

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With the exception of 11 systems, we do not currently use addressable technology. We utilize a "trap" scheme whereby a technician installs filters, or traps, at each cabled home enabling the technician to configure the programming received by each subscriber. The cable system improvement program contemplates the use of addressable set-top boxes in selected analog upgraded systems, in addition to digital addressable technology. This service transmits digitally compressed signals of niche satellite programming, multiplexed premium services, pay-per-view movies and digital music for reception by cable systems, which in turn deliver them to their subscribers.

Our active use of fiber optic technology as an alternative to coaxial cable is playing a major role in expanding channel capacity and improving the performance of our cable television systems. Fiber optic strands are capable of carrying hundreds of video, data and voice channels over extended distances without the extensive signal amplification typically required for coaxial cable. We expect to use fiber backbone architecture selectively to eliminate headend facilities and to reduce amplifier cascades, thereby improving picture quality, system reliability and headend and maintenance expenditures.

Recently, high-speed cable modems and set-top boxes using digital compression technology have become commercially viable. These developments allow for the introduction of high-speed data services and Internet access and will increase programming services available to customers. Digital compression

<sup>(1)</sup> Does not include approximately 4,300 equivalent basic units related to CCT.

technology has the potential to expand channel capacity significantly given that up to 12 digital channels can be carried in the bandwidth of one analog channel (6 MHz).

We own or lease 617 towers that are used to receive off-air broadcast signals from the nearest urban transmit site or via intermittent microwave relay stations. Our towers range from 15 feet to 600 feet in height and 138 of our towers are at least 200 feet in height. We lease tower space to cellular telephone, personal communications services paging and other transmission companies for a fixed monthly charge typically dictated by long-term contract.

#### FRANCHISES

Cable television systems are typically constructed and operated under non-exclusive franchises granted by local governmental authorities. These franchises typically contain conditions, such as:

- time limitations on commencement and completion of construction;
- conditions of service, including number of channels, types of programming and the provision of free service to schools and certain other public institutions; and
- the maintenance of insurance and indemnity bonds.

Certain provisions of local franchises are subject to federal regulation under both the 1984 Cable Act and the 1992 Cable Act. See "Legislation and Regulation -- Federal Regulation -- Cable Rate Regulation."

At June 30, 1999, pro forma for the Buford acquisition, we held 695 franchises. These franchises, all of which are non-exclusive, generally provide for the payment of fees to the issuing authority. Annual franchise fees imposed on the cable systems range from 0% to 5% of the gross revenues generated by the cable systems. With limited exceptions, franchise fees are passed directly through to the customers on their monthly bills. The 1984 Cable Act prohibits franchising authorities from imposing franchise fees in excess of 5% of gross revenues, and permits a cable operator to seek renegotiation and modification of franchise requirements if warranted by changed circumstances. Our franchises can be terminated by the franchising authority prior to the stated expiration date for uncured breaches by us of material provisions.

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The following table sets forth the number of franchises by year of franchise expiration and the approximate number and percentage of basic subscribers at June 30, 1999:

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|                              | NUMBER     | % OF       | NUMBER      | % OF        |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
|                              | OF         | TOTAL      | OF          | TOTAL       |
| YEAR OF FRANCHISE EXPIRATION | FRANCHISES | FRANCHISES | SUBSCRIBERS | SUBSCRIBERS |
|                              |            |            |             |             |
| <\$>                         | <c></c>    | <c></c>    | <c></c>     | <c></c>     |
| Prior to 2000                | 29         | 4.2%       | 26,395      | 7.4%        |
| 2000 to 2003                 | 177        | 25.5       | 84,695      | 23.9        |
| After 2003                   | 489        | 70.3       | 243,544     | 68.7        |
|                              |            |            |             |             |
| Total                        | 695        | 100.0%     | 354,634     | 100.0%      |
|                              | ===        | =====      | ======      | =====       |

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The Cable Acts provide, among other things, comprehensive renewal procedures which require that an incumbent franchisee's renewal application be assessed on its own merits and not as part of a comparative process with competing applications. See "Legislation and Regulation." We believe that we have good relationships with our franchising communities. To date, we have never had a franchise revoked or terminated. Additionally, no request made by us for franchise renewals or extensions has been denied although the renewal or extended franchises have frequently resulted in franchise modifications on satisfactory terms. The Cable Acts also establish the conditions for sale of a cable system in the event that the franchise is not renewed or is revoked "for cause" by the franchising authority.

The 1992 Cable Act provides that a franchising authority may not grant an exclusive franchise, may not unreasonably refuse to award an additional competitive franchise, and may operate cable systems itself without franchises. Under the 1992 Cable Act, franchising authorities are immunized from monetary damages awards arising from regulation of cable television systems or decisions

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made on franchise grants, renewals, transfers and amendments. See "Legislation and Regulation -- Federal Regulation -- Cable Rate Regulation."

#### INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

A cable television system receives television, radio and data signals at the system's "headend" site by means of off-air antennas, microwave relay systems and satellite earth stations. These signals are then modulated, amplified and distributed through coaxial and fiber optic distribution systems to deliver a wide variety of channels of television programming to subscribers who pay fees on a monthly basis for this service. A cable television system may also originate its own television programming and other information services for distribution through its system. Cable television systems generally are constructed and operated pursuant to non-exclusive franchises or similar licenses granted by local governmental authorities for a specified period of time.

The cable television industry developed in the United States in the late 1940's and early 1950's in response to the needs of residents in predominantly rural and mountainous areas of the country where the quality of off-air television reception was inadequate due to factors such as unfavorable topography and remoteness from television broadcast towers. In the 1960's, cable systems also developed in non-metropolitan markets that had limited availability of off-air television station signals. All of these markets are regarded within the cable industry as "classic cable" television system markets.

Cable television systems offer customers programming consisting of broadcast television signals of local network affiliates, independent and educational television stations, a limited number of television signals from so-called "super stations" originating from distant cites, such as WGN from Chicago, various channels, such as Cable News Network, Music Television, the USA Network, Turner Network Television, and Entertainment and Sports Programming Network, programming originated locally by the cable television system, such as public, government and education access programs, and informational displays featuring news, weather and public service announcements. For an additional monthly charge, cable television systems also offer "premium" television services to customers on a per-channel basis. These services, such as Home Box Office, Cinemax, Showtime, The Movie Channel and selected regional sports

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networks, are channels that consist principally of feature films, live sporting events, concerts and other special entertainment features, usually presented without commercial interruption.

A customer generally pays an initial installation charge and fixed monthly fees for basic and premium television services and for other services, such as the rental of converters and remote control devices. These monthly service fees constitute the primary source of revenues for cable television systems. In addition to customer revenues from these services, cable television systems generate revenues from additional fees paid by customers for pay-per-view programming of movies and special events and from the sale of available advertising spots on advertiser-supported programming. Cable television systems also frequently offer their customers home shopping services for a share of the revenues from products sold in their service areas. The cable television industry is changing rapidly due to new technology and new alliances between cable television and other telecommunications companies. Providing traditional cable television programming is only one aspect of the industry as potential opportunities to expand into Internet, broadband data, telephone, and other telecommunications services continue to develop and become more commercially viable.

# COMPETITION

Cable television systems face competition from (A) alternative methods of receiving and distributing television signals, such as off-air television broadcast programming, direct broadcast satellite services, known as "DBS," wireless cable services, and (B) other sources of news, information and entertainment, such as newspapers, movie theaters, live sporting events, on-line computer services and home video products. Our competitive position depends, in part, upon reasonable prices to customers, greater variety of programming and other communications services, and superior technical performance and customer service. Accordingly, cable operators in rural areas, where off-air reception is more limited, generally achieve higher penetration rates than cable operators in major metropolitan areas, where numerous, high quality off-air signals are available.

Cable television systems generally operate pursuant to franchises granted on a nonexclusive basis, so that more than one cable television system may be  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

built in the same area, known as an "overbuild," with potential loss of revenue to the operator of the original system. It is possible that a franchising authority might grant a second franchise to another company containing terms and conditions more favorable than those afforded to us. The 1992 Cable Act prohibits franchising authorities from unreasonably denying requests for additional franchises and permits franchising authorities to operate cable television systems without a franchise. Although a private competitor ordinarily would seek a franchise from a local jurisdiction, municipalities have built and operated their own systems. Overbuilds historically have been relatively rare, as constructing and developing a cable television system is capital-intensive, and it is difficult for the new operator to gain a marketing advantage over the incumbent operator. We currently face direct competition from traditional overbuilds in two systems passing approximately 2,500 homes.

In recent years, the FCC and Congress have adopted policies providing a more favorable operating environment for new and existing technologies that provide, or have the potential to provide, substantial competition to cable television systems. These technologies include, among others, DBS service, whereby signals are transmitted by satellite to satellite dishes as small as 18 inches located on customer premises. Programming is currently available to the owners of DBS dishes through conventional, medium and high-powered satellites. DBS systems provide movies, broadcast stations, and other program services comparable to those of cable television systems. DBS systems can also provide high speed Internet access. DBS service can be received anywhere in the United States through installation of a small rooftop or side-mounted antenna. This technology has the capability of providing more than 100 channels of programming over a single high-powered satellite with significantly higher capacity if multiple satellites are placed in the same orbital position. DBS is currently being heavily marketed on a nationwide basis by two DBS providers. DBS providers are significant competition to cable service providers, including us.

The 1992 Cable Act contains provisions, which the FCC has implemented with regulations, to enhance the ability of cable competitors to purchase and make available to home satellite dish owners

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certain satellite delivered cable programming at competitive costs. The FCC also adopted regulations that preempt certain local restrictions on satellite and over-the-air antenna reception of video programming services, including zoning, land-use or building regulations, or any private covenant, homeowners' association rule or similar restriction on property within the exclusive use or control of the antenna user. Digital satellite service, known as DSS, offered by DBS systems has certain advantages over cable systems with respect to programming and digital quality, as well as disadvantages that include high up-front costs and a lack of local programming, service and equipment distribution. Our strategy of providing pay-per-view and perhaps satellite niche programming via digital services in certain of our cable systems is designed to combat digital satellite service competition. "Bundling" of our video service with advanced telecommunications services in certain of the cable systems may also be an effective tool for competing with DSS. DBS does suffer certain significant operating disadvantages compared to cable television, however, including the subscriber's present inability to view different programming on different television sets, line-of-sight reception requirements, up-front costs associated with the dish antenna, and the lack of local programming. DBS currently faces technical and legal obstacles to providing local broadcast signals, although both DBS providers are now attempting to do so in certain major markets, and legislation is now pending that may remove the existing legal obstacle.

Cable television systems also compete with wireless program distribution services such as multichannel multipoint distribution service, or MMDS, which use low power microwaves to transmit video programming and high speed data services, including Internet access, over the air to customers. Additionally, the FCC licensed new frequencies in the 28 MHz band for a new multichannel wireless video service similar to MMDS, known as Local Multipoint Distribution Service, or LMDS. LMDS is also suited for providing wireless data services, including the possibility of Internet access. Wireless distribution services generally provide many of the programming services provided by cable systems, and digital compression technology may significantly increase the channel capacity of these wireless distribution services. Because MMDS service requires unobstructed "line of sight" transmission paths, the ability of MMDS systems to compete may be hampered in some areas by physical terrain and foliage.

Federal cross-ownership restrictions historically limited entry by local telephone companies into the cable television business. The 1996 Act eliminated this cross-ownership restriction, making it possible for companies with considerable resources to overbuild existing cable systems. Congress has also repealed the prohibition against national television networks owning cable

systems. Various local exchange carriers, commonly referred to as LECs, currently are seeking to provide video programming services within their telephone service areas through a variety of distribution methods, primarily through the deployment of broadband wire facilities, but also through the use of wireless or MMDS transmission. Several telephone companies have begun seeking cable television franchises from local governmental authorities and constructing cable television systems. Cable television systems could be placed at a competitive disadvantage if the delivery of video programming services by LECs becomes widespread, since LECs may not be required, under certain circumstances, to obtain local franchises to deliver such video services or to comply with the variety of obligations imposed upon cable television systems under such franchises. The entry of telephone companies as direct competitors is likely to continue and could adversely affect the profitability and valuation of our cable systems. Issues of cross-subsidization by LECs of video and telephony services also pose strategic disadvantages for cable operators seeking to compete with LECs that provide video services. We believe, however, that the non-metropolitan markets in which we provide or expect to provide cable services are unlikely to support competition in the provision of video and telecommunications broadband services given the lower population densities and higher costs per subscriber of installing a plant.

The 1996 Telecom Act's provisions promoting facilities-based broadband competition are primarily targeted at larger markets, and its prohibition of buyouts and joint ventures between incumbent cable operators and LECs exempts small operators and carriers meeting certain criteria. See "Legislation and Regulation." We believe that significant growth opportunities exist for us by establishing cooperative rather than competitive relationships with LECs within our service areas, to the extent permitted by law.

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The entry of electric utility companies into the cable television business, as now authorized by the 1996 Telecom Act, could also have an adverse effect on our business. Well-capitalized businesses from outside the cable industry may also become competitors for franchises or providers of competing services.

Other new technologies may become competitive with non-entertainment services offered by cable television systems. The FCC has authorized television broadcast stations to transmit textual and graphic information useful both to consumers and businesses. The FCC also permits commercial and noncommercial FM stations to use their sub-carrier frequencies to provide non-broadcast services including data transmissions. The FCC has established an over-the-air Interactive Video and Data Service that will permit two-way interaction with commercial and educational programming along with informational and data services. The expansion of fiber optic systems and the introduction of new xDSL services by LECs and other common carriers provide facilities for the transmission and distribution to homes and businesses of video services, including interactive computer-based services like the Internet, data and other non-video services. The FCC has held spectrum auctions for licenses to provide PCS. PCS will enable license holders, including cable operators, to provide voice and data services.

Advances in communications technology as well as changes in the marketplace and the regulatory and legislative environments are constantly occurring. Thus, it is not possible to predict the effect that ongoing or future developments might have on the cable industry or on our operations.

## EMPLOYEES

At June 30, 1999, Classic and Buford employed approximately 670 full-time employees and 51 part-time employees. None of our employees is represented by a labor union. We consider our relations with our employees to be good.

# PROPERTIES

A cable television system consists of four principal operating components. The first component, known as the headend, receives television, radio and information signals by means of special antennas and satellite earth stations. The second component, the distribution network, which originates at the headend and extends throughout the system's service area, consists of microwave relays, coaxial or fiber optic cables placed on utility poles or buried underground and associated electronic equipment. The third component of the system is a "drop cable," which extends from the distribution network into each customer's home and connects the distribution system to the customer's television set. The fourth component, a converter, is the home terminal device that expands channel capacity to permit reception of more than 12 channels of programming.

Our principal physical assets consist of cable television systems, including signal-receiving, encoding and decoding apparatus, headends,

distribution systems and subscriber house drop equipment for each of the cable systems. The signal receiving apparatus typically includes a tower, antenna, ancillary electronic equipment and earth stations for reception of satellite signals. Headends, consisting of associated electronic equipment necessary for the reception, amplification and modulation of signals, are located near the receiving devices. Our distribution systems consist primarily of coaxial cable and related electronic equipment. As the upgrades are completed, the cable systems will incorporate fiber optic cable. Subscriber equipment consists of taps, house drops and converters. We own our distribution systems, various office fixtures, test equipment and certain service vehicles. The physical components of the cable systems require maintenance and periodic upgrading to keep pace with technological advances.

Our cables generally are attached to utility poles under pole rental agreements with local public utilities, although in some areas the distribution cable is buried in underground ducts or trenches. The FCC regulates most pole attachment rates under the federal Pole Attachment Act.

We own or lease parcels of real property for signal reception sites, such as antenna towers and headends, microwave complexes and business offices, including our principal executive offices. We believe

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that our properties, both owned and leased, are in good condition and are suitable and adequate for our business operations as presently conducted.

## LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

There are no material pending legal proceedings to which we are or Classic Communications is a party or to which any of our or their respective properties are subject.

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#### LEGISLATION AND REGULATION

The cable television industry is regulated by the FCC, some state governments and substantially all local governments. In addition, various legislative and regulatory proposals under consideration from time to time by Congress and various federal agencies have in the past materially affected, and may in the future materially affect, us and the cable television industry. The following is a summary of federal laws and regulations affecting the growth and operation of the cable television industry and a description of certain state and local laws. We believe that the regulation of our industry remains a matter of interest to Congress, the FCC and other regulatory authorities. There can be no assurance as to what, if any, future actions such legislative and regulatory authorities may take or the effect thereof on our operations.

## FEDERAL REGULATION

The primary federal statute dealing with the regulation of the cable television industry is the Communications Act. The three principal amendments to the Communications Act that shaped the existing regulatory framework for the cable television industry were the 1984 Cable Act, the 1992 Cable Act and the 1996 Telecom Act. The 1996 Telecom Act, which became effective in February 1996, was the most comprehensive reform of the nation's telecommunications laws since the Communications Act. Although the long term goal of the 1996 Telecom Act is to promote competition and decrease regulation of various communications industries, in the short term, the law delegates to the FCC, and in some cases to the states, broad new rulemaking authority. The FCC and state regulatory agencies are required to conduct numerous rulemaking and regulatory proceedings to implement the 1996 Telecom Act and such proceedings may materially affect the cable television industry.

The FCC, the principal federal regulatory agency with jurisdiction over cable television, has promulgated regulations to implement the provisions contained in the Communications Act. The FCC has the authority to enforce these regulations through the imposition of substantial fines, the issuance of cease and desist orders and/or the imposition of other administrative sanctions, such as the revocation of FCC licenses needed to operate certain transmission facilities often used in connection with cable operations. Below, you will find a brief summary of certain of these federal regulations as adopted to date.

Cable Rate Regulation

The 1992 Cable Act imposed an extensive rate regulation regime on the cable

television industry. Under that regime, local franchise authorities had primary responsibility for administering the basic service tier. The FCC directly administered rate regulation of cable programming service tiers, which included all video programming distributed over a system that is not part of the basic service tier. Although the 1996 Telecom Act preserves local franchise authority to regulate the basic service tier, it eliminated FCC authority to regulate cable programming service tier rates as of March 31, 1999. Accordingly, the FCC is no longer able to act on cable programming service tier rate increases that occur after that date.

Federal law nonetheless continues to govern certain aspects of local rate regulation. For example, federal law requires that the basic service tier be offered to all cable subscribers. Recent FCC regulations adopted pursuant to the 1996 Telecom Act define "effective competition" and "small cable operator" for purposes of exempting certain cable systems' basic tier from rate regulation. Additional federal regulations require cable systems to permit customers to purchase video programming on a per channel or per program basis without subscribing to any tier of service, other than the basic service tier, unless the cable system is technically incapable of doing so. Generally this exemption is available until a cable system obtains the technical capability, but not later than December 2002.

Although the 1996 Telecom Act eliminated FCC rate regulation of the higher tiers, local franchising authorities, known in the industry as LFAs, continue to have authority over the regulation of the lowest level of cable — the basic service tier, commonly known as BST. For regulatory purposes, the BST contains local broadcast stations and public, educational, and government, or PEG, access channels and other services the system operator chooses to include in the same package with these channels. Before an LFA begins BST rate regulation, it must certify to the FCC that it will follow applicable federal rules, and

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many LFAs have voluntarily declined to exercise this authority. LFAs also have primary responsibility for regulating cable equipment rates. Under federal law, charges for various types of cable equipment must be unbundled from each other and from monthly charges for programming services. The 1996 Telecom Act allows operators to aggregate costs for broad categories of equipment across geographic and functional lines. This change should facilitate the introduction of new technology. Few of the LFAs in the communities in which we operate have elected to certify to regulate rates, and we believe that the FCC's existing "small systems order" will afford us additional flexibility to adjust our rates. The small systems order, and related FCC rules, provides a more simplified and liberal cost of service rate justification to eligible small system operators, such as us. However there can be no assurance that our revenues and results of operations will not be adversely affected in the future by regulation of cable system rates.

### Franchise Fees

Federal law allows franchising authorities to impose franchise fees, but such payments cannot exceed 5% of a cable system's annual gross revenues derived from the operation of the cable system in providing cable service. Under the 1996 Telecom Act, franchising authorities may not exact franchise fees from revenues derived from telecommunications services, however, many LFA's seek analogous fees under separate telecommunications service franchises. LFA authority to collect these telecommunications franchise fees is the subject of litigation.

## Renewal of Franchises

The 1984 Cable Act established renewal procedures and criteria designed to protect incumbent franchisees against arbitrary denials of renewal. While these formal procedures are not mandatory unless timely invoked by either the cable operator or the franchising authority, they can provide substantial protection to incumbent franchisees. Even after the formal renewal procedures are invoked, franchising authorities and cable operators remain free to negotiate a renewal outside the formal process. Nevertheless, renewal is by no means assured, as the franchisee must meet certain statutory standards. Even if a franchise is renewed, a franchising authority may impose new and more onerous requirements such as upgrading facilities and equipment, although the municipality must take into account the cost of meeting such requirements. The 1992 Cable Act made several changes to the process under which a franchise is renewed, some of which could make it easier in some cases for a franchising authority to deny renewal.

## Competing Franchises

The 1992 Cable Act prohibits franchising authorities from unreasonably refusing to grant franchises to competing cable television systems and permits franchising authorities to operate their own cable television systems without

#### Franchise Transfers

The 1992 Cable Act requires franchising authorities to act on any franchise transfer request within 120 days after receipt of all information required by FCC regulations and by the franchising authority. Approval is deemed to be granted if the franchising authority fails to act within such period.

Cable Entry Into Telecommunications and Broadband Services

The 1996 Telecom Act provides that no state or local laws or regulations may prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting any entity from providing any interstate or intrastate telecommunications service. States are authorized, however, to impose "competitively neutral" requirements regarding universal service, public safety and welfare, service quality, and consumer protection. State and local governments also retain their authority to manage the public rights-of-way and may require reasonable, competitively neutral compensation for management of the public rights-of-way when cable operators provide telecommunications service. The favorable pole attachment rates afforded cable operators under federal law can be gradually increased by utility companies owning the poles beginning in 2001 pursuant to an FCC

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prescribed formula if the operator provides telecommunications service, as well as cable service, over its plant. The FCC has clarified that a cable operator's favorable pole rates are not endangered by the provision of non-cable services such as Internet access.

Cable entry into telecommunications will be affected by the regulatory landscape now being fashioned by the FCC and state regulators. One critical component of the 1996 Telecom Act to facilitate the entry of new telecommunications providers, including cable operators, is the interconnection obligation imposed on all telecommunications carriers. The FCC adopted regulations implementing the 1996 Telecom Act requirement that LECs open their telephone networks to competition by providing competitors interconnection, access to unbundled network elements and retail services at wholesale rates. These regulations were upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in January 1999, although the unbundled network element requirements are subject to an FCC proceeding. The ultimate outcome of the litigation and the FCC's rulemakings, and the ultimate impact of the 1996 Telecom Act or any final regulations adopted pursuant to the new law on us or our business cannot be determined at this time.

Cable entry into markets for broadband services such as Internet access may be affected by the regulatory landscape now being fashioned by the FCC and state and local regulators. In recent months, some local franchise authorities have imposed conditions on their approval of transfers of control, including those involving such major transactions as AT&T's acquisition of TCI's cable franchises. For example, the City of Portland, Oregon required AT&T to provide competing Internet and other on-line service providers with open access to its newly acquired cable platforms. This decision was upheld on appeal before a federal district court, although that decision is on appeal. Numerous other franchise authorities are considering imposing similar requirements, either during transfer or renewal processes or by promulgating regulations pursuant to their general franchise authority. In addition, a petition for declaratory ruling has been filed with the FCC requesting a determination that cable service providers must provide leased access channels to Internet service providers.

Similar conditions could be imposed upon us, either pursuant to a local franchising authority's approval of a merger or other transaction between us and another company, through the franchise renewal process, or through future developments at the federal, state or local level. Likewise, future regulatory or legislative developments could limit or preempt the authority of franchise authorities to impose mandated access conditions.

Telephone Company Entry Into Cable Television

The 1996 Telecom Act makes far reaching changes in the regulation of telephone companies that provide video programming services. The new law eliminates federal legal barriers to competition in the local telephone and cable communications businesses, preempts state and local laws and regulations which create competitive barriers and sets basic standards for relationships between telecommunications providers. The 1996 Telecom Act also eliminates the requirements that LECs obtain FCC approval under Section 214 of the Communications Act before providing video services in their telephone service areas and removes the statutory telephone company/cable television cross-ownership prohibition, thereby allowing LECs to offer video services in their telephone service areas. LECs may provide service as traditional cable

operators with local franchises, or they may opt to provide their programming over unfranchised "open video systems," subject to certain conditions, including, but not limited to, setting aside a portion of their channel capacity for use by unaffiliated program distributors on a non-discriminatory basis. LECs could be formidable competitors to traditional cable operators, and certain LECs have begun offering cable services, both within and outside of their service areas. We currently have telephone overbuilds in two systems passing approximately 2,500 homes.

The 1996 Telecom Act generally limits acquisitions and prohibits certain joint ventures between LECs and cable operators in the same market. There are some statutory exceptions to the buy-out and joint venture prohibitions, including exceptions for certain small cable systems as defined by Federal law and for cable systems or telephone facilities serving certain rural areas, and the FCC is authorized to grant waivers of the prohibitions under certain circumstances.

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Electric Utility Entry Into Telecommunications/Cable Television

The 1996 Telecom Act provides that registered utility holding companies and subsidiaries may provide telecommunications services, including cable television. Electric utilities must establish separate subsidiaries, known as "exempt telecommunications companies" and must apply to the FCC for operating authority. Because of their resources, electric utilities could also be formidable competitors to traditional cable systems.

#### Additional Ownership Restrictions

The 1996 Telecom Act repealed the 1984 Cable Act's prohibition against LECs providing video programming directly to customers within their local telephone exchange service areas. However, with certain limited exceptions, a LEC may not acquire more than a 10% equity interest in an existing cable system operating within the LEC's service area. The 1996 Telecom Act also authorized LECs and others to operate "open video systems" without obtaining a local cable franchise under the 1984 Cable Act. However, in a January 1999 decision, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit held that the 1996 Telecom Act did not preempt state franchise laws that might be applicable to these systems. See "Business -- Competition."

The 1984 Cable Act and the FCC's rules prohibit the common ownership, operation, control or interest in a cable system and a local television broadcast station whose predicted grade B contour, a measure of a television station's signal strength as defined by the FCC's rules, covers any portion of the community served by the cable system. The 1996 Telecom Act eliminated the statutory ban and directed the FCC to review its cross-ownership rule within two years. Pursuant to the 1996 Telecom Act, the FCC eliminated its restrictions on the cross-ownership of cable systems and national broadcasting networks, and has commenced a proceeding to review its broadcast cable cross-ownership restrictions. In order to encourage competition in the provision of video programming, the FCC adopted a rule prohibiting the common ownership, affiliation, control or interest in cable television systems and wireless cable facilities having overlapping service areas, except in very limited circumstances. The 1992 Cable Act codified this restriction and extended it to co-located satellite master antenna television systems, or SMATV systems. Permitted arrangements in effect as of October 5, 1992, were grandfathered. In January 1995, the FCC adopted regulations which permit cable operators to own and operate SMATV systems within their franchise areas, provided that such operation is consistent with local cable franchise requirements. The 1996 Telecom Act exempts cable systems subject to effective competition from the wireless cable and SMATV restrictions. In addition, a cable operator can purchase an SMATV system located within its franchise areas and technically integrate it into its cable system. The 1992 Cable Act permits states or local franchising authorities to adopt certain additional restrictions on the ownership of cable television systems.

Pursuant to the 1992 Cable Act, the FCC adopted rules precluding a cable system from devoting more than 40% of its activated channel capacity to the carriage of affiliated national program services and has imposed limits on the number of cable systems which a single cable operator can own. In general, no cable operator can have an attributable interest in cable systems which pass more than 30% of all homes nationwide. Attributable interests for these purposes include voting interests of 5% or more, unless there is another single holder of more than 50% of the voting stock, officerships, directorships and general partnership interests. The FCC has stayed the effectiveness of its 30% horizontal ownership rule pending the outcome of the appeal from a U.S. District Court decision holding the multiple ownership limit provision of the 1992 Cable Act unconstitutional, but maintains certain reporting requirements for multiple

system operators, known as MSOs, passing more than 20% of homes nationwide and initiated a proceeding to examine its current horizontal ownership limitations rule and whether it should be modified. The FCC also has initiated a rulemaking proceeding to review its attribution rules which define what constitutes a "cognizable interest" triggering application of various FCC rules relating to the provision of cable services such as cross-ownership, programing access and channel occupancy rules, and horizontal ownership limitations. In addition, a rulemaking proceeding to examine, among other issues, whether any limitations

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on cable-DBS cross-ownership are warranted in order to prevent anticompetitive conduct in the video services market remains pending before the FCC.

There are no federal restrictions on non-U.S. entities having an ownership interest in cable television systems or the FCC licenses commonly employed by such systems. Section 310(b)(4) of the Communications Act does, however, limit direct and indirect foreign ownership of interests in FCC broadcast and common carrier radio licenses, although the FCC may conclude that this indirect foreign ownership is consistent with the public interest.

## Technical Requirements

The FCC has imposed technical standards applicable to the cable channels on which broadcast stations are carried, and has prohibited franchising authorities from adopting standards which are in conflict with or more restrictive than those established by the FCC. Those standards are applicable to all classes of channels which carry downstream National Television System Committee, known as NTSC, video programming. The FCC also has adopted additional standards applicable to cable television systems using frequencies in the 108-137 MHz and 225-400 MHz bands in order to prevent harmful interference with aeronautical navigation and safety radio services and has also established limits on cable system signal leakage. Periodic testing by cable operators for compliance with the technical standards and signal leakage limits is required and an annual filing of the results of these measurements is required. The 1992 Cable Act requires the FCC to update its technical standards periodically to take into account changes in technology. Under the 1996 Telecom Act, local franchising authorities may not prohibit, condition or restrict a cable system's use of any type of subscriber equipment or transmission technology.

The FCC has adopted regulations to implement the requirements of the 1992 Cable Act designed to improve the compatibility of cable systems and consumer electronics equipment. Among other things, these regulations generally prohibit cable operators from scrambling their basic service tier. The 1996 Telecom Act directs the FCC to rely on the marketplace and set only minimal standards to assure compatibility between television sets, VCRs and cable systems.

Pursuant to the requirements of the 1996 Telecom Act, the FCC recently reaffirmed an order implementing regulations intended to promote the commercial availability of navigation devices, including set-top converters. The rules apply generally to all multichannel video programming distributors, or MVPDs, and to all equipment used to receive multichannel video programming, including VCRs and even computers if used for that purpose. The FCC has exempted from its rules all analog equipment and navigation devices that operate throughout the continental United States and are commercially available from unaffiliated sources, such as equipment used by DBS services. The order requires that the security functions presently integrated in set-top converters be separated from their other functions and that separate security modules be available from cable operators by July 2000. Cable operators will be allowed to provide integrated set-top converters to their customers until January 1, 2005. After that time, the sale of or lease by operators of new set-top converters with embedded security functions will be prohibited, subject to the FCC's reassessment in 2000.

# Pole Attachments

The FCC currently regulates the rates and conditions imposed by certain public utilities for use of their poles unless state public service commissions are able to demonstrate that they regulate the rates, terms and conditions of cable television pole attachments. In addition, cooperatively and municipally owned utilities are not subject to the FCC's pole attachment regulations and in most cases are not subject to the pole attachment regulations of the state. We may operate systems that utilize poles owned by cooperatively and government owned utilities. None of the states in which we operate cable systems has certified to the FCC that it regulates the rates, terms and conditions for pole attachments. With respect to Buford's operations, Louisiana has certified to the FCC that it regulates pole attachments. In the absence of state regulation, and except for cooperatively or government owned poles, the FCC administers such pole attachment rates through use of a formula which it has devised. As directed

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Act, the FCC has adopted a new rate formula for any attaching party, including cable systems, which offers telecommunications services. This new formula will result in significantly higher attachment rates for cable systems which choose to offer such services, or permit their transmission on their cable systems, but does not begin to take effect until 2001 and will be phased in by equal increments over the ensuing five years. Various parties have requested the FCC to reconsider these new regulations and several parties have filed petitions for review at the FCC and in federal appellate courts. A 1997 proceeding to consider whether certain elements of the existing rate formula should be adjusted also remains pending before the FCC. If adopted, these adjustments may increase the fees paid by cable operators to utilities for pole attachments and conduit space. The ultimate outcome of these rulemakings and the ultimate impact of any revised FCC rate formula or of any new pole attachment rate regulations on us or our business cannot be determined at this time.

#### Must Carry/Retransmission Consent

The 1992 Cable Act contains broadcast signals carriage requirements that, among other things, allow local commercial television broadcast stations to elect once every three years between requiring a cable system to carry the station, known as must carry, or negotiating for payments for granting permission to the cable operator to carry the station, known as retransmission consent. A cable system generally is required to devote up to one-third of its activated channel capacity for the carriage of local commercial television stations whether pursuant to the mandatory carriage or retransmission consent requirements of the 1992 Cable Act. Local non-commercial television stations are also given mandatory carriage rights, subject to certain exceptions, within the larger of: (A) a 50-mile radius from the station's city of license; or (B) the station's Grade B contour, a measure of signal strength. Unlike commercial stations, noncommercial stations are not given the option to negotiate retransmission consent for the carriage of their signal. In addition, cable systems must obtain retransmission consent for the carriage of all "distant" commercial broadcast stations, except for certain "superstations," i.e., commercial satellite-delivered independent stations, such as WGN. Must carry requests can limit a cable systems' programming offerings, and retransmission consent demands may require substantial payments or other concessions. Either option has a potentially adverse affect on our business. The burden associated with "must carry" may increase substantially as broadcasters proceed with planned conversion to digital transmission and if the FCC determines that cable systems must carry all analog and digital broadcasts in their entirety. The FCC has initiated a rulemaking proceeding concerning whether and under what circumstances cable operators must carry digital broadcast signals.

### Access Channels

LFAs can include franchise provisions requiring cable operators to set aside certain channels for public, educational and governmental access programming. The 1984 Cable Act further requires cable television systems with 36 or more activated channels to designate a portion of their channel capacity for commercial leased access by unaffiliated third parties. While the 1984 Cable Act allowed cable operators substantial latitude in setting leased access rates, the 1992 Cable Act requires leased access rates to be set according to a formula determined by the FCC. The FCC has adopted rules regulating the terms, conditions and maximum rates a cable operator may charge for use of the designated channel capacity, but use of commercial leased access channels has been relatively limited.

The FCC released revised rules in February 1997 mandating a modest rate reduction. The reduction sparked some increase in part-time use, but did not make commercial leased access substantially more attractive to third party programmers. The FCC has initiated a proceeding to consider whether the leased access requirement applies to cable modem internet access services offered by cable operators.

# Access to Programming

To spur the development of independent cable programmers and competition to incumbent cable operators, the 1992 Cable Act imposed restrictions on the dealings between cable operators and cable programmers. Of special significance from a competitive business posture, the 1992 Cable Act precludes satellite distributed video programmers affiliated with cable companies from favoring cable operators over

competitors and requires such programmers to sell their programming to other multichannel video distributors. This provision limits the ability of vertically integrated cable programmers to offer exclusive programming arrangements to cable companies. Recently, there has been increased interest in further restricting the marketing practices of cable programmers, including subjecting programmers who are not affiliated with cable operators to all of the existing program access requirements. In an effort to increase competition in the video marketplace, the FCC revised its program access complaint procedures. Among other revisions, the order increased sanctions for violation of the program access rules. The FCC has, in subsequent decisions, declined to broaden the scope of the rules to include terrestrially delivered programming.

#### Inside Wiring

In October 1997, the FCC adopted new procedural guidelines governing the disposition of home run wiring, a line running to an individual subscriber's unit from a common feeder or riser cable, in multi-dwelling units, or MDUs. The rules allow MDU owners to attempt to force cable television operators without contracts to either sell, abandon or remove home run wiring and terminate service to MDU subscribers unless operators retain rights under common or state law to maintain ownership rights in the home run wiring. In addition, the FCC is reviewing the enforceability of contracts to provide exclusive video service within an MDU complex. The FCC has sought comment on abrogating all such contracts held by incumbent cable operators, but allowing such contracts when held by new entrants. These changes, if ultimately adopted, will make it easier for an MDU complex owner to terminate service from an incumbent cable operator in favor of a new entrant and leave the already competitive MDU sector even more challenging for incumbent cable operators unless operators retain rights under common or state law to maintain ownership rights in the home run wiring.

#### Other FCC Regulations

The FCC continues to have rulemaking proceedings pending that will implement various provisions of the 1996 Telecom Act. It also has adopted regulations implementing various provisions of the 1992 Cable Act and the 1996 Telecom Act, many of which have been the subject of petitions requesting reconsideration of various aspects of its rulemaking proceedings. In addition to the FCC regulations noted above, there are other FCC regulations covering such areas as:

- equal employment opportunity;
- syndicated program exclusivity;
- network program non-duplication;
- closed captioning of video programming;
- registration of cable systems;
- maintenance of various records and public inspection files;
- microwave frequency usage;
- lockbox availability;
- origination cablecasting and sponsorship identification;
- antenna structure notification;
- marking and lighting;
- carriage of local sports broadcast programming;
- application of rules governing political broadcasts;
- limitations on advertising contained in non-broadcast children's programming;

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- programmer access to cable systems;
- programming agreements;
- technical standards;

- emergency alert system requirements;
- consumer electronics equipment compatibility; and
- DBS implementation.

The 1992 Cable Act, the 1996 Telecom Act and the FCC's rules implementing these statutory provisions generally have increased the administrative and operational expenses of cable systems and have resulted in additional regulatory oversight by the FCC and local franchise authorities. We will continue to develop strategies to attempt to minimize the adverse impact that the FCC's regulations and the other provisions of the 1992 Cable Act and the 1996 Telecom Act have on our business. However, no assurances can be given that we will be able to develop and successfully implement such strategies to minimize the adverse impact of the FCC's rate regulations, the 1992 Cable Act or the 1996 Telecom Act on our business.

The FCC has the authority to enforce its regulations through the imposition of substantial fines, the issuance of cease and desist orders and/or the imposition of other administrative sanctions, such as the revocation of FCC licenses needed to operate certain transmission facilities used in connection with cable operations.

#### COPYRIGHT

Cable systems are subject to federal copyright licensing covering carriage of television and radio broadcast signals. In exchange for filing certain reports and contributing a percentage of their revenue to a federal copyright royalty pool, cable operators can obtain blanket permission to retransmit copyrighted material on broadcast signals. The nature and amount of future payments for broadcast signal carriage cannot be predicted at this time. In a recent report to Congress, the Copyright Office recommended that Congress make major revisions of both the cable television and satellite compulsory licenses to make them as simple as possible to administer, to provide copyright owners with full compensation for the use of their work, and to treat every multichannel video delivery system the same, except to the extent that technological differences or differences in the regulatory burdens placed upon the delivery system justify different copyright treatment. The possible simplification, modification or elimination of the compulsory copyright license is the subject of continuing legislative review. The elimination or substantial modification of the cable compulsory license could adversely affect our ability to obtain suitable programming and could substantially increase the cost of programming that remained available for distribution to our customers. We cannot predict the outcome of this legislative activity.

Cable operators distribute programming and advertising that use music controlled by the two major music performing rights organizations, ASCAP and BMI. In October 1989, the special rate court of the U.S. District Court of the Southern District of New York imposed interim rates on the cable industry's use of ASCAP-controlled music. The same federal district court recently established a special rate court for BMI. BMI and certain cable industry representatives recently concluded negotiations for a standard licensing agreement covering the usage of BMI music contained in advertising and other information inserted by operators into cable programming and on certain local access and origination channels carried on cable systems. ASCAP and cable industry representatives have met to discuss the development of a standard licensing agreement covering ASCAP music in local origination and access channels and pay-per-view programming. Recently, the U.S. District Court of the Southern District of New York ruled that, on an interim basis, cable operators must pay ASCAP the same fees paid to BMI for locally originated programming, PEG, leased access and local advertising. Although we cannot predict the ultimate outcome of these industry negotiations and litigation or the amount of any license fees we may be required to pay

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for past and future use of ASCAP-controlled music, we do not believe these license fees will be material to our operations.

### STATE AND LOCAL REGULATION

Cable television systems generally are operated pursuant to nonexclusive franchises granted by a municipality or other state or local government entity in order to cross public rights-of-way. Federal law now prohibits franchise authorities from granting exclusive franchises or from unreasonably refusing to award additional franchises. Cable franchises generally are granted for fixed terms and in many cases include monetary penalties for non-compliance and may be terminable if the franchise fails to comply with material provisions. The terms and conditions of franchises vary materially from jurisdiction to jurisdiction.

Each franchise generally contains provisions governing cable operations, service rates, franchise fees, system construction and maintenance obligations, system channel capacity, design and technical performance, customer service standards, and indemnification protections. A number of states, such as Connecticut, subject cable television systems to the jurisdiction of centralized state governmental agencies, some of which impose regulation of a character similar to that of a public utility. Although LFAs have considerable discretion in establishing franchise terms, there are certain federal limitations. For example, LFAs cannot insist on franchise fees exceeding 5% of the system's gross revenues, cannot dictate the particular technology used by the system, and cannot specify video programming other than identifying broad categories of programming.

The 1984 Cable Act places certain limitations on a franchising authority's ability to control the operation of a cable system operator, and the courts have from time to time reviewed the constitutionality of several general franchise requirements, including franchise fees and access channel requirements, often with inconsistent results. On the other hand, the 1992 Cable Act prohibits exclusive franchises, and allows franchising authorities to exercise greater control over the operation of franchised cable television systems, especially in the area of customer service and rate regulation. Moreover, franchising authorities are immunized from monetary damage awards arising from regulation of cable television systems or decisions made on franchise grants, renewals, transfers and amendments.

Federal law contains renewal procedures designed to protect incumbent franchisees against arbitrary denials of renewal. Even if a franchise is renewed, the franchise authority may seek to impose new and more onerous requirements such as significant upgrades in facilities and service or increased franchise fees as a condition of renewal. Similarly, if a franchise authority's consent is required for the purchase or sale of a cable system or franchise, such authority may attempt to impose more burdensome or onerous franchise requirements in connection with a request for consent. Historically, franchises have been renewed for cable operators that have provided satisfactory services and have complied with the terms of their franchise. We have generally had good experiences with our cable franchise renewals.

The 1996 Telecom Act provides that no state or local laws or regulations may prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting any entity from providing any interstate or intrastate telecommunications service. States are authorized, however, to impose "competitively neutral" requirements regarding universal service, public safety and welfare, service quality, and consumer protection. State and local governments also retain their authority to manage the public rights-of-way and may require reasonable, competitively neutral compensation for management of the public right-of-way when cable operators provide telecommunications service.

In July 1999 the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon held that the City of Portland, Oregon had the authority to require AT&T Corp. to provide cable modem services to competitors on a non-discriminatory basis. AT&T has sought expedited review of this decision in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

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## OTHER MATTERS

The foregoing does not purport to describe all present and proposed federal, state and local regulations and legislation relating to the cable television industry. Other existing federal regulations, copyright licensing and, in many jurisdictions, state and local franchise requirements, currently are the subject of a variety of judicial proceedings, legislative hearings and administrative and legislative proposals which could change, in varying degrees, the manner in which cable television systems operate. Neither the outcome of these proceedings nor their impact upon the cable television industry can be predicted at this time.

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### MANAGEMENT

All of our outstanding capital stock is owned by our parent, Classic Communications. The executive officers of Classic Communications are also our executive officers and hold the same positions. Our directors and the directors for all of our subsidiaries are J. Merritt Belisle and Steven E. Seach. Executive officers, key operations managers and outside directors of Classic Communications are listed as follows:

| EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF CLASSIC COMMUNICATIONS | AGE POSITION   |
|--|--|
| <\$>   | <c> <c></c></c>  |
| Alberto Cribiore   | 53 Director and Chairman of the Board<br>43 Director and Chief Executive Officer |
| Steven E. Seach  |  |
| Ronald W. Martin   | 47 Executive Vice President of Operations  |
| Kevin P. McCabe  | 56 Executive Vice President and Chief<br>Accounting Officer                      |
| Elizabeth Kay Monigold                                     | 46 Executive Vice President of Administration                                    |
| Lisa A. Hook   | 41 Director  |
| David Webb   | 46 Director  |
| Martin D. Payson   |  |

 63 Director |Alberto Cribiore, founder and Managing Principal of Brera Capital Partners was appointed Chairman of the Board upon the closing of the Brera Classic equity investment. Prior to forming Brera in 1997, Mr. Cribiore was Co-President and Partner at Clayton, Dubilier & Rice, Inc. which he joined in 1985 as one of three principal shareholders. He had previously been a Senior Vice President at Warner Communications, where he was responsible for mergers, acquisitions and divestitures. Mr. Cribiore is a cum laude graduate of Bocconi University in Milan, Italy and holds degrees in Business Administration and Economics. He is currently a Director of Riverwood International Corporation and Hansberger Group, Inc. Mr. Cribiore also serves as the Chairman of the Board and Director of Global Decisions Group, LLC, the parent company of Cambridge Energy Research Associates and MCM Group, Inc. Mr. Cribiore serves as one of Brera Classic's designees to our Board. See "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions --1999 Stockholders' Agreement."

J. Merritt Belisle, our Chief Executive Officer and Director, founded Classic in March 1992. From January 1988 through August 1991, he was a Vice President at Texas Commerce Investment Banking, a division of Texas Commerce Bank, N.A., Houston, Texas. From April 1985 to January 1988, Mr. Belisle was Chief Executive Officer of Community Cable Incorporated, a small multi-system cable television operator based in Austin, Texas. Community Cable was sold to a cable television subsidiary of Time Warner, Inc. Prior to founding Community Cable, Mr. Belisle was a corporate and securities attorney with the Houston office of Baker & Botts. Mr. Belisle received a BBA in 1977, a MPA in 1980, and a JD in 1981 from The University of Texas at Austin. Mr. Belisle serves as one of our directors pursuant to his position as Chief Executive Officer of Classic Communications. See "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions -- 1999 Stockholders' Agreement."

Steven E. Seach, our President and Chief Financial Officer and Director, assisted Mr. Belisle in the founding of Classic in March 1992. Mr. Seach became a member of the Board of Classic Communications in 1998. Mr. Seach became our President in October 1996 and, through August 1998, was substantially responsible for our operations. From March 1992 to June 1994, Mr. Seach served as an advisor to Classic and its Board of Directors for strategic, operational and financial matters. Mr. Seach became our Chief Financial Officer in July 1994. Prior to his association with us, Mr. Seach spent 12 years in the corporate banking and investment banking industries, primarily with Texas Commerce Bank, N.A., Houston, Texas. Mr. Seach received a BBA in finance from the University of Houston in 1980. Mr. Seach serves as one of our directors pursuant to the 1999 Stockholders' Agreement. See "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions -- 1999 Stockholders' Agreement."

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Ronald W. Martin, who became our Executive Vice President of Operations upon the closing of the Buford acquisition, is responsible for all of our system operating and marketing functions. Since 1993, he has served as Buford's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. A graduate of Dakota Wesleyan, he joined Buford in 1973 as Business Manager for KXON-TV in Mitchell, South Dakota, later serving in the same position at KFSM-TV in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He joined Buford's corporate staff in 1976, serving as Internal Auditor and Personnel Administrator. In 1981, Mr. Martin was named Vice President of Human Resources and Administration for Buford. Mr. Martin is a Board Member and past Chairman of the National Cable Television Cooperative and serves on the CTAM Digital Committee.

Kevin P. McCabe, our Executive Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer joined us in February 1999. Mr. McCabe was an advisor to us from October 1998 to

February 1999. Since October 1995, Mr. McCabe has been a principal in The Austin Advisory, a financial consulting firm. He was employed by Uniquest, Inc. from March 1994 to September 1995. From 1991 to 1994, Mr. McCabe was Vice President, Controller of Dell Computer Corporation. Mr. McCabe spent 15 years at KPMG LLP, the last five years as a partner. He subsequently held increasingly responsible financial management positions at General Foods, Colgate-Palmolive and John Wiley & Sons. Mr. McCabe received a BS in management from Boston College.

Elizabeth Kay Monigold, who became our Executive Vice President of Administration upon the closing of the Buford acquisition, is responsible for all of our human resources, legal, information systems and risk management functions, as well as operating responsibility for CCT. Since 1993, she served as Buford's Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer. Ms. Monigold joined Buford in 1981 and served in numerous capacities including the evaluation of new business opportunities such as data, telephony, digital and other new technologies. Ms. Monigold earned a BBA in Business Management from The University of Texas at Tyler.

Lisa A. Hook, a Principal of Brera Capital Partners, was appointed Director upon the closing of the Brera Classic equity investment. Prior to joining Brera Classic in 1998, Ms. Hook was a Managing Director of Alpine Capital Group, a telecommunications and media venture capital firm. From 1989 to 1996, Ms. Hook served in a number of senior executive level positions at Time Warner Inc., including Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer of Time Warner Telecom and Special Advisor to the Vice Chairman. From 1987 to 1989, Ms. Hook served as the Legal Advisor to the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission. From 1985 to 1987, Ms. Hook served as a senior attorney at Viacom International, responsible for Viacom Cable. Prior to joining Viacom, Ms. Hook was an attorney with the law firm of Hogan & Hartson. Ms. Hook received her BA from Duke University and her JD from the Dickinson School of Law. Ms. Hook serves as one of Brera Classic's designees to our Board. See "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions -- 1999 Stockholders' Agreement."

David Webb, a Principal of Brera Capital Partners, was appointed Director upon the closing of the Brera Classic equity investment. Prior to joining Brera Classic in 1999, Mr. Webb was a Managing Director in the investment banking division of Merrill Lynch, which he joined in 1981. Mr. Webb was the head of the firm's Global Financial Sponsors Group, and a member of the investment banking division's U.S. Operating Committee. Mr. Webb received a BA with honors from the University of North Carolina, where he was a Morehead Scholar, and an MBA from the Darden School of the University of Virginia. He is the director of the Homes for Homeless Inc. Mr. Webb serves as one of Brera Classic's designees to our Board. See "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions -- 1999 Stockholders' Agreement."

Martin D. Payson, the Chairman of Latin Communications Group, Inc., a privately-held Spanish language media company, was appointed Director upon the closing of the Brera Classic equity investment. Previously, Mr. Payson was Vice Chairman of Time Warner Inc. and a member of its board of directors. Before the merger of Warner Communications Inc. and Time, Inc., Mr. Payson held the position of Office of the President and General Counsel of Warner Communications. Mr. Payson is a director of Delta Financial Corp. and Panavision Inc., as well as several privately-held companies and philanthropic organizations. Mr. Payson received his AB from Cornell University and his LLB cum laude from New

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York University School of Law. Mr. Payson serves as one of Brera Classic's designees to our Board. See "Certain Relationships and Related Transactions -- 1999 Stockholders' Agreement."

# 1999 STOCKHOLDERS' AGREEMENT

Effective July 28, 1999, Classic Communications, Brera Classic, BT Capital Partners, Inc., Austin Ventures, L.P., BA SBIC Management, L.L.C., as the successor in interest to NationsBanc Capital Corp., J. Merritt Belisle, Steven E. Seach and certain other stockholders of Classic Communications entered into a stockholders' agreement. This agreement provides, among other things, that, until such time as the parties to the stockholders' agreement together own less than 30% of the outstanding common stock of Classic Communications, the parties have agreed to vote their common stock to cause the board of directors to consist of seven members, being four members designated by Brera Classic, the chief executive officer of Classic Communications, initially J. Merritt Belisle, and two other individuals to be designated by Austin Ventures, L.P., Austin Ventures III-A, L.P., Austin Ventures III-B, L.P., BA SBIC Management, L.L.C., BT Capital Partners, Inc., and The Texas Growth Fund. One of the two individuals to be named by such stockholders will be Steven E. Seach for so long as he is employed by us. Such stockholders have not yet designated an individual to serve

as the seventh member of the board of directors.

#### OTHER CORPORATE PERSONNEL

Bryan D. Noteboom, our Vice President of Finance & Administration, has been with us since our inception and coordinates our finance, human resources and risk management functions. Mr. Noteboom has an extensive background in cable television, accounting, and finance through prior work experience in the cable industry and as a senior auditor with Coopers & Lybrand. Mr. Noteboom earned a BBA in Accounting/Finance from the University of Texas at Austin in December 1985 and is a licensed Certified Public Accountant.

Mark Rowe, our Corporate Controller, joined us in 1998 and coordinates our accounting function, including SEC reporting and budgeting. Prior to joining us, Mr. Rowe worked as an audit manager at Ernst & Young LLP, serving a number of telecommunication industry clients. Mr. Rowe earned a BBA in Accounting from The University of Texas at Austin in 1990 and is a licensed Certified Public Accountant.

Ashley M. Kimery, our Corporate Treasurer, joined us in 1995 and currently oversees our cash management and tax functions. Prior to joining us, Ms. Kimery worked for seven years in both the audit and tax departments at Ernst & Young LLP. Ms. Kimery earned a BBA in Accounting from Texas A&M University in 1987, an MPA in Tax from The University of Texas at Austin in 1991 and is a licensed Certified Public Accountant.

John Ellis, our Management Information Systems Manager, has over 25 years experience in information technology and is responsible for the development, implementation and operation of all software and hardware network interfaces for us. Mr. Ellis joined Buford in 1981 and was instrumental in the network design of the Tyler, Texas call center. Mr. Ellis is currently serving on the CableLabs Year 2000 Committee.

Ronald G. Jansonius, our Advanced Technology Manager, has been with us since 1996 and is responsible for directing our advanced technology initiatives. Mr. Jansonius has over 6 years of computer, network, and broadband technology expertise. He received a BS from Fort Hays State University in 1982.

#### KEY OPERATIONS PERSONNEL

Nita M. Basgall, our Regional Manager, has been with us since our inception and oversees all operational, technical and local marketing aspects of our systems in Kansas, Nebraska and Northwest Missouri. Ms. Basgall has over 24 years of experience in the cable television industry. Ms. Basgall serves on the Board of Directors of the Kansas Cable Telecommunications Association.

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Arl Cope, our Regional Manager, joined Buford in 1987 and is responsible for the oversight of all operational, technical and local marketing aspects of certain of our systems in Arkansas, southern Missouri, and northern Louisiana. A 30 year veteran of the cable television industry, Mr. Cope currently serves as Secretary/Treasurer of the Arkansas Cable Telecommunications Association and has been a Board Member since 1989.

William E. Flowers, Jr., our Regional Manager, has over 18 years of experience in the cable television industry and oversees all operational, technical and local marketing aspects of our systems in the western and panhandle regions of Texas and in New Mexico. Mr. Flowers joined us in August 1998.

Steve Lowe, our Regional Manager, has over 25 years in the cable television industry and oversees all operational, technical and local marketing aspects of our systems in central and east Texas and central Louisiana. Prior to joining Buford in 1988, Mr. Lowe constructed, owned and operated cable systems in western Oklahoma. Mr. Lowe currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Texas Cable Television Association.

Ron Schaeffer, our General Manager of CCT, is responsible for the operation of existing business and the development of new business within CCT. Mr. Schaeffer joined Buford in 1992 and has been instrumental in the development of the Satellite Education Network, which is designed to provide interactive educational services to prisons. Mr. Schaeffer is a graduate of New York University.

David D. Walker, our Regional Manager, has over 28 years of experience in the cable television industry and oversees all operational, technical and local marketing aspects of certain of our systems in Missouri, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. Mr. Walker serves on the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Cable

Rowdy O. Whittington, our Plant Integrity Manager, oversees our system technical compliance standards. Mr. Whittington also manages the operations of a select number of systems in Colorado. Mr. Whittington has over 12 years of experience in the cable television industry.

#### COMPENSATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Our executive officers are the executive officers of Classic Communications and hold the same offices. Other than the executive officers of Classic and Classic Communications who are also directors, no other directors of Classic or Classic Communications receive any compensation for serving as a director. The following table summarizes the compensation for services rendered which Classic Communications paid to the Chief Executive Officer, President and other executive officers as to whom the total annual compensation exceeded \$100,000 in

#### SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

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|                             |         | COMPENSATION |              |                              |                                       |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| NAME AND PRINCIPAL POSITION | YEAR    | SALARY       | BONUS        | OTHER ANNUAL COMPENSATION(1) | RESTRICTED<br>STOCK<br>AWARDS (2) (3) |
| <\$>                        | <c></c> | <c></c>      | <c></c>      | <c></c>                      | <c></c>                               |
| J. Merritt Belisle          | 1998    | \$200,000    | \$361,539(4) | \$6 <b>,</b> 607             | \$ 49,609                             |
| Steven E. Seach             | 1998    | \$277,084    | \$258,302(5) | \$6 <b>,</b> 607             | \$659,471                             |
| Gilbert W. Nichols(6)       | 1998    | \$103,332    | \$ 44,101    | \$3,563                      | \$                                    |

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- (1) Amounts reported as other annual compensation represent our contribution under our 401(k) plan and/or vehicle fringe benefits.
- (2) The executive officers of Classic Communications received restricted stock, options, stock appreciation rights or other compensation during 1996 under the 1996 Stock Restricted Plan. See "-- 1996 Restricted Stock Plan." On July 29, 1998, Messrs. Belisle and Seach held 229,050 shares and 67,283 shares of restricted stock, respectively, and each of Messrs. Belisle and Seach exchanged their

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existing shares of restricted stock for 242,209 new shares of restricted stock with revised vesting terms and other restrictions. See "-- 1998 Restricted Stock Plan." Long-term compensation amounts are calculated by multiplying the number of 1998 restricted shares issued by the per share value of Classic Communications' unrestricted stock as of the date of issuance, less an amount equal to the number of 1996 restricted shares exchanged therefor multiplied by the per share value of Classic Communications' unrestricted stock on the date of issuance.

- (3) As of December 31, 1998, Messrs. Belisle and Seach each owned 242,209 restricted shares of Classic Communications' common stock. These shares vested upon the consummation of the Brera Classic equity investment. The total value of all restricted stock owned by Messrs. Belisle and Seach was approximately \$913,000 each, computed without taking into consideration any of the restrictions. Messrs. Belisle and Seach are entitled to dividends in respect of their restricted shares in the same manner as the holders of unrestricted shares, but only to the extent that such dividends exceed the distribution thresholds applicable thereto. See "-- 1998 Restricted Stock Plan."
- (4) Includes a transaction fee of \$300,000 paid pursuant to a pre-existing employment agreement in connection with the acquisition of certain properties from Cable One in July 1998, and the related financings.
- (5) Includes a transaction fee of \$250,000 paid pursuant to a pre-existing employment agreement in connection with the acquisition of certain properties from Cable One in July 1998, and the related financings.

#### 1996 RESTRICTED STOCK PLAN

Certain members of management own restricted stock subject to the terms of Classic Communications' 1996 Restricted Stock Plan. Pursuant to the 1996 Plan, Classic Communications may, from time to time, grant restricted stock to officers and other key employees of Classic Communications or its subsidiaries upon the terms, conditions and provisions of the 1996 Plan. Concurrently with the adoption of the 1996 Plan, Classic Communications granted a total of 517,626 shares of Classic Communications common stock as of such date, of which only 144,940 shares are currently outstanding. These shares vested upon the consummation of the Brera Classic equity investment. One-half of such shares of restricted stock is subject to a distribution threshold equal to \$9.93 per share, i.e., the first \$9.93 of distributions with respect to such shares is to be withheld and distributed instead to the other holders of Classic Communications common stock, and one-fourth of the shares is subject to a distribution threshold of \$19.06 per share and one-fourth to a distribution threshold of \$29.78 per share.

#### 1998 RESTRICTED STOCK PLAN

The terms of the 1998 Plan are similar in all material respects to the 1996 Plan. In July 1998, each of Messrs. Seach and Belisle exchanged all of his existing shares under the 1996 Plan for 242,209 shares of restricted Classic Communications common stock pursuant to the 1998 Plan, each representing approximately 6.8% of Classic Communications common stock on a fully diluted basis. These shares vested upon the consummation of the Brera Classic equity investment. All of such shares of restricted Classic Communications common stock are subject to a distribution threshold equal to \$3.77 per share.

#### EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS AND TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

At the closing of the Brera Classic equity investment, J. Merritt Belisle and Steven E. Seach each entered into an employment agreement with Classic Communications, on substantially similar terms with their former employment agreements. In connection with the consummation of the Brera Classic equity investment, Mr. Belisle was paid \$780,000 and Mr. Seach was paid \$700,000 under their former employment agreements. Each of the new employment agreements provides for their continued employment with Classic Communications for a continuing two year period at all times. Messrs. Belisle and Seach are each to be paid an annual salary of \$350,000 per year. Each new employment agreement

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provides that upon termination by Classic Communications without cause, the employee will be entitled to the pre-payment of all remaining compensation and benefits under the agreement, i.e., two years' of base compensation and benefits. Each employment agreement also prohibits the employee from competing with Classic Communications during his term of employment and for a period of two years thereafter.

Under their new employment agreements, Messrs. Belisle and Seach were each granted a stock option to purchase 279,874 shares of common stock in Classic Communications at an exercise price of \$14.57 per share, which vests on a monthly basis over a three-year period, or immediately in the event of a sale of all the stock of Classic Communications for cash or securities by merger, tender offer, stock purchase or an initial public offering of Classic Communications' common stock.

In addition, Messrs. Belisle and Seach will each also receive a second stock option to purchase 279,874 shares of common stock in Classic Communications, to vest over a three-year period commencing on the date of a sale of all of the stock of Classic Communications involving an initial public offering or a stock-for-stock merger or immediately upon the closing of a sale of all of the common stock of Classic Communications for cash or a sale of substantially all the assets of Classic Communications. The price of the second option is gross sale price per share of common stock of Classic Communications in its initial public offering or, in connection with a sale of stock or assets, an amount equal to \$14.57 per share increased by 14% per annum from the consummation of the Brera Classic equity investment to the date of such a sale.

The employment agreements of Messrs. Belisle and Seach in effect prior to the consummation of the Brera Classic equity investment provided for a transaction fee of 1% to be paid on the value of all mergers, acquisitions, or dispositions of assets or subsidiaries by Classic Communications that were consummated during their term of employment. Messrs. Belisle and Seach each received a transaction fee of \$1.5 million related to the consummation of the

Buford acquisition. The new employment agreements do not contain a provision for transaction fees to be paid to Messrs. Belisle and Seach.

We expect to enter into employment agreements with Ronald W. Martin and Elizabeth Kay Monigold. These employment agreements will relate to their employment by us as the Executive Vice President of Operations and the Executive Vice President of Administration, respectively, and will be for a continuing one year period at all times.

#### COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION

The Board of Directors of Classic Communications as a whole determines the compensation of Classic Communications' executive officers. J. Merritt Belisle, Classic Communications' Chief Executive Officer, and Steven E. Seach, Classic Communications' President, as Board members, participate in deliberations of the Board of Directors with respect to compensation of all executive officers.

#### CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

#### LOANS TO AFFILIATES

During 1998, Classic Communications and Classic had outstanding subordinated indebtedness, including accrued interest, in the amount of approximately \$4.5 million to Austin Ventures, L.P., The Texas Growth Fund, and BT Capital Partners, Inc. and preferred stock, including accrued and unpaid dividends, in the amount of approximately \$29.4 million to NationsBanc Capital Corp. and BT Capital Partners, Inc., each a stockholder of Classic Communications. Approximately \$3.9 million of such indebtedness bore interest at the rate of 15.0% per annum and the remainder bore interest at the rate of 7.5% per annum. All of such subordinated indebtedness and preferred stock had been incurred or issued to fund the acquisition of various cable properties acquired by us. Classic Communications repaid such indebtedness and redeemed the preferred stock from the holders thereof out of the proceeds received from a previous issuance of senior subordinated notes.

In 1997, Classic advanced approximately \$200,000 to Mr. Belisle, which has been forgiven.

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## STOCKHOLDER VOTING AGREEMENTS

Brera Classic entered into stockholder voting agreements with Austin Ventures, L.P., BT Capital Partners, Inc., The Texas Growth Fund, BA SBIC Management, L.L.C., as the successor in interest to NationsBanc Capital Corp., J. Merritt Belisle, Steven E. Seach, and Bryan Noteboom, who collectively held approximately 80.4% of the fully diluted common stock of Classic Communications, before giving effect to the Brera Classic equity investment. The stockholder voting agreements required the stockholders to vote in favor of the Brera Classic equity investment, which was consummated on July 28, 1999.

### 1995 STOCKHOLDERS AGREEMENT

Each member of management of Classic Communications holding shares of Classic Communications common stock in October 1995 executed a stockholders agreement with Classic Communications and its other shareholders dated as of October 15, 1995. The stockholders agreement generally provides Classic Communications with a right of first refusal in the event of proposed sales of Classic Communications common stock owned by the members of management, and upon any termination of a management stockholder's employment, to repurchase any Classic Communications common stock owned by such management stockholder. The stockholders agreement contains certain rights of the management stockholders to participate in sales of Classic Communications common stock and certain obligations of the management stockholders to sell their Classic Communications common stock in the case of a sale for cash of all outstanding Classic Communications common stock. Finally, the management stockholders are required to vote their Classic Communications common stock to elect to the Classic Communications Board of Directors the directors nominated by the other Classic Communications stockholders under the stockholders agreement. This stockholders agreement terminated for the existing stockholders of Classic Communications entering into the 1999 stockholders agreement. The 1995 stockholders agreement, and all rights and obligations of the management stockholders thereunder described above, will also terminate following an initial public offering of Classic Communications common stock meeting certain criteria.

## 1999 STOCKHOLDERS' AGREEMENT

Effective July 28, 1999, Classic Communications, Brera Classic, BT Capital Partners, Inc., Austin Ventures, L.P., BA SBIC Management, L.L.C., as the

successor in interest to NationsBanc Capital Corp., J. Merritt Belisle, Steven E. Seach and certain other stockholders of Classic Communications entered into the 1999 stockholders' agreement which subjects the equity securities these stockholders hold in Classic Communications to a right of first offer to Classic Communications and other stockholders party to the stockholders' agreement. The agreement also provides that the other stockholders party to the agreement are entitled to participate in any proposed sale under the right of first offer on a pro-rata basis. The agreement contains preemptive purchase rights in favor of the stockholders party to the stockholders' agreement in the event Classic Communications issues or sells additional equity securities in Classic Communications, other than in an initial public offering. Further, until such time as the parties to the stockholders' agreement together own less than 30% of the outstanding common stock of Classic Communications, the parties have agreed to vote their common stock to cause the board of directors to consist of seven members, being four members designated by Brera Classic, the chief executive officer of Classic Communications, initially J. Merritt Belisle, and two other individuals to be designated by Austin Ventures, L.P., Austin Ventures III-A, L.P., Austin Ventures III-B, L.P., BA SBIC Management, L.L.C., BT Capital Partners, Inc., and The Texas Growth Fund. One of the two individuals to be named by such stockholders will be Steven E. Seach for so long as he is employed by Classic Communications.

#### MANAGEMENT AND ADVISORY FEE AGREEMENT

As part of the Brera Classic equity investment, Classic Communications and Brera Classic entered into an agreement pursuant to which Brera Classic was paid a transaction fee of \$3 million upon closing of the Brera Classic equity investment in consideration for arranging the equity investment. The agreement further provides that Classic Communications will pay Brera Classic an annual fee of \$250,000 in consideration for transactional assistance and advice provided to Classic Communications until Classic

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Communications is sold or completes an initial public offering, the first payment of which was made at the closing of the Buford acquisition.

#### BRERA CLASSIC INVESTMENT AGREEMENT

Classic Communications and Brera Classic entered into an Investment Agreement whereby Classic Communications agreed to issue and sell 6,490,734 shares of Classic Communications voting common stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$100 million. Pursuant to the Investment Agreement, Classic Communications agreed to pay all fees and expenses of Brera Classic's legal counsel, financial advisors, accountants and third party consultants in an amount up to \$750,000. In addition to the \$750,000 paid to Brera Classic at the closing of the Buford acquisition for its fees and expenses of counsel, accountants, advisors and consultants, Classic Communications approved and paid an additional \$252,000 of Brera Classic's closing costs.

## TRANSACTION FEE

In connection with the Buford acquisition, Classic Communications paid a transaction fee of \$300,000 to The Austin Advisory, a financial consulting firm in which Kevin P. McCabe, our Executive Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer, is a principal.

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# PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS

All of our outstanding capital stock is owned by Classic Communications. The following table sets forth certain information regarding the beneficial ownership of Classic Communications' common stock by (A) each executive officer and director of Classic Communications, (B) each stockholder known by Classic Communications to beneficially own 5.0% or more of such Classic Communications common stock, and (C) all directors and officers as a group.

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

|                     | VOTING<br>COMMON | NON VOTING<br>COMMON |              | FULLY-DILUTED<br>COMMON | DILUTED<br>COMMON |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| BENEFICIAL OWNER(1) | SHARES (3)       | SHARES(3)            | WARRANTS (4) | SHARES                  | STOCK(5)          |
|                     |                  |                      |              |                         |                   |
| <\$>                | <c></c>          | <c></c>              | <c></c>      | <c></c>                 | <c></c>           |
| Brera Classic(2)    | 6,490,734        |                      |              | 6,490,734               | 64.4%             |

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| BT Capital Partners, Inc        | 1,326     | 735,986 | 30,225  | 767,537   | 7.6  |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|------|
| Austin Ventures, L.P.(6)        | 735,987   |         |         | 735,987   | 7.3  |
| BA SBIC Management, L.L.C.(7)   | 6,631     | 542,995 | 152,418 | 702,044   | 6.9  |
| J. Merritt Belisle              | 244,862   |         |         | 244,862   | 2.4  |
| Steven E. Seach                 | 244,862   |         |         | 244,862   | 2.4  |
| Lisa A. Hook(8)                 | 6,490,734 |         |         | 6,490,734 | 64.4 |
| Alberto Cribiore(9)             | 6,490,734 |         |         | 6,490,734 | 64.4 |
| David Webb(10)                  | 6,490,734 |         |         | 6,490,734 | 64.4 |
| All directors and officers as a |           |         |         |           |      |
| group                           |           |         |         |           |      |

 7,724,402 | 1,278,981 | 182,643 | 9,185,576 | 91.0% |\_\_\_\_\_

- (1) The address for Brera Classic, Lisa Hook, Alberto Cribiore, and David Webb is 712 Fifth Avenue, 34th Floor, New York, New York 10009. The address for Austin Ventures, L.P. is 1300 Norwood Tower, 114 West 7th Street, Austin, Texas 78701. The address for BT Capital Partners, Inc. is 130 Liberty Street, 25th Floor, New York, New York 10006. The address for BA SBIC Management L.L.C. is 100 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28255. The address for J. Merritt Belisle and Steven E. Seach is 515 Congress Ave., Suite 2626, Austin, Texas 78701.
- (2) Brera Classic has sold non-voting equity interests in Brera Classic equal to 19.85% of its investment in Classic Communications to certain institutions and individuals including affiliates of Goldman, Sachs & Co. (an initial purchaser) and The Chase Manhattan Bank.
- (3) All shares of Classic Communications non-voting common stock are convertible into shares of voting common stock without cost and without advance notice by the holders thereof. As a result, Classic Communications believes that such shares should be taken into account in considering voting interests in Classic Communications.
- (4) Warrants are for shares of Classic Communications common stock which may be acquired at \$.001 per share pursuant to a warrant which is exercisable at any time.
- (5) Assumes exercise of all outstanding warrants.
- (6) Austin Ventures, L.P. owns 323,832 shares, Austin Ventures III-A, L.P. owns 223,422 shares and Austin Ventures III-B, L.P. owns 188,733 shares. AV Partners, L.P. is the general partner of each of these partnerships.
- (7) BA SBIC Management L.L.C. is the successor in interest to NationsBanc Capital Corp.
- (8) Lisa Hook is a director of Classic Communications and a manager of Brera Classic. Ms. Hook is not the registered holder of any shares and disclaims the beneficial ownership of the shares listed above except to the extent of her indirect interest in the assets of the nominal shareholder, if any.
- (9) Alberto Cribiore is a director of Classic Communications and a manager of Brera Classic. Mr. Cribiore is not the registered holder of any shares and disclaims the beneficial ownership of the shares listed above except to the extent of his indirect interest in the assets of the nominal shareholder, if any.
- (10) David Webb is a director of Classic Communications and a manager of Brera Classic. Mr. Webb is not the registered holder of any shares and disclaims the beneficial ownership of the shares listed above except to the extent of his indirect interest in the assets of the nominal shareholder, if any.

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### DESCRIPTION OF OTHER INDEBTEDNESS

## NEW CREDIT FACILITY

To finance a portion of the Buford acquisition purchase price, we entered into a new credit facility, agented by Goldman Sachs Credit Partners L.P., Union Bank of California, N.A. and The Chase Manhattan Bank, pursuant to which we may borrow up to \$250.0 million. The new credit facility consists of the following:

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MAXIMUM ALTERNATE LIBOR BASE RATE

| NEW CREDIT FACILITY       | AMOUNT                | TENOR     | SPREAD(1) | SPREAD(1) |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                           |                       |           |           |           |
|                           | (DOLLARS IN MILLIONS) |           |           |           |
| <\$>                      | <c></c>               | <c></c>   | <c></c>   | <c></c>   |
| Revolving Credit Facility | \$ 75.0               | 8.0 years | 250 bps   | 150 bps   |
| Term Loan A Facility      | 75.0                  | 8.0 years | 250 bps   | 150 bps   |
| Term Loan B Facility      | 100.0                 | 8.5 years | 275 bps   | 175 bps   |
|                           |                       |           |           |           |
| Total Facility            | \$250.0               |           |           |           |
|                           | =====                 |           |           |           |
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## (1) Pricing subject to a leverage-based pricing grid.

The \$75.0 million eight year revolving credit facility will be made available to us for working capital, capital expenditures, refinancing debt and general corporate purposes, including acquisitions. Up to \$25.0 million was made available to redeem the 2008 subordinated notes put by the noteholders as a result of the change of control. The \$175.0 million in term loan facilities, comprised of the \$75.0 million eight year term loan A facility and the \$100.0 million eight and one-half year term loan B facility, were drawn at the closing of the Buford acquisition to fund our purchase of Buford and to refinance debt and pay certain other costs associated with the Buford acquisition.

On each date set forth below, our ability to borrow under our revolving credit facility will automatically be reduced to the corresponding amount set forth below:

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| DATE OF REDUCTION  | REDUCED REVOLVING CREDIT FACILITY AMOUNT |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| <\$>               | <c></c>                                  |  |  |  |  |
| December 31, 2001  | \$73,125,000                             |  |  |  |  |
| March 31, 2002     | 71,718,750                               |  |  |  |  |
| June 30, 2002      | 70,312,500                               |  |  |  |  |
| September 30, 2002 | 69,906,250                               |  |  |  |  |
| December 31, 2002  | 67,500,000                               |  |  |  |  |
| March 31, 2003     | 65,625,000                               |  |  |  |  |
| June 30, 2003      | 63,750,000                               |  |  |  |  |
| September 30, 2003 | 61,875,000                               |  |  |  |  |
| December 31, 2003  | 60,000,000                               |  |  |  |  |
| March 31, 2004     | 57,187,500                               |  |  |  |  |
| June 30, 2004      | 54,375,000                               |  |  |  |  |
| September 30, 2004 | 51,562,500                               |  |  |  |  |
| December 31, 2004  | 48,750,000                               |  |  |  |  |
| March 31, 2005     | 45,000,000                               |  |  |  |  |
| June 30, 2005      | 41,250,000                               |  |  |  |  |
| September 30, 2005 | 37,500,000                               |  |  |  |  |
| December 31, 2005  | 33,750,000                               |  |  |  |  |
| March 31, 2006     | 29,062,500                               |  |  |  |  |
| June 30, 2006      | 24,375,000                               |  |  |  |  |
| September 30, 2006 | 19,687,500                               |  |  |  |  |
| December 31, 2006  | 15,000,000                               |  |  |  |  |
| March 31, 2007     | 7,500,000                                |  |  |  |  |
| July 31, 2007<br>  |  |  |  |  |  |

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The term loan A facility is payable in quarterly installments on the last day of each March, June, September and December, commencing on December 31, 2001 and continuing through and including March 31, 2007, with a final installment of all outstanding principal and interest payable on July 30, 2007 as follows:

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|   | PRINCIPAL PAYMENT |
|---|-------------------|
|   |                   |
| <\$>  | <c></c>           |
| December 31, 2001                                     | \$ 1,875,000      |
| March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, 2002 | 1,406,250         |
| March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, 2003 | 1,875,000         |
| March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, 2004 | 2,812,500         |
| March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, 2005 | 3,750,000         |
| March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31, 2006 | 4,687,500         |

PRINCIPAL PAYMENT

The term loan B facility is payable in quarterly installments on the last day of each March, June, September and December, commencing on December 31, 2001 and continuing through and including December 31, 2007, with a final installment of all outstanding principal and interest payable on January 31, 2008 as follows:

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|                  |                    |             |       |          |     | LIXINCI | INTINCTIAL TATMENT |           |  |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------|----------|-----|---------|--------------------|-----------|--|
|                  |                    |             |       |          |     |         |                    |           |  |
|                  | <s></s>            |             |       |          |     |         | <c></c>            |           |  |
|                  | December 31, 2001  |             |       |          |     |         | \$                 | 250,000   |  |
|                  | March 31, June 30, | September 3 | 0 and | December | 31, | 2002    |                    | 250,000   |  |
|                  | March 31, June 30, | September 3 | 0 and | December | 31, | 2003    |                    | 250,000   |  |
|                  | March 31, June 30, | September 3 | 0 and | December | 31, | 2004    |                    | 250,000   |  |
|                  | March 31, June 30, | September 3 | 0 and | December | 31, | 2005    |                    | 250,000   |  |
|                  | March 31, June 30, | September 3 | 0 and | December | 31, | 2006    |                    | 250,000   |  |
|                  | March 31, June 30, | September 3 | 0 and | December | 31, | 2007    |                    | 250,000   |  |
| January 31, 2008 |                    |             |       |          |     |         | 93                 | 3,750,000 |  |
|                  |                    |             |       |          |     |         |                    |           |  |

  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |The new credit facility provides for prepayment of the loans under the following circumstances:

- Beginning in 2002, a prepayment must be made each year in an amount equal to 75% of excess cash flow for the previous fiscal year;
- Upon receipt of net proceeds from asset sales exceeding \$2,000,000, in the aggregate, a prepayment must be made in the amount of such excess, unless we intend to reinvest the proceeds through a permitted acquisition within six months. If so, the proceeds will be held in a cash collateral account for such six month period or until reinvested. If these proceeds are not reinvested within six months, they will be used to prepay the loans. If the amount being held in the cash collateral account ever exceeds \$10,000,000, this excess will be used to prepay the loans;
- Upon receipt of net proceeds from any sale-leaseback of tower assets made during any period in which the maximum total debt ratio is greater than 6.75:1.00, the proceeds must be used to prepay the loans;
- Upon receipt of net proceeds from any sale-leaseback of tower assets made during any period in which the maximum total debt ratio is less than or equal to 6.75:1.00, a prepayment must be made in an amount equal to 50% of the proceeds;
- Upon receipt of net proceeds from any equity offering, the proceeds must be used to prepay the loans to the extent they are not used to prepay subordinated notes or to finance permitted acquisitions;
- Upon receipt of net proceeds from any debt offering, the proceeds must be used to prepay the loans;
- Upon receipt of net proceeds in excess of \$500,000 from purchase price adjustments in connection with an acquisition, a prepayment must be made in the amount of the excess; and

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- Upon receipt of proceeds exceeding \$250,000, in the aggregate, from insurance, condemnation award or other compensation in respect of any casualty affecting any of Classic Cable's property, a prepayment must be made in the amount of the excess to the extent the proceeds are not used for the repair or replacement of the property.

Each prepayment described above will be applied to the outstanding amounts of the term loans and the revolving loans on a pro rata basis.

The new credit facility is secured by a perfected first priority security interest in substantially all of our personal property, including, without limitation, the capital stock of our direct and indirect subsidiaries. The new credit facility is unconditionally guaranteed by each of our direct and indirect domestic subsidiaries. In addition, the new credit facility will be subject to several customary negative covenants as well as financial covenants, including

- a maximum total debt ratio,

- a maximum senior debt ratio,
- a minimum interest coverage ratio,
- a pro forma debt service coverage ratio, and
- a maximum capital expenditures amount.

The revolving credit facility provides for the payment of an unused commitment fee based on the average daily amount of the unused revolving credit commitment. This fee is payable quarterly in arrears on the last day of each March, June, September and December, commencing on September 30, 1999. The amount of the unused commitment fee is based on the maximum total debt ratio. If this ratio is less than 5.50:1, the fee is equal to 0.375% per annum. If the ratio is more than 5.50:1, the fee is equal to 0.500% per annum.

The new credit facility also provides an additional \$100.0 million term loan C facility on a term loan basis, with amortization no faster and interest rates no higher than those applicable to the term loan B facility. This incremental facility shares ratably and equally in all collateral and guarantees which secure the new credit facility. We borrowed \$90.0 million under the term loan C credit facility to redeem the 2008 subordinated notes tendered to us by noteholders pursuant to the change of control offer made as a result of the Brera Classic equity investment. The terms of the term loan C facility, including the reduction schedule and prepayment provisions, are the same as those of the term loan B facility.

#### OUR 2008 SUBORDINATED NOTES

In 1998, we issued \$125.0 million in principal amount of 9 7/8% senior subordinated notes due 2008. In connection with the change of control offer, approximately \$86.0 million of the 2008 subordinated notes were tendered to us for repurchase. As a result, approximately \$39.0 million in aggregate principal amount of the 2008 subordinated notes remain outstanding. The 2008 subordinated notes have the following basic terms:

Maturity..... August 1, 2008.

Interest..... Annual rate -- 9 7/8%.

Payment frequency -- every six months on February 1 and August 1.

First payment -- February 1, 1999.

Guarantors..... All of our wholly-owned subsidiaries.

Optional Redemption....... We may not redeem the notes prior to August 1, 2003. After August 1, 2003, we may redeem any amount of the notes at any time at the

amount of the notes at any time at the respective redemption prices, together with

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and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption. In addition, at any time prior to August 1, 2001, we may redeem up to 35% of the original aggregate principal amount of the notes with the cash proceeds of one or more equity offerings or a strategic equity investment. Should we do so, we would be required to pay a redemption price equal to 109.875% of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed, together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of redemption. We would still be required to keep at least 65% of the original aggregate principal amount of the notes outstanding after such a redemption.

Change of Control.....

Upon the occurrence of a change of control (as defined), the holders of the notes have the right to require us to repurchase the notes at a price equal to 101% of the original aggregate principal amount, together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of repurchase. In addition, upon the occurrence of a change of control, we will have the option to redeem the notes prior to August 1, 2003, at the respective redemption price.

Ranking.... The notes are unsecured and are subordinated to all our existing and future senior indebtedness. The notes rank without preference with all our existing and future senior subordinated indebtedness.

Guarantees. The guarantees are general unsecured obligations of the subsidiary guarantors and

obligations of the subsidiary guarantors and are subordinated in right of payment to all existing and future guarantor senior indebtedness. The guarantees are joint and

several.

Restrictive Covenants...... The indenture under which the notes were issued limits:

- the incurrence of additional indebtedness by us and our subsidiaries;
- the making of restricted payments;
- the payment of dividends on, and redemption of, our capital stock and our subsidiaries' capital stock and the redemption of our and our subsidiaries' subordinated obligations;
- sales of assets;
- transactions with affiliates; and
- liens.

In addition, the indenture limits our ability to engage in consolidations, mergers and transfers of substantially all of its assets and also contains certain restrictions on distributions from its subsidiaries. All of these limitations and prohibitions are subject to a number of important qualifications and exceptions.

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### THE EXCHANGE OFFER

### PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE EXCHANGE OFFER

At the time we issued the old notes, we agreed to file a registration statement to register the exchange of the old notes for the exchange notes on or prior to September 11, 1999 and to use our reasonable best efforts to cause the exchange offer registration statement to become effective under the Securities Act on or before February 23, 2000. In the event that applicable interpretations of the staff of the SEC do not permit Classic to effect the exchange offer, or if certain holders of the old notes notify Classic that they are not eligible to participate in, or would not receive freely tradeable exchange notes in exchange for tendered old notes pursuant to, the exchange offer, Classic will use its reasonable best efforts to cause to become effective a shelf registration statement with respect to the resale of the old notes and to keep the shelf registration statement effective until two years after the issue date. If the exchange offer registration statement is not declared effective by February 23, 2000, Classic will be obligated to pay certain interest rate increases to holders of the old notes until the exchange offer registration statement is declared effective.

Each holder of the old notes that wishes to exchange old notes for exchange notes will be required to represent that

- any exchange notes received will be acquired in the ordinary course of its business,
- it has no arrangement with any person to participate in the distribution of the exchange notes, and
- it is not an "affiliate," as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act, of Classic or, if it is an affiliate, that it will comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act to the extent applicable.

Based on interpretations by the staff of the SEC set forth in no-action letters issued to third-parties, Classic believes that, except as described below, exchange notes issued pursuant to the exchange offer in exchange for old notes may be offered for resale, resold and otherwise transferred by any holder thereof, other than a holder which is an "affiliate" of Classic within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act, without compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery provisions of the Securities Act, provided that such exchange notes are acquired in the ordinary course of such holder's business and such holder does not intend to participate and has no arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in the distribution of such exchange notes. Any holder who tenders in the exchange offer with the intention or for the purpose of participating in a distribution of the exchange notes cannot rely on such interpretation by the staff of the SEC and must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with a secondary resale transaction. Unless an exemption from registration is otherwise available, any such resale transaction should be covered by an effective registration statement containing the selling security holder's information required by Item 507 of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act. This prospectus may be used for an offer to resell, resale or other retransfer of exchange notes only as specifically set forth herein. Only broker-dealers who acquired the old notes as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities may participate in the exchange offer. Each broker-dealer that receives exchange notes for its own account in exchange for old notes, where such old notes were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such exchange notes. See "Plan of Distribution."

#### TERMS OF THE EXCHANGE OFFER

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this prospectus and in the letter of transmittal, Classic will accept for exchange any and all old notes properly tendered and not withdrawn prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on October 13, 1999. Classic will issue \$1,000 principal amount

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of exchange notes in exchange for each \$1,000 principal amount of outstanding old notes surrendered pursuant to the exchange offer. Old notes may be tendered only in \$1,000 increments.

The form and terms of the exchange notes will be the same as the form and terms of the old notes except that the exchange notes will be registered under the Securities Act and will not bear legends restricting their transfer. The exchange notes will evidence the same debt as the old notes. The exchange notes will be issued under and entitled to the benefits of the indenture, which also authorized the issuance of the old notes, such that both series will be treated as a single class of debt securities under the indenture. See "Description of the Notes and Guarantees."

The exchange offer is not conditioned upon any minimum aggregate principal amount of old notes being tendered for exchange.

As of the date of this prospectus, \$150.0 million of the old notes are outstanding. This prospectus, together with the letter of transmittal, is being sent to all registered holders of old notes. There will be no fixed record date for determining registered holders of old notes entitled to participate in the exchange offer.

Classic intends to conduct the exchange offer in accordance with the provisions of the exchange and registration rights agreement and the applicable requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the rules and regulations of the SEC thereunder. Old notes that are not tendered for exchange in the exchange offer will remain outstanding and continue to accrue interest and will be entitled to the rights and benefits such holders have under the indenture and the exchange and registration rights agreement.

Classic will be deemed to have accepted for exchange properly tendered notes when, as and if Classic shall have given oral or written notice of acceptance to the exchange agent and complied with the provisions of the exchange and registration rights agreement. The exchange agent will act as agent for the tendering holders for the purposes of receiving the exchange notes from Classic. Classic expressly reserves the right to amend or terminate the exchange offer, and not to accept for exchange any old notes not accepted for exchange, upon the occurrence of any of the conditions specified below under "-- Certain Conditions to the Exchange Offer."

Holders who tender old notes in the exchange offer will not be required to pay brokerage commissions or fees or, subject to the instructions in the letter of transmittal, transfer taxes with respect to the exchange of old notes pursuant to the exchange offer. Classic will pay all charges and expenses, other than certain applicable taxes described below, in connection with the exchange offer. See "-- Fees and Expenses."

#### EXPIRATION DATE; EXTENSIONS; AMENDMENTS

The expiration date is 5:00 p.m., New York City time on October 13, 1999, unless Classic, in its reasonable discretion, extends the exchange offer, in which case the expiration date will mean the latest date and time to which the exchange offer is extended.

In order to extend the exchange offer, Classic will notify the exchange agent of any extension by oral or written notice and will issue a press release notifying the registered holders of old notes of such extension, each prior to 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the next business day after the expiration date.

Classic reserves the right, in its reasonable discretion,

- to delay accepting any old notes for exchange, to extend the exchange offer or to terminate the exchange offer if any of the conditions set forth below under "-- Certain Conditions to the Exchange Offer" have not been satisfied, by giving oral or written notice of such delay, extension or termination to the exchange agent, or
- to amend the terms of the exchange offer in any manner.

Any such delay in acceptance, extension, termination or amendment will be followed as promptly as practicable by oral or written notice thereof to the registered holders of old notes. If the exchange offer is

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amended in a manner determined by Classic to constitute a material change, Classic will promptly disclose such amendment by means of a prospectus supplement that will be distributed to the registered holders, and Classic will extend the exchange offer, depending upon the significance of the amendment and the manner of disclosure to the registered holders, if the exchange offer would otherwise expire during such period.

Without limiting the manner in which Classic may choose to make a public announcement of any delay, extension, amendment or termination of the exchange offer, Classic has no obligation to publish, advertise or otherwise communicate any such public announcement, other than by making a timely release to an appropriate news agency.

If Classic extends the period of time during which the exchange offer is open, or if Classic is delayed in accepting for exchange of, or in issuing and exchanging the exchange notes for, any old notes, or is unable to accept for exchange of, or issue exchange notes for, any old notes pursuant to the exchange offer for any reason, then, without prejudice to Classic's rights under the exchange offer, the exchange agent may, on our behalf, retain all old notes tendered, and such old notes may not be withdrawn except as otherwise provided below in "-- Withdrawal of Tenders." The right to delay acceptance for exchange of, or the issuance and the exchange of the exchange notes for, any old notes is subject to applicable law, including Rule 14e-1(c) under the Exchange Act, which requires that Classic either deliver the exchange notes or return the old notes deposited by or on behalf of the holders thereof promptly after termination or withdrawal of the exchange offer.

# INTEREST ON THE EXCHANGE NOTES

The exchange notes will bear interest at a rate of 9 3/8% per annum, payable semi-annually, on February 1 and August 1 of each year. Holders of exchange notes will receive interest on February 1, 2000 from the date of initial issuance of the exchange notes, plus an amount equal to the accrued interest on the old notes through such date. Interest on the old notes accepted for exchange will cease to accrue upon issuance of the exchange notes.

### CERTAIN CONDITIONS TO THE EXCHANGE OFFER

Notwithstanding any other term of the exchange offer, Classic will not be required to accept for exchange, or exchange any exchange notes for, any old notes, and may terminate the exchange offer before the expiration date, if:

- any action or proceeding is instituted or threatened in any court or by or before any governmental agency with respect to the exchange offer

which, in Classic's reasonable judgment, might materially impair the ability of Classic to proceed with the exchange offer; or

- any law, statute, rule or regulation is proposed, adopted or enacted, or any existing law, statute, rule or regulation is interpreted by the staff of the SEC, which, in Classic's reasonable judgment, might materially impair the ability of Classic to proceed with the exchange offer; or
- any governmental approval has not been obtained, which approval Classic shall, in its reasonable discretion, deem necessary for the consummation of the exchange offer as contemplated hereby.

If Classic determines in its reasonable discretion that any of these foregoing conditions are not satisfied, Classic may  ${\sf may}$ 

- refuse to accept any old notes and return all old notes to the tendering holders:
- extend the exchange offer and retain all old notes tendered prior to the expiration of the exchange offer, subject, however, to the rights of holders to withdraw such old notes; or
- waive such unsatisfied conditions with respect to the exchange offer and accept all properly tendered old notes which have not been withdrawn.

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If such waiver constitutes a material change to the exchange offer, Classic will promptly disclose such waiver by means of a prospectus supplement that will be distributed to the registered holders of the old notes and Classic will extend the exchange offer for a period of five to ten business days, depending on the significance of the waiver and the manner of disclosure to the registered holders, if the exchange offer would otherwise expire during such five to ten day business period.

The foregoing conditions are for the sole benefit of Classic and may be asserted by Classic regardless of the circumstances giving rise to any such condition or may be waived by Classic in whole or in part at any time and from time to time in its reasonable discretion. The failure by Classic at any time to exercise any of the foregoing rights shall not be deemed a waiver of any such right and each such right shall be deemed an ongoing right which may be asserted at any time and from time to time.

In addition, Classic will not accept for exchange any old notes tendered, and no exchange notes will be issued in exchange for any such old notes, if at such time any stop order shall be threatened or in effect with respect to the registration statement of which this prospectus constitutes a part or the qualification of the indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939.

## PROCEDURES FOR TENDERING

Subject to the terms and conditions hereof and the letter of transmittal, only a holder of old notes may tender such old notes in the exchange offer. To tender in the exchange offer, a holder must complete, sign and date the letter of transmittal, or facsimile thereof, have the signature thereon guaranteed if required by the letter of transmittal, and mail or otherwise deliver such letter of transmittal or such facsimile to the exchange agent prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date or, in the alternative, comply with The Depository Trust Corporation's Automated Tender Offer Program procedures described below. In addition, either:

- old notes must be received by the exchange agent along with the letter of transmittal; or
- a timely confirmation of book-entry transfer, which we call a book-entry confirmation, of such old notes, if such procedure is available, into the exchange agent's account at The Depository Trust Corporation, which we call the book-entry transfer facility, pursuant to the procedure for book-entry transfer described below or properly transmitted agent's message, as defined below, must be received by the exchange agent prior to the expiration date; or
- the holder must comply with the guaranteed delivery procedures described below.

To be tendered effectively, the letter of transmittal and other required documents must be received by the exchange agent at the address set forth below under "-- Exchange Agent" prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date.

The tender by a holder which is not withdrawn prior to the expiration date will constitute an agreement between such holder and Classic in accordance with the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein and in the letter of transmittal.

The method of delivery of old notes, the letter of transmittal and all other required documents to the exchange agent is at the election and risk of the holder. Instead of delivery by mail, it is recommended that holders use an overnight or hand delivery service. In all cases, sufficient time should be allowed to assure delivery to the exchange agent before the expiration date. No letter of transmittal or old notes should be sent to Classic. Holders may request their respective brokers, dealers, commercial banks, trust companies or other nominees to effect the above transactions for such holders.

Any beneficial owner whose old notes are registered in the name of a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee and who wishes to tender should contact the registered holder promptly and instruct such registered holder of old notes to tender on such beneficial owner's behalf. If such beneficial owner wishes to tender on such owner's own behalf, such owner must, prior to completing and executing the letter of transmittal and delivering such owner's old notes, either make appropriate arrangements to register ownership of the old notes in such owner's name or obtain a properly completed

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bond power from the registered holder of old notes. The transfer of registered ownership may take considerable time and may not be able to be completed prior to the Expiration Date.

Signatures on a letter of transmittal and a notice of withdrawal described below must be guaranteed by an eligible institution, as defined below, unless the old notes are tendered (A) by a registered holder who has not completed the box entitled "Special Issuance Instructions" or "Special Delivery Instructions" on the letter of transmittal, or (B) for the account of an eligible institution. In the event that signatures on a letter of transmittal or a notice of withdrawal are required to be guaranteed, such guarantor must be an eligible institution, which means a member firm of a registered national securities exchange or of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc., a commercial bank or trust company having an office or correspondent in the United States or an "eligible guarantor institution" within the meaning of Rule 17Ad-15 under the Exchange Act which is a member of one of the recognized signature guarantee programs identified in the letter of transmittal.

If the letter of transmittal is signed by a person other than the registered holder of any old notes listed therein, such old notes must be endorsed or accompanied by a properly completed bond power, signed by such registered holder as such registered holder's name appears on such old notes with the signature thereon guaranteed by an eligible institution.

If the letter of transmittal or any old notes or bond powers are signed by trustees, executors, administrators, guardians, attorneys-in-fact, officers of corporations or others acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, such persons should so indicate when signing, and unless waived by Classic, provide evidence satisfactory to Classic of their authority so to act must be submitted with the letter of transmittal.

The exchange agent and The Depository Trust Corporation have confirmed that any financial institution that is a participant in The Depository Trust Corporation's system may utilize The Depository Trust Corporation's Automated Tender Offer Program to tender. Accordingly, participants in The Depository Trust Corporation's Automated Tender Offer Program may, in lieu of physically completing and signing the letter of transmittal and delivering it to the exchange agent, electronically transmit their acceptance of the exchange offer by causing The Depository Trust Corporation to transfer the old notes to the exchange agent in accordance with The Depository Trust Corporation's Automated Tender Offer Program procedures for transfer. The Depository Trust Corporation will then send an agent's message to the exchange agent. The term "agent's message" means a message transmitted by The Depository Trust Corporation received by the exchange agent and forming part of the book-entry confirmation, which states

- that The Depository Trust Corporation has received an express acknowledgment from a participant in The Depository Trust Corporation's Automated Tender Offer Program that is tendering old notes which are the subject of such book entry confirmation;
- that such participant has received and agrees to be bound by the terms of the letter of transmittal, or, in the case of an agent's message relating to guaranteed delivery, that such participant has received, and agrees to

- that the agreement may be enforced against such participant.

All questions as to the validity, form, eligibility, including time of receipt, acceptance of tendered old notes and withdrawal of tendered old notes will be determined by Classic in its reasonable discretion, which determination will be final and binding. Classic reserves the absolute right to reject any and all old notes not properly tendered or any old notes Classic's acceptance of which would, in the opinion of counsel for Classic, be unlawful. Classic also reserves the right to waive any defects, irregularities or conditions of tender as to particular old notes. Classic's interpretation of the terms and conditions of the exchange offer, including the instructions in the letter of transmittal, will be final and binding on all parties. Unless waived, any defects or irregularities in connection with tenders of old notes must be cured within such time as Classic shall determine. Although Classic intends to notify holders of defects or irregularities with respect to tenders of old notes, neither Classic, the exchange agent nor any other person shall incur any liability for failure to give such notification. Tenders of old notes will not be deemed to have been made

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until such defects or irregularities have been cured or waived. Any old notes received by the exchange agent that are not properly tendered and as to which the defects or irregularities have not been cured or waived will be returned by the exchange agent to the tendering holder, unless otherwise provided in the letter of transmittal, as soon as practicable following the expiration date.

In all cases, issuance of exchange notes for old notes that are accepted for exchange pursuant to the exchange offer will be made only after timely receipt by the exchange agent of old notes or a timely book-entry confirmation of such old notes into the exchange agent's account at the book-entry transfer facility, a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal and all other required documents. If any tendered old notes are not accepted for exchange for any reason set forth in the terms and conditions of the exchange offer or if old notes are submitted for a greater principal amount than the holder desires to exchange, such unaccepted or non-exchanged old notes will be returned without expense to the tendering holder thereof, or, in the case of old notes tendered by book-entry transfer into the exchange agent's account at the book-entry transfer facility pursuant to the book-entry transfer procedures described below, such non-exchanged notes will be credited to an account maintained with such book-entry transfer facility, as promptly as practicable after the expiration or termination of the exchange offer.

# BOOK-ENTRY TRANSFER

The exchange agent will make a request to establish an account with respect to the old notes at the book-entry transfer facility for purposes of the exchange offer within two business days after the date of this prospectus, and any financial institution that is a participant in the book-entry transfer facility's system may make book-entry delivery of old notes by causing the book-entry transfer facility to transfer such old notes into the exchange agent's account at the book-entry transfer facility in accordance with such book-entry transfer facility's procedures for transfer. However, although delivery of notes may be effected through book-entry transfer at the book-entry transfer facility, the letter of transmittal or facsimile thereof, with any required signature quarantees and any other required documents, must, in any case, be transmitted to and received by the exchange agent at the address set forth below under "-- Exchange Agent" on or prior to the expiration date or, if the guaranteed delivery procedures described below are to be complied with, within the time period provided under such procedures. Delivery of documents to the book-entry transfer facility does not constitute delivery to the exchange

# GUARANTEED DELIVERY PROCEDURES

Holders who wish to tender their old notes and (A) whose old notes are not immediately available, or (B) who cannot deliver their old notes, the letter of transmittal or any other required documents to the exchange agent prior to the expiration date, may effect a tender if:

- The tender is made through an eligible institution;
- Prior to the expiration date, the exchange agent receives from such eligible institution a properly completed and duly executed notice of guaranteed delivery by facsimile transmission, mail or hand delivery, setting forth the name and address of the holder, the registered number(s) of such old notes and the principal amount of old notes tendered, stating that the tender is being made thereby and guaranteeing

that, within three (3) New York Stock Exchange trading days after the expiration date, the letter of transmittal, or facsimile thereof, together with the old notes or a book-entry confirmation, as the case may be, and any other documents required by the letter of transmittal will be deposited by the eligible institution with the exchange agent; and

- Such properly completed and executed letter of transmittal, or facsimile thereof, or properly transmitted agent's message as well as all tendered old notes in proper form for transfer or a book-entry confirmation, as the case may be, and all other documents required by the letter of transmittal, are received by the exchange agent within three (3) New York Stock Exchange trading days after the expiration date.

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Upon request to the exchange agent, a notice of guaranteed delivery will be sent to holders who wish to tender their old notes according to the guaranteed delivery procedures set forth above.

#### WITHDRAWAL OF TENDERS

Except as otherwise provided herein, tenders of old notes may be withdrawn at any time prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date.

For a withdrawal to be effective, (A) a written notice of withdrawal must be received by the exchange agent at one of the addresses set forth below under "-- Exchange Agent," or (B) holders must comply with the appropriate procedures of The Depository Trust Company's Automated Tender Offer Program system. Any such notice of withdrawal must specify the name of the person having tendered the old notes to be withdrawn, identify the old notes to be withdrawn, including the principal amount of such old notes, and, where certificates for old notes have been transmitted, specify the name in which such old notes were registered, if different from that of the withdrawing holder. If certificates for old notes have been delivered or otherwise identified to the exchange agent, then, prior to the release of such certificates, the withdrawing holder must also submit the serial numbers of the particular certificates to be withdrawn and a signed notice of withdrawal with signatures guaranteed by an eligible institution unless such holder is an eligible institution. If old notes have been tendered pursuant to the procedure for book-entry transfer described above, any notice of withdrawal must specify the name and number of the account at the book-entry transfer facility to be credited with the withdrawn old notes and otherwise comply with the procedures of such facility. All questions as to the validity, form and eligibility, including time of receipt, of such notices will be determined by Classic, whose determination shall be final and binding on all parties. Any old notes so withdrawn will be deemed not to have been validly tendered for exchange for purposes of the exchange offer. Any old notes which have been tendered for exchange but which are not exchanged for any reason will be returned to the holder thereof without cost to such holder, or, in the case of old notes tendered by book-entry transfer into the exchange agent's account at the book-entry transfer facility pursuant to the book-entry transfer procedures described above, such old notes will be credited to an account maintained with such book-entry transfer facility for the old notes, as soon as practicable after withdrawal, rejection of tender or termination of the exchange offer. Properly withdrawn old notes may be retendered by following one of the procedures described under "-- Procedures for Tendering" above at any time prior to the expiration date.

# EXCHANGE AGENT

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All executed letters of transmittal should be directed to the exchange agent. Chase Bank of Texas, National Association has been appointed as exchange agent for the exchange offer. Questions, requests for assistance and requests for additional copies of this prospectus or of the letter of transmittal should be directed to the exchange agent addressed as follows:

## Deliver to: Chase Bank of Texas, National Association, Exchange Agent

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By Registered or Certified
Mail:
600 Travis, Suite 1150
Houston, Texas 77002
Attention: Mauri J. Cowen

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600 Travis, Suite 1150 Houston, Texas 77002 Attention: Mauri J. Cowen By Hand Delivery:

600 Travis, Suite 1150 Houston, Texas 77002 Attention: Mauri J. Cowen

Facsimile Transmission Number: 713/216-5476

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# Confirm Receipt of Facsimile by Telephone: 713/216-6686

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(Originals of all documents sent by facsimile should be sent promptly by registered or certified mail, by hand, or by overnight delivery service.)

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#### FEES AND EXPENSES

Classic will not make any payments to brokers, dealers, or others soliciting acceptances of the exchange offer. The principal solicitation is being made by mail; however, additional solicitations may be made in person or by telephone by officers and employees of Classic.

The estimated cash expenses to be incurred in connection with the exchange offer will be paid by Classic and are estimated in the aggregate to be \$250,000, which includes fees and expenses of the exchange agent, accounting, legal, printing, and related fees and expenses.

#### TRANSFER TAXES

Holders who tender their old notes for exchange will not be obligated to pay any transfer taxes in connection therewith, except that holders who instruct Classic to register exchange notes in the name of, or request that old notes not tendered or not accepted in the exchange offer be returned to, a person other than the registered tendering holder will be responsible for the payment of any applicable transfer tax thereon.

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#### DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES AND GUARANTEES

You can find the definitions of certain terms used in this description under the subheading "Certain Definitions." In this description, the word "Classic" refers only to Classic Cable, Inc. and not to any of its subsidiaries.

Classic will issue the notes under an indenture among itself, the Guarantors and Chase Bank of Texas, National Association, as trustee. The terms of the notes include those stated in the indenture and those made part of the indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939.

The following description is a summary of the material provisions of the indenture. It does not restate the indenture in its entirety. Although we believe that we have disclosed in this prospectus all the material provisions of the indenture, we urge you to read the indenture because it, and not this description, defines your rights as holders of these notes. We have filed a copy of the indenture as an exhibit to the registration statement which includes this prospectus.

The registered Holder of a note will be treated as the owner of it for all purposes. Only registered Holders will have rights under the indenture.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE NOTES AND THE GUARANTEES

THE NOTES

The notes:

- are general obligations of Classic;
- are subordinated in right of payment to all existing and future Senior Debt of Classic;
- are pari passu in right of payment with any future senior subordinated Indebtedness of Classic; and
- are unconditionally guaranteed by the Guarantors.

## THE GUARANTEES

The notes are guaranteed by all of our current and future  ${\tt Domestic}$   ${\tt Subsidiaries.}$ 

- is a general unsecured obligation of the Guarantor;
- is subordinated in right of payment to all existing and future Senior Debt of the Guarantor; and
- is pari passu in right of payment with any future senior subordinated Indebtedness of the Guarantor.

As of the date of the indenture, all of our subsidiaries will be "Restricted Subsidiaries." However, under the circumstances described below under the subheading "-- Certain Covenants -- Designation of Restricted and Unrestricted Subsidiaries," we will be permitted to designate certain of our subsidiaries as "Unrestricted Subsidiaries." Our Unrestricted Subsidiaries will not be subject to many of the restrictive covenants in the indenture. Our Unrestricted Subsidiaries will not guarantee the notes.

#### PRINCIPAL, MATURITY AND INTEREST

The indenture provides for the issuance by Classic of notes with a maximum aggregate principal amount of \$250.0 million, of which \$150.0 million were issued in the offering. Classic may issue additional notes (the "Additional Notes") from time to time after the offering. Any offering of Additional Notes is subject to the covenant described below under the caption "-- Certain Covenants -- Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock." The notes and any Additional Notes subsequently issued under the indenture would be treated as a single class for all purposes under the indenture, including,

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without limitation, waivers, amendments, redemptions and offers to purchase. Classic will issue notes in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000. The notes will mature on August 1, 2009.

Interest on the notes will accrue at the rate of 9 3/8% per annum and will be payable semi-annually in arrears on February 1 and August 1, commencing on February 1, 2000. Classic will make each interest payment to the Holders of record on the immediately preceding January 15 and July 15.

Interest on the notes will accrue from the date of original issuance or, if interest has already been paid, from the date it was most recently paid. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

## METHODS OF RECEIVING PAYMENTS ON THE NOTES

If a Holder of more than \$5.0 million in principal amount of the notes has given wire transfer instructions to Classic, Classic will pay all principal, interest and premium and Special Interest, if any, on that Holder's notes in accordance with those instructions. All other payments on notes will be made at the office or agency of the paying agent and registrar for the notes within the City and State of New York unless Classic elects to make interest payments by check mailed to the Holders at their addresses set forth in the register of Holders.

# PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR FOR THE NOTES

The trustee will initially act as paying agent and registrar. Classic may change the paying agent or registrar without prior notice to the Holders, and Classic or any of its Subsidiaries may act as paying agent or registrar.

# TRANSFER AND EXCHANGE

A Holder may transfer or exchange notes in accordance with the indenture. The registrar and the trustee may require a Holder, among other things, to furnish appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and Classic may require a Holder to pay any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the indenture. Classic is not required to transfer or exchange any note selected for redemption. Also, Classic is not required to transfer or exchange any note for a period of 15 days before a selection of notes to be redeemed.

## SUBSIDIARY GUARANTEES

The Guarantors will jointly and severally guarantee Classic's obligations under the notes. Each Subsidiary Guarantee will be subordinated to the prior payment in full of all Senior Debt of that Guarantor. The obligations of each Guarantor under its Subsidiary Guarantee will be limited as necessary to prevent that Subsidiary Guarantee from constituting a fraudulent conveyance under

applicable law. See "Risk Factors -- The incurrence of this indebtedness may be voided by a court if the court determines that the incurrence of this indebtedness resulted in a fraudulent transfer."

A Guarantor may not sell or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its assets to, or consolidate with or merge with or into (whether or not such Guarantor is the surviving Person), another Person, other than Classic or another Guarantor, unless:

- immediately after giving effect to that transaction, no Default or Event of Default exists; and
- (2) either:
  - (a) the Person acquiring the property in any such sale or disposition or the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger assumes all the obligations of that Guarantor under the indenture, its Subsidiary Guarantee and the registration rights agreement pursuant to a supplemental indenture satisfactory to the trustee; or

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(b) the Net Proceeds of such sale or other disposition are applied in accordance with the "Asset Sale" provisions of the indenture.

The Subsidiary Guarantee of a Guarantor will be released:

- (1) in connection with any sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of that Guarantor (including by way of merger or consolidation) to a Person that is not (either before or after giving effect to such transaction) a Subsidiary of Classic, if the Guarantor applies the Net Proceeds of that sale or other disposition in accordance with the "Asset Sale" provisions of the indenture;
- (2) in connection with any sale of all of the Capital Stock of a Guarantor to a Person that is not (either before or after giving effect to such transaction) a Subsidiary of Classic, if Classic applies the Net Proceeds of that sale in accordance with the "Asset Sale" provisions of the indenture; or
- (3) if Classic properly designates any Restricted Subsidiary that is a Guarantor as an Unrestricted Subsidiary in accordance with the applicable provisions of the indenture.

See "-- Repurchase at the Option of Holders -- Asset Sales."

## SUBORDINATION

The payment of principal, interest and premium and Special Interest, if any, on the notes will be subordinated to the prior payment in full of all Senior Debt of Classic, including Senior Debt incurred after the date of the indenture.

The holders of Senior Debt will be entitled to receive payment in full of all Obligations due in respect of Senior Debt (including interest after the commencement of any bankruptcy proceeding at the rate specified in the applicable Senior Debt) before the Holders of notes will be entitled to receive any payment with respect to the notes (except that Holders of notes may receive and retain Permitted Junior Securities and payments made from the trust described under "-- Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance"), in the event of any distribution to creditors of Classic:

- (1) in a liquidation or dissolution of Classic;
- (2) in a bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, receivership or similar proceeding relating to Classic or its property;
- (3) in an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or
- (4) in any marshaling of Classic's assets and liabilities.

Classic also may not make any payment in respect of the notes (except in Permitted Junior Securities or from the trust described under "-- Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance") if:

 a payment default on Designated Senior Debt occurs and is continuing beyond any applicable grace period; or (2) any other default occurs and is continuing on any series of Designated Senior Debt that permits holders of that series of Designated Senior Debt to accelerate its maturity and the trustee receives a notice of such default (a "Payment Blockage Notice") from Classic or the holders of any Designated Senior Debt.

Payments on the notes may and shall be resumed:

- in the case of a payment default, upon the date on which such default is cured or waived; and
- (2) in case of a nonpayment default, the earlier of the date on which such nonpayment default is cured or waived or 179 days after the date on which the applicable Payment Blockage Notice is received, unless the maturity of any Designated Senior Debt has been accelerated.

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No new Payment Blockage Notice may be delivered unless and until:

- (1) 360 days have elapsed since the delivery of the immediately prior Payment Blockage Notice; and
- (2) all scheduled payments of principal, interest and premium and Special Interest, if any, on the notes that have come due have been paid in full in cash.

No nonpayment default that existed or was continuing on the date of delivery of any Payment Blockage Notice to the trustee shall be, or be made, the basis for a subsequent Payment Blockage Notice unless such default shall have been cured or waived for a period of not less than 90 days.

If the trustee or any Holder of the notes receives a payment in respect of the notes (except in Permitted Junior Securities or from the trust described under "-- Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance") when:

- (1) the payment is prohibited by these subordination provisions; and
- (2) the trustee or the Holder has actual knowledge that the payment is prohibited;

the trustee or the Holder, as the case may be, shall hold the payment in trust for the benefit of the holders of Senior Debt. Upon the proper written request of the holders of Senior Debt, the trustee or the Holder, as the case may be, shall deliver the amounts in trust to the holders of Senior Debt or their proper representative.

Classic must promptly notify holders of Senior Debt if payment of the notes is accelerated because of an Event of Default.

As a result of the subordination provisions described above, in the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization of Classic, Holders of notes may recover less, ratably, than creditors of Classic who are holders of Senior Debt. See "Risk Factors -- Your rights to payment on the notes are subordinate to our senior debt."

# OPTIONAL REDEMPTION

At any time prior to August 1, 2002, Classic may on any one or more occasions redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of notes ever issued under the indenture at a redemption price of 109.375% of the principal amount of the notes redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest and Special Interest, if any, to the redemption date, with the net cash proceeds of one or more Public Equity Offerings by Classic or the net cash proceeds of a Strategic Equity Investment in Classic or a capital contribution to Classic's common equity made with the net cash proceeds of a concurrent Public Equity Offering by, or Strategic Equity Investment in, Classic's direct parent; provided that:

- (1) at least 65% of the notes ever issued under the indenture remain outstanding immediately after each such redemption (excluding notes held by Classic and its Subsidiaries); and
- (2) the redemption occurs within 60 days of the date of the closing of such Public Equity Offering or Strategic Equity Investment.

At any time, Classic may also redeem all or a part of the notes upon the occurrence of a Change of Control, upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' prior notice (but in no event may any such redemption occur more than 90 days after the occurrence of such Change of Control) mailed by first-class mail to each Holder's registered address, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the

principal amount thereof plus the Applicable Premium as of, and accrued and unpaid interest and Special Interest, if any, to the date of redemption.

Except as described above, the notes will not be redeemable at Classic's option prior to August 1, 2004. After August 1, 2004, Classic may redeem all or a part of the notes upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' notice, at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amount) set forth

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below plus accrued and unpaid interest and Special Interest, if any, thereon, to the applicable redemption date, if redeemed during the twelve-month period beginning on August 1 of the years indicated below:

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 YEAR
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 2004
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 2005
 103.125%

 2006
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 2007 and thereafter
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#### MANDATORY REDEMPTION

Classic is not required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the notes.

REPURCHASE AT THE OPTION OF HOLDERS

Change of Control

If a Change of Control occurs, each Holder of notes will have the right to require Classic to repurchase all or any part (equal to \$1,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000) of that Holder's notes pursuant to an offer to purchase the notes (a "Change of Control Offer") on the terms set forth in the indenture. In the Change of Control Offer, Classic will offer a Change of Control Payment in cash equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of notes repurchased plus accrued and unpaid interest and Special Interest, if any, on the notes repurchased, to the date of purchase. Within 30 days following any Change of Control, Classic will mail a notice to the trustee and each Holder offering to repurchase notes on the date specified in the notice (the "Change of Control Payment Date"), which date shall be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed, pursuant to the procedures required by the indenture and described in such notice. Classic will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the repurchase of the notes as a result of a Change of Control. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the Change of Control provisions of the indenture, Classic will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under the Change of Control provisions of the indenture by virtue of such conflict.

On the Change of Control Payment Date, Classic will, to the extent lawful:

- accept for payment all notes or portions of notes properly tendered pursuant to the Change of Control Offer;
- (2) deposit with the paying agent an amount equal to the Change of Control Payment in respect of all notes or portions of notes properly tendered; and
- (3) deliver or cause to be delivered to the trustee the notes so accepted together with an Officers' Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of notes or portions of notes being purchased by Classic.

The paying agent will promptly mail to each Holder of notes properly tendered the Change of Control Payment for such notes, and Classic will execute and issue and the trustee will promptly authenticate and mail (or cause to be transferred by book entry) to each Holder a new note equal in principal amount to any unpurchased portion of the notes surrendered, if any; provided that each such new note will be in a principal amount of \$1,000 or an integral multiple of \$1,000.

Prior to complying with any of the provisions of this "Change of Control" covenant, but in any event within 90 days following a Change of Control, Classic

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repurchase of notes required by this covenant. Classic will publicly announce the results of the Change of Control Offer on or as soon as practicable after the Change of Control Payment Date.

The provisions described above that require Classic to make a Change of Control Offer following a Change of Control will be applicable regardless of whether any other provisions of the indenture are applicable. Except as described above with respect to a Change of Control, the indenture does not contain provisions that permit the Holders of the notes to require that Classic repurchase or redeem the notes in the event of a takeover, recapitalization or similar transaction.

Classic will not be required to make a Change of Control Offer upon a Change of Control if a third party makes the Change of Control Offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements set forth in the indenture applicable to a Change of Control Offer made by Classic and purchases all notes or portions of notes properly tendered and not withdrawn under such Change of Control Offer.

The definition of Change of Control includes a phrase relating to the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of "all or substantially all" of the properties or assets of Classic and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole. Although there is a limited body of case law interpreting the phrase "substantially all," there is no precise established definition of the phrase under applicable law. Accordingly, the ability of a Holder of notes to require Classic to repurchase such notes as a result of a sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of less than all of the assets of Classic and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole to another Person or group may be uncertain.

Asset Sales

Classic will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, consummate an Asset Sale unless:

- (1) Classic (or the Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be) receives consideration at the time of such Asset Sale at least equal to the fair market value of the assets or Equity Interests issued or sold or otherwise disposed of;
- (2) such fair market value is determined by Classic's board of directors and evidenced by a resolution of the board of directors set forth in an Officers' Certificate delivered to the trustee; and
- (3) at least 75% of the consideration received in such Asset Sale by Classic or such Restricted Subsidiary is in the form of cash or Cash Equivalents. For purposes of this provision, each of the following shall be deemed to be cash:
  - (a) any Indebtedness or other liabilities, as shown on Classic's or such Restricted Subsidiary's most recent balance sheet, of Classic or any Restricted Subsidiary (other than contingent liabilities and Indebtedness that is by its terms subordinated to the notes or any Subsidiary Guarantee) that are assumed by the transferee of any such assets pursuant to an agreement that releases Classic or such Restricted Subsidiary from further liability; and
  - (b) any securities, notes or other obligations received by Classic or any such Restricted Subsidiary from such transferee that are converted within 60 days of the applicable Asset Sale by Classic or such Restricted Subsidiary into cash or Cash Equivalents, to the extent of the cash received in that conversion.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Classic and its Restricted Subsidiaries may consummate Asset Swaps; provided that, immediately after giving effect to such Asset Swap, Classic would be permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Debt to Cash Flow Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of the covenant described below under the caption "-- Certain Covenants -- Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock."

Within 365 days after the receipt of any Net Proceeds from an Asset Sale, including any cash received in an Asset Swap, Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries may apply those Net Proceeds at its option:

- to prepay, repay, redeem or purchase Senior Debt and, if the Senior Debt repaid is revolving credit Indebtedness, to correspondingly reduce commitments with respect thereto;
- (2) to acquire all or substantially all of the assets of a Permitted Business;
- (3) to acquire Voting Stock of a Permitted Business from a Person that is not a Subsidiary of Classic; provided, that (a) after giving effect thereto, Classic and its Restricted Subsidiaries collectively own a majority of such Voting Stock and (b) such acquisition is otherwise made in accordance with the indenture, including, without limitation, the "Restricted Payments" covenant;
- (4) to make a capital expenditure; or
- (5) to acquire other long-term assets that are used or useful in a Permitted Business;

provided that in the event Classic would be permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Debt to Cash Flow Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of the covenant described below under the caption "-- Certain Covenants -- Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock" at the time it consummates a Permitted Tower Sale and Leaseback, then the 365-day period referred to above shall be extended for an additional 365 days as to the Net Proceeds from the Permitted Tower Sale and Leaseback only.

Pending the final application of any Net Proceeds, Classic may temporarily reduce revolving credit borrowings or otherwise invest the Net Proceeds in any manner that is not prohibited by the indenture.

Any Net Proceeds from Asset Sales that are not applied or invested as provided in the preceding paragraph will constitute "Excess Proceeds." When the aggregate amount of Excess Proceeds exceeds \$15.0 million, Classic will make an offer (an "Asset Sale Offer") to all Holders of notes and all holders of other Indebtedness that is pari passu with the notes containing provisions similar to those set forth in the indenture relating to the notes with respect to offers to purchase or redeem with the proceeds of sales of assets to purchase the  $\max$ imum principal amount of notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness that may be purchased out of the Excess Proceeds. The offer price in any Asset Sale Offer will be equal to 100% of principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest and Special Interest, if any, to the date of purchase, and will be payable in cash. If any Excess Proceeds remain after consummation of an Asset Sale Offer, Classic may use such Excess Proceeds for any purpose not otherwise prohibited by the indenture. If the aggregate principal amount of notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness tendered into such Asset Sale Offer exceeds the amount of Excess Proceeds, the trustee will select the notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness to be purchased on a pro rata basis based on the principal amount of notes and such other pari passu Indebtedness tendered. Upon completion of each Asset Sale Offer, the amount of Excess Proceeds will be reset at zero.

Classic will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent such laws and regulations are applicable in connection with each repurchase of notes pursuant to an Asset Sale Offer. To the extent that the provisions of any securities laws or regulations conflict with the Asset Sales provisions of the indenture, Classic will comply with the applicable securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached its obligations under the Asset Sale provisions of the indenture by virtue of such conflict.

The agreements governing Classic's outstanding Senior Debt currently prohibit Classic from purchasing any notes, and also provides that certain change of control or asset sale events with respect to Classic would constitute a default under these agreements. Any future credit agreements or other agreements relating to Senior Debt to which Classic becomes a party may contain similar restrictions and provisions. In the event a Change of Control or Asset Sale occurs at a time when Classic is prohibited

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from purchasing notes, Classic could seek the consent of its senior lenders to the purchase of notes or could attempt to refinance the borrowings that contain such prohibition. If Classic does not obtain such a consent or repay such borrowings, Classic will remain prohibited from purchasing notes. In such case, Classic's failure to purchase tendered notes would constitute an Event of

Default under the indenture which would, in turn, constitute a default under such Senior Debt. In such circumstances, the subordination provisions in the indenture would likely restrict payments to the Holders of notes.

#### SELECTION AND NOTICE

If less than all of the notes are to be redeemed at any time, the trustee will select notes for redemption as follows:

- (1) if the notes are listed on any national securities exchange, in compliance with the requirements of the principal national securities exchange on which the notes are listed; or
- (2) if the notes are not listed on any national securities exchange, on a pro rata basis, by lot or by such method as the trustee shall deem fair and appropriate.

No notes of \$1,000 or less will be redeemed in part. Notices of redemption will be mailed by first class mail at least 30 but not more than 60 days before the redemption date to each Holder of notes to be redeemed at its registered address.

If any note is to be redeemed in part only, the notice of redemption that relates to that note will state the portion of the principal amount of that note that is to be redeemed. A new note in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the original note will be issued in the name of the Holder thereof upon cancellation of the original note. Notes called for redemption become due on the date fixed for redemption. On and after the redemption date, interest ceases to accrue on notes or portions of them called for redemption.

#### CERTAIN COVENANTS

#### Restricted Payments

Classic will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly:

- (1) declare or pay any dividend or make any other payment or distribution on account of Classic's or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries' Equity Interests (including, without limitation, any payment in connection with any merger or consolidation involving Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) or to the direct or indirect holders of Classic's or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries' Equity Interests in their capacity as such (other than dividends or distributions payable in Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) of Classic or to Classic or a Restricted Subsidiary of Classic);
- (2) purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire or retire for value (including, without limitation, in connection with any merger or consolidation involving Classic) any Equity Interests of Classic or any direct or indirect parent of Classic;
- (3) make any payment on or with respect to, or purchase, redeem, defease or otherwise acquire or retire for value any Indebtedness that is subordinated to the notes or the Subsidiary Guarantees, except a payment of interest or principal at the Stated Maturity thereof; or
- (4) make any Restricted Investment (all such payments and other actions set forth in clauses (1) through (4) above being collectively referred to as "Restricted Payments"),

unless, at the time of and after giving effect to such Restricted Payment:

 no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would occur as a consequence thereof; and

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- (2) Classic would, at the time of such Restricted Payment and after giving pro forma effect thereto as if such Restricted Payment had been made at the beginning of the applicable three-month period, have been permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness (other than Permitted Debt) pursuant to the Debt to Cash Flow Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of the covenant described below under the caption "-- Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock;" and
- (3) such Restricted Payment, together with the aggregate amount of all other Restricted Payments declared or made after the date of the

indenture (excluding Restricted Payments permitted by clauses (2), (3) and (4) of the next succeeding paragraph) shall not exceed, at the date of determination, the sum, without duplication, of:

- (a) an amount equal to Classic's Consolidated Cash Flow from the date of the indenture to the end of Classic's most recently ended three-month period for which internal financial statements are available, taken as a single accounting period, less the product of 1.4 times Classic's Consolidated Interest Expense from the date of the indenture to the end of Classic's most recently ended three-month period for which internal financial statements are available, taken as a single accounting period; plus
- (b) an amount equal to the net cash proceeds received by Classic from the sale of Equity Interests after the date of the indenture (other than (i) sales of Disqualified Stock, (ii) Equity Interests sold to any of Classic's Subsidiaries, (iii) Equity Interests sold in the Private Equity Sale and (iv) Equity Interests that are applied to make a Permitted Investment pursuant to clause (10) of the definition of Permitted Investments) or from the issue or sale of convertible or exchangeable Disqualified Stock or convertible or exchangeable debt securities of Classic that have been converted into or exchanged for such Equity Interests (other than Equity Interests (or Disqualified Stock or debt securities) sold to a Subsidiary of Classic); plus
- (c) to the extent that any Restricted Investment that was made after the date of the indenture is sold for cash or otherwise liquidated or repaid for cash, the lesser of: (i) the cash return of capital with respect to such Restricted Investment (less the cost of disposition, if any); and (ii) the initial amount of such Restricted Investment.

The preceding provisions will not prohibit:

- (1) so long as no Default has occurred and is continuing or would be caused thereby, the payment of any dividend or distribution within 60 days after the date of declaration thereof, if at the date of declaration such payment would have complied with the provisions of the indenture;
- (2) the redemption, repurchase, retirement, defeasance or other acquisition of any subordinated Indebtedness of Classic or any Guarantor or of any Equity Interests of Classic in exchange for, or out of the net cash proceeds of the substantially concurrent sale (other than to a Subsidiary of Classic or an employee stock ownership plan or to a trust established by Classic or any Subsidiary of Classic for the benefit of its employees) of, Equity Interests of Classic (other than Disqualified Stock); provided that the amount of any such net cash proceeds that are utilized for any such redemption, repurchase, retirement, defeasance or other acquisition will be excluded from clause (3)(b) of the preceding paragraph;
- (3) the defeasance, redemption, repurchase or other acquisition of subordinated Indebtedness of Classic or any Guarantor with the net cash proceeds from an incurrence of Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness;
- (4) the payment of any dividend by a Restricted Subsidiary of Classic to the holders of its Equity Interests on a pro rata basis; and

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(5) so long as no Default has occurred and is continuing or would be caused thereby, the repurchase, redemption or other acquisition or retirement for value of any Equity Interests of Classic or any Restricted Subsidiary of Classic held by any member of Classic's (or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries') management pursuant to any management equity subscription agreement or stock option agreement in effect as of the date of the indenture; provided that the aggregate price paid for all such repurchased, redeemed, acquired or retired Equity Interests shall not exceed \$250,000 in any twelve-month period.

The amount of all Restricted Payments (other than cash) shall be the fair market value on the date of the Restricted Payment of the asset(s) or securities proposed to be transferred or issued to or by Classic or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case may be, pursuant to the Restricted Payment. The fair market value of any assets or securities that are required to be valued by this covenant will be determined by Classic's board of directors whose resolution with respect thereto shall be delivered to the trustee. The board of directors' determination must be based upon an opinion or appraisal issued by an accounting, appraisal or investment banking firm of national standing if the

fair market value exceeds \$5.0 million. Not later than the date of making any Restricted Payment, Classic will deliver to the trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that such Restricted Payment is permitted and setting forth the basis upon which the calculations required by this "Restricted Payments" covenant were computed, together with a copy of any fairness opinion or appraisal required by the indenture.

Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock

Classic will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create, incur, issue, assume, guarantee or otherwise become directly or indirectly liable, contingently or otherwise, with respect to (collectively, "incur") any Indebtedness (including Acquired Debt), and Classic will not issue any Disqualified Stock and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries to issue any shares of preferred stock; provided, however, that Classic may incur Indebtedness (including Acquired Debt) or issue Disqualified Stock, and the Guarantors may incur Indebtedness or issue preferred stock, if Classic's Debt to Cash Flow Ratio at the time of incurrence of such Indebtedness or the issuance of such Disqualified Stock or preferred stock, after giving pro forma effect to such incurrence or issuance as of such date and to the use of proceeds therefrom as if the same had occurred at the beginning of the most recently ended three-month period of Classic for which internal financial statements are available, would have been no greater than 7.0 to 1.

The first paragraph of this covenant will not prohibit the incurrence of any of the following items of Indebtedness (collectively, "Permitted Debt"):

- (1) the incurrence by Classic and any Guarantor of additional Indebtedness and letters of credit under Credit Facilities in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding under this clause (1) (with letters of credit being deemed to have a principal amount equal to the maximum potential liability of Classic and its Restricted Subsidiaries thereunder) not to exceed \$350.0 million;
- (2) the incurrence by Classic and its Restricted Subsidiaries of the Existing Indebtedness;
- (3) the incurrence by Classic and the Guarantors of Indebtedness represented by the notes and the related Subsidiary Guarantees to be issued on the date of the indenture and the exchange notes and the related Subsidiary Guarantees to be issued pursuant to the registration rights agreement;
- (4) the incurrence by Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Indebtedness represented by Capital Lease Obligations, mortgage financings or purchase money obligations or letters of credit, in each case, incurred for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price or cost of construction or improvement of property, plant or equipment used in the business of Classic or such Restricted Subsidiary, in an aggregate principal amount, including all Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness incurred to refund, refinance or replace any Indebtedness incurred pursuant to this clause (4), not to exceed \$15.0 million at any time outstanding;

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- (5) the incurrence by Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness in exchange for, or the net proceeds of which are used to refund, refinance or replace Indebtedness (other than intercompany Indebtedness) that was permitted by the indenture to be incurred under the first paragraph of this covenant or clauses (2), (3), (4) or (5) of this paragraph;
- (6) the incurrence by Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of intercompany Indebtedness between or among Classic and any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; provided, however, that:
  - (a) if Classic or any Guarantor is the obligor on such Indebtedness, such Indebtedness must be expressly subordinated to the prior payment in full in cash of all Obligations with respect to the notes, in the case of Classic, or the Subsidiary Guarantee, in the case of a Guarantor; and
  - (b) (i) any subsequent issuance or transfer of Equity Interests that results in any such Indebtedness being held by a Person other than Classic or a Restricted Subsidiary thereof and (ii) any sale or other transfer of any such Indebtedness to a Person that is not either Classic or a Restricted Subsidiary of Classic, will be deemed, in each case, to constitute an incurrence of such Indebtedness by Classic or such Restricted Subsidiary, as the case

- (7) the incurrence by Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries of Hedging Obligations that are incurred for the purpose of fixing or hedging interest rate risk with respect to any floating rate Indebtedness that is permitted by the terms of the indenture to be outstanding;
- (8) the guarantee by Classic or any of the Guarantors of Indebtedness of Classic or a Subsidiary of Classic that was permitted to be incurred by another provision of this covenant;
- (9) the accrual of interest, the accretion or amortization of original issue discount, the payment of interest on any Indebtedness in the form of additional Indebtedness with the same terms, and the payment of dividends on Disqualified Stock in the form of additional shares of the same class of Disqualified Stock will not be deemed to be an incurrence of Indebtedness or an issuance of Disqualified Stock for purposes of this covenant:
- (10) the incurrence of Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary that was outstanding on or prior to the date on which such Restricted Subsidiary was acquired by Classic (other than Indebtedness incurred in connection with, or to provide all or any portion of the funds or credit support utilized to consummate, the transaction or series of related transactions pursuant to which such Restricted Subsidiary became a Restricted Subsidiary or was acquired by Classic); provided, however, that on the date of such acquisition and after giving effect to that acquisition, the Debt to Cash Flow Ratio would have been less than or equal to the Debt to Cash Flow Ratio immediately prior to that acquisition;
- (11) the incurrence by Classic or any of the Guarantors of Indebtedness in addition to any Indebtedness described in clauses (1) through (10) and (12) of this covenant in an aggregate principal amount (or accreted value, as applicable) at any time outstanding, including all Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness incurred to refund, refinance or replace any Indebtedness incurred pursuant to this clause (11), not to exceed \$25.0 million; and
- (12) the incurrence by Classic's Unrestricted Subsidiaries of Non-Recourse Debt, provided, however, that if any such Indebtedness ceases to be Non-Recourse Debt of an Unrestricted Subsidiary, that event will be deemed to constitute an incurrence of Indebtedness by a Restricted Subsidiary of Classic that was not permitted by this clause (12).

For purposes of determining compliance with this "Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock" covenant, in the event that an item of proposed Indebtedness meets the criteria of more than one of the categories of Permitted Debt described in clauses (1) through (12) above, or is entitled to

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be incurred pursuant to the first paragraph of this covenant, Classic will be permitted to classify such item of Indebtedness on the date of its incurrence or later reclassify all or a portion of such item of Indebtedness in any manner that complies with this covenant and the items will be treated as having been incurred pursuant only to the first paragraph or clause (1) through (12) of this covenant. Indebtedness under Credit Facilities outstanding on the date on which notes are first issued and authenticated under the indenture shall be deemed to have been incurred on such date in reliance on the exception provided by clause (1) of the definition of Permitted Debt.

No Senior Subordinated Debt

Classic will not incur, create, issue, assume, guarantee or otherwise become liable for any Indebtedness that is subordinate or junior in right of payment to any Senior Debt of Classic and senior in any respect in right of payment to the notes. No Guarantor will incur, create, issue, assume, guarantee or otherwise become liable for any Indebtedness that is subordinate or junior in right of payment to the Senior Debt of such Guarantor and senior in any respect in right of payment to such Guarantor's Subsidiary Guarantee.

Liens

Classic will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, incur any Indebtedness secured by a Lien against or on any of its property or assets now owned or hereafter acquired by the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary

unless contemporaneously therewith effective provision is made to secure the notes equally and ratably with such secured Indebtedness. This restriction does not, however, apply to Indebtedness secured by (1) Liens securing Senior Debt or Indebtedness of a Restricted Subsidiary of Classic, (2) Liens, if any, in effect on the date of the indenture; (3) Liens in favor of governmental bodies to secure progress or advance payments; (4) Liens on Equity Interests or Indebtedness existing at the time of the acquisition thereof (including acquisition through merger or consolidation), provided that such Liens were not incurred in anticipation of such acquisition; (5) Liens securing the notes; (6) other Liens, in addition to those described in clauses (1) through (5), (7) or (8) of this paragraph, securing Indebtedness of Classic in an amount not to exceed \$10.0 million at any time outstanding; (7) Other Permitted Liens; and (8) any extension, renewal or replacement of any Lien referred to in the foregoing clauses (1) through (7), inclusive.

Dividend and Other Payment Restrictions Affecting Subsidiaries

Classic will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, create or permit to exist or become effective any consensual encumbrance or restriction on the ability of any Restricted Subsidiary to:

- (1) pay dividends or make any other distributions on its Equity Interests to Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, or pay any indebtedness owed to Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (2) make loans or advances or guarantee any such loans or advances to Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; or
- (3) transfer any of its properties or assets to Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

However, the preceding restrictions will not apply to encumbrances or restrictions existing under or by reason of:

(1) encumbrances and restrictions as in effect on the date of the indenture pursuant to Existing Indebtedness or Credit Facilities, and any amendments, modifications, restatements, renewals, increases, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings thereof, provided that such amendments, modifications, restatements, renewals, increases, supplements, refundings, replacements or refinancings are no more restrictive, taken as a whole, with respect to such dividend

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and other payment restrictions than those contained in such Existing Indebtedness or Credit Facilities, as in effect on the date of the indenture;

- (2) the indenture, the notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees;
- (3) applicable law;
- (4) any instrument governing Indebtedness or Capital Stock of a Person acquired by Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries as in effect at the time of such acquisition (except to the extent such Indebtedness or Capital Stock was incurred in connection with or in contemplation of such acquisition), which encumbrance or restriction is not applicable to any Person, or the properties or assets of any Person, other than the Person, or the property or assets of the Person, so acquired, provided that, in the case of Indebtedness, such Indebtedness was permitted by the terms of the indenture to be incurred:
- (5) customary non-assignment provisions in contracts of Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (6) purchase money obligations for property acquired in the ordinary course of business that impose restrictions on the property so acquired of the nature described in clause (3) of the preceding paragraph;
- (7) any agreement for the sale or other disposition of a Restricted Subsidiary that restricts distributions by that Subsidiary pending its sale or other disposition;
- (8) Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness, provided that the restrictions contained in the agreements governing such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness are no more restrictive, taken as a whole, than those

- contained in the agreements governing the Indebtedness being refinanced:
- (9) Liens securing Indebtedness that limit the right of the debtor to dispose of the assets subject to such Lien;
- (10) provisions with respect to the disposition or distribution of assets or property in joint venture agreements, assets sale agreements, stock sale agreements and other similar agreements entered into in the ordinary course of business;
- (11) restrictions on cash or other deposits or net worth imposed by customers under contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business:
- (12) restrictions that are not materially more restrictive than customary provisions in comparable financings if the management of Classic determines that such restrictions will not materially impair Classic's ability to make payments as required under the notes; and
- (13) restrictions contained in Indebtedness under Credit Facilities permitted to be incurred under the covenant described above under the caption "-- Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock," provided that the restrictions are not more restrictive than the terms contained in the existing Credit Facilities as of the date of the indenture.

Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets

Classic may not, directly or indirectly: (1) consolidate or merge with or into another Person (whether or not Classic is the surviving corporation); or (2) sell, assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of Classic and its Restricted Subsidiaries taken as a whole, in one or more related transactions, to another Person; unless:

(1) either: (a) Classic is the surviving corporation; or (b) the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than Classic) or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition shall have been made is a corporation, limited liability company or limited partnership organized or existing under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia:

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- (2) the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than Classic) or the Person to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition shall have been made assumes all the obligations of Classic under the notes, the indenture and the registration rights agreement pursuant to agreements reasonably satisfactory to the trustee;
- (3) immediately after such transaction no Default or Event of Default exists; and
- (4) Classic or the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than Classic), or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition shall have been made will, on the date of such transaction after giving pro forma effect thereto and any related financing transactions as if the same had occurred at the beginning of the applicable three-month period, be permitted to incur at least \$1.00 of additional Indebtedness pursuant to the Debt to Cash Flow Ratio test set forth in the first paragraph of the covenant described above under the caption "-- Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock."

In addition, Classic may not, directly or indirectly, lease all or substantially all of its properties or assets, in one or more related transactions, to any other Person. This "Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets" covenant will not apply to a sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of assets between or among Classic and any of the Guarantors.

## Transactions with Affiliates

Classic will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, make any payment to, or sell, lease, transfer, exchange or otherwise dispose of any of its properties or assets to, or purchase any property or assets from, or enter into or make or amend any transaction or series of transactions, contract, agreement, understanding, loan, advance or guarantee with, or for the benefit of, any Affiliate, officer or director or

- (1) such Affiliate Transaction is on terms that are no less favorable to Classic or the relevant Restricted Subsidiary than those that would have been obtained in a comparable transaction by Classic or such Restricted Subsidiary with an unrelated Person; and
- (2) Classic delivers to the trustee:
  - (a) with respect to any Affiliate Transaction or series of related Affiliate Transactions involving aggregate consideration in excess of \$1.0 million, a resolution of the board of directors set forth in an Officers' Certificate certifying that such Affiliate Transaction complies with clause (1) of this covenant and that such Affiliate Transaction has been approved by a majority of the disinterested members of the board of directors; and
  - (b) with respect to any Affiliate Transaction or series of related Affiliate Transactions involving aggregate consideration in excess of \$10.0 million, an opinion as to the fairness to the Holders of such Affiliate Transaction from a financial point of view issued by an accounting, appraisal or investment banking firm of national standing.

The following items shall not be deemed to be Affiliate Transactions and, therefore, will not be subject to the provisions of the prior paragraph:

- (1) employment agreements entered into by Classic or any of its Subsidiaries on or prior to the date of the indenture and any employment agreement entered into by Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business and consistent with the past practice of Classic or such Restricted Subsidiary;
- (2) transactions between or among Classic and/or its Restricted Subsidiaries;
- (3) transactions with a Person that is an Affiliate of Classic solely because Classic owns an Equity Interest in such Person;

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- (4) payment of reasonable fees to directors who are not employees of Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, and customary indemnification and insurance arrangements in favor of any director;
- (5) sales or issuances of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Stock) to Affiliates of Classic;
- (6) Restricted Payments that are permitted by the provisions of the indenture described above under the caption "-- Restricted Payments;"
- (7) loans or advances, not to exceed \$2.0 million in the aggregate at any time outstanding, to employees in the ordinary course of business in accordance with past practice; and
- (8) management fees, deal fees or transaction fees paid to employees, directors and their respective affiliates, in accordance with the provisions of the Management and Advisory Fee Agreement or the Stockholders' Agreement, as applicable, as the same are in effect on the date of the indenture.

# Additional Subsidiary Guarantees

If Classic or any of its Subsidiaries acquires or creates another Domestic Subsidiary after the date of the indenture, then that newly acquired or created Domestic Subsidiary must become a Guarantor and execute a supplemental indenture and deliver an Opinion of Counsel to the trustee within 10 Business Days of the date on which it was acquired or created, unless such Domestic Subsidiary has properly been designated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary in accordance with the indenture, for so long as such Domestic Subsidiary continues to constitute an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

Designation of Restricted and Unrestricted Subsidiaries

The board of directors may designate any Restricted Subsidiary to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary if that designation would not cause a Default. If a Restricted Subsidiary is designated as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, the aggregate fair market value of all outstanding Investments owned by Classic and its Restricted Subsidiaries in the Subsidiary so designated will be deemed to be an

Investment made as of the time of such designation and will either reduce the amount available for Restricted Payments under the first paragraph of the covenant described above under the caption "-- Restricted Payments" or reduce the amount available for future Investments under one or more clauses of the definition of Permitted Investments, as Classic shall determine. That designation will only be permitted if such Investment would be permitted at that time and if such Restricted Subsidiary otherwise meets the definition of an Unrestricted Subsidiary. The board of directors may redesignate any Unrestricted Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary if the redesignation would not cause a Default.

Sale and Leaseback Transactions

Classic will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, enter into any sale and leaseback transaction, unless:

- (1) Classic or that Restricted Subsidiary, as applicable, could have (a) incurred Indebtedness in an amount equal to the Attributable Debt relating to such sale and leaseback transaction under the Debt to Cash Flow Ratio test in the first paragraph of the covenant described above under the caption "-- Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock" and (b) created a Lien on such property securing Attributable Debt without equally and ratably securing the notes pursuant to the covenant described above under the caption "-- Liens;"
- (2) the net cash proceeds of that sale and leaseback transaction are at least equal to the fair market value, as determined in good faith by the board of directors and set forth in an Officers' Certificate delivered to the trustee, of the property that is the subject of that sale and leaseback transaction; and

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(3) the transfer of assets in that sale and leaseback transaction is permitted by, and Classic or that Restricted Subsidiary applies the proceeds of such transaction in compliance with, the covenant described above under the caption "-- Repurchase at the Option of Holders -- Asset Sales."

Limitation on Issuances and Sales of Equity Interests in Wholly Owned Subsidiaries

Classic will not, and will not permit any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, transfer, convey, sell, lease or otherwise dispose of any Equity Interests in any Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of Classic to any Person (other than Classic or a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of Classic), unless:

- (1) such transfer, conveyance, sale, lease or other disposition is of all the Equity Interests in such Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary; and
- (2) the cash Net Proceeds from such transfer, conveyance, sale, lease or other disposition are applied in accordance with the covenant described above under the caption "-- Repurchase at the Option of Holders -- Asset Sales."

In addition, Classic will not permit any Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of Classic to issue any of its Equity Interests (other than, if necessary, shares of its Capital Stock constituting directors' qualifying shares) to any Person other than to Classic or a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary of Classic.

Reports

Whether or not required by the Commission, so long as any notes are outstanding, Classic will furnish to the Holders of notes, within 15 days of the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and regulations:

- (1) all quarterly and annual financial information that would be required to be contained in a filing with the Commission on Forms 10-Q and 10-K if Classic were required to file such Forms, including a "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and, with respect to the annual information only, a report on the annual financial statements by Classic's certified independent accountants; and
- (2) all current reports that would be required to be filed with the Commission on Form 8-K if Classic were required to file such reports.

In addition, following the consummation of the exchange offer contemplated

by the registration rights agreement, whether or not required by the Commission, Classic will file a copy of all of the information and reports referred to in clauses (1) and (2) above with the Commission for public availability within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and regulations (unless the Commission will not accept such a filing, in which case Classic will make such information available to securities analysts and prospective investors upon request). In addition, Classic and the Guarantors have agreed that, for so long as any notes remain outstanding, unless Classic is filing periodic reports pursuant to the Exchange Act, they will furnish to the Holders and to securities analysts and prospective investors, upon their request, the information required to be delivered pursuant to Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act.

#### EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

Each of the following is an Event of Default:

- (1) default for 30 days in the payment when due of interest on, or Special Interest with respect to, the notes whether or not prohibited by the subordination provisions of the indenture;
- (2) default in payment when due of the principal of, or premium, if any, on the notes, whether or not prohibited by the subordination provisions of the indenture;

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- (3) failure by Classic or any of its Subsidiaries to comply with the provisions applicable to them described under the caption "-- Certain Covenants -- Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets;"
- (4) failure by Classic or any of its Subsidiaries for 30 days after notice to comply with the provisions applicable to them described under the captions "-- Repurchase at the Option of Holders -- Change of Control" or "-- Certain Covenants" (in each case, other than a failure to purchase notes);
- (5) failure by Classic or any of its Subsidiaries for 60 days after notice to comply with any of the other agreements applicable to them in the indenture;
- (6) default under any mortgage, indenture or instrument under which there may be issued or by which there may be secured or evidenced any Indebtedness for money borrowed by Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (or the payment of which is guaranteed by Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries) whether such Indebtedness or guarantee now exists, or is created after the date of the indenture, if that default:
  - (a) is caused by a failure to pay principal of such Indebtedness at final maturity; or
  - (b) results in the acceleration of such Indebtedness prior to its express maturity,  $% \left( \frac{1}{2}\right) =\frac{1}{2}\left( \frac{1}{2}\right) +\frac{1}{2}\left( \frac{$

if the total principal amount of such Indebtedness unpaid or accelerated exceeds \$5.0 million;

- (7) any judgment or decree for the payment of money in excess of \$5.0 million is rendered against Classic or any Restricted Subsidiary of Classic and either (a) an enforcement proceeding has been commenced by any creditor upon such judgment or decree or (b) such judgment or decree remains outstanding for a period of 60 days following such judgment and is not discharged, waived or stayed within 10 days of notice;
- (8) except as permitted by the indenture, any Subsidiary Guarantee shall be held in any judicial proceeding to be unenforceable or invalid or shall cease for any reason to be in full force and effect or any Guarantor, or any Person acting on behalf of any Guarantor, shall deny or disaffirm its obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee; and
- (9) certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency described in the indenture with respect to Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

In the case of an Event of Default arising from certain events of bankruptcy or insolvency, with respect to Classic, any Subsidiary that is a Significant Subsidiary or any group of Subsidiaries that, taken together, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, all outstanding notes will become due and payable immediately without further action or notice. If any other Event of

Default occurs and is continuing, the trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the then outstanding notes may declare all the notes to be due and payable immediately.

Holders of the notes may not enforce the indenture or the notes except as provided in the indenture. Subject to certain limitations, Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding notes may direct the trustee in its exercise of any trust or power. The trustee may withhold from Holders of the notes notice of any continuing Default or Event of Default if it determines that withholding notice is in their interest, except a Default or Event of Default relating to the payment of principal or interest.

After a declaration of acceleration, but before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained by the trustee, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of notes outstanding by written notice to Classic and the trustee, may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if (a) Classic has paid or deposited with the trustee a sum sufficient to pay (1) all sums paid or advanced by the trustee under the indenture and the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the trustee, its agents and counsel, (2) all overdue interest on all notes then outstanding, (3) the principal of and premium, if any, on any notes then outstanding which have become due otherwise than by such declaration of acceleration and interest thereon (including Special

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Interest) at the rate borne by the notes and (4) to the extent that payment of such interest is lawful, interest upon overdue interest at the rate borne by the notes; (b) the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction; and (c) all Events of Default, other than the non-declaration of acceleration, have been cured or waived as provided in the indenture. No such rescission shall affect any subsequent default or impair any right consequent thereon.

The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the notes then outstanding by notice to the trustee may on behalf of the Holders of all of the notes waive any existing Default or Event of Default and its consequences under the indenture except (1) a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of interest or Special Interest on, or the principal of, the notes (2) in respect of a covenant or provision which under the indenture cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each note affected by such modification or amendment.

Classic is required to deliver to the trustee annually a statement regarding compliance with the indenture. Upon becoming aware of any Default or Event of Default, Classic is required to deliver to the trustee a statement specifying such Default or Event of Default.

NO PERSONAL LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND STOCKHOLDERS

No director, officer, employee, incorporator, manager, member, partner or stockholder of Classic or any Subsidiary, as such, shall have any liability for any obligations of Classic or the Guarantors under the notes, the exchange notes, the indenture, the Subsidiary Guarantees or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder of notes by accepting a note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the notes. The waiver may not be effective to waive liabilities under the federal securities laws.

## LEGAL DEFEASANCE AND COVENANT DEFEASANCE

Classic may, at its option and at any time, elect to have all of its obligations discharged with respect to the outstanding notes and all obligations of the Guarantors discharged with respect to their Subsidiary Guarantees ("Legal Defeasance") except for:

- (1) the rights of Holders of outstanding notes to receive payments in respect of the principal of, or interest or premium and Special Interest, if any, on such notes when such payments are due from the trust referred to below;
- (2) Classic's obligations with respect to the notes concerning issuing temporary notes, registration of notes, mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen notes and the maintenance of an office or agency for payment and money for security payments held in trust;
- (3) the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the trustee, and Classic's and the Guarantor's obligations in connection therewith; and

(4) the Legal Defeasance provisions of the indenture.

In addition, Classic may, at its option and at any time, elect to have the obligations of Classic and the Guarantors released with respect to certain covenants that are described in the indenture ("Covenant Defeasance") and thereafter any omission to comply with those covenants shall not constitute a Default or Event of Default with respect to the notes. In the event Covenant Defeasance occurs, certain events (not including non-payment, bankruptcy, receivership, rehabilitation and insolvency events) described under "Events of Default" will no longer constitute an Event of Default with respect to the notes.

In order to exercise either Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance:

(1) Classic must irrevocably deposit with the trustee, in trust, for the benefit of the Holders of the notes, cash in U.S. dollars, non-callable Government Securities, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants, to pay the principal of, or interest and premium and Special Interest, if any, on the

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- outstanding notes on the Stated Maturity or on the applicable redemption date, as the case may be, and Classic must specify whether the notes are being defeased to maturity or to a particular redemption date;
- (2) in the case of Legal Defeasance, Classic shall have delivered to the trustee an Opinion of Counsel reasonably acceptable to the trustee confirming that (a) Classic has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling or (b) since the date of the indenture, there has been a change in the applicable federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such Opinion of Counsel shall confirm that, the Holders of the outstanding notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Legal Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Legal Defeasance had not occurred;
- (3) in the case of Covenant Defeasance, Classic shall have delivered to the trustee an Opinion of Counsel reasonably acceptable to the trustee confirming that the Holders of the outstanding notes will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Covenant Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Covenant Defeasance had not occurred;
- (4) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing either: (a) on the date of such deposit (other than a Default or Event of Default resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to such deposit); or (b) or insofar as Events of Default from bankruptcy or insolvency events are concerned, at any time in the period ending on the 91st day after the date of deposit;
- (5) such Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under any material agreement or instrument (other than the indenture) to which Classic or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which Classic or any of its Subsidiaries is bound;
- (6) Classic must have delivered to the trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that, assuming no intervening bankruptcy of Classic or any Guarantor between the date of deposit and the 91st day following the deposit and assuming that no Holder is an "insider" of Classic under applicable bankruptcy law, after the 91st day following the deposit, the trust funds will not be subject to the effect of any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally;
- (7) Classic must deliver to the trustee an Officers' Certificate stating that the deposit was not made by Classic with the intent of preferring the Holders of notes over the other creditors of Classic with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding creditors of Classic or others; and
- (8) Classic must deliver to the trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent relating to the Legal Defeasance or the Covenant Defeasance have been complied

#### AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT AND WAIVER

Except as provided in the next three succeeding paragraphs, the indenture or the notes may be amended or supplemented with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the notes then outstanding (including, without limitation, consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, notes), and any existing default or compliance with any provision of the indenture or the notes may be waived with the consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding notes (including, without limitation, consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, notes).

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Without the consent of each Holder affected, an amendment or waiver may not (with respect to any notes held by a non-consenting Holder):

- reduce the principal amount of notes whose Holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;
- (2) reduce the principal of or change the fixed maturity of any note or alter the provisions with respect to the redemption of the notes (other than provisions relating to the covenants described above under the caption "-- Repurchase at the Option of Holders");
- (3) reduce the rate of or change the time for payment of interest on any note;
- (4) waive a Default or Event of Default in the payment of principal of, or interest or premium, or Special Interest, if any, on the notes (except a rescission of acceleration of the notes by the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the notes and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from such acceleration);
- (5) make any note payable in money other than that stated in the notes;
- (6) make any change in the provisions of the indenture relating to waivers of past Defaults or the rights of Holders of notes to receive payments of principal of, or interest or premium or Special Interest, if any, on the notes;
- (7) waive a redemption payment with respect to any note (other than a payment required by one of the covenants described above under the caption "-- Repurchase at the Option of Holders");
- (8) release any Guarantor from any of its obligations under its Subsidiary Guarantee or the indenture, except in accordance with the terms of the indenture: or
- (9) make any change in the preceding amendment and waiver provisions.

In addition, any amendment to, or waiver of, the provisions of the indenture relating to subordination that adversely affects the rights of the Holders of the notes will require the consent of the Holders of at least 75% in aggregate principal amount of the notes then outstanding.

Notwithstanding the preceding, without the consent of any Holder of notes, Classic, the Guarantors and the trustee may amend or supplement the indenture or the notes:

- (1) to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency;
- (2) to provide for uncertificated notes in addition to or in place of certificated notes;
- (3) to provide for the assumption of Classic's obligations to Holders of notes in the case of a merger or consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of Classic's assets;
- (4) to make any change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the Holders of notes or that does not adversely affect the legal rights under the indenture of any such Holder; or
- (5) to comply with requirements of the Commission in order to effect or maintain the qualification of the indenture under the Trust Indenture Act.

The indenture will be discharged and will cease to be of further effect as to all notes issued thereunder, when:

#### (1) either:

(a) all notes that have been authenticated (except lost, stolen or destroyed notes that have been replaced or paid and notes for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust and thereafter repaid to Classic) have been delivered to the trustee for cancellation; or

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- (b) all notes that have not been delivered to the trustee for cancellation have become due and payable by reason of the making of a notice of redemption or otherwise or will become due and payable within one year and Classic or any Guarantor has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the trustee, as trust funds in trust solely for the benefit of the Holders, cash in U.S. dollars, non-callable Government Securities, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient without consideration of any reinvestment of interest, to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on the notes not delivered to the trustee for cancellation for principal, premium and Special Interest, if any, and accrued interest to the date of maturity or redemption;
- (2) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit or shall occur as a result of such deposit and such deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any other instrument to which Classic or any Guarantor is a party or by which Classic or any Guarantor is bound;
- (3) Classic or any Guarantor has paid or caused to be paid all sums payable by it under the indenture; and
- (4) Classic has delivered irrevocable instructions to the trustee under the indenture to apply the deposited money toward the payment of the notes at maturity or the redemption date, as the case may be.

In addition, Classic must deliver an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel to the trustee stating that all conditions precedent to satisfaction and discharge have been satisfied.

## CONCERNING THE TRUSTEE

If the trustee becomes a creditor of Classic or any Guarantor, the indenture limits its right to obtain payment of claims in certain cases, or to realize on certain property received in respect of any such claim as security or otherwise. The trustee will be permitted to engage in other transactions; however, if it acquires any conflicting interest it must eliminate such conflict within 90 days, apply to the Commission for permission to continue or resign.

The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding notes will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for exercising any remedy available to the trustee, subject to certain exceptions. The indenture provides that in case an Event of Default shall occur and be continuing, the trustee will be required, in the exercise of its power, to use the degree of care of a prudent man in the conduct of his own affairs. Subject to such provisions, the trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under the indenture at the request of any Holder of notes, unless such Holder shall have offered to the trustee security and indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense.

# BOOK-ENTRY; DELIVERY AND FORM

The notes will be represented by one or more permanent global notes in definitive, fully registered form without interest coupons (each a "Global Note") and will be deposited with the trustee as custodian for, and registered in the name of a nominee of, The Depository Trust Corporation ("DTC").

Each Global Note will be subject to certain restrictions on transfer set forth therein as described under "Notices to Investors."

Ownership of beneficial interests in a Global Note will be limited to persons who have accounts with DTC ("participants") or persons who hold interests through participants. Ownership of beneficial interests in a Global Note will be shown on, and the transfer of that ownership will be effected only

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hold their interests in a Restricted Global Note directly through DTC if they are participants in such system, or indirectly through organizations which are participants in such system.

So long as DTC, or its nominee, is the registered owner or holder of a Global Note, DTC or such nominee, as the case may be, will be considered the sole owner or holder of the notes represented by such Global Note for all purposes under the Indenture and the notes. No beneficial owner of an interest in a Global Note will be able to transfer that interest except in accordance with DTC's applicable procedures, in additional to those provided for under the Indenture and, if applicable, those of Euroclear and Cedel Bank.

Payments of the principal of, and interest on, a Global Note will be made to DTC or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner thereof. Neither Classic, the trustee nor any Paying Agent will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in a Global Note or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

Classic expects that DTC or its nominee, upon receipt of any payment of principal or interest in respect of a Global Note, will credit participants' accounts with payments in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the principal amount of such Global Note as shown on the records of DTC or its nominee. Classic also expects that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in such Global Note held through such participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers registered in the names of nominees for such customers. Such payments will be the responsibility of such participants.

Transfers between participants in DTC will be effected in the ordinary way in accordance with DTC rules and will be settled in same-day funds.

Classic expects that DTC will take any action permitted to be taken by a holder of notes, including the presentation of notes for exchange as described below, only at the direction of one or more participants to whose account the DTC interests in a Global Note are credited and only in respect of such portion of the aggregate principal amount of notes as to which such participant or participants has or have given such direction. However, if there is an Event of Default under the Notes, DTC will exchange the applicable Global Note for Certificated Notes, which it will distribute to its participants and which may be legended as set forth under the heading "Notices to Investors."

Classic understands that DTC is

- a limited purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York.
- a "banking organization" within the meaning of New York Banking Law,
- a member of the Federal Reserve System,
- a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the Uniform Commercial Code, and
- a "Clearing Agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Exchange Act. DTC was created to hold securities for its participants and facilitate the clearance and settlement of securities transactions between participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of its participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of certificates and certain other organizations. Indirect access to the DTC system is available to other such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, either directly or indirectly ("indirect participants").

Although DTC is expected to follow the foregoing procedures in order to facilitate transfers of interest in a Global Note among participants of DTC, it is under no obligation to perform or continue to perform such procedures, and such procedures may be discontinued at any time. Neither Classic nor the Trustee will have any responsibility for the performance by DTC, Euroclear or Cedel Bank or their respective participants or indirect participants of their respective

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If DTC is at any time unwilling or unable to continue as a depositary for the Global Notes and a successor depositary is not appointed by Classic within 90 days, Classic will issue Certificated Notes, which may bear the legend referred to under "Notices to Investors," in exchange for the Global Notes. Holders of an interest in a Global Note may receive Certificated Notes, which may bear the legend referred to under "Notices to Investors," in accordance with the DTC's rules and procedures in addition to those provided for under the indenture.

#### SAME DAY SETTLEMENT AND PAYMENT

Classic will make payments in respect of the notes represented by the Global notes (including principal, premium, if any, interest and Special Interest, if any) by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the accounts specified by the Global note Holder. Classic will make all payments of principal, interest and premium and Special Interest, if any, with respect to Certificated notes by wire transfer of immediately available funds to the accounts specified by the Holders thereof or, if no such account is specified, by mailing a check to each such Holder's registered address. The notes represented by the Global notes are expected to be eligible to trade in the PORTAL market and to trade in DTC's Same-day Funds Settlement System, and any permitted secondary market trading activity in such notes will, therefore, be required by DTC to be settled in immediately available funds. Classic expects that secondary trading in any Certificated notes will also be settled in immediately available funds.

Because of time zone differences, the securities account of a Euroclear or Cedel participant purchasing an interest in a Global note from a Participant in DTC will be credited, and any such crediting will be reported to the relevant Euroclear or Cedel participant, during the securities settlement processing day (which must be a business day for Euroclear and Cedel) immediately following the settlement date of DTC. DTC has advised Classic that cash received in Euroclear or Cedel as a result of sales of interests in a Global note by or through a Euroclear or Cedel participant to a Participant in DTC will be received with value on the settlement date of DTC but will be available in the relevant Euroclear or Cedel cash account only as of the business day for Euroclear or Cedel following DTC's settlement date.

# REGISTRATION RIGHTS; SPECIAL INTEREST

The following description is a summary of the material provisions of the exchange and registration rights agreement. It does not restate that agreement in its entirety. We urge you to read the exchange and registration rights agreement in its entirety because it, and not this description, defines your registration rights as Holders of these notes. We have filed a copy of the exchange and registration rights agreement as an exhibit to the registration statement which includes this prospectus. See "-- Additional Information."

Classic, the Guarantors and the initial purchasers entered into the exchange and registration rights agreement on July 28, 1999. Pursuant to the registration rights agreement, Classic and the Guarantors agreed to file with the Commission the exchange offer registration statement on the appropriate form under the Securities Act with respect to the exchange notes. Upon the effectiveness of the exchange offer registration statement, Classic and the Guarantors will offer to the Holders of Transfer Restricted Securities pursuant to the exchange offer who are able to make certain representations the opportunity to exchange their Transfer Restricted Securities for exchange notes.

If:

- (1) Classic and the Guarantors are not
  - (a) required to file the exchange offer registration statement; or
  - (b) permitted to consummate the exchange offer because the exchange offer is not permitted by applicable law or Commission policy; or

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- (2) any Holder of Transfer Restricted Securities notifies Classic prior to the 20th day following consummation of the exchange offer that:
  - (a) it is prohibited by law or Commission policy from participating in

- (b) that it may not resell the exchange notes acquired by it in the exchange offer to the public without delivering a prospectus and the prospectus contained in the exchange offer registration statement is not appropriate or available for such resales; or
- (c) that it is a broker-dealer and owns notes acquired directly from Classic or an affiliate of Classic,

Classic and the Guarantors will file with the Commission a shelf registration statement to cover resales of the notes by the Holders thereof who satisfy certain conditions relating to the provision of information in connection with the shelf registration statement.

Classic and the Guarantors will use their best efforts to cause the applicable registration statement to be declared effective as promptly as possible by the Commission.

For purposes of the preceding, "Transfer Restricted Securities" means each note until:

- (1) the date on which such note has been exchanged by a Person other than a broker-dealer for an exchange note in the exchange offer;
- (2) following the exchange by a broker-dealer in the exchange offer of a note for an exchange note, the date on which such exchange note is sold to a purchaser who receives from such broker-dealer on or prior to the date of such sale a copy of the prospectus contained in the exchange offer registration statement;
- (3) the date on which such note has been effectively registered under the Securities Act and disposed of in accordance with the shelf registration statement; or
- (4) the date on which such note is distributed to the public pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act.

The exchange and registration rights agreement provides:

- (1) Classic and the Guarantors will file the exchange offer registration statement with the Commission on or prior to September 11, 1999;
- (2) Classic and the Guarantors will use their best efforts to have the exchange offer registration statement declared effective by the Commission on or prior to February 23, 2000;
- (3) unless the exchange offer would not be permitted by applicable law or Commission policy, Classic and the Guarantors will
  - (a) commence the exchange offer; and
  - (b) use their best efforts to issue on or prior to 30 business days, or longer, if required by the federal securities laws, after the date on which the exchange offer registration statement was declared effective by the Commission, exchange notes in exchange for all notes tendered prior thereto in the exchange offer; and
- (4) if obligated to file the shelf registration statement, Classic and the Guarantors will use their best efforts to file the shelf registration statement with the Commission on or prior to 45 days after such filing obligation arises and to cause the shelf registration to be declared effective by the Commission on or prior to 120 days after such obligation arises.

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If:

- (1) Classic and the Guarantors fail to file any of the registration statements required by the exchange and registration rights agreement on or before the date specified for such filing; or
- (2) any of such registration statements is not declared effective by the Commission on or prior to the date specified for such effectiveness (the "Effectiveness Target Date"); or
- (3) Classic and the Guarantors fail to consummate the exchange offer within 30 business days of the Effectiveness Target Date with respect to the

(4) the shelf registration statement or the exchange offer registration statement is declared effective but thereafter ceases to be effective or usable in connection with resales of Transfer Restricted Securities during the periods specified in the registration rights agreement (each such event referred to in clauses (1) through (4) above, a "Registration Default"),

then Classic and the Guarantors will pay special interest ("Special Interest") to each Holder of notes with respect to the first 90-day period immediately following the occurrence of the first Registration Default in an amount equal to \$0.05 per week per \$1,000 principal amount of notes held by such Holder.

The amount of the Special Interest will increase by an additional \$0.05 per week per \$1,000 principal amount of notes with respect to each subsequent 90-day period until all Registration Defaults have been cured, up to a maximum amount of Special Interest for all Registration Defaults of \$0.50 per week per \$1,000 principal amount of notes.

All accrued Special Interest will be paid by Classic and the Guarantors on each Special Interest Payment Date to the Global note Holder by wire transfer of immediately available funds or by federal funds check and to Holders of Certificated notes by wire transfer to the accounts specified by them or by mailing checks to their registered addresses if no such accounts have been specified.

Following the cure of all Registration Defaults, the accrual of Special Interest will cease.

Holders of notes will be required to make certain representations to Classic (as described in the registration rights agreement) in order to participate in the exchange offer and will be required to deliver certain information to be used in connection with the shelf registration statement and to provide comments on the shelf registration statement within the time periods set forth in the exchange and registration rights agreement in order to have their notes included in the shelf registration statement and benefit from the provisions regarding Special Interest set forth above. By acquiring Transfer Restricted Securities, a Holder will be deemed to have agreed to indemnify Classic and the Guarantors against certain losses arising out of information furnished by such Holder in writing for inclusion in any shelf registration statement. Holders of notes will also be required to suspend their use of the prospectus included in the shelf registration statement under certain circumstances upon receipt of written notice to that effect from Classic.

# CERTAIN DEFINITIONS

Set forth below are certain defined terms used in the indenture. Reference is made to the indenture for a full disclosure of all such terms, as well as any other capitalized terms used herein for which no definition is provided.

"Acquired Debt" means, with respect to any specified Person:

- (1) Indebtedness of any other Person existing at the time such other Person is merged with or into or became a Subsidiary of such specified Person, whether or not such Indebtedness is incurred in connection with, or in contemplation of, such other Person merging with or into, or becoming a Subsidiary of, such specified Person; and
- (2) Indebtedness secured by a Lien encumbering any asset acquired by such specified Person.

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"Affiliate" of any specified Person means any other Person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified Person. For purposes of this definition, "control," as used with respect to any Person, shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by agreement or otherwise; provided that beneficial ownership of more than 5% of the Voting Stock of a Person shall be deemed to be control. For purposes of this definition, the terms "controlling," "controlled by" and "under common control with" shall have correlative meanings.

"Applicable Premium" means, with respect to any note on any redemption date, the greater of:

(1) 1.0% of the principal amount of the note; or

- (2) the excess of:
  - (a) the present value at such redemption date of (i) the redemption price of the note at August 1, 2004 (such redemption price being set forth in the table appearing above under the caption "-- Optional Redemption") plus (ii) all required interest payments due on the note through August 1, 2004 (excluding accrued but unpaid interest), computed using a discount rate equal to the Treasury Rate as of such redemption date plus 50 basis points; over
  - (b) the principal amount of the note, if greater.

"Asset Acquisition" means (a) an Investment by Classic or any Restricted Subsidiary in any other Person pursuant to which such Person shall become a Restricted Subsidiary or shall be consolidated or merged with or into Classic or any Restricted Subsidiary, or (b) any acquisition by Classic or any Restricted Subsidiary of the assets of any Person that constitute substantially all of an operating unit, a division or line of business of such Person or that is otherwise outside of the ordinary course of business.

#### "Asset Sale" means:

- (1) the sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition of any assets or rights, other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practices; provided that the sale, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of Classic and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole will be governed by the provisions of the indenture described above under the caption "-- Repurchase at the Option of Holders -- Change of Control" and/or the provisions described above under the caption "-- Certain Covenants -- Merger, Consolidation or Sale of Assets" and not by the provisions of the Asset Sale covenant; and
- (2) the issuance or sale of Equity Interests in any of Classic's Restricted Subsidiaries or the sale of Equity Interests in any of its Subsidiaries.

Notwithstanding the preceding, the following items shall not be deemed to be Asset Sales:

- (1) any single transaction or series of related transactions that involves assets having a fair market value of less than \$1.0 million or results in net proceeds to Classic and its Restricted Subsidiaries of less than \$1.0 million;
- (2) transfers of assets between or among Classic and its Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiaries,
- (3) an issuance of Equity Interests by a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary to Classic or to another Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary;
- (4) the sale or lease of equipment, inventory, accounts receivable or other assets in the ordinary course of business;
- (5) the sale or other disposition of cash or Cash Equivalents;

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- (6) a Restricted Payment or Permitted Investment that is permitted by the covenant described above under the caption "-- Certain Covenants -- Restricted Payments;" and
- (7) the sale of property or equipment that has become worn out, damaged or otherwise unsuitable for use in the business of Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

"Asset Swap" means an exchange of assets by Classic or a Restricted Subsidiary of Classic for:

- (1) one or more Permitted Businesses;
- (2) a controlling equity interest in any Person whose assets consist primarily of one or more Permitted Businesses;
- (3) cash; and/or
- (4) long-term assets that are used in a Permitted Business.

"Attributable Debt" in respect of a sale and leaseback transaction means, at the time of determination, the present value of the obligation of the lessee for net rental payments during the remaining term of the lease included in such sale and leaseback transaction including any period for which such lease has been extended or may, at the option of the lessor, be extended. Such present value shall be calculated using a discount rate equal to the rate of interest implicit in such transaction, determined in accordance with GAAP.

"Beneficial Owner" has the meaning assigned to such term in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that in calculating the beneficial ownership of any particular "person" (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), such "person" shall be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such "person" has the right to acquire by conversion or exercise of other securities, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only upon the occurrence of a subsequent condition. The terms "Beneficially Owns" and "Beneficially Owned" shall have a corresponding meaning.

"Capital Lease Obligation" means, at the time any determination thereof is to be made, the amount of the liability in respect of a capital lease that would at that time be required to be capitalized on a balance sheet in accordance with GAAP.

"Capital Stock" means:

- (1) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock;
- (2) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock;
- (3) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership or membership interests (whether general or limited); and
- (4) any other interest, other than any straight debt obligation, or participation that confers on a Person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing Person.

"Cash Equivalents" means:

- (1) United States dollars;
- (2) securities issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United States government or any agency or instrumentality thereof (provided that the full faith and credit of the United States is pledged in support thereof) having maturities of not more than six months from the date of acquisition;

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- (3) certificates of deposit and eurodollar time deposits with maturities of six months or less from the date of acquisition, bankers' acceptances with maturities not exceeding six months and overnight bank deposits, in each case, with any domestic commercial bank that is either (x) a party to the Credit Agreement or (y) a member of the Federal Reserve Bank having capital and surplus in excess of \$500.0 million and a Thompson Bank Watch Rating of "B" or better;
- (4) repurchase obligations with a term of not more than seven days for underlying securities of the types described in clauses (2) and (3) above entered into with any financial institution meeting the qualifications specified in clause (3) above;
- (5) commercial paper having a P-1 rating from Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or an A-1 rating from Standard & Poor's Rating Services and in each case maturing within six months after the date of acquisition; and
- (6) money market funds having assets in excess of \$100.0 million, at least 95% of the assets of which constitute Cash Equivalents of the kinds described in clauses (1) through (5) of this definition.

"CCI" means Classic Communications, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and the direct parent of Classic.

"Change of Control" means the occurrence of any of the following:

(1) the direct or indirect sale, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or a series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of CCI, Classic and its Restricted Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to any "person" (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries;

- (2) the adoption of a plan relating to the liquidation or dissolution of Classic;
- (3) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any "person" (as defined above), other than the Principals and their Related Parties or a Permitted Group, becomes the Beneficial Owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 35% of the Voting Stock of CCI, measured by voting power rather than number of shares;
- (4) the first day on which a majority of the members of the board of directors of CCI or Classic are not Continuing Directors;
- (5) CCI or Classic consolidates with, or merges with or into, any Person, or any Person consolidates with, or merges with or into, CCI or Classic, in any such event pursuant to a transaction in which any of the outstanding Voting Stock of CCI or Classic or such other Person is converted into or exchanged for cash, securities or other property, other than any such transaction where the Voting Stock of CCI or Classic outstanding immediately prior to such transaction is converted into or exchanged for Voting Stock (other than Disqualified Stock) of the surviving or transferee Person constituting a majority of the outstanding shares of such Voting Stock of such surviving or transferee Person (immediately after giving effect to such issuance); or
- (6) the first day on which the CCI ceases to own 100% of the outstanding Equity Interests of Classic.

"Consolidated Cash Flow" means, with respect to any specified Person for any period, the Consolidated Net Income of such Person for such period plus:

(1) an amount equal to any extraordinary loss plus any net loss realized by such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in connection with an Asset Sale, to the extent such losses were deducted in computing such Consolidated Net Income; plus

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- (2) provision for taxes based on income or profits of such Person and its Subsidiaries for such period, to the extent that such provision for taxes was deducted in computing such Consolidated Net Income; plus
- (3) consolidated interest expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, whether paid or accrued and whether or not capitalized (including, without limitation, amortization of debt issuance costs and original issue discount, non-cash interest payments, the interest component of any deferred payment obligations, the interest component of all payments associated with Capital Lease Obligations, imputed interest with respect to Attributable Debt, commissions, discounts and other fees and charges incurred in respect of letter of credit or bankers' acceptance financings, and net of the effect of all payments made or received pursuant to Hedging Obligations), to the extent that any such expense was deducted in computing such Consolidated Net Income; plus
- (4) depreciation, amortization (including amortization of goodwill and other intangibles) and other non-cash expenses (excluding any such non-cash expense to the extent that it represents an accrual of or reserve for cash expenses in any future period) of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period to the extent that such depreciation, amortization and other non-cash expenses were deducted in computing such Consolidated Net Income; plus
- (5) all transaction fees paid or accrued on or prior to the date of the indenture, to officers of Classic, in connection with transactions consummated prior to or on the date of the indenture; plus
- (6) all fees paid to officers of Classic after the date of the indenture in connection with acquisitions or dispositions, provided that not more than an aggregate of \$1.0 million of such fees may be included pursuant to this clause (6) in any twelve-month period; minus
- (7) non-cash items increasing such Consolidated Net Income (including the partial or entire reversal of reserves taken in prior periods) for such

period, other than the accrual of revenue in the ordinary course of business,

in each case, on a consolidated basis and determined in accordance with  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{GAAP}}\xspace.$ 

"Consolidated Indebtedness" means, with respect to any Person as of any date of determination, the sum, without duplication, of (i) the total amount of Indebtedness of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries, plus (ii) the aggregate liquidation value of all Disqualified Stock of such Person and all preferred stock of Restricted Subsidiaries of such Person, less (iii) Hedging Obligations that would be a liability on the balance sheet, in each case, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP.

"Consolidated Interest Expense" means, with respect to any Person for any period, without duplication, the sum of (i) the consolidated interest expense of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, whether paid or accrued (including, without limitation, amortization of original issue discount, non-cash interest payments, the interest component of any deferred payment obligations, the interest component of all payments associated with Capital Lease Obligations, imputed interest with respect to Attributable Debt, commissions, discounts and other fees and charges incurred in respect of letter of credit or bankers' acceptance financings, all calculated after taking into account the effect of all Hedging Obligations, and (ii) the consolidated interest expense of such Person and its Subsidiaries that was capitalized during such period, and (iii) any interest expense on Indebtedness of another Person that is guaranteed by such Person or one of its Subsidiaries or secured by a Lien on assets of such Person or one of its Subsidiaries (whether or not such Guarantee or Lien is called upon) and (iv) the product of (a) all dividend payments on any series of preferred stock of such Person or any of its Subsidiaries, times (b) a fraction, the numerator of which is one and the denominator of which is one minus the then current combined federal, state and local statutory tax rate of such Person, expressed as a decimal, in each case, on a consolidated basis and in accordance with GAAP.

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"Consolidated Net Income" means, with respect to any specified Person for any period, the aggregate of the Net Income of such Person and its Restricted Subsidiaries for such period, on a consolidated basis, determined in accordance with GAAP; provided that:

- (1) the Net Income (but not loss) of any Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary or that is accounted for by the equity method of accounting shall be included only to the extent of the amount of dividends or distributions paid in cash to the specified Person or a Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary thereof;
- (2) the Net Income of any Restricted Subsidiary shall be excluded to the extent that the declaration or payment of dividends or similar distributions by that Restricted Subsidiary of that Net Income is not at the date of determination permitted without any prior governmental approval (that has not been obtained) or, directly or indirectly, by operation of the terms of its charter or any agreement, instrument, judgment, decree, order, statute, rule or governmental regulation applicable to that Subsidiary or its stockholders;
- (3) the Net Income of any Person acquired in a pooling of interests transaction for any period prior to the date of such acquisition shall be excluded;
- (4) the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principles shall be excluded; and
- (5) the Net Income (but not loss) of any Unrestricted Subsidiary shall be excluded, whether or not distributed to the specified Person or one of its Subsidiaries.

"Continuing Directors" means, as of any date of determination, any member of the board of directors of Classic or CCI, as the case may be, who:

- (1) was a member of such board of directors on the date of the indenture; or
- (2) was nominated for election or elected to such board of directors with the approval of a majority of the Continuing Directors who were members of such Board at the time of such nomination or election; or
- (3) is a representative of or was approved by Brera Classic, L.L.C., or one

"Credit Agreement" means that certain Credit Agreement, dated as of July 28, 1999, by and among Classic and Goldman Sachs Credit Partners L.P., The Chase Manhattan Bank and Union Bank of California providing for \$175.0 million in term loan facilities, up to \$75.0 million of revolving credit borrowings, and an additional \$100.0 million uncommitted incremental facility on a term loan basis including any related notes, guarantees, collateral documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection therewith, and in each case as amended, modified, renewed, refunded, replaced or refinanced from time to time.

"Credit Facilities" means, one or more debt facilities (including, without limitation, the Credit Agreement) or commercial paper facilities, in each case with banks or other institutional lenders providing for revolving credit loans, term loans, receivables financing (including through the sale of receivables to such lenders or to special purpose entities formed to borrow from such lenders against such receivables) or letters of credit, in each case, as amended, restated, modified, renewed, refunded, replaced or refinanced in whole or in part from time to time.

"Debt to Cash Flow Ratio" means, as of any date of determination (the "Determination Date"), the ratio of (a) the Consolidated Indebtedness of Classic as of such Determination Date to (b) four times the Consolidated Cash Flow of Classic for the latest three months for which financial information is available preceding such Determination Date (the "Measurement Period"), determined on a pro forma basis after giving effect to all acquisitions or dispositions of assets made by Classic and its Subsidiaries from the beginning of such three-month period through and including such Determination Date (including any related financing transactions) as if such acquisitions and dispositions had occurred at the beginning of such three-month period. For purposes of calculating Consolidated Cash Flow for the Measurement Period

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immediately prior to the relevant Determination Date, (i) any Person that is a Restricted Subsidiary on the Determination Date (or would become a Restricted Subsidiary on such Determination Date in connection with the transaction that requires the determination of such Consolidated Cash Flow) will be deemed to have been a Restricted Subsidiary at all times during the Measurement Period; (ii) any Person that is not a Restricted Subsidiary on such Determination Date (or would cease to be a Restricted Subsidiary on such Determination Date in connection with the transaction that requires the determination of such Consolidated Cash Flow) will be deemed not to have been a Restricted Subsidiary at any time during such Measurement Period; and (iii) if Classic or any Restricted Subsidiary shall have in any manner (x) acquired (including through an Asset Acquisition or the commencement of activities constituting such operating business) or (y) disposed of (including by way of an Asset Sale or the termination or discontinuance of activities constituting such operating business) any operating business during such Measurement Period or after the end of such period and on or prior to such Determination Date, such calculation will be made on a pro forma basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied, as if, in the case of an Asset Acquisition or the commencement of activities constituting such operating business, all such transactions had been consummated on the first day of such Measurement Period, and, in the case of an Asset Sale or termination or discontinuance of activities constituting such operating business, all such transactions had been consummated prior to the first day of such Measurement Period.

"Default" means any event that is, or with the passage of time or the giving of notice or both would be, an Event of Default.

"Designated Senior Debt" means:

- (1) any Indebtedness outstanding under the Credit Agreement; and
- (2) any other Senior Debt permitted under the indenture the principal amount of which is \$50.0 million or more and that has been designated by Classic as "Designated Senior Debt."

"Disqualified Stock" means any Capital Stock that, by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible, or for which it is exchangeable, in each case at the option of the holder thereof), or upon the happening of any event, matures or is mandatorily redeemable, pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or redeemable at the option of the holder thereof, in whole or in part, on or prior to the earlier of the date on which the notes mature and the date on which no notes remain outstanding. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, any Capital Stock that would constitute Disqualified Stock solely because the holders thereof have the right to require Classic to repurchase such Capital Stock upon the occurrence of a change of control or an asset sale shall not constitute Disqualified Stock if the terms of

such Capital Stock provide that Classic may not repurchase or redeem any such Capital Stock pursuant to such provisions unless such repurchase or redemption complies with the covenant described above under the caption "-- Certain Covenants -- Restricted Payments."

"Domestic Subsidiary" means any Restricted Subsidiary that was formed under the laws of the United States or any state thereof or the District of Columbia or that guarantees or otherwise provides direct credit support for any Indebtedness of Classic.

"Equity Interests" means Capital Stock and all warrants, options or other rights to acquire Capital Stock (but excluding any debt security that is convertible into, or exchangeable for, Capital Stock).

"Existing Indebtedness" means Indebtedness of Classic and its Subsidiaries, including refinancings thereof, (other than Indebtedness under the Credit Agreement) in existence on the date of the indenture, until such amounts are repaid.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or in such other statements by such other entity as have been approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession, which are in effect on the date of the indenture.

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"Guarantee" means a guarantee other than by endorsement of negotiable instruments for collection in the ordinary course of business, direct or indirect, in any manner including, without limitation, by way of a pledge of assets or through letters of credit or reimbursement agreements in respect thereof, of all or any part of any Indebtedness, measured as the lesser of the aggregate outstanding amount of the Indebtedness so guaranteed and the face amount of the guarantee.

"Guarantors" means each of:

- (1) Classic's Domestic Subsidiaries on the date of the indenture; and
- (2) any other subsidiary that executes a Subsidiary Guarantee in accordance with the provisions of the indenture;

and their respective successors and assigns.

"Hedging Obligations" means, with respect to any specified Person, the obligations of such Person under:

- (1) interest rate swap agreements, interest rate cap agreements and interest rate collar agreements; and
- (2) other agreements or arrangements designed to protect such Person against fluctuations in interest rates.

"Holder" means a Person in whose name a note is registered.

"Indebtedness" means, with respect to any specified Person, any indebtedness of such Person, whether or not contingent:

- (1) in respect of borrowed money;
- (2) evidenced by bonds, notes, debentures or similar instruments or letters of credit (or reimbursement agreements in respect thereof);
- (3) in respect of banker's acceptances;
- (4) representing Capital Lease Obligations of such Person and all Attributable Debt in respect of sale and leaseback transactions entered into by such Person;
- (5) in respect of the balance deferred and unpaid of the purchase price of any property, except any such balance that constitutes an accrued expense or trade payable; or
- (6) representing any Hedging Obligations,

if and to the extent any of the preceding items (other than letters of credit and Hedging Obligations) would appear as a liability upon a balance sheet of the specified Person prepared in accordance with GAAP. In addition, the term "Indebtedness" includes all Indebtedness of others secured by a Lien on any

asset of the specified Person (whether or not such Indebtedness is assumed by the specified Person) and, to the extent not otherwise included, the Guarantee by the specified Person of any indebtedness of any other Person.

The amount of any Indebtedness outstanding as of any date shall be:

- the accreted value thereof, in the case of any Indebtedness issued with original issue discount; and
- (2) the outstanding principal amount thereof, together with any interest thereon that is more than 30 days past due, in the case of any other Indebtedness.

"Investments" means, with respect to any Person, all direct or indirect investments by such Person in other Persons (including Affiliates) in the forms of loans (including Guarantees or other extensions of

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credit), advances or capital contributions (excluding commission, travel, moving and similar advances to officers and employees made in the ordinary course of business), purchases or other acquisitions for consideration of Indebtedness, Equity Interests or other securities, together with all items that are or would be classified as investments on a balance sheet prepared in accordance with GAAP and include the designation of a Restricted Subsidiary as an Unrestricted Subsidiary. If Classic or any Restricted Subsidiary of Classic sells or otherwise disposes of any Equity Interests of any direct or indirect Restricted Subsidiary of Classic such that, after giving effect to any such sale or disposition, such Person is no longer a Subsidiary of Classic, Classic shall be deemed to have made an Investment on the date of any such sale or disposition equal to the fair market value of the Equity Interests of such Subsidiary not sold or disposed of in an amount determined as provided in the final paragraph of the covenant described above under the caption "-- Certain Covenants -- Restricted Payments."

"Lien" means, with respect to any asset, any mortgage, lien, pledge, charge, security interest, hypothecation, assignment for security or encumbrance of any kind in respect of such asset, whether or not filed, recorded or otherwise perfected under applicable law, including any conditional sale or capital lease or other title retention agreement, any lease in the nature thereof, any option or other agreement to sell or give a security interest in and any filing of or agreement to give any financing statement under the Uniform Commercial Code (or equivalent statutes) of any jurisdiction.

"Management and Advisory Fee Agreement" means the agreement by and between CCI and Brera Classic, L.L.C., dated as of May 24, 1999.

"Net Income" means, with respect to any specified Person, the net income (loss) of such Person, determined in accordance with GAAP and before any reduction in respect of preferred stock dividends, excluding, however:

- (1) any gain (but not loss), together with any related provision for taxes on such gain (but not loss), realized in connection with: (a) any Asset Sale; or (b) the disposition of any securities by such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries or the extinguishment of any Indebtedness of such Person or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; and
- (2) any extraordinary gain (but not loss), together with any related provision for taxes on such extraordinary gain (but not loss).

"Net Proceeds" means the aggregate cash proceeds received by Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of any Asset Sale (including, without limitation, any cash received upon the sale or other disposition of any non-cash consideration received in any Asset Sale), net of:

- (1) all legal, title and recording tax expenses, commissions and other fees and expenses incurred, and all Federal, state, provincial, foreign and local taxes required to be paid or accrued as a liability under GAAP, as a consequence of such Asset Sale;
- (2) all payments made on any Indebtedness which is secured by any assets subject to such Asset Sale, in accordance with the terms of any Lien upon or other security arrangement of any kind with respect to such assets, or which must by its terms, or in order to obtain a necessary consent to such Asset Sale, or by applicable law, be repaid out of the proceeds from such Asset Sale;
- (3) all distributions and other payments required to be made to minority interest holders in Restricted Subsidiaries or joint ventures as a result of such Asset Sale; and

(4) the deduction of appropriate amounts to be provided by the seller as a reserve, in accordance with GAAP, against any liabilities associated with the assets disposed of in such Asset Sale and retained by Classic or any Restricted Subsidiary after such Asset Sale.

"Non-Recourse Debt" means Indebtedness:

(1) as to which neither Classic nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries (a) provides credit support of any kind (including any undertaking, agreement or instrument that would constitute Indebted-

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- ness), (b) is directly or indirectly liable as a guarantor or otherwise, or (c) constitutes the lender;
- (2) no default with respect to which (including any rights that the holders thereof may have to take enforcement action against an Unrestricted Subsidiary) would permit upon notice, lapse of time or both any holder of any other Indebtedness (other than the notes) of Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries to declare a default on such other Indebtedness or cause the payment thereof to be accelerated or payable prior to its stated maturity; and
- (3) as to which the lenders have been notified in writing that they will not have any recourse to the stock or assets of Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

"Obligations" means any principal, interest, penalties, fees, indemnifications, reimbursements, damages and other liabilities payable under the documentation governing any Indebtedness.

"Other Permitted Liens" means:

- (1) Liens imposed by law, such as carriers', warehousemen's and mechanics' liens and other similar liens arising in the ordinary course of business which secure payment of obligations that are not yet delinquent or that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings promptly instituted and diligently conducted and for which an appropriate reserve or provision shall have been made in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied;
- (2) Liens for taxes, assessments or governmental charges or claims that are not yet delinquent or that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings promptly instituted and diligently conducted and for which an appropriate reserve or provision shall have been made in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied;
- (3) easements, rights of way, and other restrictions on use of property or minor imperfections of title that in the aggregate are not material in amount and do not in any case materially detract from the property subject thereto or interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of Classic or its Subsidiaries;
- (4) Liens related to Capital Lease Obligations, mortgage financings or purchase money obligations (including refinancings thereof), in each case incurred for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price or cost of construction or improvement of property, plant or equipment used in the business of Classic or any Restricted Subsidiary or a Permitted Business, provided that any such Lien encumbers only the asset or assets so financed, purchased, constructed or improved:
- (5) Liens resulting from the pledge by Classic of Equity Interests in a Restricted Subsidiary in connection with a Credit Facility or in an Unrestricted Subsidiary in any circumstance, where recourse to Classic is limited to the value of the Equity Interests so pledged;
- (6) Liens incurred or deposits made in the ordinary course of business in connection with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other types of social security;
- (7) Liens to secure the performance of statutory obligations, surety or appeal bonds, performance bonds, deposits to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts, government contracts, leases or licenses or other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business (including without limitation, landlord Liens on leased properties);

- (8) leases or subleases granted to third Persons not interfering with the ordinary course of business of Classic;
- (9) deposits made in the ordinary course of business to secure liability to insurance carriers;

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- (10) Liens securing reimbursement obligations with respect to letters of credit which encumber documents and other property relating to such letters of credit and the products and proceeds thereof;
- (11) Liens on the assets of Classic to secure Hedging Obligations with respect to Indebtedness permitted by the Indenture to be incurred;
- (12) attachment or judgment Liens not giving rise to a Default or an Event of Default; and
- (13) any interest or title of a lessor under any capital lease or operating lease.

"Permitted Business" means a cable television, media and communications, telecommunications, internet service provider or data transmission business, and businesses ancillary, complementary or reasonably related to those businesses.

"Permitted Group" means any group of investors that is deemed to be a "person" (as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act) by virtue of the Stockholders' Agreement, as the same may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time, provided that no single Person (other than the Principals and their Related Parties) Beneficially Owns (together with its Affiliates) more of the Voting Stock of Classic that is Beneficially Owned by such group of investors than is then collectively Beneficially Owned by the Principals and their Related Parties in the aggregate.

# "Permitted Investments" means:

- any Investment in Classic or in a Restricted Subsidiary of Classic that is a Guarantor;
- (2) any Investment in Cash Equivalents;
- (3) any Investment by Classic or any Subsidiary of Classic in a Person, if as a result of or concurrently with such Investment:
  - (a) such Person becomes a Restricted Subsidiary of Classic and a Guarantor; or
  - (b) such Person is merged, consolidated or amalgamated with or into, or transfers or conveys substantially all of its assets to, or is liquidated into, Classic or a Restricted Subsidiary of Classic that is a Guarantor; provided that such Person's primary business is a Permitted Business;
- (4) any Investment made as a result of the receipt of non-cash consideration from an Asset Sale that was made pursuant to and in compliance with the covenant described above under the caption "-- Repurchase at the Option of Holders -- Asset Sales;"
- (5) any Investment in prepaid expenses, negotiable instruments held for collection and lease, utility and workers' compensation, performance and other similar deposits;
- (6) the extension of credit to vendors, suppliers and customers in the ordinary course of business;
- (7) any Investment existing as of the date of the indenture, and any amendment, modification, extension or renewal thereof to the extent such amendment, modification, extension or renewal does not require Classic or any Restricted Subsidiary to make any additional cash or non-cash payments or provide additional services in connection therewith;
- (8) any Investment consisting of a Guarantee permitted under clause (1) of the second paragraph of the covenant described above under the caption "-- Certain Covenants -- Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock."
- (9) any acquisition of assets solely in exchange for the issuance of Equity

(10) any Investment made with the net cash proceeds received by Classic from the sale of Equity Interests of Classic (other than (i) sales of Disqualified Stock, (ii) Equity Interests sold to any

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of Classic's Subsidiaries and (iii) Equity Interests sold in the Private Equity Sale); provided that the amount of any such net cash proceeds that are utilized for such Investment will be excluded from clause 3(b) of the covenant described above under the caption "-- Certain Covenants -- Restricted Payments;"

- (11) Hedging Obligations; and
- (12) other Investments, in addition to those in clauses (1) through (11) of this definition, in any Person, other than CCI or an Affiliate of CCI that is not also a Subsidiary of Classic, having an aggregate fair market value (measured on the date each such Investment was made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value), when taken together with all other Investments made pursuant to this clause (12) since the date of the indenture, not to exceed \$10.0 million at any one time outstanding.

"Permitted Junior Securities" means:

- (1) Equity Interests in Classic or any Guarantor; or
- (2) debt securities that are subordinated to all Senior Debt and any debt securities issued in exchange for Senior Debt to substantially the same extent as, or to a greater extent than, the notes and the Subsidiary Guarantees are subordinated to Senior Debt under the indenture.

"Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness" means any Indebtedness of Classic or any of its Subsidiaries issued in exchange for, or the net proceeds of which are used to extend, refinance, renew, replace, defease or refund other Indebtedness of Classic or any of its Subsidiaries (other than intercompany Indebtedness); provided that:

- (1) the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of the Indebtedness so extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded (plus all accrued interest thereon and the amount of all expenses and premiums incurred in connection therewith);
- (2) such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness has a final maturity date later than the final maturity date of, and has a Weighted Average Life to Maturity equal to or greater than the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of, the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded;
- (3) if the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded is subordinated in right of payment to the notes, such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness has a final maturity date later than the final maturity date of, and is subordinated in right of payment to, the notes on terms at least as favorable to the Holders of notes as those contained in the documentation governing the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded; and
- (4) such Indebtedness is incurred either by Classic or by the Subsidiary who is the obligor on the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded.

"Permitted Tower Sale and Leaseback" means the sale and leaseback by Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries, in one or more transactions, for aggregate consideration of up to \$50.0 million, of any communications towers used to facilitate the transmission of telecommunication, voice, data and video signals.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, limited liability company or government or other entity.

"Principals" means Brera Classic, L.L.C., so long as that entity is an Affiliate of Brera Capital Partners Limited Partnership, Austin Ventures, L.P., BT Capital Partners, Inc., The Texas Growth Fund, BA SBIC Management, L.L.C., J.

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"Private Equity Sale" means the sale for \$100.0 million in cash of common stock of CCI, to be consummated concurrently with this offering, the proceeds of which will be contributed by CCI to Classic.

"Public Equity Offering" means an underwritten public offering by Classic or its direct parent for cash (in an amount not less than \$25.0 million) of its common stock pursuant to the Securities Act registration statement (not including Forms S-4 or S-8).

#### "Related Party" means:

- (1) any controlling stockholder, 80% (or more) owned Subsidiary, or immediate family member (in the case of an individual) of any Principal; or
- (2) any trust, corporation, partnership or other entity, whose beneficiaries, stockholders, partners, owners or Persons beneficially holding an 80% or more controlling interest of such entity consist of any one or more Principals and/or such other Persons referred to in the immediately preceding clause (1).

"Restricted Investment" means an Investment other than a Permitted Investment.

"Restricted Subsidiary" of a Person means any Subsidiary of the referent Person that is not an Unrestricted Subsidiary.

#### "Senior Debt" means:

- all Indebtedness of Classic or any Guarantor outstanding under Credit Facilities and all Hedging Obligations with respect thereto;
- (2) any other Indebtedness of Classic or any Guarantor permitted to be incurred under the terms of the indenture (which Indebtedness includes interest, whether or not allowable, accruing after the filing of a petition initiating any proceeding under any state, federal or foreign bankruptcy law), unless the instrument under which such Indebtedness is incurred expressly provides that it is on a parity with or subordinated in right of payment to the notes or any Subsidiary Guarantee; and
- (3) all Obligations with respect to the items listed in the preceding clauses (1) and (2).

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding, Senior Debt will not include:

- (1) any liability for federal, state, local or other taxes owed or owing by
- (2) any Indebtedness of Classic to any of its Subsidiaries or other Affiliates:
- (3) any trade payables; or
- (4) the portion of any Indebtedness that is incurred in violation of the indenture.

"Significant Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary that would be a "significant subsidiary" as defined in Article 1, Rule 1-02 of Regulation S-X, promulgated pursuant to the Securities Act, as such Regulation is in effect on the date hereof.

"Stated Maturity" means, with respect to any installment of interest or principal on any series of Indebtedness, the date on which such payment of interest or principal was scheduled to be paid in the original documentation governing such Indebtedness, and shall not include any contingent obligations to repay, redeem or repurchase any such interest or principal prior to the date originally scheduled for the payment thereof.

"Stockholders' Agreement" means the agreement by and between Brera Classic, L.L.C., CCI, BT Capital Partners, Inc., Austin Ventures, L.P., BA SBIC Management, L.L.C., as the successor in interest to NationsBanc Capital Corp., J. Merritt Belisle, Steven E. Seach and certain other stockholders of CCI, dated as of the date of the consummation of the Private Equity Sale.

"Strategic Equity Investment" means an investment in CCI or Classic by a company which is primarily engaged in the media and communications industry or the telecommunications industry and which has a market capitalization (if a public company) on the date of such investment in CCI of more than \$1.0 billion or, if not a public company, had total revenues of more than \$1.0 billion during its previous fiscal year.

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any specified Person:

- (1) any corporation, association or other business entity of which more than 50% of the total voting power of shares of Capital Stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such Person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that Person (or a combination thereof); and
- (2) any partnership (a) the sole general partner or the managing general partner of which is such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person or (b) the only general partners of which are such Person or one or more Subsidiaries of such Person (or any combination thereof).

"Treasury Rate" means, as of any redemption date, the yield to maturity as of such redemption date of United States Treasury securities with a constant maturity (as compiled and published in the most recent Federal Reserve Statistical Release H.15 (519) that has become publicly available at least two Business Days prior to the redemption date (or, if such Statistical Release is no longer published, any publicly available source of similar market data)) most nearly equal to the period from the redemption date to August 1, 2004; provided, however, that if the period from the redemption date to August 1, 2004 is less than one year, the weekly average yield on actually traded United States Treasury securities adjusted to a constant maturity of one year shall be used.

"Unrestricted Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary of Classic (or any successor to any of them) that is designated by the board of directors as an Unrestricted Subsidiary pursuant to a Board Resolution, but only to the extent that such Subsidiary:

- (1) has no Indebtedness other than Non-Recourse Debt;
- (2) is not party to any agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding with Classic or any Restricted Subsidiary of Classic unless the terms of any such agreement, contract, arrangement or understanding are no less favorable to Classic or such Restricted Subsidiary than those that might be obtained at the time from Persons who are not Affiliates of Classic;
- (3) is a Person with respect to which neither Classic nor any of its Restricted Subsidiaries has any direct or indirect obligation (a) to subscribe for additional Equity Interests or (b) to maintain or preserve such Person's financial condition or to cause such Person to achieve any specified levels of operating results;
- (4) has not guaranteed or otherwise directly or indirectly provided credit support for any Indebtedness of Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries; and
- (5) has at least one director on its board of directors that is not a director or executive officer of Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries and has at least one executive officer that is not a director or executive officer of Classic or any of its Restricted Subsidiaries.

Any designation of a Subsidiary of Classic as an Unrestricted Subsidiary shall be evidenced to the trustee by filing with the trustee a certified copy of the Board Resolution giving effect to such designation and an Officers' Certificate certifying that such designation complied with the preceding conditions and was permitted by the covenant described above under the caption "-- Certain Covenants -- Restricted Payments." If, at any time, any Unrestricted Subsidiary would fail to meet the preceding requirements as an Unrestricted Subsidiary, it shall thereafter cease to be an Unrestricted Subsidiary for purposes of the indenture and any Indebtedness of such Subsidiary shall be deemed to be incurred by a Restricted

Subsidiary of Classic as of such date and, if such Indebtedness is not permitted to be incurred as of such date under the covenant described under the caption "-- Certain Covenants -- Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock," Classic shall be in default of such covenant. The board of directors of Classic may at any time designate any Unrestricted Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary; provided that such designation shall be deemed to be an incurrence of Indebtedness by a Restricted Subsidiary of Classic of any outstanding Indebtedness of such Unrestricted Subsidiary and such designation shall only be permitted if (1) such Indebtedness is permitted under the covenant described under the caption "-- Certain Covenants -- Incurrence of Indebtedness and Issuance of Preferred Stock," calculated on a pro forma basis as if such designation had occurred at the beginning of the three-month reference period; and (2) no Default or Event of Default would be in existence following such designation.

"Voting Stock" of any Person as of any date means the Capital Stock of such Person that is at the time entitled to vote in the election of the board of directors of such Person.

"Weighted Average Life to Maturity" means, when applied to any Indebtedness at any date, the number of years obtained by dividing:

- (1) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (a) the amount of each then remaining installment, sinking fund, serial maturity or other required payments of principal, including payment at final maturity, in respect thereof, by (b) the number of years (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth) that will elapse between such date and the making of such payment; by
- (2) the then outstanding principal amount of such Indebtedness.

"Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiary" of any specified Person means a Restricted Subsidiary of such Person all of the outstanding Capital Stock or other ownership interests of which (other than directors' qualifying shares) shall at the time be owned by such Person or by one or more Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiaries of such Person or by such Person and one or more Wholly Owned Restricted Subsidiaries of such Person.

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### UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

### GENERAL

The following is a summary of certain U.S. federal income tax consequences associated with the exchange of old notes for exchange notes pursuant to the exchange offer, and does not purport to be a complete analysis of all potential tax effects. This summary is based upon the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, existing and proposed regulations thereunder, published rulings and court decisions, all as in effect and existing on the date hereof and all of which are subject to change at any time, which change may be retroactive. This summary is not binding on the Internal Revenue Service or on the courts, and no ruling will be requested from the Internal Revenue Service on any issues described below. There can be no assurance that the Internal Revenue Service will not take a different position concerning the matters discussed below.

This summary applies only to those persons who are the initial holders of old notes, who acquired old notes for cash and who hold old notes as capital assets, and assumes that the old notes were not issued with "original issue discount," as defined in the Internal Revenue Code. It does not address the tax consequences to taxpayers who are subject to special rules, such as financial institutions, tax-exempt organizations, insurance companies and persons who are not "U.S. Holders," or the effect of any applicable U.S. federal estate and gift tax laws or state, local or foreign tax laws. For purposes of this summary, a "U.S. Holder" means a beneficial owner of an old note who purchased the old note pursuant to the offering that is for U.S. federal income tax purposes

- a citizen or resident of the United States;
- a corporation, partnership or other entity created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof;
- an estate the income of which is subject to  ${\tt U.S.}$  federal income taxation regardless of its source; or
- a trust if (A) a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of the trust, and (B) one or

more U.S. fiduciaries have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust.

#### EXCHANGE OFFER

The exchange of old notes for exchange notes pursuant to the exchange offer should not constitute a taxable exchange for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, a U.S. Holder should not recognize gain or loss upon the receipt of exchange notes pursuant to the exchange offer, and a U.S. holder should be required to include interest on the exchange notes in gross income in the manner and to the extent interest income was includible under the old notes. A U.S. holder's holding period for the exchange notes should include the holding period of the old notes exchanged therefor, and such holder's adjusted basis in the exchange notes should be the same as the basis of the old notes exchanged therefor immediately before the exchange.

The foregoing discussion is included herein for general information only. Accordingly, each holder should consult with its own tax advisors concerning the tax consequences of the exchange offer with respect to its particular situation, including the application and effect of state, local and foreign income and other tax laws.

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#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Based on interpretations by the SEC set forth in no-action letters issued to third parties, Classic believes that exchange notes issued pursuant to the exchange offer in exchange for the old notes may be offered for resale, resold and otherwise transferred by holders thereof, other than any holder which is (A) an "affiliate" of Classic within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act, (B) a broker-dealer who acquired notes directly from Classic, or (C) broker-dealers who acquired notes as a result of market-making or other trading activities, without compliance with the registration and prospectus delivery provisions of the Securities Act provided that such exchange notes are acquired in the ordinary course of such holders' business, and such holders are not engaged in, and do not intend to engage in, and have no arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in, a distribution of such exchange notes. However, broker-dealers receiving exchange notes in the exchange offer will be subject to a prospectus delivery requirement with respect to resales of such exchange notes. To date, the SEC has taken the position that these broker-dealers may fulfill their prospectus delivery requirements with respect to transactions involving an exchange of securities such as the exchange pursuant to the exchange offer, other than a resale of an unsold allotment from the sale of the old notes to the initial purchasers, with the prospectus contained in the exchange offer registration statement. Pursuant to the exchange and registration rights agreement, Classic has agreed to permit these broker-dealers to use this prospectus in connection with the resale of such exchange notes. Classic has agreed that, for a period of 120 days after the expiration date, it will make this prospectus, and any amendment or supplement to this prospectus, available to any broker-dealer that requests such documents in the letter of transmittal.

Each holder of the old notes who wishes to exchange its old notes for exchange notes in the exchange offer will be required to make certain representations to Classic as set forth in "The Exchange Offer -- Purpose and Effect of the Exchange Offer."

Each broker-dealer that receives exchange notes for its own account pursuant to the exchange offer must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such exchange notes. This prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of exchange notes received in exchange for old notes where such old notes were acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. Classic has agreed that, for a period of 120 days after the consummation of the exchange offer, it will use its commercially reasonable efforts to make this prospectus, as amended or supplemented, available to any broker-dealer for use in connection with any such resale. In addition, until December 12, 1999, all dealers effecting transactions in the exchange notes may be required to deliver a prospectus.

Classic will not receive any proceeds from any sale of exchange notes by broker-dealers. Exchange notes received by broker-dealers for their own account pursuant to the exchange offer may be sold from time to time in one or more transactions in the over-the-counter market, in negotiated transactions, through the writing of options on the exchange notes or a combination of such methods of resale, at market prices prevailing at the time of resale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. Any such resale may be made directly to purchasers or to or through brokers or dealers who may receive

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compensation in the form of commissions or concessions from any such broker-dealer or the purchasers of any such exchange notes. Any broker-dealer that resells exchange notes that were received by it for its own account pursuant to the exchange offer and any broker or dealer that participates in a distribution of such exchange notes may be deemed to be an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act and any profit on any such resale of exchange notes and any commission or concessions received by any such persons may be deemed to be underwriting compensation under the Securities Act. The letter of transmittal states that, by acknowledging that it will deliver and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act.

For a period of 120 days after the consummation of the exchange offer, Classic will promptly send additional copies of this prospectus and any amendment or supplement to this prospectus to any broker-dealer that requests such documents in the letter of transmittal. Classic has agreed to pay all expenses

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incident to the exchange offer, including the expenses of one counsel for the holders of the notes, other than commissions or concessions of any broker-dealers and will indemnify the holders of the Securities, including any broker-dealers, against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the exchange notes will be passed upon for Classic by Winstead Sechrest & Minick P.C., Austin, Texas.

#### EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Classic Cable, Inc. at December 31, 1998 and 1997, and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1998, appearing in this Prospectus and Registration Statement have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent auditors, as set forth in their report thereon appearing elsewhere herein, and are included in reliance upon such report given upon the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of Buford Group, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 1998, have been included herein and in the registration statement in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent certified public accountants, appearing elsewhere herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CLASSIC CABLE, INC.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Classic Cable, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1998. These financial statements are the responsibility of Classic's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as 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 Classic Cable, Inc. and its subsidiaries at December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1998 in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

Austin, Texas March 30, 1999

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# CLASSIC CABLE, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

|                               | DECEMBER 31  |         |                              |        |
|-------------------------------|--|---------|------------------------------|--------|
|                               |  | 1998    |                              | 1997   |
|                               |  | (IN THO | USAN                         | DS)    |
| <\$>                          | <c< td=""><td>!&gt;</td><td><c< td=""><td>&gt;</td></c<></td></c<> | !>      | <c< td=""><td>&gt;</td></c<> | >      |
| ASSETS                        |  |         |                              |        |
| Cash and cash equivalents     | \$   | 2,779   | \$                           | 616    |
| Accounts receivable, net      |  | 5,474   |                              | 4,519  |
| Prepaid expenses              |  | 424     |                              | 607    |
| Property, plant and equipment | 1  | 27,169  |                              | 96,850 |

| Less accumulated depreciation   | (39,977)   | (28,211)   |
|---|--|--|
| Deferred financing costs, net   | 87,192<br>6,454<br>306   | 68,639<br>4,494<br>56  |
| Subscriber relationships. Franchise rights Noncompete agreements. Goodwill Other.   | 95,180<br>71,464<br>8,425<br>40,435<br>140                           | 82,364<br>59,149<br>12,104<br>39,695<br>228                          |
| Less accumulated amortization   | 215,644 (65,828)   | 193,540<br>(52,253)  |
|   | 149,816  | 141,287  |
| Total assets  | \$252,445  | \$220 <b>,</b> 218   |
| LIABILITIES, REDEEMABLE PREFERRED STOCK AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY  |  |  |
| Liabilities: Accounts payable Subscriber deposits and unearned income Other accrued expenses Accrued interest Long-term debt Deferred taxes, net  Total liabilities.  Commitments and contingencies 8% PIK Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, Series A of Television Enterprises, Inc. (a subsidiary): no par value; redemption price \$100 per share plus accrued and unpaid dividends (1998 none; 1997 \$25,548); 1998 12,670 shares authorized, none issued and outstanding; 1997 12,670 shares authorized, issued and outstanding | \$ 647<br>4,846<br>6,106<br>5,883<br>220,804<br>1,017<br><br>239,303 | \$ 772<br>3,507<br>5,921<br>1,444<br>187,967<br>3,276<br><br>202,887 |
| at net issue price  |  | 1,293  |
| authorized, issued and outstanding  | 86,142<br>(73,000)   | 62,338<br>(46,300)   |
| Total stockholders' equity  | 13,142   | 16,038   |
| Total liabilities, redeemable preferred stock and stockholders' equity  | \$252,445  | \$220,218  |
|   |  |  |

  |  |See accompanying notes.

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CLASSIC CABLE, INC.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (IN THOUSANDS)

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31 \_\_\_\_\_\_ 1998 1997 1996 ---------- 

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 Revenues
 \$ 69,802
 \$ 60,995
 \$ 59,821

 Operating expenses: 14,916 7,622 9,257 438 4,322 15,106 7,308 Plant and operating..... 8,437 8,688 11,295 General and administrative..... 
 Marketing and advertising.
 850
 300

 Corporate overhead.
 3,648
 4,322

 30,531
 27,832
 238 2,213 27,510 Total operating expenses..... 72,601 64,387 61,063 -----Loss from operations......(2,799) (3,392) (1,242)

| Interest expense  Gain on sale of cable system  Write-off of abandoned telephone operations and accrual | (20 <b>,</b> 688)<br> | (20,759)<br>3,644    | (20,164)<br>4,901    |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| of related costs  | (220)<br>192          | (500)<br>71          | (2,994)              |
| Loss before income taxes and extraordinary  |                       |                      |                      |
| item  | (23,515)<br>2,339     | (20,936)<br>7,149    | (19,499)<br>6,633    |
| Loss before extraordinary item  Extraordinary loss on extinguishment of debt                            | (21,176)<br>(5,524)   | (13,787)             | (12,866)             |
| Net loss  | \$(26,700)            | \$(13,787)           | \$(12,866)           |
| Loss applicable to common stockholders  | \$(26,767)            | \$(13,888)<br>====== | \$(12,967)<br>====== |

See accompanying notes.

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# CLASSIC CABLE, INC.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE DATA)

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

|   | SHARES<br>ISSUED | AMOUNT  | ADDITIONAL<br>PAID-IN CAPITAL | ACCUMULATED<br>DEFICIT | TOTAL<br>STOCKHOLDERS'<br>EQUITY |
|---|------------------|---------|-------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <\$>  | <c></c>          | <c></c> | <c></c>                       | <c></c>                | <c></c>                          |
| Balance at December 31, 1995                            | 1,000            |         | \$60,424                      | \$(19,647)             | \$ 40,777                        |
| Dividends on preferred stock Capital contribution from  |                  |         | (101)                         |                        | (101)                            |
| parent  |                  |         | 1,058                         |                        | 1,058                            |
| Net loss  |                  |         |                               | (12,866)               | (12,866)                         |
| Balance at December 31, 1996                            | 1,000            |         | 61,381                        | (32,513)               | 28,868                           |
| Dividends on preferred stock  Capital contribution from |                  |         | (101)                         |                        | (101)                            |
| parent  |                  |         | 1,058                         |                        | 1,058                            |
| Net loss  |                  |         |                               | (13,787)               | (13,787)                         |
| Balance at December 31, 1997                            | 1,000            |         | 62,338                        | (46,300)               | 16,038                           |
| Dividends on preferred stock                            | 1,000            |         | (67)                          | (40,300)               | (67)                             |
| Capital contribution from                               |                  |         | (67)                          |                        | (67)                             |
| parent  |                  |         | 23,871                        |                        | 23,871                           |
| Net loss  |                  |         |                               | (26,700)               | (26,700)                         |
| Balance at December 31, 1998                            |                  |         | \$86,142                      | \$(73,000)             | \$ 13,142                        |
|   |                  |         |                               |                        |                                  |

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# CLASSIC CABLE, INC.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (IN THOUSANDS)

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|                                | YEARS       | ENDED DECEMB | ER 31      |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
|                                | 1998        | 1997         | 1996       |
| <s></s>                        | <c></c>     | <c></c>      | <c></c>    |
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES  Net loss | \$ (26,700) | \$(13,787)   | \$(12,866) |

Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:

| Provision for bad debt   | 971       | 1,248            | 1,491             |
|--|-----------|------------------|-------------------|
| Depreciation   | 12,041    | 10,285           | 9,491             |
| Amortization of intangibles                                    | 18,352    | 17,547           | 18,019            |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs                       | 1,119     | 1,373            | 1,491             |
| Discount accretion on bank debt                                | 227       | 457              | 490               |
| Gain on sales of cable systems                                 |           | (3,644)          | (4,901)           |
| Deferred tax benefit   | (2,259)   | (7,404)          | (6,635)           |
| Non-cash compensation.   | 1,108     | 1,058            | 1,058             |
| •  | 5,524     | 1,056            | 1,036             |
| Extraordinary loss   | 3,324     |                  |                   |
| Changes in working capital, net of acquisition amounts:        |           |                  |                   |
| Change in accounts receivable                                  | (1,841)   | (321)            | (3,952)           |
| Change in prepaid and other assets                             | (84)      | 135              | 689               |
| Change in other accruals and payables                          | 1,099     | 413              | 2,684             |
| Change in accrued interest                                     | 4,439     | 532              | 789               |
| change in accided interest                                     |           |                  |                   |
| Net cash provided by operating activities INVESTING ACTIVITIES | 13,996    | 7,892            | 7,848             |
| Acquisition of cable television systems                        | (43,486)  |                  | (367)             |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment                     | (13,759)  | (10,135)         | (8,212)           |
| Payments for other intangibles                                 | (13,733)  | (323)            | (467)             |
| Net proceeds from sale of cable systems                        |           | 6,189            | 12,433            |
| Net proceeds from litigation settlement                        |           | 2,928            | 12,433            |
| Net proceeds from fittigation settlement                       |           | 2,920            |                   |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities            | (57,245)  | (1,341)          | 3,387             |
| Proceeds from long-term debt                                   | 221,227   | 759              | 2,208             |
| Repayments of long-term debt                                   | (190,292) | (7,246)          | (13,345)          |
| Financing costs  | (6,928)   | (7,240)          | (232)             |
| Redemption of preferred stock                                  | (1,267)   |                  | (232)             |
|  |           |                  |                   |
| Cash dividends paid on preferred stock                         | (92)      | (101)            | (101)             |
| Purchase of subsidiary stock                                   |           |                  | (600)             |
| Capital contribution from parent                               | 22,764    |                  |                   |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities            | 45,412    | (6,588)          | (12,070)          |
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents               | 2,163     | (37)             | (835)             |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year                 | 616       | 653              | 1,488             |
| cash and cash equivalence as beginning of year                 |           |                  |                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year                       | \$ 2,779  | \$ 616<br>====== | \$ 653<br>======  |
| Cash taxes paid  | \$ 166    | \$ 1             | \$ 5              |
| Cash interest paid   | \$ 15,039 | \$ 18,397        | \$ 17,367         |
|  | + 10,000  | + 10/001         | + ±/ <b>/</b> 50/ |

See accompanying notes.

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### CLASSIC CABLE, INC.

# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1998

# 1. ORGANIZATION

Classic Cable, Inc. and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company" or "Classic") acquire, develop and operate cable television systems throughout the United States. Classic is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Classic Communications, Inc. ("Classic Communications").

# 2. ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSITIONS OF CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS

# Acquisitions

In December 1998, Classic acquired certain assets of TCA Cable Partners in exchange for a cable television system in Texas (with a fair value of approximately \$0.6 million) and cash consideration of \$2.4 million.

In July 1998, Classic acquired certain assets of Cable One, Inc. (the "Cable One Acquisition") serving communities in four states for approximately \$41.7 million in cash and the assumption of \$0.2 million in net operating liabilities. The purchase was financed from proceeds of Classic's private debt offering.

The above acquisitions were accounted for using the purchase method and, accordingly, the operating results of the systems acquired have been included in Classic's consolidated financial statements since the date of acquisition.

During 1998, Classic sold or disposed of some smaller systems that did not fit into Classic's long-term strategic plans.

In April and May 1997, Classic sold certain cable television systems in Kansas and Oklahoma for \$5.7 million, net of selling expenses. The net pretax gain from the sales was approximately \$3.6 million.

In September 1996, Classic sold certain cable television systems in Arkansas for cash consideration of \$12.4 million, net of selling expenses. The net pretax gain from the sale was approximately \$5.2 million.

#### Pro Forma Information

The following summarized unaudited pro forma financial information assumes the Cable One acquisition had occurred on January 1, 1998 and 1997, respectively. The following pro forma information is not necessarily indicative of the results that would have occurred had the transaction been completed at the beginning of the period indicated, nor is it indicative of future operating results (in thousands):

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#### 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Classic and all of its wholly-owned and majority-owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

### Revenue Recognition

Service income includes subscriber service revenues and charges for installations and connections and is recognized in the period in which the services are provided to the customers. Subscriber services paid for in advance are recorded as income when earned.

Initial installation revenue is recognized when the service is performed, to the extent of direct selling costs, with any balance deferred and taken into income over the estimated average period that subscribers are expected to remain connected to the system.

# Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives of the assets:

Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of their estimated life or the period of the related leases.

Initial subscriber connection costs are capitalized as part of cable television distribution systems. Costs related to disconnects and reconnects of customers are expensed as incurred.

Deferred financing costs are being amortized to interest expense using the interest method over the terms of the related debt.

#### Intangible Assets

The useful lives of the specific intangible assets are as follows:

#### <TABLE>

| <\$>                     | <c></c>    |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Subscriber relationships | 5-15 years |
| Franchise rights         | 7-10 years |
| Noncompete agreements    | 5 years    |
| Goodwill                 | 5-40 years |
|                          |            |

  |Intangible assets are being amortized using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives.

#### Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

Classic periodically reviews the carrying amounts of property, plant, and equipment, identifiable intangible assets and goodwill both purchased in the normal course of business and acquired through acquisition to determine whether current events or circumstances, as defined in Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 121, Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to Be Disposed Of, warrant adjustments to such carrying amounts by considering, among other things, the future cash inflows expected to result from the use of the asset and its eventual

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disposition less the future cash outflows expected to be necessary to obtain those inflows. At this time, future cash inflows exceed future cash outflows; thus, no impairment loss has been recognized. Management reviews the valuation and amortization periods of goodwill on a periodic basis, taking into consideration any events or circumstances which might result in diminished fair value or revised useful life. No events or circumstances have occurred to warrant a diminished fair value or reduction in the useful life of goodwill.

# Income Taxes

Classic's operations are included in consolidated income tax returns filed by Classic Communications. The consolidated amount of current and deferred income tax expense is allocated to Classic by applying the principles of Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes, to Classic as if it were a separate taxpayer.

Deferred income taxes are provided for temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for tax reporting purposes.

### Cash and Cash Equivalents

For financial reporting purposes, Classic considers all highly liquid investments purchased with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

# Concentrations of Credit Risk

Financial instruments which potentially subject Classic to concentrations of credit risk are primarily cash, cash equivalents and accounts receivable. Excess cash is invested in high quality short-term liquid money instruments issued by highly-rated financial institutions. Concentrations of credit risk with respect to Classic's receivables are limited due to the large number of customers, individually small balances, short payment terms and required deposits.

### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

### Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying amounts of certain of Classic's financial instruments,

including cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and other accrued liabilities, approximate fair value because of their short maturities. All bank debt agreements carry variable interest rates and their carrying value is considered to approximate fair value. The estimated fair value of Classic's bonds is based on quoted market prices. The carrying amount of Classic's bonds was \$124.4 million and the fair value was \$129.7 million at December 31, 1998.

Classic utilizes interest rate cap and interest rate swap agreements to manage interest rate exposures. The principal objective of such agreements is to minimize the risks and/or costs associated with financial activities. Classic does not utilize financial instruments for trading or other speculative purposes. The counterparties to these contractual arrangements are major financial institutions with which Classic also has other financial relationships. Classic is exposed to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by these counterparties. However, Classic does not anticipate nonperformance by the other parties, and no material loss would be expected from their nonperformance.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In June 1998, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, which is required to be adopted in years beginning after

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June 15, 1999. Because of Classic's minimal use of derivatives, management does not anticipate that the adoption of the new Statement will have a significant effect on earnings or the financial position of Classic.

#### 4. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable consists of the following (in thousands):

# <TABLE>

|  | 1998             | 1997             |
|--|------------------|------------------|
| <s> Accounts receivable, trade</s>                               |                  |                  |
| Accounts receivable, other  Less allowance for doubtful accounts |                  | 211<br>(262)     |
| Accounts receivables, net of allowance                           | \$5,474<br>===== | \$4,519<br>===== |
|  |                  |                  |

The activity in Classic's allowance for doubtful accounts for the periods ending December 31, 1998, 1997 and 1996 is as follows (in thousands):

# <TABLE>

| FOR THE PERIOD ENDED | BALANCE AT<br>BEGINNING OF<br>PERIOD | CHARGED TO<br>COSTS AND<br>EXPENSES | DEDUCTIONS | BALANCE AT<br>END OF<br>PERIOD |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|
|                      |                                      |                                     |            |                                |
| <\$>                 | <c></c>                              | <c></c>                             | <c></c>    | <c></c>                        |
| 1998                 | \$262                                | \$ 971                              | \$ (908)   | \$325                          |
| 1997                 | \$513                                | \$1,248                             | \$(1,499)  | \$262                          |
| 1996                 | \$249                                | \$1,491                             | \$(1,227)  | \$513                          |
|                      |                                      |                                     |            |                                |

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# 5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment consist of the following (in thousands):

# <TABLE> <CAPTION>

|                                       | DECEMBER 31 |          |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|----------|
|                                       | 1998        | 1997     |
| <\$>                                  | <c></c>     | <c></c>  |
| Land                                  | \$ 1,152    | \$ 1,021 |
| Buildings and improvements            | 3,262       | 2,107    |
| Vehicles                              | 6,061       | 4,088    |
| Cable television distribution systems | 106,373     | 83,499   |
| Office furniture, tools and equipment | 3,858       | 2,499    |
| Construction in progress              | 6,463       | 3,636    |

|                               | 127,169   | 96,850    |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Less accumulated depreciation | (39,977)  | (28,211)  |
|                               |           |           |
|                               | \$ 87,192 | \$ 68,639 |
|                               | ======    | ======    |

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#### 6. LONG-TERM DEBT

Balances of amounts outstanding under Classic's various debt agreements are as follows (in thousands):

DECEMBER 31

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|                                  | DECEMBER 31        |                    |  |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|
|                                  | 1998               | 1997               |  |
| <\$>                             | <c></c>            | <c></c>            |  |
| 9.875% Senior Subordinated Notes | \$125 <b>,</b> 000 | \$                 |  |
| Unamortized discount             | (563)              |                    |  |
| 1998 Credit Agreement Term loans | 75,000             |                    |  |
| Revolving loans                  | 20,800             |                    |  |
| 1995 Senior Credit Agreement     |                    |                    |  |
| Term A loan                      |                    | 18,324             |  |
| Term B loan                      |                    | 58,184             |  |
| Line of Credit Notes             |                    | 112,717            |  |
| Unamortized discount             |                    | (1,892)            |  |
| Other                            | 567                | 634                |  |
|                                  |                    |                    |  |
|                                  | \$220,804          | \$187 <b>,</b> 967 |  |
| (                                | ======             | ======             |  |

</TABLE>

In July 1998, Classic issued \$125.0 million of 9.875% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2008. Interest payments on the Senior Subordinated Notes begin in 1999. Concurrent with the offering, Classic entered into the 1998 Credit Agreement. The 1998 Credit Agreement consists of a \$50.0 million Reducing Revolving Credit Facility which matures in 2006 and a \$75.0 million Term Loan Facility which matures in 2007. Mandatory payments commence in 2000. Classic may be subject to mandatory prepayments based upon operating results, sales of assets, equity or debt offerings or other events. Interest is based upon either a LIBOR rate plus an applicable margin or, at the option of Classic, a base rate plus an applicable margin. Proceeds from the 1998 Credit Agreement totaled \$95.8 million.

In connection with the early extinguishment of the Senior Credit Agreement, an extraordinary loss of \$5.5 million was recorded related to the write-off of unamortized deferred financing costs and discount.

The 1998 Credit Agreement is collateralized by a security interest in essentially all the assets of Classic. Classic Communications has no operations of its own. Consequently, it will rely on dividends and cash flow of Classic to meet its debt service obligations. The guarantors are wholly owned and the guarantees are full, unconditional, and joint and several, and separate financial statements of the guarantors are not presented because management has determined that they would not be material to investors. The terms of the Credit Agreement restrict certain activities of Classic, including the incurrence of additional indebtedness and the payment of certain dividends.

In connection with the 1998 Credit Agreement, Classic is required to pay a quarterly commitment fee that can range from 0.375% to 0.500% per annum on the unused portion of the revolving loan commitment.

The 1995 Senior Credit Agreement consisted of a \$20,000,000 Term A Loan, a \$65,000,000 Term B Loan and Line of Credit Notes not to exceed \$130,000,000. Interest was based upon either a LIBOR rate plus an applicable margin or, at the option of Classic, a base rate plus an applicable margin. The 1995 Senior Credit Agreement was amended in 1997. A fee of approximately \$1 million was paid to the bank equal to 0.5% of the outstanding Term Loans and Line of Credit Notes. This amount is included as a component of interest expense in 1997.

Classic utilizes interest rate cap and interest rate swap agreements to limit the impact of increases in interest rates on its floating rate debt. The agreements require premium payments to counterparties based upon a notional principal amount. No such agreements were outstanding at December 31, 1998 or

1997. Interest rate cap agreements entitle Classic to receive from the counterparties the amounts, if any, by which the selected market interest rates exceed the strike rates stated in the agreements. Interest rate swap agreements are used by Classic to change the interest rate of their debt from variable rate to fixed rate.

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The swap is a contractual Agreement between Classic and another party to exchange payments periodically over the life of the Agreement based upon the interest rates of the underlying debt over the period of the Agreement. The differential to be paid or received is accrued and recognized as an adjustment of interest expense related to the debt (the accrual accounting method). The premium paid for both types of agreements is amortized to interest expense over the life of the Agreement.

Maturities of long-term debt are as follows (in thousands):

| <table></table> |           |
|-----------------|-----------|
| <\$>            | <c></c>   |
| 1999            |           |
| 2000            | ,         |
| 2001            | 750       |
| 2002            | 750       |
| 2003            | 750       |
| Thereafter      | 217,800   |
|                 |           |
|                 | \$221,368 |
|                 |           |

</TABLE>

# 7. PREFERRED STOCK

In July 1998, Classic redeemed the outstanding shares of TVE Preferred Stock at a redemption price per share of \$100 plus accrued and unpaid dividends. The holders of TVE Preferred Stock are entitled to a cumulative cash dividend equal to \$8.00 per share per annum, due and payable on June 30 of each year.

#### 8. INCOME TAXES

Significant components of income tax benefit from continuing operations are as follows (in thousands):

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

|                    | YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31 |            |           |
|--------------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|
|                    | 1998                    | 1997       | 1996      |
| <\$>               | <c></c>                 | <c></c>    | <c></c>   |
| Current:           |                         |            |           |
| Federal            | \$ (80                  | ) \$ 255   | \$        |
| State              |                         |            | 2         |
|                    |                         |            |           |
| Total current      | (80                     | ) 255      | 2         |
| Deferred:          |                         |            |           |
| Federal            | (1,876                  | (6,573)    | (5,890)   |
| State              | (383                    | ) (831)    | (745)     |
|                    |                         |            |           |
| Total deferred     | (2,259                  | (7,404)    | (6,635)   |
|                    |                         |            |           |
| Income tax benefit | \$(2,339                | \$ (7,149) | \$(6,633) |
|                    |                         | ======     | ======    |

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Classic's provision for income taxes differs from the expected tax expense (benefit) amount computed by applying the statutory federal income tax rate of 34% to income before income taxes and extraordinary items as a result of the following:

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

|   | YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31 |      |         |
|---|-------------------------|------|---------|
|   | 1998                    | 1997 | 1996    |
| 400   |                         |      |         |
| <pre><s> Tax at U.S. statutory rate</s></pre> | (34 U) 8                | 107  | <c></c> |
| State taxes, net of federal benefit           | , ,                     | , ,  | . ,     |

| Increase in valuation allowance | 25.1   |         |         |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|
| Other nondeductible items       | 2.9    | 3.7     | 3.9     |
|                                 |        |         |         |
|                                 | (9.9)% | (34.1)% | (34.0)% |
|                                 |        |         |         |

Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax

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purposes. Significant components of Classic's deferred tax liabilities and assets are as follows (in thousands):

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

| CALITON  | DECEMBER 31        |                       |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|
|  | 1998               | 1997                  |
| <\$>   | <c></c>            |                       |
| Deferred tax liabilities:  Book over tax basis of depreciable assets  Book over tax basis of assets that are amortizable for | \$ 698             | \$ 2,091              |
| tax  | 3,073              | 5,414                 |
| Total deferred tax liabilities  Deferred tax assets:   |                    |                       |
| Net operating loss carryforwards: Acquired Other Other   | 709                | 4,880<br>6,440<br>570 |
| Total deferred tax assets  | 18,428             | 11,890                |
| Net deferred tax assets  | 2,754              | •                     |
| Net deferred tax liabilities   | \$ 1,017<br>====== | \$ 3,276              |

</TABLE>

At December 31, 1998, Classic had net operating loss carryforwards of \$46,276,000 for federal income tax purposes, which begin to expire in 2002 if not utilized. Utilization of some of the loss carryforwards are subject to various limitations under the Internal Revenue Code, which could result in expiration of the loss carryforward before utilization.

Approximately \$7.6 million of the total valuation allowance as of December 31, 1998 was previously recorded for certain acquisition net operating loss carryforwards and other acquisition deferred tax assets due to restrictions on their utilization under the tax law and other uncertainties regarding their realization. When, and if, realized, the tax benefit associated with these deferred tax assets will be applied to reduce goodwill and other noncurrent intangibles related to the acquisitions.

During 1997, a subsidiary of Classic filed an amended income tax return for a period prior to its acquisition. This resulted in an additional net operating loss carryforward of \$1,525,000 available to Classic. Classic has recorded a deferred tax asset of \$584,000 for this item and a corresponding reduction to goodwill related to the subsidiary's acquisition.

# 9. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

Classic sponsors a defined contribution pension plan, a 401(k) plan. Participation in this plan is available to substantially all employees. Employees may contribute up to 15% of their pay. Classic will match employee contributions for an amount up to 3% of each employee's base salary. Costs of the plan, including the company's matching contributions were \$149,000, \$114,000 and \$89,000 for the years ended December 31, 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively.

### 10. ABANDONMENT OF TELEPHONE OPERATIONS

At December 31, 1995 Classic was negotiating an Agreement to purchase four telephone exchanges in Kansas. For various reasons, Classic did not complete the acquisitions and hence, did not enter the telephone business. Net assets of the telephone business, when abandoned in 1996, consisted primarily of property,

plant and equipment. In connection therewith, Classic recorded a \$2,994,000 charge in 1996 related to the termination of the purchase Agreement and operations associated with the proposed acquisition. Items included in the charge were the write-off of certain costs capitalized in connection with the proposed acquisition, legal and consulting fees and estimated severance for personnel reductions. Classic revised their estimate of costs associated with the abandonment and took an additional charge of \$500,000 in 1997.

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In November 1998, Classic settled certain litigation related to these transactions. Terms of the settlement included the sale of certain cable television systems in Kansas, the granting of a five year right of first refusal for the sale of certain other cable television systems in Kansas, and a five year Non-competition Agreement. In addition, Classic received cash consideration of \$348,000 in 1999 in connection with the settlement. The settlement resulted in a loss of approximately \$220,000.

# 11. SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

In February 1998, Classic Communications settled claims that arose in conjunction with divorce proceedings of an officer of Classic Communications. Classic Communications purchased certain stock of Classic Communications in which the officer's wife held a community property interest and provided monetary consideration for the release of the claims. The related expenses, including legal, consultant and other fees of approximately \$1,411,000 are included in corporate overhead expenses of Classic in 1997.

In March 1997, the company settled certain litigation in which Classic was seeking damages related to a previous year's acquisition. Classic received approximately \$3.5 million in the settlement. A receivable of \$500,000 existed at December 31, 1996 related to this claim. The net proceeds of \$3 million were recorded as a reduction of goodwill.

#### 12. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Obligations of Parent

Classic's parent, Classic Communications, has certain obligations that currently would require resources of Classic if Classic Communications were to satisfy these obligations. These obligations primarily consist of the \$114.0 million of 13.25% Senior Discount Notes issued in July 1998. These notes are due in 2009. Interest payments do not commence until 2004.

Lease Arrangements

Classic, as an integral part of its cable operations, has entered into short-term lease contracts for microwave service, pole use and office space. At December 31, 1998, approximate annual minimum aggregate rentals under such leases were \$1,206,000 in 1999; \$1,004,000 in 2000; \$954,000 in 2001; \$891,000 in 2002; \$873,000 in 2003 and \$287,000 thereafter. Rent expense was \$1,285,000, \$1,160,000 and \$1,071,000 for the years ended December 31, 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively.

Litigation

Classic is involved in various legal proceedings that have arisen in the normal course of business. While the ultimate results of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty, management does not expect them to have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position and results of operations of Classic.

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CLASSIC CABLE, INC.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(IN THOUSANDS)
(UNAUDITED)

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

JUNE 30, 1999 ------

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ASSETS

| Cash and cash equivalents  Accounts receivable, net  Prepaid expenses  Property, plant, and equipment  Less accumulated depreciation                  | \$ 638<br>5,136<br>1,341<br>135,177<br>(47,486)               |
|---|---|
| Advances to parent  Deferred financing costs, net  Intangible assets:  Subscriber relationships.  Franchise rights.  Noncompete agreements.  Goodwill | 87,691<br>519<br>6,429<br>95,367<br>71,500<br>8,425<br>40,865 |
| Less accumulated amortization   | 216,157<br>(76,415)   |
| Total assets  | 139,742<br><br>\$241,496<br>======                            |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY  |   |
| Accounts payable. Subscriber deposits and unearned income Accrued expenses. Accrued interest. Long-term debt. Deferred taxes, net.                    | \$ 489<br>5,203<br>5,465<br>5,731<br>222,016<br>1,017         |
| Total liabilities   | 239,921   |
| Additional paid-in capitalAccumulated deficit   | 86,805<br>(85,230)  |
| Total stockholders' equity  | 1,575   |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity  | \$241,496<br>======   |
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See accompanying notes.

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# CLASSIC CABLE, INC.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (IN THOUSANDS) (UNAUDITED)

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

|                               | SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, |          |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
|                               | 1999                      | 1998     |
| <\$>                          | <c></c>                   |          |
| Revenues                      | \$ 39,286                 | \$32,214 |
| Operating expenses:           |                           |          |
| Programming                   | 10,427                    | 8,218    |
| Plant and operating           | 4,401                     | 3,865    |
| General and administrative    | 5,755                     | 5,357    |
| Marketing and advertising     | 452                       | 339      |
| Corporate overhead            | 1,725                     | 1,259    |
| Depreciation and amortization | 18,096                    | 14,169   |
|                               |                           |          |
| Total operating expenses      | 40,856                    | 33,207   |
| Loss from operations          | (1.570)                   | (993)    |
| Interest expense              |                           | , ,      |
| Other income (expense)        | 15                        |          |
| other income (expense)        |                           |          |
| Loss before taxes             | (12,230)                  | (11,152) |
| Income tax benefit            |                           | 1,371    |
|                               |                           |          |

</TABLE>

See accompanying notes.

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# CLASSIC CABLE, INC.

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (IN THOUSANDS) (UNAUDITED)

SIX MONTHS ENDED

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

|  | JUNE 30        |                |
|--|----------------|----------------|
|  |                | 1998           |
| <\$>   | <c></c>        | <c></c>        |
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES   |                |                |
| Net loss   | \$(12,230)     | \$(9,781)      |
| Provision for bad debt   | 386            | 365            |
| Depreciation   | 7,509          | 5 <b>,</b> 505 |
| Amortization of intangibles  | 10,587         | 8,678          |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs                                 | 342            | 660            |
| Discount accretion on long-term debt                                     | 29             | 217            |
| Non-cash compensation  | 663            | 476            |
| Accounts receivable  | (48)           | (363)          |
| Prepaid expenses   | (917)          | 236            |
| Advances to parent   | (213)          | (180)          |
| Accounts payable   | (158)          | (450)          |
| Subscriber deposits and unearned income                                  | 357            | 574            |
| Accrued expenses   | (641)          | (686)          |
| Accrued interest   | (152)          | 613            |
| Deferred taxes   |                | (1,362)        |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities INVESTING ACTIVITIES | 5,514          | 4,502          |
| Payments for other intangibles   | (513)          | (18)           |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment                                | (8,008)        | (4,201)        |
| Net cash used in investing activities                                    | (8,521)        | (4,219)        |
| Proceeds from long-term debt   | 5,500          | 1,015          |
| Repayments of long-term debt   | (4,317)        | (42)           |
| Financing costs  | (317)          | (1)            |
| Exchanges and conversions of common stock                                |                | (1)            |
| Cash dividends paid on preferred stock                                   |                | (51)           |
| Net cash provided by financing activities                                | 866            | 920            |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents                                      | (2,141)        | 1,203          |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period                         | 2 <b>,</b> 779 | 616            |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period                               | \$ 638         | \$ 1,819       |
|  |                |                |

  |  |See accompanying notes.

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CLASSIC CABLE, INC.

NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF JUNE 30, 1999

# 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements of Classic

Cable, Inc. ("Classic"), have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the six month period ended June 30, 1999 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ended December 31, 1999.

#### 2. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The activity in Classic's allowance for doubtful accounts for the six months ending June 30, 1999 and 1998 is as follows (in thousands):

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

| FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED | BALANCE AT<br>BEGINNING<br>OF PERIOD | CHARGED TO<br>COSTS AND<br>EXPENSES | DEDUCTIONS | BALANCE AT<br>END OF<br>PERIOD |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| <s></s>                  | <c></c>                              | <c></c>                             | <c></c>    |                                |
| <5/                      | <c></c>                              | <0>                                 | <c></c>    | <0>                            |
| June 30, 1999            | \$325                                | \$386                               | \$385      | \$326                          |
| June 30, 1998            | 260                                  | 365                                 | 374        | 251                            |
|                          |                                      |                                     |            |                                |

  |  |  |  |

#### 3. INCOME TAXES

Classic did not record an income tax benefit for the six months ended June 30, 1999. The effective tax rates for the six months ended June 30, 1999 and June 30, 1998 differ primarily due to an increase in the valuation allowance on deferred tax assets. Classic believes it is more likely than not that such deferred tax assets will not be utilized in the near term.

Classic's benefit for income taxes differs from the amount computed by applying the statutory rate to loss before income taxes primarily due to the impact of permanent differences, an increase in the valuation allowance and other items as discussed above.

#### 4. CONTINGENCIES

Classic's parent, Classic Communications, Inc. ("CCI"), has no revenue generating or cash generating assets other than its investment in Classic, its wholly owned subsidiary. CCI does have certain obligations that currently would require resources of Classic if CCI were to satisfy these obligations.

# 5. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

Acquisition

In July 1999, Classic acquired Buford Group, Inc., which operates cable television systems in Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, and Texas, for approximately \$300 million (the "Buford Acquisition"). The purchase was financed from (a) a \$96 million capital contribution from CCI, (b) proceeds of a private debt offering, and (c) proceeds from the refinancing of the Classic bank agreement. See Debt Offering below.

The following summarized unaudited pro forma financial information assumes the Buford Acquisition had occurred on January 1, 1999 and 1998, respectively. The following pro forma information is not

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necessarily indicative of the results that would have occurred had the transaction been completed at the beginning of the period indicated, nor is it indicative of future operating results (in thousands):

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

|   | SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, |           |
|---|---------------------------|-----------|
|   | 1999                      | 1998      |
| <\$>  |                           | <c></c>   |
| RevenuesLoss before cumulative effect of change in accounting | \$ //,684                 | \$ 14,111 |
| principle Net loss  |                           |           |

Debt Offering

In July 1999, Classic issued \$150 million of 9.375% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2009. Concurrently with the offering, Classic entered into an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement. The proceeds from these transactions and the capital contribution from CCI were approximately \$425 million and were used to (a) fund the acquisition of Buford Group, Inc., (b) repay the 1998 Credit Agreement and (c) pay fees and expenses of these transactions.

The Amended and Restated Credit Agreement consists of (a) a \$75 million revolving credit facility which matures in 2007, (b) a \$75 million Term A loan facility which matures in 2007, (c) a \$100 million Term B loan facility which matures in 2008, and (d) a non-committed \$100 million Term C loan facility which matures in 2008. Mandatory payments commence in 2001. Interest is based upon either a LIBOR rate plus an applicable margin or, at the option of Classic, a base rate plus an applicable margin.

Change of Control Offering

CCI's sale of stock met the definition of a Change of Control as defined in the indenture to both the Classic Communications 13.25% Senior Discount Notes due 2009 and the Classic Cable 9.875% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2008. As a result, CCI and Classic have initiated offers to repurchase these notes at a price equal to 101% of their principal amount (or accreted value in the case of the Discount Notes), together with accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to the date of purchase. The offers are expected to expire in September 1999. Classic expects to purchase any of its tendered notes with proceeds of the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement. CCI has not arranged financing to purchase any of its tendered notes.

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUFORD GROUP, INC.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Buford Group, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 1998. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Buford Group, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1998 and 1997, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 1998 in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

KPMG LLP

Dallas, Texas March 5, 1999

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BUFORD GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
DECEMBER 31, 1998 AND 1997
(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

<TABLE>

| <caption></caption>                                   |                    |                   |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
|   | 1998               | 1997              |
| <\$>  | <c></c>            | <c></c>           |
| ASSETS  |                    |                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents                             | \$ 7,903           | \$ 7,890          |
| Accounts receivable, net                              | 2,878              | 2,514             |
| Prepaid expenses                                      | 166                | 342               |
| Property, plant and equipment                         | 200,727            | 166,886           |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization        | (87,483)           | (71 <b>,</b> 198) |
|   | 113,244            | 95,688            |
| Intangible assets:                                    | - ,                | ,                 |
| Franchise rights                                      | 54,417             | 35,767            |
| Noncompetition agreements                             | 7,434              | 7,434             |
| Excess cost over net assets of acquired companies     | 2,114              | 2,114             |
| Other   | 2,116              | 2,031             |
|   | 66,081             | 47,346            |
| Less accumulated amortization                         | (16,705)           | (12,001)          |
|   | 49,376             | 35,345            |
| Other assets  | 2,386              | 2,153             |
|   | \$175 <b>,</b> 953 | \$143,932         |
|   | ======             | =======           |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY                  |                    |                   |
| Accounts payable                                      | \$ 1,033           | \$ 1,209          |
| Deposits and unearned revenues                        | 2,234              | 1,984             |
| Accrued expenses                                      | 8,642              | 7,052             |
| Long-term obligations                                 | 118,000            | 85,000            |
| Deferred federal income taxes                         | 1,238              | 1,763             |
| befeffed federal income cases                         |                    |                   |
| Total liabilities                                     | 131,147            | 97,008            |
| Stockholders' equity:                                 |                    |                   |
| Common stock, \$1 par value. Authorized 2,000 shares; |                    |                   |
| issued and outstanding 1,000 shares                   | 1                  | 1                 |
| Additional capital                                    | 14,833             | 6,945             |
| Retained earnings                                     | 29 <b>,</b> 972    | 39 <b>,</b> 978   |
| Total stockholders' equity                            | 44,806             | 46,924            |
| Commitments and contingencies                         |                    |                   |
|   | \$175 <b>,</b> 953 | \$143,932         |
|   | ======             | ======            |
|   |                    |                   |

  |  |See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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BUFORD GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998, 1997 AND 1996 (IN THOUSANDS)

<TABLE>

| CAFTION                       | 1998           | 1997           | 1996     |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| <\$>                          | <c></c>        | <c></c>        | <c></c>  |
| Cable television revenues     | \$ 70,475      | \$58,136       | \$49,561 |
| Operating expenses:           |                |                |          |
| Programming                   | 18,339         | 14,349         | 11,596   |
| Plant and operating           | 6 <b>,</b> 937 | 6 <b>,</b> 567 | 5,705    |
| General and administrative    | 16,183         | 14,910         | 12,557   |
| Marketing and advertising     | 345            | 174            | 176      |
| Corporate overhead            | 9,364          | 4,858          | 2,898    |
| Depreciation and amortization | 21,399         | 17,753         | 17,175   |
|                               | 72,567         | 58,611         | 50,107   |
| Operating loss                | (2,092)        | (475)          | (546)    |

Other income (expense):

|   | =======    | ======    | ======   |
|---|------------|-----------|----------|
| Net loss                                | \$(10,006) | \$(5,088) | \$ (223) |
|   |            |           |          |
| <pre>Income tax benefit (expense)</pre> | 226        | 315       | (94)     |
| Loss before income taxes                | , . ,      | ( - , ,   | (129)    |
|   | (8,140)    | (4,928)   | 417      |
|   |            |           |          |
| Other, net                              | (363)      | (294)     | (414)    |
| Gain (loss) on sales of assets          | (165)      | 829       | 5,655    |
| Interest income                         | 307        | 324       | 521      |
| Interest expense                        | (7,919)    | (5,787)   | (5,345)  |
|   |            |           |          |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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BUFORD GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998, 1997 AND 1996 (IN THOUSANDS)

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

| COMMON<br>STOCK | ADDITIONAL<br>CAPITAL             | RETAINED<br>EARNINGS | STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY                   |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| <c></c>         | <c></c>                           | <c></c>              | <c></c>                                |
| \$1             | \$ 1,968                          | \$ 45,289            | \$ 47,258                              |
|                 | 1,458                             |                      | 1,458                                  |
|                 |                                   | (223)                | (223)                                  |
|                 |                                   |                      |  |
| 1               | 3,426                             | 45,066               | 48,493                                 |
|                 | 3 <b>,</b> 519                    |                      | 3 <b>,</b> 519                         |
|                 |                                   | (5,088)              | (5 <b>,</b> 088)                       |
|                 |                                   |                      |  |
| 1               | 6,945                             | 39 <b>,</b> 978      | 46,924                                 |
|                 | 7,888                             |                      | 7,888                                  |
|                 |                                   | (10,006)             | (10,006)                               |
|                 |                                   |                      |  |
| \$1             | \$14,833                          | \$ 29 <b>,</b> 972   | \$ 44,806                              |
| ==              | ======                            | ======               | =======                                |
|                 | STOCK <c> \$1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 -</c> | STOCK CAPITAL        | STOCK         CAPITAL         EARNINGS |

</TABLE>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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BUFORD GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998, 1997 AND 1996 (IN THOUSANDS)

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

|   | 1998       | 1997       | 1996             |
|---|------------|------------|------------------|
| <s></s>   | <c></c>    | <c></c>    | <c></c>          |
| Cash flows from operating activities:                     |            |            |                  |
| Net loss  | \$(10,006) | \$ (5,088) | \$ (223)         |
| Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by |            |            |                  |
| operating activities:                                     |            |            |                  |
| Depreciation and amortization                             | 21,399     | 17,753     | 17,175           |
| Non-cash interest expense                                 | 171        | 168        |                  |
| (Gain) loss on sales of assets                            | 165        | (829)      | (5 <b>,</b> 655) |
| Employee stock appreciation expense                       | 7,888      | 3,519      | 1,458            |
| Deferred federal income tax expense (benefit)             | (525)      | (449)      | 94               |
| Changes in assets and liabilities, excluding              |            |            |                  |
| acquisitions and dispositions:                            |            |            |                  |
| Accounts receivable                                       | (364)      | (1,031)    | 484              |
| Prepaid expenses  | 176        | (30)       | (47)             |
|   |            |            |                  |

| Federal income taxes receivable                      |          |          | 1,040    |
|--|----------|----------|----------|
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses                |          |          |          |
| Deposits and unearned revenue                        |          | 1,418    |          |
| ±  |          |          |          |
| Other  | (234)    | (467)    |          |
| Net cash provided by operating activities            | 20,334   |          | •        |
| Cash flows from investing activities:                |          |          |          |
| Acquisitions of cable systems                        | (29 900) | (17 771) | (18 350) |
| Additions to property, plant and equipment           |          | (22,042) |          |
|  |          |          |          |
| Additions to intangible assets                       |          | (1,098)  |          |
| Net proceeds from sale of assets                     | 357      |          |          |
| Net proceeds from disposition of cable systems       |          | 1,228    |          |
| Net cash used in investing activities                | (53,151) |          | (20,289) |
| Cash flows from financing activities:                |          |          |          |
| Proceeds from long-term obligations                  | 33 000   | 25 000   | 4 260    |
| Payments of long-term obligations                    |          | (53)     | •        |
|  |          |          |          |
| Payment of debt issuance costs                       | (170)    |          | , ,      |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing             |          |          |          |
| activities   | 32,830   | 24,947   | (10,927) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents |          | 2,136    |          |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year       |          | 5,754    |          |
| cabii and cabii equivalence at beginning of year     |          |          |          |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year             | \$ 7,903 | \$ 7,890 | \$ 5,754 |
|  | ======   | ======   | ======   |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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BUFORD GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1998, 1997 AND 1996

# (1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# (a) ORGANIZATION

Buford Group, Inc. and subsidiaries are engaged in cable television operations within the United States. The Company owns and operates cable television systems primarily in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Missouri.

### (b) PRINCIPLES OF CONSOLIDATION

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Buford Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company"). All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

During 1998, the Company purchased the remaining 76.8% of Friendship Cable, Ltd. ("FCL"), a Texas limited partnership in which the Company had held a 1% general partner interest and limited partner interests aggregating 22.2%. The accounts of FCL for 1998 and 1997 are consolidated because the Company, as general partner, is required to fund deficits incurred during the period from inception to January 1, 2000, and certain shareholders of the Company controlled the limited partner interests of FCL through the date of the Company's acquisition of the remaining interests. In prior years, allocated net losses to the limited partners had reduced their capital accounts to zero.

# (c) REVENUE RECOGNITION

Revenues from basic and premium services are recognized when the related services are provided.

Installation revenues are recognized to the extent of direct selling costs incurred. The remainder, if any, is deferred and amortized to income over the estimated average period that customers are expected to remain connected to the cable television system.

### (d) STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

The Company uses the indirect method to present cash flows from operating activities. Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information follow:

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

|                       | 1998                 | 1997                |
|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| <s> Interest paid</s> | <c> \$7,593,000</c>  | <c>\$4,588,000</c>  |
| Income taxes paid     | \$ 250,000<br>====== | \$ 59,000<br>====== |

</TABLE>

#### (e) PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost, including all direct cost and certain indirect costs of construction of cable television transmission and distribution systems, and the cost of new customer installations.

Maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred and equipment replacements and

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betterments are capitalized. The Company charges depreciation to operations on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the related property and equipment as follows:

<TABLE>

| <\$>                                       | <c></c>      |
|--|--------------|
| Cable distribution equipment               | 3 - 12 years |
| Furniture, fixtures, automobiles and other | 3 - 12 years |
| Buildings and improvements                 | 5 - 20 years |
|  |              |

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# (f) INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The excess cost over net identifiable tangible and intangible assets of acquired companies is being amortized on a straight-line basis over the estimated economic lives of 40 years. Franchise rights purchased in connection with cable television operations are being amortized on a straight-line basis over 5 to 15 years. The costs of noncompetition agreements are being amortized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the respective agreements.

The Company assesses the recoverability of intangible assets as well as the related amortization lives by determining whether the carrying value of the intangible assets can be recovered over the remaining lives through projected undiscounted future cash flows. To the extent that such projections indicate that undiscounted future cash flows are not expected to be adequate to recover the carrying amounts of the related intangible assets, such carrying amounts are adjusted for impairment to a level commensurate with the estimated fair value of the underlying assets.

# (g) FEDERAL INCOME TAXES

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. Valuation allowances are established when necessary to reduce deferred tax assets to the amount more likely than not to be realized. Income tax expense is the total of tax payable for the period and the change during the period in deferred tax assets and liabilities.

### (h) DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FAIR VALUE

The Company has only limited involvement with derivative financial instruments and does not use them for trading purposes. Any derivative financial instruments are used to manage well-defined interest rate risks related to the Company's outstanding debt.

Any costs of interest rate agreements are initially recognized as assets

and amortized to interest expense over the lives of the agreements using the interest method. Under all interest rate agreements, the differential to be paid or received is recognized as an adjustment to interest expense. During the years ended December 31, 1998, 1997 and 1996, the Company recognized net expenses of \$39,000, \$38,000 and \$59,000, respectively, under its interest rate agreements (see note 6).

The carrying amounts of cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable reported in the accompanying consolidated financial statements approximate fair value due to their short maturities. The outstanding borrowings under the Company's credit agreement (note 6) bear interest at current market rates, and thus, the carrying amount of debt approximates estimated fair value. The fair value of the interest rate agreements (note 6) was approximately \$(449,000) at December 31, 1998, which represents the estimated amount, based on dealer quotations, that the Company would pay, excluding accrued

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interest, to terminate the contracts at December 31, 1998, taking into account the current unrealized loss on open contracts.

#### (i) USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# (j) COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The Company adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 130 ("SFAS 130"), "Reporting Comprehensive Income," in the first quarter of 1998, which required companies to disclose comprehensive income separately from net income. Comprehensive income is defined as the change in equity during a period from transactions and other events and circumstances from non-ownership sources. It includes all changes in equity during a period, except those resulting from investments by owners and distributions to owners. The adoption of this statement had no effect on the Company at December 31, 1998, because the Company has no elements of other comprehensive income. Accordingly, comprehensive income and net income are the same amount for each period presented.

### (2) ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSITIONS

In April 1998, the Company acquired cable systems from three unaffiliated parties for \$29.9 million. In April and May 1997, the Company acquired cable systems from unaffiliated parties for \$17.8 million. During 1996, the Company acquired cable systems from unaffiliated parties for \$18.4 million.

The acquisitions were accounted for as purchases and, accordingly, the purchase prices were allocated to tangible and intangible assets based on estimated fair values at the dates of the acquisitions. Operating results of the acquired systems are included in the accompanying financial statements from the dates of acquisition. Net assets acquired as a result of these acquisitions included \$15.6 million, \$7.4 million and \$7.0 million in franchise rights and \$14.3 million, \$10.4 million and \$11.4 million in property, plant and equipment during 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively.

On October 1, 1996, the Company sold all of its cable television systems operating in North Carolina for a cash purchase price of \$11.8 million, resulting in a gain of \$4.7 million. Additionally, on October 1, 1996, the Company sold cable television system assets of a consolidated partnership (70%-owned) for a total cash price of \$2.1 million, resulting in a gain of \$717,000.

In September 1998, the Company acquired the remaining 76.8% of FCL for \$2.8 million. The Company accounted for this transaction as a purchase business combination, and accordingly, allocated the purchase price to FCL's assets (primarily intangible assets) based on their estimated fair values.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Unaudited pro forma operating results as though the 1998 and 1997 acquisitions discussed above had occurred on January 1, 1997, with adjustments to give effect to amortization of franchises, depreciation of property, plant and equipment, interest expense and certain other adjustments is as follows (in thousands):

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

|                         | YEAR E<br>DECEMBE |          |
|-------------------------|-------------------|----------|
|                         | 1998              | 1997     |
|                         | (UNAUD            | ITED)    |
| <\$>                    | <c></c>           | <c></c>  |
| Revenues                | \$ 73,531         | \$67,354 |
| Operating income (loss) | (1,630)           | 1,801    |
| Net loss.               |                   |          |

 (10,177) | (4,831) |

#### (3) ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable consist of the following (in thousands):

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

|   | DECEMBER 31,     |                             |
|---|------------------|-----------------------------|
|   | 1998             | 1997                        |
| <pre><s> Accounts receivable, trade</s></pre> |                  | <c><br/>\$2,417<br/>554</c> |
| Less allowance for doubtful accounts          | (414)            |                             |
|   | \$2 <b>,</b> 878 | \$2,514<br>=====            |

# </TABLE>

# (4) OTHER ASSETS

The Company is the named beneficiary on life insurance policies for key management members. The cash surrender value of the policies is recorded net of policy loans of \$5,977,000 and \$5,553,000 at December 31, 1998 and 1997, respectively. The net amounts of \$2,153,000 and \$1,837,000 at December 31, 1998 and 1997, respectively, are included in other assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

### (5) PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

A summary of property, plant and equipment and accumulated depreciation and amortization follows (in thousands):

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

|  | DECEMBER 31,   |           |
|--|----------------|-----------|
|  | 1998           | 1997      |
| <\$>   | <c></c>        | <c></c>   |
| Cable distribution equipment                   | \$188,264      | \$155,119 |
| Furniture, fixtures, automobiles and other     | 8 <b>,</b> 572 | 7,520     |
| Buildings, land and improvements               | 3,891          | 4,247     |
|  | 200,727        | 166,886   |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization | (87,483)       | (71,198)  |
| Property, plant and equipment, net             | \$113,244      | \$ 95,688 |
|  | ======         | =======   |
|  |                |           |

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#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1998, 1997 AND 1996

#### (6) LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The Company had outstanding borrowings of \$118,000,000 and \$85,000,000 at December 31, 1998 and 1997, respectively, under a credit agreement with banks providing for up to \$140,000,000 of borrowings. Borrowings bear interest at the bank's floating rate, the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR"), or a combination thereof as selected by the Company, plus a margin dependent on the Company's leverage ratio (as defined in the credit agreement). The weighted average effective interest rate at December 31, 1998 and 1997 was 6.75%. The Company must pay an annual commitment fee ranging from .25% to .375% of the unfunded portion of the commitment. Borrowings under the credit agreement are secured by the common stock of the Company and its subsidiaries. The credit agreement contains certain provisions which limit the Company as to additional indebtedness, sales of assets, liens, guarantees, investments and acquisitions. Additionally, the Company must maintain certain specified financial ratios.

On April 30, 1998, the bank amended the credit agreement to extend the final maturity date to June 30, 2005. Beginning September 30, 1999, and quarterly thereafter through June 30, 2005, the commitment amount is to be reduced by quarterly amounts ranging from \$2,655,000 to \$12,685,000. Additionally, on or before April 30 of each year, commencing April 30, 2000, the Company is required to make mandatory payments equal to 50% of the excess cash flow for the previous fiscal year, if any, as defined in the credit agreement.

In accordance with the credit agreement, the Company has interest rate agreements with various banks to reduce the impact of changes in interest rates. At December 31, 1998, the Company had three interest rate collar agreements expiring in May 1999, October 1999 and June 2000 with a bank covering notional principal amounts of \$10,000,000, \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000,respectively. These agreements have maximum cap rates of 8.20%, 7.50% and 6.55%, respectively, and each has a minimum floor rate of 5.65%. The Company also had an interest rate swap agreement with a bank covering a notional amount of \$25,000,000, with a fixed rate of 5.73%, which expires in January 2000.

The Company is exposed to credit loss in the event of nonperformance of the other parties to the above agreements; however, the Company does not anticipate nonperformance by such counterparties.

As of December 31, 1998, principal payments due on indebtedness in future years was as follows (in thousands):

| <table></table> |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| <\$>            | <c></c>         |
| 1999            | \$ 5,310        |
| 2000            | 10,620          |
| 2001            | 15,340          |
| 2002            | 18,880          |
| Thereafter      | 67 <b>,</b> 850 |
|                 |                 |

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# (7) ACCRUED EXPENSES

Accrued expenses consist of the following (in thousands):

<TABLE>

|                              | DECEMBER 31,     |         |
|------------------------------|------------------|---------|
|                              | 1998             | 1997    |
|                              |                  |         |
| <\$>                         | <c></c>          | <c></c> |
| Accrued programming          | \$2 <b>,</b> 970 | \$1,312 |
| Accrued property taxes       | 1,704            | 1,389   |
| Accrued payroll and benefits | 1,279            | 1,764   |
| Accrued interest             | 514              | 938     |

|               | =====   | =====            |
|---------------|---------|------------------|
|               | \$8,642 | \$7 <b>,</b> 052 |
|               |         |                  |
| Accrued other | 2,175   | 1,649            |

# (8) INCOME TAXES

Income tax expense (benefit) for the years ended December 31, 1998, 1997 and 1996 includes the following (in thousands):

<TABLE> <CAPTION>

|                  | =====    | =====   | ===     |  |
|------------------|----------|---------|---------|--|
|                  | \$ (226) | \$(315) | \$94    |  |
|                  |          |         |         |  |
| Deferred Federal | (525)    | (449)   | 94      |  |
| Current Federal  |          |         |         |  |
| Current State    |          | \$ 134  | \$      |  |
| <\$>             | <c></c>  | 107     | <c></c> |  |
|                  |          |         |         |  |
|                  | 1998     | 1997    | 1996    |  |
|                  |          |         |         |  |

</TABLE>

Actual income tax expense (benefit) differs from the "expected" income tax expense (benefit) (computed by applying the U.S. federal corporate tax rate of 35% to the loss before income taxes) as follows (in thousands):

<TABLE>

<CAPTION>

|                                   | 1998      | 1997      | 1996    |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
|                                   |           |           |         |
| <\$>                              | <c></c>   | <c></c>   | <c></c> |
| Computed expected tax benefit     | \$(3,581) | \$(1,891) | \$ (45) |
| Change in the valuation allowance | 394       | 328       | 1       |
| Revision of prior year estimate   | 299       |           | (252)   |
| Employee stock appreciation       | 2,760     | 1,231     | 509     |
| Other                             | (98)      | 17        | (119)   |
|                                   |           |           |         |
|                                   | \$ (226)  | \$ (315)  | \$ 94   |
|                                   | ======    | ======    | =====   |

</TABLE>

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# NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# DECEMBER 31, 1998, 1997 AND 1996

The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities at December 31, 1998 and 1997 are presented as follows (in thousands):

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|   | 1998      | 1997      |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| <\$>  | <c></c>   | <c></c>   |
| Deferred tax assets:                                      |           |           |
| Net operating loss carryforwards                          | \$ 8,616  | \$ 5,992  |
| Alternative minimum tax credit carryforwards              | 5,692     | 5,692     |
| Investment in partnerships                                |           | 1,593     |
| Deferred compensation                                     |           | 116       |
| Other   | 968       | 670       |
| Total gross deferred tax assets                           | 15,276    | 14,063    |
| Less valuation allowance                                  | (4,764)   | (4,370)   |
| Net deferred tax assets                                   | 10,512    | 9,693     |
| Deferred tax liabilities:                                 |           |           |
| Property and equipment, principally due to differences in |           |           |
| depreciation  | \$11,118  | \$10,898  |
| Other   | 632       | 558       |
|   |           |           |
| Total gross deferred tax liabilities                      | 11,750    | 11,456    |
| Net deferred tax liability                                | \$(1,238) | \$(1,763) |

The net changes in the valuation allowance for 1998, 1997 and 1996 were increases of \$394,000, \$328,000, and \$1,000, respectively. The Company has recognized deferred tax assets to the extent such assets can be realized through future reversals of existing temporary differences.

At December 31, 1998, the Company had approximately \$24,596,000 of tax net operating loss carryforwards which expire in years 2007 through 2012. In addition, the Company had approximately \$5,700,000 of alternative minimum tax credit carryforwards available to reduce future regular federal income taxes over an indefinite period.

#### (9) LEASE OBLIGATIONS

Total rental expense for operating leases was \$1,427,000, \$1,433,000 and \$1,264,000 in 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively. Included in these amounts are payments for pole rental agreements amounting to \$1,313,000, \$1,306,000 and \$1,102,000 in 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively. Pole rental agreements may be terminated by either party by written notice ranging up to ninety days. The remaining operating agreements are primarily for office space and annual minimum aggregate rentals under such leases are not considered material.

#### (10) EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS

In January 1992, the Company established a savings plan to provide elective employee and employer contributions under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Under the terms of the plan, the Company may make voluntary contributions to the plan matching employee contributions in percentages and discretionary amounts as determined by the Board of Directors. The Company made matching and discretionary contributions to the plan of \$423,000, \$459,000 and \$397,000 in 1998, 1997 and 1996, respectively.

Under the terms of the Buford Television Partnership Agreement (the "Agreement") effective January 1, 1994, a new partnership, Buford Television Partnership ("BTP"), was formed to hold the outstanding shares of the Company. Under the terms of this Agreement, the stockholders on January 1, 1994 contributed 100% of their shares to the Partnership. Key employees were granted 12% ownership of future appreciation in the market value of the Company's common stock, as defined in the Agreement,

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through appreciation percentages. These appreciation percentages have none of the rights associated with ownership of the common stock of the Company, such as voting or dividend rights, and will have no value outside the context of the Agreement. However, the partners of BTP, which include the key employees, have voting rights in the management of BTP, the purpose of which is to acquire, manage, vote, pledge, hold and dispose of the Company's stock and to perform all duties necessary to accomplish the purposes of BTP. On December 1, 1997, the Agreement was amended whereby 620 shares of the Company's common stock were withdrawn from BTP by the principal stockholders, leaving BTP with 380 shares of the Company's common stock, or 38% ownership. However, the aforementioned key employees still retain 12% ownership of the future appreciation in the market value of 100% of the Company's common stock. Participants have vested 20% each year in the accumulated value of their appreciation percentages, and became fully vested as of December 31, 1998. The Company records expense for the accumulated value of the common stock appreciation based on vesting criteria over the five year vesting period, and subsequently, will continue to record expense based on the fully vested status of the key employees and changes in fair value of the Company's common stock. For the years ended December 31, 1998, 1997 and 1996, the Company recognized \$7,888,000, \$3,519,000 and \$1,458,000, respectively, in expense related to the Agreement. The cumulative amount recorded pursuant to this agreement was \$14,833,000 as of December 31, 1998.

The Company has agreements with several employees that provide for amounts to be paid to such employees in the event of a sale of certain cable systems' assets. The amounts to be paid are based on several factors, including historical cash flow. No amounts have been recorded related to these agreements as the Company has not consummated a sale of any of the cable systems' assets covered by these agreements.

# (11) CONTINGENCIES

In October 1992, Congress enacted the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the "1992 Cable Act"). During May 1993, pursuant to authority granted to it under the 1992 Cable Act, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") issued its rate regulation rules which became effective September 1, 1993. These rate regulation rules required cable systems in franchised areas serving at least 1,000 customers, which receive certification and are not subject to effective competition, as defined, to set rates for basic and cable programming services, as well as related equipment and installations, pursuant to general cost-of-service standards or FCC prescribed benchmarks. The Act also entailed quality service criteria and must carry/retransmission requirements.

On February 1, 1996, Congress passed The Telecommunications Act of 1996 (the "1996 Act") which was signed into law on February 6, 1996. This new law altered federal, state and local laws and regulations for telecommunications providers and services, including the Company. Several aspects of the 1996 Act impact cable television, including the elimination of regulation of the cable programming service tier for certain smaller cable providers, including the Company.

The Company believes that it has complied with all provisions of the 1992 Cable Act and the 1996 Act including the rate setting provisions promulgated by the FCC.

#### (12) SUBSEQUENT EVENT (UNAUDITED)

In May 1999, the Company and its stockholders entered into an agreement to sell all of the common stock of the Company to Classic Cable, Inc. for approximately \$302.3\$ million.

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# BUFORD GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

# JUNE 30, 1999 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

| <s></s>  | <c></c>                                      |
|--|--|
| ASSETS  Cash and cash equivalents  | \$ 2,890                                     |
| of \$398  Prepaid expenses   | 2,846<br>484<br>208,268<br>(96,913)          |
| Intangible assets: Franchise rights Noncompetition agreements Excess cost over net assets of acquired companies Other  | 111,355<br>54,417<br>7,434<br>2,114<br>1,089 |
| Less accumulated amortization  | 65,054<br>(18,613)                           |
| Other assets   | 46,441<br>2,586                              |
|  | \$166,602<br>=====                           |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY Accounts payable. Deposits and unearned revenues. Accrued expenses. Long-term obligations. Deferred federal income taxes. | \$ 491<br>2,341<br>7,073<br>112,000<br>976   |
| Total liabilities  | 122,881                                      |
| Stockholders' equity:  Common stock, \$1 par value. Authorized 2,000 shares; issued and outstanding 1,000 shares   | 1<br>14,058<br>29,662                        |

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# BUFORD GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

UNAUDITED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
THREE AND SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1999 AND 1998
(IN THOUSANDS)

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| <caption></caption>   | THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30,                      |   | JUNE 30, JUNE 30,                                 |   |
|---|--|---|---|---|
|   |  | 1998  | 1999  |   |
| <s> Cable television revenues</s>   | <c> \$19,537</c>                                 | <c><br/>\$17,680</c>                            | <c> \$38,398</c>                                  | <c> \$32,943</c>                                  |
| Operating expenses: Programming. Plant and operating. General and administrative. Marketing and advertising. Corporate overhead. Depreciation and amortization. | 5,213<br>1,683<br>4,301<br>128<br>(430)<br>6,378 | 4,657<br>1,688<br>4,239<br>57<br>2,250<br>5,767 | 10,430<br>3,377<br>8,461<br>237<br>(72)<br>12,105 | 8,762<br>3,345<br>7,936<br>150<br>4,354<br>10,137 |
| Operating income (loss)   |  | 18,158<br><br>(478)                             | 34,538<br><br>3,860                               | 34,684<br><br>(1,741)                             |
| Other income (expense): Interest expense. Interest income. Other, net.  | (2,001)<br>74<br>(175)                           | (2,089)<br>90<br>(77)                           | (4,095)<br>166<br>(244)                           | 172<br>(99)                                       |
|   | (2,102)  | (2,076)   | (4,173)   | (3,608)   |
| Loss before income taxes and cumulative effect of change in accounting principle  | 162<br>123                                       | (2,554)<br>131                                  | (313)<br>210                                      |   |
| Loss before cumulative effect of change in accounting principle   |  | (2,423)   |   |   |
| Net loss  | \$ 285<br>======                                 | \$ (2,423)                                      | \$ (310)  | \$ (5,374)  |

</TABLE>

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UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1999 AND 1998 (IN THOUSANDS)

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Cash flows from operating activities:

| Net loss   | \$ (310) | \$ (5,374)      |
|--|----------|-----------------|
|  | 12,105   | 10 127          |
| Depreciation and amortization  | 12,105   | 10 <b>,</b> 137 |
| Non-cash interest expense  |          |                 |
| Employee stock appreciation expense  | (775)    | •               |
| Deferred federal income tax benefit  Cumulative effect of change in accounting | (210)    | (274)           |
| principle  | 207      |                 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities:   |          |                 |
| Accounts receivable  | 32       | (718)           |
| Prepaid expenses   | (318)    | (188)           |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses  | (2,111)  | 1,272           |
| Deposits and unearned revenues   | 107      | 201             |
| Other  | (212)    | (178)           |
|  |          |                 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities                                      | 8,527    | 8,470           |
|  |          |                 |
| Cash flows from investing activities:  | .=       |                 |
| 1 1 1, 1   | (7,540)  | (10,980)        |
| Acquisition of cable systems   |          | (29,900)        |
| Other  |          | (89)            |
| Net cash used in investing activities  | (7,540)  | (40,969)        |
| Cash flows from financing activities:  |          |                 |
| Proceeds from long-term obligations  |          | 30,000          |
| Payments of long-term obligations  | (6,000)  |                 |
|  |          |                 |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing                                       |          |                 |
| activities   | (6,000)  | 30,000          |
|  |          |                 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents                           | (5,013)  | (2,499)         |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period                               | 7,903    | 7,890           |
|  |          |                 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period                                     | \$ 2,890 | \$ 5,391        |
|  | ======   | ======          |
|  |          |                 |

  |  |See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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# BUFORD GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 1999 AND 1998

### (1) GENERAL AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

## (a) ORGANIZATION

Buford Group, Inc. and subsidiaries are engaged in cable television operations within the United States. The Company owns and operates cable television systems primarily in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Missouri.

# (b) PRINCIPLES OF CONSOLIDATION

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Buford Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company"). All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

# (c) INTERIM FINANCIAL INFORMATION

In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company contain all adjustments, consisting only of those of a normal recurring nature, necessary to present fairly the Company's financial position as of March 31, 1999, and the results of operations and cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 1999 and 1998. These results are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full fiscal year.

### (d) USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### (e) COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The Company adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 130 ("SFAS 130"), "Reporting Comprehensive Income," in the first quarter of 1998, which required companies to disclose comprehensive income separately from net income. Comprehensive income is defined as the change in equity during a period from transactions and other events and circumstances from non-ownership sources. It includes all changes in equity during a period, except those resulting from investments by owners and distributions to owners. The adoption of this statement had no effect on the Company at December 31, 1998, because the Company has no elements of other comprehensive income. Accordingly, comprehensive income and net income are the same amount for each period presented.

# (2) RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENT

The Company adopted the provisions of Statement of Position 98-5 ("SOP 98-5"), "Reporting on the Costs of Start-up Activities," effective as of January 1, 1999. This pronouncement requires that costs of start-up activities, including organizational costs, should be expensed as incurred. As a result of adopting SOP 98-5, the Company recorded a charge of \$259,000, less tax benefit of \$52,000, as the cumulative effect of recording the change in accounting principle as of January 1, 1999.

#### (3) CONTINGENCIES

In October 1992, Congress enacted the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992 (the "1992 Cable Act"). During May 1993, pursuant to authority granted to it under the 1992 Cable

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JUNE 30, 1999 AND 1998

Act, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") issued its rate regulation rules which became effective September 1, 1993. These rate regulation rules required cable systems in franchised areas serving at least 1,000 customers, which receive certification and are not subject to effective competition, as defined, to set rates for basic and cable programming services, as well as related equipment and installations, pursuant to general cost-of-service standards or FCC prescribed benchmarks. The Act also entailed quality service criteria and must carry/retransmission requirements.

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The Company believes that it has complied with all provisions of the 1992 Cable Act and the 1996 Act including the rate setting provisions promulgated by the FCC.

# (4) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In May 1999, the Company and its shareholders entered into an agreement to sell the common stock of the Company to Classic Cable, Inc. On July 29, 1999, the sale was consummated for a total selling price of approximately \$297.8 million. In connection with the Buford Television Partnership Agreement (the "Agreement"), the Buford Television Partnership granted ownership in 12% of future appreciation in the market value of the Company's common stock to certain key employees. At December 31, 1998, the Company had accrued an estimated liability under this agreement of approximately \$14.8 million. The key employees covered by the Agreement received approximately \$14.1 million in satisfaction of their rights under the agreement at the time of sale. Accordingly, the Company recorded a credit of approximately \$0.7 million to corporate overhead expense during the three months ended June 30, 1999.

Additionally, the Company paid out approximately \$2.6 million to certain employees under separate agreements that provide for payments in the event of the sale of certain cable systems' assets. The Company has not recognized

expense at June 30, 1999 related to these agreements as such amounts are payable only upon consummation of a sale of cable system assets and were recognized when the sale closed.

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