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#### Change in Revenue Reporting FASB ASU No. 2014-09

Effective January 1, 2018, the Company adopted Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-09, the new revenue accounting guidance issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board. The adoption resulted in certain changes in the Company's revenue recognition policies and the presentation of certain revenue sources in the quarterly financial results. Beginning with the first quarter of 2018, the Company no longer recognizes barter revenue and barter expense arising from the exchange of advertising time for certain program material. During the three months ended September 30, 2017, the Company recognized barter revenue (and related barter expense) of \$10.8 million. During the nine months ended September 30, 2017, the Company recognized barter revenue (and related barter expense) of \$30.9 million. In addition, the Company now presents local, national, digital and political revenues, exclusive of related agency commissions. The change in accounting for barter reduced the amount of revenue and related expense in 2018. The change in the presentation of local, national, digital and political revenue did not impact the Company's net revenue. These changes did not impact the Company's current or prior year income from operations, net income, broadcast cash flow, adjusted EBITDA and free cash flow.

#### **Definitions and Disclosures Regarding non-GAAP Financial Information**

Broadcast cash flow is calculated as net income, plus interest expense (net), loss on extinguishment of debt, income tax expense (benefit), depreciation, amortization of intangible assets and broadcast rights (excluding barter), (gain) loss on asset disposal, corporate expenses, other expense (income) and goodwill and intangible assets impairment, minus pension and other postretirement plans credit (net), reimbursement from the FCC related to station repack and broadcast rights payments. We consider broadcast cash flow to be an indicator of our assets' operating performance. We also believe that broadcast cash flow and multiples of broadcast cash flow are useful to investors because it is frequently used by industry analysts, investors and lenders as a measure of valuation for broadcast companies.

Adjusted EBITDA is calculated as broadcast cash flow, plus pension and other postretirement plans credit (net), minus corporate expenses. We consider Adjusted EBITDA to be an indicator of our assets' operating performance and a measure of our ability to service debt. It is also used by management to identify the cash available for strategic acquisitions and investments, maintain capital assets and fund ongoing operations and working capital needs. We also believe that Adjusted EBITDA is useful to investors and lenders as a measure of valuation and ability to service debt.

Free cash flow is calculated as net income, plus interest expense (net), loss on extinguishment of debt, income tax expense (benefit), depreciation, amortization of intangible assets and broadcast rights (excluding barter), (gain) loss on asset disposal, stock-based compensation expense, non-cash compensation expense, stock-based compensation expense, goodwill and intangible assets impairment and other expense (income), minus payments for broadcast rights, cash interest expense, capital expenditures, proceeds from disposals of property and equipment, and net operating cash income taxes. We consider Free Cash Flow to be an indicator of our assets' operating performance. In addition, this measure is useful to investors because it is frequently used by industry analysts, investors and lenders as a measure of valuation for broadcast companies, although their definitions of Free Cash Flow may differ from our definition.

For a reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measurements to the GAAP financial results cited in this communication, please see the supplemental tables at the end of our third quarter 2018 financial results press release dated November 8, 2018. With respect to our forward-looking guidance, no reconciliation between a non-GAAP measure to the closest corresponding GAAP measure is included in this release because we are unable to quantify certain amounts that would be required to be included in the GAAP measure without unreasonable efforts and we believe such reconciliations would imply a degree of precision that would be confusing or misleading to investors. In particular, reconciliation of forward-looking Free Cash Flow to the closest corresponding GAAP measure is not available without unreasonable efforts on a forward-looking basis due to the high variability, complexity and low visibility with respect to the charges excluded from these non-GAAP measures such as the measures and effects of stock-based compensation expense specific to equity compensation awards that are directly impacted by unpredictable fluctuations in our stock price and other non-recurring or unusual items such as impairment charges, transaction-related costs and gains or losses on sales of assets. We expect the variability of these items to have a significant, and potentially unpredictable, impact on our future GAAP financial results.

# Nexstar Media Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: NXST)

# One of the Largest North American Local Media Companies Positioned for the Ongoing Enhancement of Long-Term Shareholder Value

- Pure-play broadcast television and digital media leader with broad geographic scale and reach
  - #2 in broadcast group in terms of U.S. television household reach
  - Owns or provides services to more than one TV station in over half of its 100 total markets
- Robust revenue, net income and free cash flow ("FCF") generation
  - YTD (nine-months ended 9/30/18) net revenue of \$1.97 bn, net income of \$233.8 mm (including one-time transaction expenses of \$3.0 mm) and FCF of \$437.3 mm (before one-time transaction expenses)
- Proven ability to extract value from acquisitions
  - Completed transformative acquisition of Media General (NYSE: MEG) for \$4.6 bn in 1Q17
    - · Increased broadcast portfolio by approx. two thirds and more than doubled revenue and adjusted EBITDA
    - With higher net income, expected to generate FCF over \$615 mm in the 2018/2019 cycle
      - o In 3Q18, NXST increased average annual FCF guidance for 2018/2019 cycle by +\$30 mm due to record political
      - o Includes NXST's assumptions for interest rate increases and transition to a near-full cash tax payer in 2018
  - YTD (nine-months ended 9/30/18), NXST has returned \$328.3 mm to shareholders in the form of dividends, leverage reduction and share repurchases
    - Reduced total net debt by ~\$670 mm since the MEG transaction close
  - Prior to MEG, acquired 66 television and four digital businesses since 2011
    - History of successful integration; net revenue more than tripled since 2011 for an implied CAGR of 30%
- Disciplined, market-tested management team with history of operational excellence
  - Deep leadership bench, most of whom have at least 20 years of industry experience
- Strong record of delivering shareholder value
  - Accretive M&A, growing dividend and opportunistic share repurchases
  - Ongoing focus on managing Company costs and capital structure
  - CEO and CFO placed first in 2018 Institutional Investor All America Executive Team survey for the TMT sectors

## 2017: Record Financial Results For Sixth Consecutive Year

#### NXST Generated Record Financial Results For Sixth Consecutive Year

Surpassed \$2.0 bn in annual net revenues for the first time in the Company's history

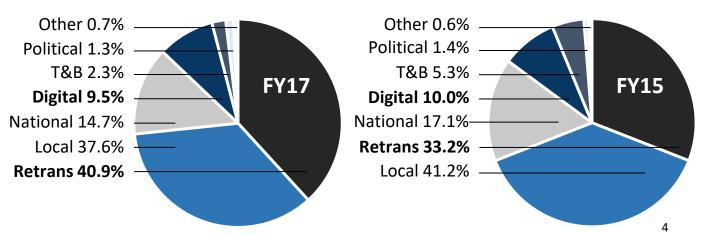
#### NXST LTM 2017 Financial Results Y/Y and Non-Political Odd-Year Comparison

	12	M Ended Dec. 31 (in millions)	12M Change (%)			
	2017	2016	2015	'17 vs. '16	'17 vs. '15	
Net Revenue	\$2,432.0	\$1,103.2	\$896.4	+120.5%	+171.3%	
Net Income	\$475.3	\$93.1	\$77.7	+410.6%	+511.9%	
Broadcast Cash Flow	\$868.6	\$456.7	\$350.0	+90.2%	+148.2%	
Adjusted EBITDA (Before One-Time Transaction Exp.)	\$802.2	\$414.3	\$305.1	+93.6%	+162.9%	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$743.3	\$405.5	\$305.1	+83.3%	+143.6%	
Free Cash Flow (Before One-Time Transaction Exp.)	\$528.0	\$253.6	\$208.2	+108.2%	+153.5%	
Free Cash Flow	\$469.0	\$244.8	\$208.2	+91.6%	+125.2%	

## Retransmission and Digital Revenue is Materially Diversifying Revenue Mix

 Non-TV Spot revenue (ex-Political) comprised ~50% of FY17 net revenue of \$2.4bn compared to ~43% of FY15 net revenue of \$976mm (the last non-election cycle)

NXST Revenue Mix (% of Total Net Revenue) Fiscal Year-Ended 2017 and 2015



# **Key 2017 Events: MEG Integration and NXST Operating**

# Precise Execution On All Facets Of Our Business Including Operations, Integration, Synergy Realization

- Completed transformative acquisition of MEG for \$4.6 bn creating Nexstar Media Group, Inc, and simultaneously completed
   13 station required station divestitures for \$548 mm
- Realized all of the \$81 mm projected year one synergies from the Media General Transaction by YE17
  - Immediate synergy realization related to corporate overhead and overlay of certain NXST retrans contracts at MEG stations
  - Sold former MEG headquarters in Richmond, VA resulting in a \$13 mm gain in 2Q17
  - Completed wind-down of unprofitable MEG digital businesses in 2Q17
- Promoted Tim Busch to serve as President of the Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc., announced three newly-created regional managers and filled 25 open general manager positions
  - Hired Washington D.C. News Bureau Chief, CBS News veteran Bill Mondora / expanded resources of D.C. News Bureau
  - Added sales resources to the former Media General markets and continued integration process
- Appointed technology veteran and former Rubicon Project president and board member, Greg Raifman, to President of Nexstar Digital LLC
  - Continued integration of digital products under the Nexstar Digital brand
- Entered into a memorandum of understanding with SBGI to establish a consortium to promote spectrum aggregation, innovation and monetization and enhance broadcasters' ability to compete in the wireless data transmission sector
  - Consortium will promote innovation and develop and explore products and services associated with ATSC 3.0
  - Univision Local Media, Inc. joined the consortium on 6/1; Northwest Broadcasting joined as first affiliate member on 6/14
- Extended network affiliation agreements / reached OTT master agreements for all ABC stations through 2022 and all FOX stations through 2019; Reached OTT master agreement with CBS and NBC
  - New agreements mutually recognize the value of NXST's and ABC's / FOX's respective content offerings
  - OTT agreements cover new internet-delivered programming services that carry ABC, CBS, NBC and FOX programming

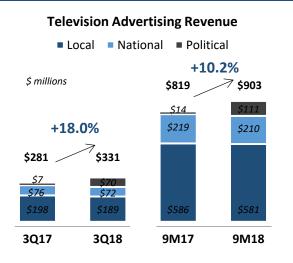
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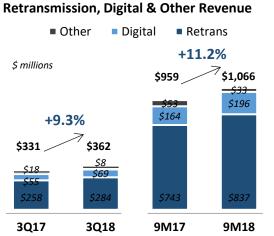
### **NXST Generated Record YTD 2018 Financial Results**

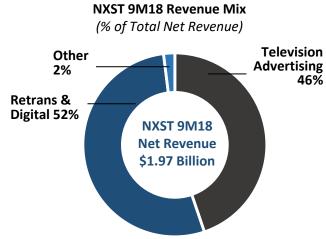
### NXST 3Q18 and 9M18 Financial Results Y/Y and Non-Political Odd-Year Comparison<sup>1</sup>

		Ended Sep in millions			Ended Sep. 3 (in millions)	30	3M Cha	nge (%)	9M Change (%)		
	2018	2017	2016	2018	2017	2016	'18 vs. '17	'18 vs. '16	<u>18 vs. 17</u>	<u>18 vs. 16</u>	
Net Revenue	\$693.0	\$611.9	\$275.7	\$1,968.7	\$1,778.3	\$793.3	+13.3%	+151.4%	+10.7%	+148.2%	
Net Income	\$99.8	\$42.1	\$25.6	\$233.8	\$95.5	\$72.7	+137.3%	+289.7%	+144.9%	+221.6%	
Broadcast Cash Flow	\$281.7	\$211.5	\$109.9	\$743.7	\$626.7	\$311.3	+33.2%	+156.2%	+18.7%	+138.9%	
Adjusted EBITDA (Before 1x Transaction Exp.)	\$257.7	\$194.4	\$98.2	\$673.6	\$574.5	\$270.7	+32.6%	+162.3%	+17.3%	+148.8%	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$256.5	\$191.6	\$98.2	\$670.6	\$517.6	\$270.7	+33.8%	+161.1%	+29.6%	+147.7%	
Free Cash Flow (Before 1x Transaction Exp.)	\$166.0	\$122.4	\$58.5	\$437.3	\$370.4	\$159.4	+35.5%	+183.5%	+18.1%	+174.4%	
Free Cash Flow	\$164.7	\$119.6	\$58.5	\$434.3	\$313.6	\$159.4	+37.7%	+181.3%	+38.5%	+172.5%	

### **NXST YTD 2018 Revenue Growth**







# 2018: 3Q and 9M18 Results and Capital Allocation/Structure

## **NXST YTD 2018 Capital Allocation / Structure**

Since the MEG transaction close in January 2017, NXST has reduced total net debt by ~\$670 mm through 3Q18

**CASH DIVIDEND:** 

- Increased cash dividend 25% to \$1.50 annually in 2018, marking fifth annual consecutive increase
- 26% compound annual growth in payout level since initiation of cash dividend in 2013

**SHARE REPURCHASES:** 

- NXST repurchased ~500,000 in 1Q18 and another 250,000 shares in 2Q18
- Following 1H18 opportunistic repurchase activity, ~\$201.9 mm remains under the repurchase authorization

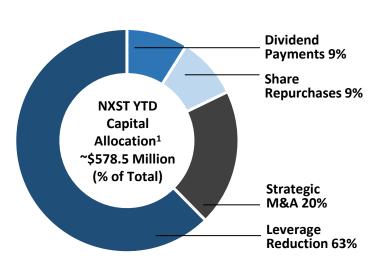
**M&A ACTIVITY:** 

- NXST closed accretive digital acquisition of LKQD for ~\$97 mm cash in 1Q18\*
- In 3Q18, NXST entered into agreements to acquire two TV stations for an aggregate purchase price of \$20.6 mm\*

**DEBT REDUCTION:** 

• In 3Q18, reduced total debt by ~\$145 mm and made additional voluntary and scheduled payments subsequent to quarter-end, bringing total leverage reduction to ~\$362 mm through the ten-month period ended 10/31/18

## **NXST YTD 2018 Capital Allocation Activity**



#### NXST 4Q18 To-Date Capital Allocation<sup>2</sup>

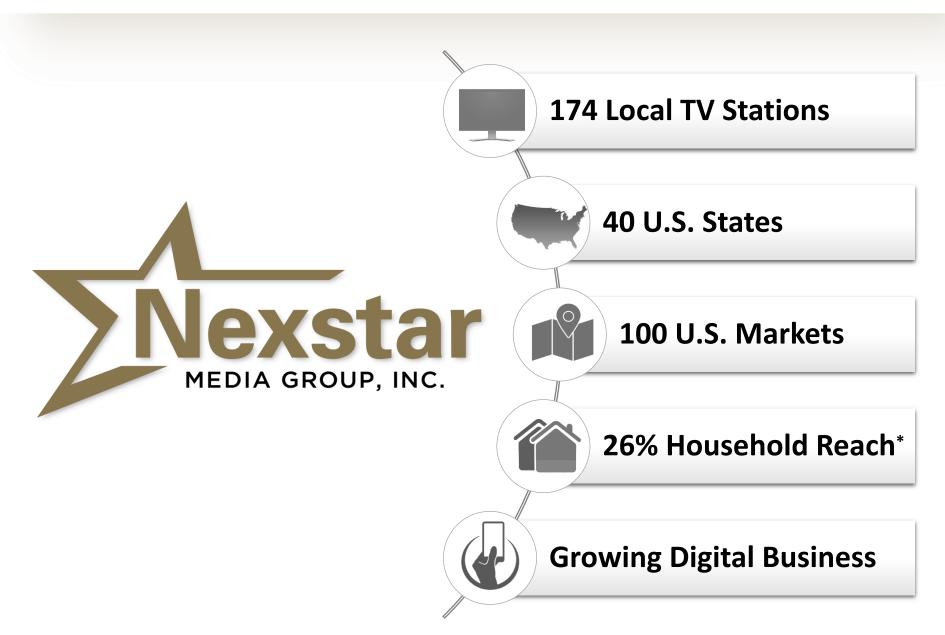
- NXST made \$125 mm in voluntary principal payments and \$10 mm scheduled principal payments on senior secured debt in October
- NXST will pay ~\$17.1 mm in dividends on November 26, 2018
- NXST completed the acquisition of KRBK and funded the remaining purchase price of \$2.5 mm in October
- NXST excepts to complete the acquisition of WHDF-TV and fund the remaining purchase price of \$0.7 million in November

<sup>\*</sup>Purchase price including working capital.

## **Key 2018 Events: NXST Operating**

- In October, Nexstar closed on its \$2.676 billion repricing of its outstanding Senior Secured Term Loan facilities
  - The new terms represent a 25 basis point interest rate reduction compared to the Company's prior Senior Secured Term
     Loans and revolving credit facilities
  - Refinancing results in ~\$7 mm reduction in NXST's annual interest expense, increasing net income and free cash flow by
     ~\$5 million on an annualized basis
- Entered into definitive agreements to acquire KRBK-TV and WHDF-TV in accretive transactions for \$20.6 mm in Aug. 2018<sup>1</sup>
  - Acquisitions complement existing stations Nexstar owns or provides services to in Springfield, MO and Huntsville, AL
  - Nexstar began operating WHDF-TV on 7/15 and KRBK-TV on 8/1 pursuant to local marketing agreements
  - NXST completed the acquisition of KRBK in October and excepts to complete the acquisition of WHDF-TV in November
- Completed accretive acquisition of LKQD, a leading video ad infrastructure company, for ~\$97 million cash in Jan. 20181
  - LKQD's video advertising platform has the largest reach in the US to viewers across digital devices<sup>2</sup>
  - Expands Nexstar Digital's product offerings with flexible and scalable end-to-end technology infrastructure systems
- Television Interfaces Practices (TIP) Initiative consortium, including Nexstar, Sinclair, Tribune, TEGNA and Hearst Television,
   make additional progress toward goal of accelerating electronic transaction workflows for local TV advertising
  - TIP is focused on streamlining the advertising buying and selling process / enabling electronic advertising transactions for local TV broadcasters and their media agency partners
  - In 1Q18, TIP engaged +20 systems providers, media agencies and broadcasters to collaborate on the development of an open standards-based framework for the system-to-system interchange of transactional information
  - In 3Q18, TIP released an updated framework for standards-based transaction interfaces following several test transactions
- Nexstar, Sinclair and Univision Spectrum Consortium hire John Hane President of Spectrum Co. in January 2018
  - Will oversee the development of the newly-formed entity as it pursues advanced nationwide business opportunities made available by the NextGen standard and aggregation of spectrum bandwidth

# One of the Largest North American Local Media Companies

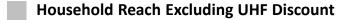


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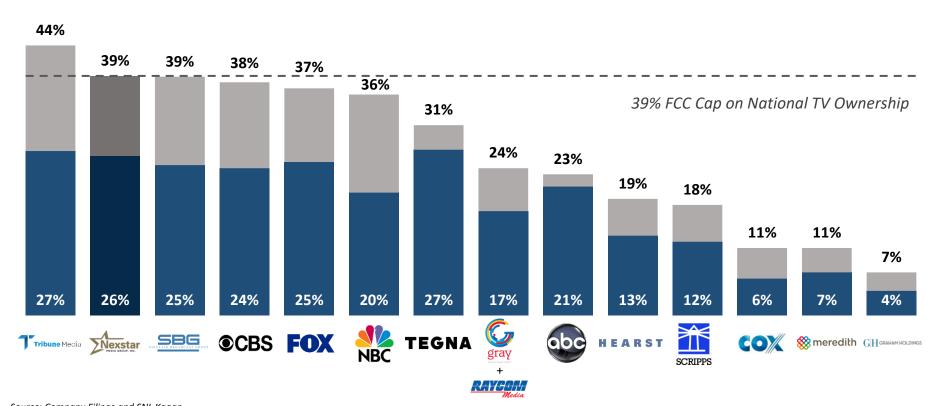
# **Leading Pure-Play Broadcast Operator**

## Financial Strength and Flexibility to Pursue Additional Select Accretive Acquisitions

% of U.S. Television Households Reached

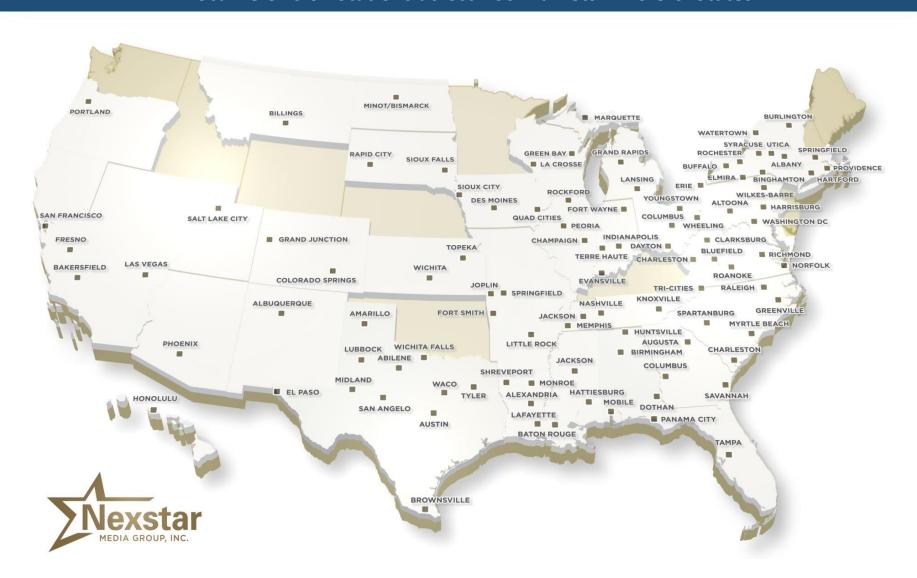






# **Expanded Geographic Reach and Increased Scale**

## 174 Local Television Stations across 100 markets in 40 U.S. States



## Nexstar Broadcasting, Inc.

# Superior Locally Produced Content and Network Programming for Viewers; Unrivaled Consumer Reach / Influence for Local Businesses and Advertisers

### Leading local broadcast television operator

- #2 broadcast group in terms of U.S. television household reach of 26%\*
  - Financial strength and flexibility to pursue additional select accretive acquisitions
- Owns or provides services to more than one TV station in over half of markets
- Operations in six Top 25 markets and twenty Top 50 markets

### Diverse portfolio of local television stations with long-term "Big 4" network contracts

- ~82% of station portfolio comprise of "Big 4" network affiliates
- #1 CBS affiliate group; #2 NBC affiliate group; #3 ABC, FOX and CW affiliate group
- Affiliate contracts give NXST exclusive rights to live primetime network content in its markets

### One of the nation's largest providers of local news, lifestyle, sports and network programming

- NXST produces and delivers +3,550 hours per week of wholly-owned local news and content
- #1 or #2 viewership share ranking in 76% of markets

### Stable core advertising revenue and growing political advertising revenue

- Stable core revenue trends; projected annual growth (ex-pol.) of between 0.0% and +LSD% (local + national)
- Emphasis on local sales driving strong levels of quarterly new-to-television business
- Continued political revenue growth due to significant spending by PACs and non-candidate entities

### Growing non-traditional revenue streams

- Retransmission consent revenue growth
- Digital media revenue (community portal websites, mobile apps, etc.)

\*Inclusive of UHF discount.

# **Strong Broadcast Industry Fundamentals**

## 1. Proven Business Model with High Barriers to Entry

- The pay TV subscriber model traditional MVPDs (cable/satellite) and virtual MVPDs (internet) has been relatively stable over the past several years
- Annualized pay TV subscriber growth (inclusive of vMVPDs) was positive at +0.1% in 2Q18<sup>1</sup>
- According to Goldman Sachs, the disparity between Netflix subscriber growth (+22 mm) and cord cutting (-3 mn) indicates that Netflix has been a supplement, rather than a replacement, to subscription pay TV services<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Goldman Sachs, Company Data, SNL Kagan

## 2. Stable Traditional TV Ad (Core + Political) Revenue

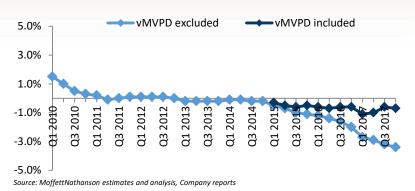
- While digital (predominately Google and Facebook) has overtaken TV as the largest ad market globally, the TV ad-revenue stream has remained stable
- U.S. TV station advertising revenue (core + political) is projected to grow at a compound annual rate of 2.4% (2017 – 2022)<sup>2</sup>
- TV stations are expected to capture ~12% of the total local ad market (+\$146 bn) in 2018 and TV broadcasters are well positioned to pursue opportunities in the addressable TV market to sustain/grow revenue share<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup>S&P Global / SNL Kagan May 2018; <sup>3</sup>BIA Advisory Services July 2018

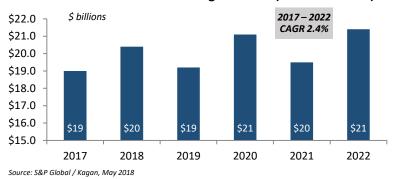
## 3. Growing and Diversified Revenue Streams

- With the rise in retransmission fee and digital revenues, today the U.S. broadcast TV industry is far less dependent traditional TV advertising compared to ten years ago
- U.S. TV station retrans revenue is projected to grow at a compound annual rate of 7.7% (2016 – 2021)<sup>2</sup>
- TV broadcast digital revenue is projected to grow at a compound annual rate of 7.4% (2016 – 2021)<sup>2</sup>

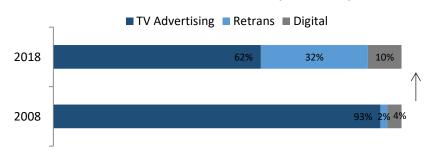
#### U.S. Pay TV Subscriber Growth (% Chg. Y/Y)



U.S. TV Station Advertising Revenue (Core + Political)



U.S. TV Station Revenue Mix (% of Total)



<sup>2</sup>S&P Global / SNL Kagan May 2018 Source: S&P Global / Kagan, May 2018 13

# **Strong Broadcast Industry Fundamentals**

## 4. Greatest Share of Consumers' Time Spent

- Traditional TV has proven to be resilient, maintaining its central position in America's households in an era of media industry disruption
- Despite rapid changes in video distribution technology, traditional TV continues to dominate viewing and access to consumers, with American adults (A18+) spending 8% more time with TV than all media combined<sup>1</sup>
- American adults (A18+) spent 4 hours and 46 minutes a day watching TV in 1Q18, up +21 minutes per day from 3Q17<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>GfK TVB Media Comparisons Study 2018. M-S 6A-12M; <sup>2</sup>Nielsen Total Audience Report

## 5. Unrivaled Consumer Reach / Engagement / Trust

- Television reaches nearly 80% of all American adults (A18+)<sup>2</sup>
- According to a recent GfK study, 46% of American consumers cited traditional TV as having the strongest influence on their decision to purchase a product or service versus 3% for social media<sup>3</sup>
- Poynter Media Trust Survey found 76% of Americans have "a great deal" or "a fair amount" of trust in local TV news, compared to 55% in national news and 47% in online-only news outlets<sup>4</sup>

<sup>3</sup>GfK TVB Retail Purchase Funnel Study 2018; <sup>4</sup>Poynter Media Trust Survey August 2018

## 6. Brand-safe, ROI-Driven Marketing Platform

- For a \$1M investment, TV's lift is consistently 7x better than paid search and 5x better than online display ads<sup>5</sup>
- Removing TV and implementing standalone digital strategy has an average negative effect of (18%) on ROI<sup>5</sup>
- Automakers that increased TV ad spend saw a statistically significant boost in digital KPIs, including unique visitors and search, suggesting digital dollars could be made more effective when paired with a TV campaign<sup>6</sup>

#### Daily Time Spent with Media Among American Adults (HH:MM)

		<u>1Q18</u>	<u>3Q17</u>	<u>Change</u>
	Video on Traditional TV	4:46	4:25	+0:21
	Video on Phone, Tablet & Desktop	0:25	0:24	+0:01
<b>(f</b> ) <b>(g</b> *)	Social Networking	0:45	0:48	(0:03)

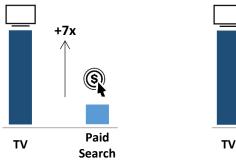
Source: Nielsen Q1 2018 Total Audience Report

#### Top 10 "Must Keep" TV Brands in US Among 18-34 Year Olds

1.	NETFLIX	6.	HB©°
2.	abc	7.	ESPN
3.	<b>©CBS</b>	8.	CT U
4.	FOX	9.	hulu
5.	<b>NBC</b>	10.	амс

Source: Solutions Research Group (srg) "Must Keep TV Report, 10th Edition" (2017).

#### Relative Impact (Lift) Per \$1 Million Advertising Investment



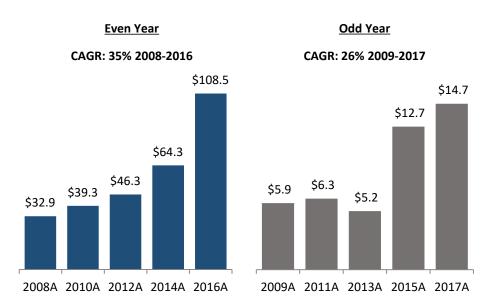
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Source: Neustar MarketShare 2017

# **Growth in NXST Political and Issue Advertising**

# NXST Political Ad Revenue Growth (\$ millions)



- Nexstar exceeded political revenue guidance of ~\$100mm in FY16 by 8.5%
- NXST raised FY18 political revenue guidance again in 3Q18 and now expects to generate gross political revenue of between \$280 mm to \$290 mm, a ~50% increase over same station FY14 political revenue
- CMAG estimates over \$3.0 bn was spent on local broadcast television during the 2018 mid-term election cycle<sup>1</sup>
- Long-term political spending expected to continue to grow due to significant spending increases by PACs, non-candidate entities and issue advertising

# NXST 2018 Political Senate and Gubernatorial Elections

2018 Senate Races (28)							
NXST Market	Incumbent	Party					
Arizona	Jeff Flake	R					
California	Bianne Feinstein	D					
Connecticut	Chris Murphy	D					
Florida	Bill Nelson	D					
Hawaii	Mazie Hirono	D					
Indiana	Joe Donnelly	D					
Maryland	Ben Cardin	D					
Massachusetts	Elizabeth Warren	D					
Michigan	Debbie Stabenow	D					
Mississippi	Roger Wicker	R					
Missouri	Claire McCaskill	D					
Montana	John Tester	D					
Nebraska	Deb Fischer	R					
Nevada	Dean Heller	R					
New Jersey	Bob Menendez	D					
New Mexico	Martin Heinrich	D					
New York	Kirsten Gillibrand	D					
North Dakota	Heidi Heitkamp	D					
Ohio	Sherrod Brown	D					
Pennsylvania	Bob Casey	D					
Rhode Island	Sheldon Whitehouse	D					
Tennessee	Bob Corker	R					
Texas	Ted Cruz	R					
Utah	Orrin Hatch	R					
Vermont	Bernie Sanders	1					
Virginia	Tim Kaine	D					
West Virginia	Joe Manchin	D					
Wisconsin	Tammy Baldwin	D					

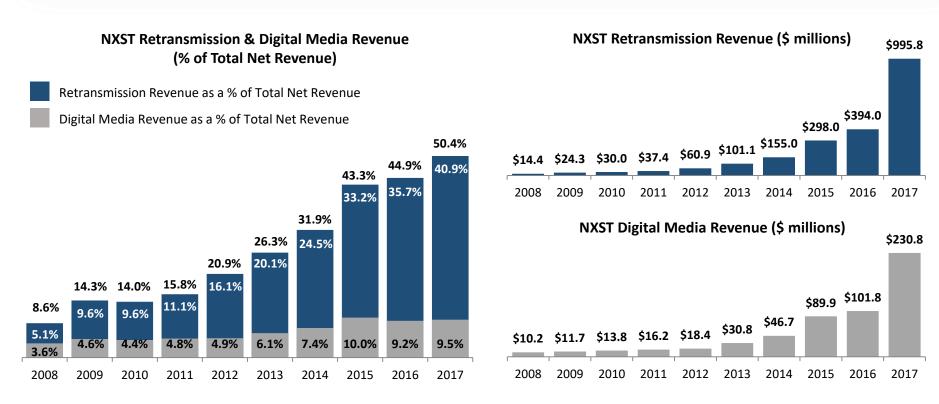
Source:	Cook	Pol	litical	Repo	ort
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2018 Gul	pernatorial Races (31)	
NXST Market	Incumbent	Party
Alabama	Robert Bentley	R
Arizona	Doug Ducey	R
Arkansas	Asa Hutchinson	R
California	Jerry Brown	D
Colorado	John Hickenlooper	D
Connecticut	Dan Malloy	D
Florida	Rick Scott	R
Georgia	Nathan Deal	R
Hawaii	David Ige	D
Illinois	Bruce Rauner	R
Iowa	Terry Branstad	R
Kansas	Sam Brownback	R
Maryland	Larry Jogan	R
Massachusetts	Charlie Baker	R
Michigan	Rick Snyder	R
Nebraska	Pete Ricketts	R
Nevada	Brian Sandoval	R
New Hampshire	Chris Sununu	D
New Mexico	Suzana Martinez	R
New York	Andrew Cuomo	D
Ohio	John Kasich	R
Oregon	Kate Brown*	D
Pennsylvania	Tom Wolf	D
Rhode Island	Gina Raimondo	D
South Carolina	Nikki Haley	R
South Dakota	Dennis Daugaard	R
Tennessee	Bill Haslam	R
Texas	Greg Abbott	R
Vermont	Phil Scott	R
Wisconsin	Scott Walker	R
Virginia	Terry McAuliffe	D

Source: Company filings and Nexstar management. Note: Dollars in millions. <sup>1</sup>Kantar/CMAG and TVB

# **Growth in NXST Retransmission and Digital Media Revenue**

## Retransmission and Digital Media revenue is materially diversifying NXST's total net revenue



- NXST led industry in securing retransmission consideration beginning in 2005
- Acceleration in retransmission revenue post-contract renewal cycle highlights ability to negotiate favorable rates
  which also leads to competitive advantages in deriving value from station acquisitions
  - Retransmission revenues: FY17 \$995.8 mm (+152.7% Y/Y); CAGR of 59.1% (2009-2017)
  - ~40% of sub base repriced in 2016, ~5% of sub base repriced in 2017, ~10% of sub base to reprice in 2018
- Digital revenue growth was driven by organic growth at Nexstar Broadcasting and contributions from Nexstar Digital
  - Digital revenues: FY17 \$230.8 mm (+126.8% Y/Y); CAGR of 45.2% (2009-2017)

## **Nexstar Digital LLC**

# Comprehensive Suite of Cross-platform Digital Marketing Products and Services for Local and National Media Companies, Advertisers, Agencies and Brands

#### Leading local digital advertising and content monetization solutions and services

- Profitable / growing business segment with very little competition due to focus on local

### Merging NXST and MEG products under the Nexstar Digital brand with a unified market strategy

- Creates more comprehensive and competitive offering of digital media products and services across all markets
- Opportunity to leverage cross-selling strategies from digital properties
- Product offerings include enterprise-class publishing platforms, mobile video technology and digital agency services under the HYFN,
   Mass<sup>2</sup> and Lakana brands

#### Adding complementary capabilities through accretive acquisition of LKQD Technologies

- NXST acquired LKQD, a fast-growing, profitable digital video ad technology company for ~\$97 mm cash including working capital in
   December 2017; transaction closed in early 1Q18
  - o Infrastructure as a Service (laaS) technology provides end-to-end systems for ad serving, mediation, programmatic auctions and advanced reporting
  - o LKQD's video advertising platform has the largest reach in the US, with ~115 mm viewers across all digital devices<sup>1</sup>

### Expanding portfolio of digital products allows NXST to drive increased value through scale

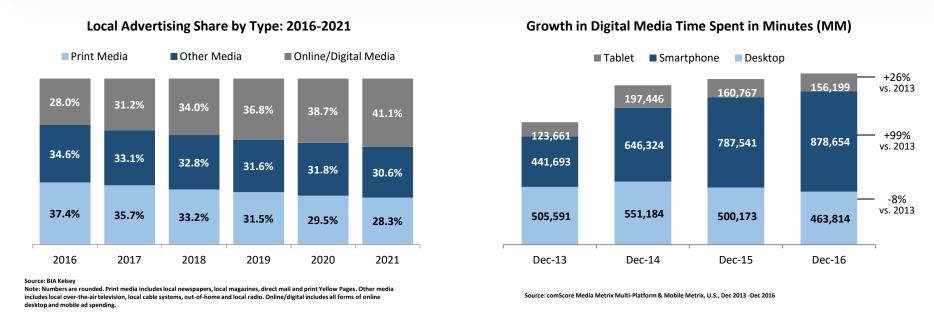
 NXST will continue making accretive investments in digital products that complement its core competencies and have high growth potential

### Objective is to double annual revenues within the next five years (2021)

- On a consolidated basis, NXST's digital business continues to have positive revenue growth and EBITDA
- NXST completed shuttering of unprofitable MEG digital businesses at end of 1H17, resulting in improved bottom-line performance for the consolidated digital segment
  - As a result of discontinued MEG digital operations, expect lower same-store top-line revenue growth to continue in 4Q17 and improve over time

# **High-Growth Digital Industry Trends**

## Creating New Revenue Opportunities Through Digital Innovations, Products and Services



- Total digital media usage is up 40% since 2013, with mobile –particularly smartphones –driving those gains<sup>1</sup>
- Mobile now represents almost 7 in 10 digital media minutes, and smartphone apps alone account for half of all digital time spent<sup>1</sup>
- According to 2016 IAB Internet Advertising Revenue Report, total digital ad spending reached \$72.5 bn in 2016, up 22% year-over-year<sup>2</sup>
  - Mobile ad revenue increased 77% to \$36.6 billion versus 2015 and accounted for more than half (51%) of total digital ad spending
  - Digital video generated record revenues of \$9.1 bn<sup>2</sup>
- At the local level, online/ digital media continues to take advertising revenue share from traditional media, mainly at the expense of print<sup>3</sup>
- Local media publishers are positioning themselves as their clients' ad agencies as they harness the power of their multi-screen capabilities and cross-platform ad technologies to further enhance message delivery reach, targeting, engagement and ultimately effectiveness

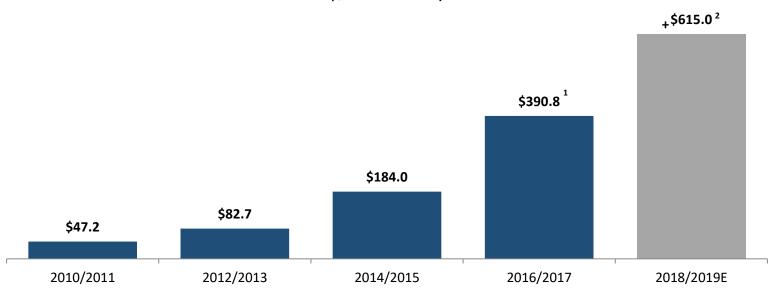
<sup>1.</sup> ComScore Cross-Platform Future in Focus Report U.S. 2017

<sup>2. 2016</sup> IAB Internet Advertising Revenue Report

<sup>3.</sup> BIA Kelsev U.S. Local Advertisina Forecast 2017

# **Significant FCF Growth**

# NXST Average Annual Free Cash Flow Growth (FY) Based on Two-Year Cycles (\$\\$\ in \ millions)



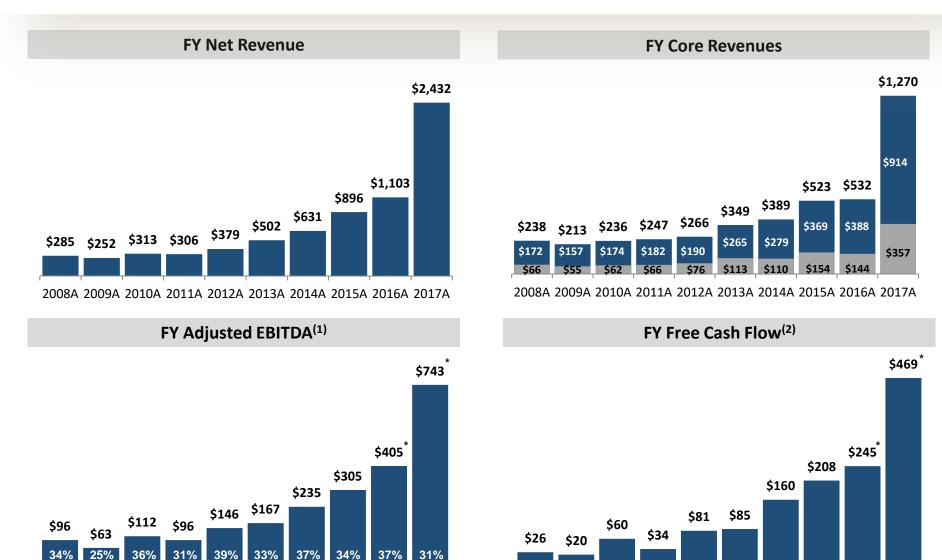
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Reported average annual free cash flow before transaction expenses in the twenty-four month period 2016/2017

Higher net revenues and net income from organic growth and recently completed transactions is expected to drive average annual FCF to be approximately \$615 mm during the 24 month period 2018/2019<sup>2</sup>

- Management raised 2018/201 9average annual FCF guidance in 3Q18 as a results of higher-thananticipated political revenues generated during the 2018 mid-term election cycle
- Estimate inclusive of management's assumptions for interest rate increases by Fed policymakers in 2018/2019 and the Company's transition to a near full cash tax payer in 2018
- Reflecting YTD share repurchase activity, NXST has ~45.6 mm shares outstanding at September 30, 2018
- Debt retirement/leverage reduction priorities and additional accretive M&A

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Estimated average annual free cash flow before transaction expenses in the twenty-four month period 2018/2019

## **Historical Financial Summary (in millions)**



Adjusted EBITDA is calculated as BCF less corporate expenses

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\*Reported Adjusted EBITDA and Free cash flow including transaction expenses in the twelve month period ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 of \$58.9 million and \$8.9 million, respectively.

Adjusted EBITDA before transaction expenses in the twelve month period ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$802.2 million (33.0% margin) and \$414.3 million (37.6% margin), respectively.

Free cash flow before transaction expenses in the twelve month period ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 was \$528.0 million and \$253.6 million, respectively.

Definitions and disclosures regarding non-GAAP financial information can be located in the Company's Fourth Quarter 2017 Financial Results press release dated February 27, 2018

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<sup>2)</sup> Free cash flow is EBITDA less cash interest expense, capital expenditures and net cash income taxes

# **3Q18 Financial Summary**

	т	hree Month	s E	nded Septer	mber 30	9-Months	En	ided Septemb	er 30
(\$ in thousands)		2018		2017	Change	2018		2017	Change
Local Revenue	\$	189,423	\$	197,576	(4.1)%	\$ 581,251	\$	585,646	(0.8)%
National Revenue	\$	71,623	\$	76,023	(5.8)%	\$ 210,301	\$	219,261	(4.1)%
Political Revenue	\$	70,147	\$	7,161	+879.6%	\$ 111,049	\$	14,345	+674.1%
Television Advertising Revenue	\$	331,193	\$	280,760	+18.0%	\$ 902,601	\$	819,252	+10.2%
Retransmission Fee Revenue	\$	284,319	\$	257,517	+10.4%	\$ 836,533	\$	742,511	+12.7%
Digital Revenue	\$	69,312	\$	55,358	+25.2%	\$ 196,115	\$	163,768	+19.8%
Trade and Barter / Other Revenue	\$	8,191	\$	18,235	(55.1)%	\$ 33,425	\$	52,771	(36.7)%
Net Revenue	\$	693,015	\$	611,870	+13.3%	\$ 1,968,674	\$	1,778,302	+10.7%
Income from Operations	\$	192,893	\$	125,916	+53.2%	\$ 485,003	\$	368,965	+31.4%
Net Income	\$	99,828	\$	42,072	+137.3%	\$ 233,775	\$	95,471	+144.9%
Broadcast Cash Flow <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	281,731	\$	211,532	+33.2%	\$ 743,729	\$	626,681	+18.7%
Broadcast Cash Flow Margin <sup>(2)</sup>		40.7%		34.6%		<b>37.8</b> %	6	35.2%	
Adjusted EBITDA Before One-Time Transaction Expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	257,721	\$	194,431	+32.6%	\$ 673,637	\$	574,461	+17.3%
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	256,455	\$	191,623	+33.8%	\$ 670,626	\$	517,615	+29.6%
Adjusted EBITDA Margin <sup>(2)</sup>		37.0%		31.3%		34.19	6	29.1%	
Free Cash Flow Before One-Time Transaction Expenses <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	165,959	\$	122,448	+35.5%	\$ 437,332	\$	370,442	+18.1%
Free Cash Flow <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	164,693	\$	119,640	+37.7%	\$ 434,321	\$	313,596	+38.5%

<sup>1)</sup> Effective January 1, 2018, the Company adopted Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-09, which resulted in certain changes in the Company's revenue recognition policies and the presentation of certain revenue sources. The change reduced the barter revenue (and the related barter expense) but did not impact the Company's current or prior year income from operations, net income, broadcast cash flow, adjusted EBITDA or free cash flow. The discussion about this adoption is on page 4.

<sup>2)</sup> Effective January 1, 2018, the Company retrospectively adopted Accounting Standards Update No. 2017-07 which requires pension and other postretirement plans cost (credit), other than service costs, to be presented outside of income from operations. Thus, the income from operations during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 was decreased by a pension and other postretirement plans credit of \$3.2 million and \$8.9 million, respectively.

<sup>3)</sup> Definitions and disclosures regarding non-GAAP financial information including reconciliations are included in Nexstar's third quarter 2018 financial results press release dated November 8, 2018.

<sup>4)</sup> Broadcast cash flow margin is broadcast cash flow as a percentage of net revenue. Adjusted EBITDA margin is Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of net revenue.

# **Debt/Leverage Analysis**

		TTM ENDED													3Q18	
(in millions)	_1:	2/31/11	_12	2/31/12	_1	2/31/13	_1	2/31/14	_12	2/31/15	_12	2/31/16	1;	2/31/17	9	/30/18
Revolver	\$	24.3	\$	-	\$	-	\$	5.5	\$	2.0	\$	2.0	\$	3.0	\$	5.6
First Lien Term Loans		148.1		288.3		545.4		705.1		682.2		662.2		2,791.9		2,574.0
8.875% Sr. Sec 2nd Lien Notes		318.4		319.4		-		-		-		-		-		
6.875% Sr. Sub Notes		-		250.0		525.7		525.6		519.8		520.7		-		
6.125% Sr. Sub Notes		-		-		-		-		272.2		272.6		273.0		273.3
5.875% Sr. Sub Notes		-		-		-		-		-		-		408.1		406.7
5.625% Sr. Sub Notes		-		-		-		-		-		884.9		886.5		887.8
7% Sr. Sub Notes		149.6		-		-		-		-		-		-		
11.375% Sr. Discount Notes					_		_								_	
Total Debt	\$	640.4	\$	857.8	\$	1,071.1	\$	1,241.6	_\$	1,476.2	_\$_	2,342.4	\$	4,362.5	\$	4,148.0
Cash on Hand	\$	7.5	\$	69.0	\$	40.0	\$	131.9	\$	43.4	\$	87.7	\$	115.7	\$	118.4
Reported EBITDA	\$	96.2	\$	146.3	\$	166.7	\$	234.7	\$	305.1	\$	405.5	\$	802.2*	\$	257.7
Compliance EBITDA	\$	103.3	\$	189.5	\$	176.7	\$	211.2	\$	322.9	\$	429.0	\$	842.9	\$	957.7
Compliance Leveraç	je:	6.20x		4.16x		5.84x		4.40x		4.32x		3.20x		5.06x		4.23
FCF	\$	34.2	\$	80.5	\$	84.9	\$	159.7	\$	208.2	\$	244.8	\$	528.0*	\$	166.0*

<sup>\*</sup>Before one-time transaction expenses

# Transformational M&A and Operating Strategies Driving Record FCF

- Continued growth of non-core revenue channels
  - Political: Even-year CAGR of 35% (2008-2016), odd-year CAGR of 26% (2009-2015)
    - NXST Political revenue exceeded ~\$100 mm guidance in 2016 by 8.5%
  - **Retransmission:** Contract renewals for >200 agreements in last three years
    - Repriced ~5% of sub base in 2017; ~10% to be repriced in 2018 and over 70% to be repriced in 2019
    - Recently signed OTT agreements with ABC / FOX /CBS / NBC include attractive economics for OTT platforms that are equal to or better than NXST's current net retrans position
  - Digital: Station-level and Nexstar Digital platform rapidly expanding
    - New revenue applications / monetization of mobile leading to growth organically and via accretive M&A
- Strong operating fundamentals, accretive M&A, share repurchases and balance sheet driving record FCF
  - Second-largest broadcast television group with leading digital media platform
  - Operating base of 174 full power TV stations in 100 markets reaching 26%\* of U.S. TV HHs
  - With higher net income, expected to generate FCF slightly in excess of ~\$615 mm in 2018/2019 given assumptions of interest rate increases, higher political revenue and the Company's transition to a near full cash tax payer in 2018
- Financial capacity / flexibility to pursue additional accretive M&A opportunities while reducing leverage while returning capital to shareholders
  - 2017 cash dividend increase of 25% to \$1.50 annually in 2018, marking fifth annual consecutive rise of cash dividend
    - 26% compound annual growth in payout level since initiation of cash dividend in 2013
  - Opportunistic share repurchases of ~500,000 shares in 1Q18 and 250,000 shares in 2Q18
    - ~\$201.9 million remains under NXST's share repurchase authorization (a/o 9/30/18)
  - Leverage expected to decline to mid-to-high 3x by YE18
- FCC's proposed rulemaking to modernize ownership rules and facilitate the voluntary adoption of new ATSC 3.0 standards for innovative Next Gen TV services would result in stronger competitive positioning for broadcast TV industry

- Potential new long-term revenue opportunities through the development of ATSC 3.0 related products/services

\*Inclusive of UHF discount.



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