



## **Investor Update**

As of January 13, 2022



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**Note:** All fiscal 2022 financial guidelines in this presentation include the expected financial results from the Ohio broadband systems acquisition, closed as of September 1, 2021.





#### Non-IFRS financial measures

The following non-IFRS financial measures are used in the presentation and do not have standard definitions prescribed by IFRS and therefore, may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other companies. These financial measures are described in sections 15 and 13 of Cogeco Communications' FY2021 annual report and FY2022 first quarter shareholders' report, respectively.

Adjusted EBITDA	profit for the period and/or year
	add in compartance
	income taxes
	financial expense
	depreciation and amortization
	integration, restructuring and acquisition costs
Adjusted EBITDA margin	adjusted EBITDA as a % of revenue
Free cash flow	adjusted EBITDA
	add
	amortization of deferred transaction costs and discounts on long-term debt
	share-based payment
	loss (gain) on disposals and write-offs of property, plant and equipment
	defined benefit plans expense, net of contributions
	deduct
	integration, restructuring and acquisition costs
	financial expense <sup>(1)</sup>
	current income taxes
	capital expenditures <sup>(2)</sup> or acquisition of property, plant and equipment
	repayment of lease liabilities
Capital ("CAPEX") intensity	capital expenditures <sup>(2)</sup> or acquisition of property, plant and equipment as a % of revenue

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes the \$22.9 million non-cash gain on debt modification related to the repricing of Breezeline's (formerly Atlantic Broadband) Term Loan B recognized in the second quarter of FY2020

<sup>(2)</sup> Acquisition of property, plant and equipment, excludes non-cash acquisition of right-of-use assets and purchases of spectrum licences





## About Cogeco



#### Cogeco overview

#### **Cogeco Communications**

- Unique North American Broadband platform with strong operational experience
- Cogeco Connexion is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest cable operator in Ontario and Québec
- Breezeline (formerly Atlantic Broadband) is the 8<sup>th</sup> largest cable operator in the United States and well positioned as a consolidator of targeted regional cable operators
- Opportunity to expand network in underserved & unserved areas or adjacent footprint

#### Cogeco TSX:CGO LTM(2) Capitalization \$1.3 B<sup>(3)</sup> Revenue **100% Voting Rights** 84% Voting Rights 100% Equity 34% Equity Cogeco Media **Cogeco Communications** TSX:CCA LTM(2) **\$93 M** Revenue LTM(2) \$2.6B Revenue Breezeline<sup>(4)</sup> Cogeco Connexion \$1.19 B \$1.42 B Market **\$4.8 B**<sup>(3)</sup> Capitalization

#### Cogeco

 Cogeco Media is the No.1 radio broadcaster in Québec<sup>(1)</sup>

<sup>(4)</sup> Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec ("CDPQ") holds an equity investment in Breezeline, representing a 21% ownership position





<sup>(1)</sup> Based on weekly reach

<sup>(2)</sup> For the twelve months ended November 30, 2021.

<sup>(3)</sup> As of January 11, 2022

#### Five strategic growth pillars

# COGECO COGECO

#### **Customer Experience**

Deliver a distinctive customer experience by focusing on our customers' needs

#### **Employee Experience**

Foster a highly collaborative, engaging and inclusive work environment

#### **Cost Efficiency**

responsible brand

**Brand Value** 

Build a strong and socially

Optimize operational effectiveness and increase synergies





#### Market Expansion

Augment our geographic reach and expand into new market segments



## Delivering sustainable value to our stakeholders through strong ESG practices



Social



Governance '



First Canadian telecommunications company with an **approved**, **science-based emissions reduction target**:

 23% reduction in Scopes 1 & 2 emissions since fiscal 2019 towards our target of 65% reduction by 2030

Signatory of the **Business Ambition for 1.5 degrees commitment** 

Published our first Climate Action Plan and TCFD report

One of only 3 Canadian companies recognized on the 2021 CDP Climate Change "A" list

Taking additional steps to foster a culture of **Diversity & Inclusion** (D&I)

- Published commitment to D&I and established a D&I Leadership Committee
- Promoting gender diversity: 35% of management positions are held by women; 60% of Board members<sup>(1)</sup> are women or members of other designated groups

**Reducing digital divide** by extending our Canadian broadband network to 75,000 homes in underserved and unserved areas over the next 3 years

Variable executive compensation linked in part to ESG performance

Strong ESG oversight directly at the Board of Directors supported by ESG steering committee

First Syndicated Sustainability-Linked Loan in Canada within the Telecommunications and Media Sectors











**CLIMATE** 

Note: New ESG & Sustainability report covering fiscal 2020 and 2021 to be issued in March. Detailed KPIs with a 3 year historical view can be found in our new ESG data supplement available on our corporate website.









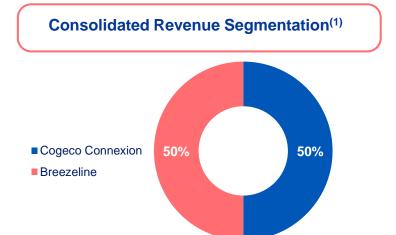
#### **Cogeco Communications overview**

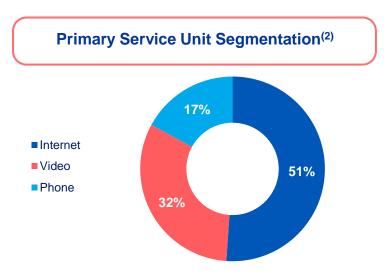
#### **BREEZELINE**

- Cogeco Communications entered into the U.S. market in November 2012 and the segment has grown through 5 other acquisitions since then
- Covers a footprint of 1.6 million<sup>(2)</sup> of homes which provides for attractive residential and business organic growth opportunity in all service categories
- Offers services to 717,000<sup>(2)</sup> Internet service customers

#### **COGECO CONNEXION**

- Covers a footprint close to 2.0 million<sup>(2)</sup> homes which provides room to grow the Internet customer base and the business segment
- Offers services to 918,000<sup>(2)</sup> Internet service customers





<sup>(1)</sup> For the twelve months ended November 30, 2021, pro forma the Ohio broadband systems acquisition LTM revenue of US\$231M, as of November 30, 2021, converted to the LTM average USD/CDN exchange rate of 1.2538



<sup>(2)</sup> Customer statistics as of November 30, 2021

#### Cogeco Communications: Key Strategic initiatives



**Expansion in the U.S.** 

**Network Investments,** 

**Footprint Expansion &** 

**Digital Transformation** 

- Recent acquisition of the Ohio broadband systems for a base purchase price of US\$1.125B(1), closed on September 1, 2021
- Strong track record of successfully integrating acquisitions
- Strong cash flows drive rapid deleveraging at Breezeline on a standalone basis
- 1 Gig Internet offered in close to 97% of the U.S. footprint and 72% of the Canadian footprint
- In Canada, awarded government funding to provide high-speed Internet in unserved or underserved regions which will cover 75,000 homes over the next three fiscal years
- In the U.S., announced the extension of fibre network to nearly 70,000 additional homes and businesses in FY2022
- Investment in digital tools enabling more personalized services and improved operational efficiencies



- Developing a plan to enter the Canadian mobile services market through a capital efficient model
- Acquired 38 spectrum licences as part of the 3500 MHz spectrum auction
- Including previously acquired licences, Cogeco Communications' spectrum licences now cover approximately 91% of its broadband footprint, representing 3.6M **Canadians**





#### Return capital to shareholders

#### Annual dividend declared per share



- Sustained free cash flow generation has allowed us to pursue growth objectives while returning capital to shareholders
- Estimated FY2022 free cash flow dividend payout ratio of approximately 42%<sup>(2)</sup>
- Cogeco Communications has repurchased shares for a total amount of \$131.5 million in FY2021
- Cogeco Communications has a Normal Course Issuer Bid in place, enabling it to acquire up to 2,068,000 subordinate voting shares from May 4, 2021 to May 3, 2022



<sup>(1)</sup> Annualized quarterly dividend of \$0.705 per share declared on November 11, 2021 and January 13, 2022. The dividend is subject to Board of Directors' approval on a quarterly basis and there is no assurance that it will remain at the current level

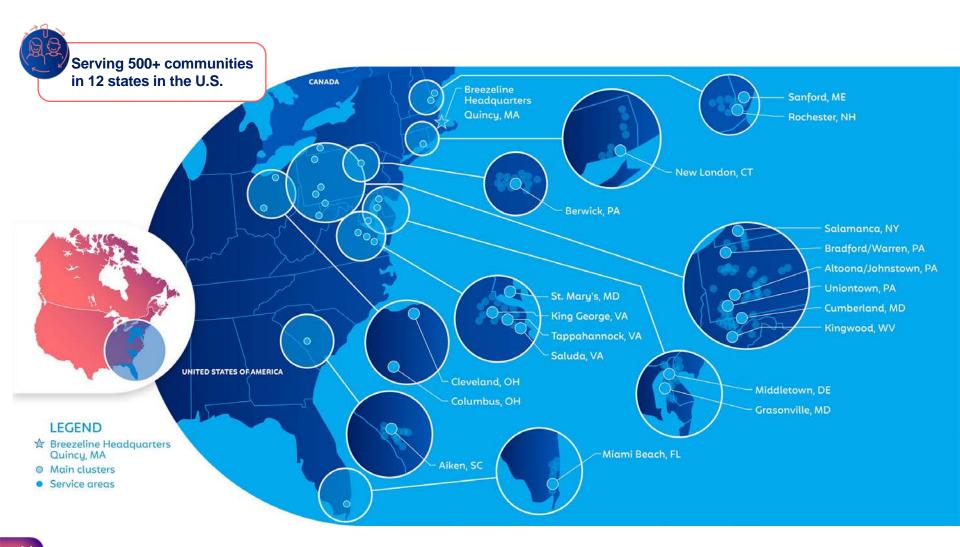
<sup>(2)</sup> Based on FY2022 free cash flow mid-range guidelines. Excluding network expansions, the free cash flow dividend payout ratio should reach approximately 24%

<sup>(3)</sup> CAGR is defined as the Compound Average Growth Rate



(formerly Atlantic Broadband)

## Breezeline: Eight Largest Cable Operator in the United States



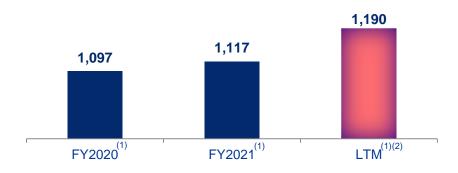




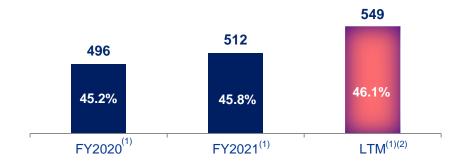
#### Breezeline's financial results overview

In millions of Canadian dollars, except %









- Strong revenue and adjusted EBITDA growth
- 6.8% revenue CAGR<sup>(3)</sup> since FY2020
- 8.4% adjusted EBITDA CAGR<sup>(3)</sup> since FY2020
- 46.1% LTM adjusted EBITDA margin





<sup>(1)</sup> For FY2020, FY2021 and LTM, the average exchange rate used was 1.3456 USD/CDN, 1.2691 USD/CDN and 1.2538 USD/CDN, respectively

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes three months of operating results from the Ohio broadband systems acquisition completed on September 1, 2021

<sup>(3)</sup> CAGR is defined as the Compound Average Growth Rate



#### **Breezeline's highlights**



Enhanced Growth Opportunity





Stategic Residential Positioning



Strong Financial Profile

- The recent Ohio broadband systems acquisition adds meaningful scale with proforma revenue over US\$1 Billion
- Recently announced a major growth plan to extend fiber services into communities not previously served by the company
  - The only fiber-to-the-home provider in expansion territories
  - Expected to increase total homes passed by approximately 4%<sup>(1)</sup> in FY2022
  - Mid-teens unlevered return on investment
  - Internet penetration target of 36% over 3 years
  - Franchise agreements have been obtained or are underway in multiple communities in New Hampshire and West Virginia
- Strategy puts broadband at the center of customer experience
  - Customers are incented to add more services through modular pricing with less emphasis on bundling discounts
  - Video services are not offered to new customers on a stand-alone basis<sup>(2)</sup>
- Enhances contribution margins and customer lifetime value
- Superior Internet speeds and video platform
  - Breezeline Stream TV, IPTV platform launched in January 2022 with progressive roll-out over the next year
  - 1 Gbps Internet service offered in close to 97% of the footprint
- Launched a full rebrand in January 2022 to better represent its identity
- Strong adjusted EBITDA growth and margin





## Ohio broadband systems acquisition: Enhances growth profile

#### **Strategic**

- Leverages the strong demand for Internet services which should exhibit robust growth in Ohio for many years
- Adds scale in the American Broadband segment which generates superior growth and is expected to continue generating strong free cash flow
- Network footprint reaches sizable portion of Columbus and Cleveland markets.
   These assets serve markets with very attractive demographic profiles and economies

#### **Operational**

- Breezeline plans to upgrade to a superior network and introduce its IPTV product, supporting increased Internet ARPU<sup>(1)</sup> and reducing video-related customer churn within 2 years following the acquisition
- Potential Internet penetration uplift with recent edge-outs built in Cleveland that are not fully penetrated
- Leverage Breezeline's product/sales expertise to increase the customer base & deliver superior growth
- Breezeline plans to invest ~US\$82 million over the 2 years post Ohio's acquisition to integrate and upgrade network







## Cogeco Connexion: Second Largest Cable Operator in Ontario and Québec







#### Cogeco Connexion's financial results overview

In millions of Canadian dollars, except %



- Stable operations with solid adjusted EBITDA margin
- 8.1% revenue CAGR<sup>(3)</sup> since FY2020
- 5.9% adjusted EBITDA CAGR<sup>(3)</sup> since FY2020





<sup>(1)</sup> Include 8.5 months of operating results from DERYtelecom acquisition completed as of December 14, 2020

<sup>(2)</sup> For the twelve months ended November 30, 2021

<sup>(3)</sup> CAGR is defined as the Compound Average Growth Rate



#### **Cogeco Connexion: highlights**









- Potential for Internet ARPU gains with 1 Gbps speeds in the majority of the footprint
- Developing plans for profitable mobile offering which would sizably expand our addressable market
- Well positioned to partner with governments to expand connectivity for 75,000 homes passed in underserved and unserved areas with strong economics
  - Virtually all in fiber-to-the-home deployment in areas where competition has weaker products (DSL and FWA<sup>(1)</sup>)
  - Homes passed are expected to increase by approximately 3%(2) in FY2022
  - Mid-teens unlevered return on investment
  - Internet penetration target of 50% over 3 years
- Optimize marketing efforts to be #1 choice
  - Leverage data & Artificial Intelligence to better cater to customers' needs and "go further" for them
- Launch of a successful brand campaign
- Adjusted EBITDA margin of 54% in FY2021



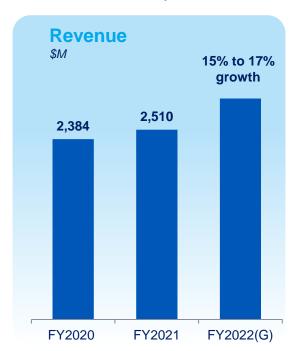


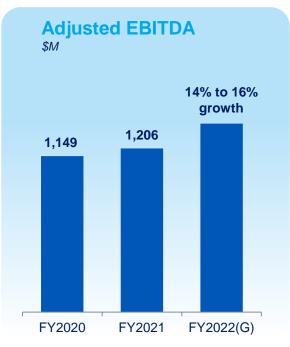


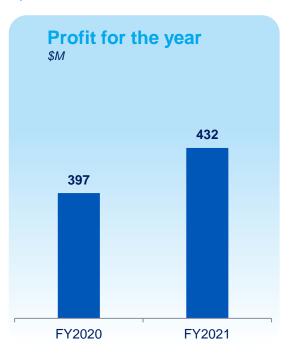


#### Revenue and adjusted EBITDA growth

- FY2021 revenue and adjusted EBITDA increased by 8.1%<sup>(1)</sup> and 7.4%<sup>(1)</sup>, respectively, in constant currency due to organic growth and the contribution of DERYtelecom<sup>(2)</sup> and Thames Valley<sup>(2)</sup> acquisitions
- FY2021 profit for the year increased by 8.8%
- Cogeco expects to achieve 15% to 17% revenue and 14% to 16% adjusted EBITDA growth in constant currency in FY2022<sup>(3)</sup>, reflecting organic growth and recent acquisitions







<sup>3)</sup> FY2022 financial guidelines provided in constant currency basis relative to FY2021 average USD/CDN exchange rate of 1.2691. The financial guidelines include the impact of the Ohio broadband systems acquisition, closed on September 1, 2021, which is expected to have a positive impact of approximately 11.5% and 11% on FY2022 consolidated revenue and adjusted EBITDA, respectively



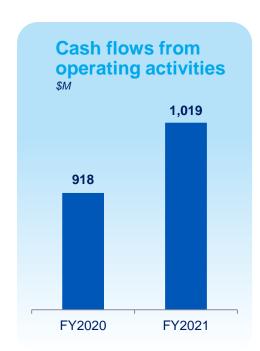
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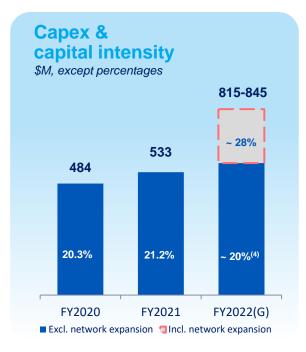
<sup>(2)</sup> DERYtelecom acquisition completed on December 14, 2020. Thames Valley Communications acquisition completed on March 10, 2020

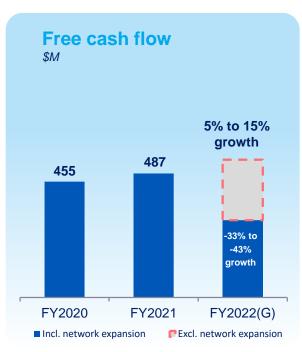


#### Free cash flow generation

- In FY2021, Cogeco invested approximately 21% of its revenue in capex and increased its FCF by 6.7%<sup>(1)</sup> in constant currency
- In FY2022<sup>(2)</sup>, Cogeco expects to invest approximately 28% of its revenue in capex and expects a decrease of -33% to -43% in FCF<sup>(3)</sup>. Excluding network expansions projects<sup>(4)</sup>, Cogeco expects a 5% to 15% increase in FCF and capex intensity of approximately 20%









<sup>(1)</sup> FY2021 in constant currency basis relative to FY2020 average USD/CDN exchange rate of 1.3456

<sup>(2)</sup> The financial guidelines include the impact of the Ohio broadband systems acquisition, closed on September 1, 2021. FY2022 constant currency basis relative to FY2021 average USD/CDN exchange rate of 1.2691

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes approximately \$35 million of acquisition and integration costs in connection with the acquisition of the Ohio broadband systems. The assumed current income tax effective rate is approximately 11%

<sup>(4)</sup> Excluding \$230 to \$240 million in network expansion projects net of government subsidies



#### Compensation aligned with economic value creation (EVC)

- Between 50% and 80% of senior executives' compensation is variable and at risk based on long-term creation of Economic Value
  - Reasonable use of equity compensation to minimize dilution
  - Stock ownership requirements for senior executives
  - Balancing risk and reward to avoid excessive risk taking
- EVC, which is a form of return on equity, is at the core of our compensation programs
  - Annual targets are established at each business segment
  - Targets, which are benchmarked against industry, are mainly based on EBITDA growth and capital efficiency objectives

Incentive Programs	Summary Features
Annual Bonus	60-70% based on level of EVC achieved vs. target and the balance based on ESG related metrics including reduction of GHG emissions (new in FY2022), employee engagement, customer experience, health and safety and other objectives
Incentive Share Units (25% of the total LTI(1))	3 year time vesting
Performance Share Units (50% of total LTI)	3 year time and performance vesting based on cumulative EVC
Stock Options (25% of the total LTI)	5 year time vesting

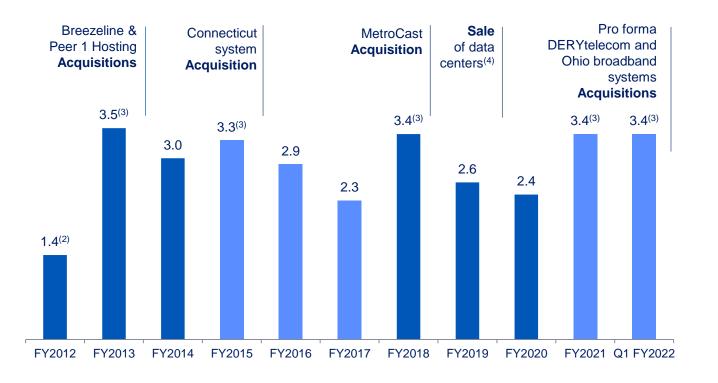
Economic Value Targets	FY2022
Cogeco Inc.	12.8%
Cogeco Connexion	11.0%
Breezeline (formerly Atlantic Broadband)	15.0%





#### History of de-leveraging following acquisitions

#### **Evolution of net leverage**(1) ratios



(1) Net debt / Adjusted EBITDA. Net debt represents the addition of bank indebtedness, principal on long-term debt and obligations under cross currency swaps net of cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments

- (2) Restated for IFRS transition purposes
- (3) Includes twelve months pro forma adjusted EBITDA of the acquisitions
- (4) Data centers were sold for a net cash consideration of \$720 million
- (5) Pro forma the final payment of \$236 million made on December 16, 2021 for the 3500 MHz band spectrum licences

#### **Liquidity: \$1,100 M**<sup>(5)</sup>

November 30, 2021 \$M	
Revolving Credit	
Facilities	942
Amounts drawn	15
Unused credit	
facilities	927
Cash and cash	
equivalents <sup>(5)</sup>	173
Liquidity	1,100







#### Low cost of capital and spread-out maturities

#### **DEBT MATURITIES**

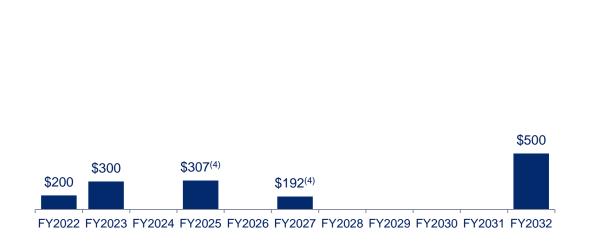
Excluding credit facilities and lease liabilities<sup>(3)</sup> \$M

	2022 Guidelines <sup>(2)</sup>	August 2021	August 2020
Average Cost of Debt(1)	3.3%	3.3%	3.8%
Average Life	3.9Y	3.2Y	4.2Y

#### **Cogeco Communications** (excluding Breezeline)

#### Breezeline

US subsidiaries<sup>(7)</sup>





- (1) Excludes amortization of debt issuance cost
- (2) Based on mid-range guidelines
- (3) A total of CDN\$15 million was drawn on Cogeco Communications' \$750 million revolving facility maturing in FY2025 and Breezeline's US\$150 million revolving facility maturing in FY2024. Cogeco Communications' indebtedness includes lease liabilities in an amount of \$38.9 million with a weighted average lease term of approximately 6.3 years.
- (4) Converted at November 30, 2021 closing exchange rate of USD/CDN 1.2792
- (5) Balance payable in FY2025 after giving effect to annual mandatory repayments of US\$17 million (CDN\$22 million)
- (6) Balance payable in FY2029 after giving effect to annual mandatory repayments of US\$9 million (CDN\$12 million)
- (7) Financing the American broadband segment on a non-recourse basis to Cogeco Communications





#### **USD** debt hedges **US** operations

- Cogeco Communications is mostly naturally hedged from a free cash flow perspective as USD adjusted EBITDA exposure is mainly offset by interest expense on US denominated debt and US denominated capex
- The following table<sup>(1)</sup> highlights, in Canadian dollars, the impact of a 4.6% appreciation of the Canadian dollar against the USD (or \$0.06 USD/CDN<sup>(1)</sup>) on operating results for the first quarter of FY2022

Unfavorable / (Favorable) impact CDN\$ M	Cogeco Connexion	Breezeline	Consolidated
Adjusted EBITDA	(0.5)	8.5	8.0
Financial expense			(1.6)
Capex	(0.9)	(3.6)	(4.5)
Others			(0.7)
Free Cash Flow (FCF) impact			1.2
Variance relative to total FCF			0.9%



Cogeco



#### Cogeco

Cogeco TSX: CGO **PUBLIC MARKET VALUE OF EQUITY** (16.0M shares at \$80.821))

15.7M shares of CCA



**Investment in** 

Cogeco Communications TSX: CCA

\$1,600 M

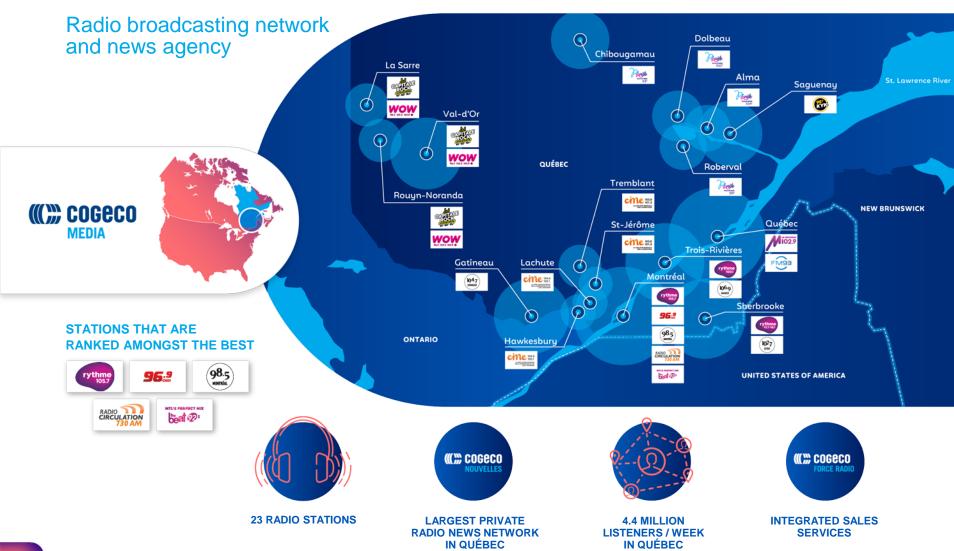
per CGO share(1)(2)



**Cogeco Media** 

RADIO BROADCASTING

#### Cogeco Media: Strong network of radio stations





#### Cogeco Media: Most important radio broadcaster in Québec<sup>(1)</sup>

#### **Broad radio coverage**

 No. 1 in commercial share of hours tuned in Montréal and in Québec City

## Radio is an important media in Québec

- 85% tune in every week
- Time spent listening of 16.6 hours per week

News agency with a presence in more than 50 cities in Québec



## **Appendices**

## **Cogeco Communications Supplemental Financial Information**

	Fiscal 2022		F	iscal 2021		
(In thousands of Canadian dollars)	Q1	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
Revenue Canadian broadband services American broadband services	355,047 363,494	328,009 290,904	354,902 279,646	353,336 270,972	356,850 275,834	1,393,097 1,117,356
Total Revenue	718,541	618,913	634,548	624,308	632,684	2,510,453
Adjusted EBITDA Canadian broadband services American broadband services Corporate and eliminations	187,861 175,764 (14,338)	186,114 138,526 (13,547)	189,708 129,529 (12,243)	188,985 121,514 (13,500)	185,722 121,931 (17,083)	750,529 511,500 (56,373)
Total Adjusted EBITDA	349,287	311,093	306,994	296,999	290,570	1,205,656
Capital Expenditures Canadian broadband services American broadband services Corporate and eliminations	67,471 73,227 330	65,610 49,347 1,265	57,454 57,559 201	57,230 67,579 1,761	76,342 96,989 1,849	256,636 271,474 5,076
Total Capital Expenditures	141,028	116,222	115,214	126,570	175,180	533,186
Integration, restructuring and acquisition costs Financial expense Current income taxes Repayment of lease liabilities Other adjustments <sup>(1)</sup>	(18,635) (44,955) (14,563) (995) 3,000	(1,215) (35,210) (19,862) (1,088) 3,120	(2,330) (31,839) (18,373) (1,055) 4,585	(1,225) (33,506) (6,504) (1,196) 4,072	(3,974) (23,608) (20,331) (784) 4,730	(8,744) (124,163) (65,070) (4,123) 16,507
Free Cash Flow	132,111	140,616	142,768	132,070	71,423	486,877



<sup>(1)</sup> Include the amortization of deferred transaction costs and discounts on long-term debt, share-based payment, loss (gain) on disposals and write-offs of property, plant and equipment and defined benefit plans expense, net of contributions

#### **Customer profile**

November 30, 2021	Cogeco Connexion	Breezeline	Total
Homes passed	1,984,397	1,630,411	3,614,808
Primary service units <sup>(1)</sup>	1,997,006	1,236,558	3,233,564
Internet service customers Internet penetration <sup>(2)</sup>	918,304	716,778	1,635,082
	<i>4</i> 6.3%	44.0%	45.2%
Video service customers  Video penetration <sup>(2)</sup>	672,781	346,729	1,019,510
	33.9%	21.3%	28.2%
Telephony service customers  Telephony penetration <sup>(2)</sup>	405,921	173,051	578,972
	20.5%	10.6%	16.0%



<sup>(1)</sup> Includes Internet, video and telephony customers

<sup>(2)</sup> As a percentage of homes passed