Series A common stock Series B common stock

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20549

## **FORM 10-Q**

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X	QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION ACT OF 1934	N 13 OR 15(d)	OF THE SEC	URITIES EXCHANGE
	For the quarterly period en	ded September	30, 2018	
	OR			
	TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION ACT OF 1934	N 13 OR 15(d)	OF THE SEC	URITIES EXCHANGE
	For the transition period from	to		
	Commission File Nu	mber 001-33982	2	
	QURATE RE (Exact name of Registrant a	,		
	State of Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)		84-1288730 (I.R.S. Employe Identification No	
	12300 Liberty Boulevard Englewood, Colorado (Address of principal executive offices)		<b>80112</b> (Zip Code)	
	Registrant's telephone number, inclu	iding area code: (7	220) 875-5300	
	Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports re 34 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the regrequirements for the past 90 days. Yes ⊠ No □			
	Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronica 405 of Regulation S-T ( $\S$ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 it such files). Yes $\boxtimes$ No $\square$			
	Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated files only, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerating growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.			
Lar	ge accelerated filer $oximes$ Accelerated filer $oximes$ Non-accelerated filer $oximes$	Smaller reporting	ng company □	Emerging growth company $\square$
any n	If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registran lew or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section			ransition period for complying with
	Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company as def	ined in Rule 12b-2	of the Exchange A	ct. Yes □ No ⊠
	The number of outstanding shares of Qurate Retail, Inc.'s common stock	k as of October 31	, 2018 was:	

420,149,728

29,258,343

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## Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (unaudited)

	Sept	tember 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
		amounts in	millions
Assets			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	532	903
Trade and other receivables, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$96 million and \$92 million, respectively		1,186	1,726
Inventory, net		1,727	1,411
Other current assets		198	125
Total current assets		3,643	4,165
Investments in equity securities (note 4)		376	2,363
Investments in affiliates, accounted for using the equity method		178	309
Property and equipment, net		1,300	1,341
Intangible assets not subject to amortization (note 8):			
Goodwill		7,009	7,082
Trademarks		3,925	3,929
		10,934	11,011
Intangible assets subject to amortization, net (note 8)		1,102	1,248
Other assets, at cost, net of accumulated amortization		140	50
Assets of discontinued operations (note 4)		_	3,635
Total assets	\$	17,673	24,122

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## **Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Continued)**

## (unaudited)

	Se	ptember 30, 2018	December 31, 2017
		amounts in m	,
Liabilities and Equity		except share a	mounts
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$	1,166	1.151
Accrued liabilities	Ψ	955	1,125
Current portion of debt, including \$1,054 million and \$978 million measured at fair		755	1,123
value (note 9)		1,472	996
Other current liabilities		175	169
Total current liabilities		3,768	3,441
Long-term debt, including \$372 million and \$868 million measured at fair value (note 9)		5,885	7,553
Deferred income tax liabilities		2,008	2,500
Other liabilities		255	242
Liabilities of discontinued operations (note 4)			303
Total liabilities		11,916	14.039
Equity		11,910	14,039
Stockholders' equity:			
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value. Authorized 50,000,000 shares; no shares issued			
Series A Qurate Retail common stock, \$.01 par value. Authorized 4,000,000			_
shares; issued and outstanding 426,254,718 shares at September 30, 2018 and			
449,335,940 shares at December 31, 2017		5	5
Series B Qurate Retail common stock, \$.01 par value. Authorized 150,000,000 shares;		<u> </u>	
issued and outstanding 29,258,343 shares at September 30, 2018 and 29,203,895			
shares at December 31, 2017		_	_
Series C Qurate Retail common stock, \$.01 par value. Authorized 400,000,000 shares;			
no shares issued		_	_
Series A Liberty Ventures common stock, \$.01 par value. Authorized 400,000,000			
shares; issued and outstanding 81,686,659 shares at December 31, 2017		NA	1
Series B Liberty Ventures common stock, \$.01 par value. Authorized 15,000,000			_
shares; issued and outstanding 4,455,311 shares at December 31, 2017		NA	_
Series C Liberty Ventures common stock, \$.01 par value. Authorized 400,000,000			
shares; no shares issued		NA	_
Additional paid-in capital		_	1,043
Accumulated other comprehensive earnings (loss), net of taxes		(116)	(133)
Retained earnings		5,747	9,068
Total stockholders' equity		5,636	9,984
Noncontrolling interests in equity of subsidiaries		121	99
Total equity		5,757	10,083
Commitments and contingencies (note 10)		-,,	,
Total liabilities and equity	\$	17,673	24,122
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## **Condensed Consolidated Statements Of Operations**

## (unaudited)

	Three months ended September 30,			Nine montl Septemb	
		2018	2017	2018	2017
			amounts i		
Total revenue, net	\$	3,231	2,381	9,694	7,060
Operating costs and expenses:					
Cost of retail sales (exclusive of depreciation shown separately below)		2,109	1,554	6,252	4,553
Operating expense		241	160	707	461
Selling, general and administrative, including stock-based compensation					
and transaction related costs (note 5)		477	279	1,357	777
Depreciation and amortization		167	180	489	594
		2,994	2,173	8,805	6,385
Operating income (loss)		237	208	889	675
Other income (expense):					
Interest expense		(94)	(88)	(288)	(267)
Share of earnings (losses) of affiliates, net		(29)	(86)	(89)	(122)
Realized and unrealized gains (losses) on financial instruments, net					
(note 7)		(27)	4	92	280
Other, net		1	7	(8)	1
		(149)	(163)	(293)	(108)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes		88	45	596	567
Income tax (expense) benefit		(6)	33	(60)	(127)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations		82	78	536	440
Earnings (loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes		_	230	141	571
Net earnings (loss)		82	308	677	1,011
Less net earnings (loss) attributable to the noncontrolling interests		10	12	34	33
Net earnings (loss) attributable to Ourate Retail, Inc. shareholders	\$	72	296	643	978
g. ( )					
Net earnings (loss) attributable to Qurate Retail, Inc. shareholders:					
Qurate Retail common stock (note 1)	\$	72	119	401	321
Liberty Ventures common stock (note 1)		_	177	242	657
	\$	72	296	643	978
					(Continued)

## **Condensed Consolidated Statements Of Operations (Continued)**

## (unaudited)

	Three months September		Nine months September	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Basic net earnings (losses) from continuing operations attributable to Qurate				
Retail, Inc. shareholders per common share (note 6):				
Series A and Series B Qurate Retail common stock	\$ 0.16	0.27	0.86	0.71
Series A and Series B Liberty Ventures common stock	\$ NA	(0.62)	1.17	1.01
Diluted net earnings (losses) from continuing operations attributable to Qurate				
Retail, Inc. shareholders per common share (note 6):				
Series A and Series B Qurate Retail common stock	\$ 0.16	0.26	0.85	0.71
Series A and Series B Liberty Ventures common stock	\$ NA	(0.61)	1.16	1.00
Basic net earnings (losses) attributable to Qurate Retail, Inc. shareholders per				
common share (note 6):				
Series A and Series B Qurate Retail common stock	\$ 0.16	0.27	0.86	0.71
Series A and Series B Liberty Ventures common stock	\$ NA	2.06	2.81	7.73
Diluted net earnings (losses) attributable to Qurate Retail, Inc. shareholders				
per common share (note 6):				
Series A and Series B Qurate Retail common stock	\$ 0.16	0.26	0.85	0.71
Series A and Series B Liberty Ventures common stock	\$ NA	2.03	2.78	7.64

## Condensed Consolidated Statements Of Comprehensive Earnings (Loss)

## (unaudited)

	Three months ended September 30,			Nine month Septemb		
		2018	2017	2018	2017	
			amounts in n	millions		
Net earnings (loss)	\$	82	308	677	1,011	
Other comprehensive earnings (loss), net of taxes:			<del></del> ,		,	
Foreign currency translation adjustments		(21)	28	(46)	111	
Recognition of previously unrealized losses (gains) on debt, net		_	_	16	_	
Share of other comprehensive earnings (losses) of equity affiliates		_	_	(1)	3	
Comprehensive earnings (loss) attributable to debt credit risk adjustments		4	_	(28)	_	
Other comprehensive earnings (loss)		(17)	28	(59)	114	
Comprehensive earnings (loss)		65	336	618	1,125	
Less comprehensive earnings (loss) attributable to the noncontrolling						
interests		7	12	34	38	
Comprehensive earnings (loss) attributable to Qurate Retail, Inc. shareholders	\$	58	324	584	1,087	

## Condensed Consolidated Statements Of Cash Flows (unaudited)

	Nine months ended September 30,		
		2018	2017
		amounts in mill	ions
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net earnings (loss)	\$	677	1,011
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities:			
(Earnings) loss from discontinued operations		(141)	(571)
Depreciation and amortization		489	594
Stock-based compensation		67	59
Share of (earnings) losses of affiliates, net		89	122
Cash receipts from returns on equity investments		_	21
Realized and unrealized (gains) losses on financial instruments, net		(92)	(280)
Deferred income tax expense (benefit)		(84)	21
Other, net		29	8
Changes in operating assets and liabilities			
Current and other assets		444	162
Payables and other liabilities		(482)	(67)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities		996	1,080
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Cash proceeds from dispositions of investments		281	_
Investments in and loans to cost and equity investees		(73)	(140)
Capital expended for property and equipment		(172)	(126)
Other investing activities, net		(120)	(36)
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities		(84)	(302)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Borrowings of debt			
		3,142	1,689
Repayments of debt		(3,415)	(1,917)
GCI Liberty Split-Off		(475)	_
Repurchases of Qurate Retail common stock		(623)	(452)
Withholding taxes on net settlements of stock-based compensation		(24)	(14)
Indemnification payment from GCI Liberty, Inc.		133	_
Other financing activities, net		(21)	(26)
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities		(1,283)	(720)
Effect of foreign currency exchange rates on cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		(2)	13
Net increase (decrease) in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		(373)	71
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period		912	836
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period	\$	539	907

## **Condensed Consolidated Statement Of Equity**

## (unaudited)

## Nine months ended September 30, 2018

	Stockholders' Equity										
	-			Commo							
	_			rate		erty	Additional	other		Noncontrolling	
		ferred	_	tail	_	tures	paid-in	comprehensive	Retained	interest in equity	Total
	st	ock	Series A	Series B	Series A	Series B	capital	earnings (loss)	earnings	of subsidiaries	equity
						amou	nts in million				
Balance at January 1, 2018	\$	_	5	_	1	_	1,043	(133)	9,068	99	10,083
Net earnings (loss)		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	643	34	677
Other comprehensive income (loss)		_	_	_	_	_	_	(59)	_	_	(59)
Stock compensation		_	_	_	_	_	67	_	_	_	67
Series A Qurate Retail stock repurchases		_	_	_	_	_	(623)	_	_	_	(623)
Distribution to noncontrolling interest		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(23)	(23)
Option exercises		_	_	_	_	_	2	_	_	_	2
Withholding taxes on net share settlements of											
stock-based compensation		_	_	_	_	_	(24)	_	_	_	(24)
Cumulative effect of accounting change (note 2)		_	_	_	_	_	_	76	(70)	_	6
Reattribution of the Ventures Group to the Qurate											
Retail		_	_	_	(1)	_	1	_	_	_	_
GCI Liberty Split-Off		_	_	_	_	_	(4,360)	_	_	11	(4,349)
Reclassification		_	_	_	_	_	3,894	_	(3,894)	_	
Balance at September 30, 2018	\$		5					(116)	5,747	121	5,757

## Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

(unaudited)

## (1) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Qurate Retail, Inc. (formerly named Liberty Interactive Corporation, prior to the Transactions defined and described below, or "Liberty") and its controlled subsidiaries (collectively, "Qurate Retail," the "Company," "Consolidated Qurate Retail," "us," "we," or "our" unless the context otherwise requires). All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Qurate Retail is made up of wholly-owned subsidiaries QVC, Inc. ("QVC"), zulily, Ilc ("zulily"), and HSN, Inc. ("HSNi" which includes its televised shopping business "HSN" and its catalog retail business "Cornerstone"), and other cost and equity method investments.

Qurate Retail is primarily engaged in the video and online commerce industries in North America, Europe and Asia. The businesses of the Company's wholly-owned subsidiaries, QVC, HSNi and zulily, are seasonal due to a higher volume of sales in the fourth calendar quarter related to year-end holiday shopping.

The accompanying (a) condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2017, which has been derived from audited financial statements, and (b) the interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") for interim financial information and the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X as promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation of the results for such periods have been included. Additionally, certain prior period amounts have been reclassified for comparability with current period presentation. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto contained in Qurate Retail's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Qurate Retail considers (i) fair value measurement, (ii) accounting for income taxes, (iii) assessments of other-than-temporary declines in fair value of its investments and (iv) estimates of retail-related adjustments and allowances to be its most significant estimates.

Prior to the Transactions (described and defined below), the Company utilized tracking stocks in its capital structure. A tracking stock is a type of common stock that the issuing company intends to reflect or "track" the economic performance of a particular business or "group," rather than the economic performance of the company as a whole. Qurate Retail had two tracking stocks—QVC Group common stock and Liberty Ventures common stock, which were intended to track and reflect the economic performance of the businesses, assets and liabilities attributed to the QVC Group and the Ventures Group, respectively. The QVC Group was comprised of the Company's whollyowned subsidiaries QVC, zulily and HSNi (as of December 29, 2017), among other assets and liabilities. The Ventures Group was comprised of businesses not included in the QVC Group including Evite, Inc. ("Evite") and our interests in Liberty Broadband Corporation ("Liberty Broadband"), LendingTree, Inc. ("LendingTree"), FTD Companies, Inc. ("FTD"), investments in Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter") and ILG, Inc. ("ILG"), among other assets and liabilities. The Company's results are attributed to the QVC Group and the Ventures Group through March 9, 2018.

On December 29, 2017, Qurate Retail acquired the approximately 62% of HSNi it did not already own in an all-stock transaction making HSNi a wholly-owned subsidiary. HSNi stockholders (other than Qurate Retail) received fixed consideration of 1.65 shares of Series A QVC Group common stock ("QVCA") for each share of HSNi common stock. Qurate Retail issued 53.6 million shares QVCA common stock to HSNi stockholders.

On March 9, 2018, Qurate Retail completed the transactions contemplated by the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (as amended, the "Reorganization Agreement," and the transactions contemplated thereby, the "Transactions") among General Communication, Inc. ("GCI"), an Alaska corporation, and Liberty Interactive LLC, a

## Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

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Delaware limited liability company and a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Liberty ("LI LLC"). Pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement, GCI amended and restated its articles of incorporation (which resulted in GCI being renamed GCI Liberty, Inc. ("GCI Liberty")) and effected a reclassification and auto conversion of its common stock. After market close on March 8, 2018, Qurate Retail's board of directors approved the reattribution of certain assets and liabilities from Qurate Retail's Ventures Group to its QVC Group, which was effective immediately. The reattributed assets and liabilities included cash, Qurate Retail's interest in ILG, FTD, certain green energy investments, LI LLC's exchangeable debentures, and certain tax benefits.

Following these events, Qurate Retail acquired GCI (renamed "GCI Liberty, Inc.") through a reorganization in which certain Qurate Retail interests, assets and liabilities attributed to the Ventures Group were contributed (the "contribution") to GCI Liberty in exchange for a controlling interest in GCI Liberty. Qurate Retail and LI LLC contributed to GCI Liberty their entire equity interest in Liberty Broadband, Charter, and LendingTree, the Evite operating business and other assets and liabilities attributed to Qurate Retail's Venture Group (following the reattribution), in exchange for (a) the issuance to LI LLC of a number of shares of GCI Liberty Class A Common Stock and a number of shares of GCI Liberty Class B Common Stock equal to the number of outstanding shares of Series A Liberty Ventures common stock and Series B Liberty Ventures common stock on March 9, 2018, respectively, (b) cash and (c) the assumption of certain liabilities by GCI Liberty.

Following the contribution, Qurate Retail effected a tax-free separation of its controlling interest in the combined company (the "GCI Liberty Split-Off"), GCI Liberty, to the holders of Liberty Ventures common stock in full redemption of all outstanding shares of such stock, in which each outstanding share of Series A Liberty Ventures common stock was redeemed for one share of GCI Liberty Class A common stock and each outstanding share of Series B Liberty Ventures common stock was redeemed for one share of GCI Liberty Class B common stock. Simultaneous with the closing of the Transactions, QVC Group common stock became the only outstanding common stock of Qurate Retail, and thus QVC Group common stock ceased to function as a tracking stock. On April 9, 2018, Liberty Interactive Corporation was renamed Qurate Retail, Inc. On May 23, 2018, Qurate Retail amended its charter to eliminate the tracking stock capitalization structure and reclassify each share of QVC Group common stock into one share of the corresponding series of new common stock of Qurate Retail. With respect to events on or after May 23, 2018, we refer to our Series A and Series B common stock as "Qurate Retail common stock." In July 2018, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") completed its review of the GCI Liberty Split-Off and informed Qurate Retail that it agreed with the nontaxable characterization of the transactions. Qurate Retail received an Issue Resolution Agreement from the IRS documenting this conclusion.

On October 17, 2018, Qurate Retail announced a series of initiatives designed to better position its HSNi and QVC- U.S. businesses ("QRG Initiatives"). As part of the QRG Initiatives, QVC will close its fulfillment center in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and has entered into an agreement to lease a new fulfillment center in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, commencing in 2019 (see note 10). Qurate Retail recorded transaction related costs of \$43 million during the third quarter of 2018, which primarily related to severance as a result of the QRG Initiatives.

As a result of repurchases of Series A Qurate Retail common stock and the GCI Liberty Split-Off, the Company's additional paid-in capital balance was in a deficit position as of September 30, 2018. In order to ensure that the additional paid-in capital account is not negative, we reclassified the amount of the deficit (\$3.9 billion) at September 30, 2018 to retained earnings.

Qurate Retail holds investments that are accounted for using the equity method. Qurate Retail does not control the decision making process or business management practices of these affiliates. Accordingly, Qurate Retail relies on management of these affiliates to provide it with accurate financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP that Qurate Retail uses in the application of the equity method. In addition, Qurate Retail relies on audit reports that are provided by the affiliates' independent auditors on the financial statements of such affiliates. The Company is not aware, however, of any errors in or possible misstatements of the financial information provided by its equity affiliates that would have a material effect on Qurate Retail's condensed consolidated financial statements.

Qurate Retail has entered into certain agreements with Liberty Media Corporation ("LMC") (for accounting purposes, a related party of the Company), a separate publicly traded company. These agreements include a reorganization agreement,

## Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

#### (unaudited)

services agreement and facilities sharing agreement. Neither Qurate Retail nor LMC has any stock ownership, beneficial or otherwise, in the other

The reorganization agreement with LMC provides for, among other things, provisions governing the relationship between Qurate Retail and LMC, including certain cross-indemnities. Pursuant to the services agreement, LMC provides Qurate Retail with certain general and administrative services including legal, tax, accounting, treasury and investor relations support. Qurate Retail reimburses LMC for direct, out-of-pocket expenses incurred by LMC in providing these services and for Qurate Retail's allocable portion of costs associated with any shared services or personnel based on an estimated percentage of time spent providing services to Qurate Retail. Under the facilities sharing agreement, LMC shares office space and related amenities at its corporate headquarters with Qurate Retail. Under these various agreements, approximately \$2 million and \$3 million was reimbursable to LMC for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and \$6 million and \$8 million was reimbursable to LMC for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Tax Act") was enacted in December 2017. The Tax Act significantly changed U.S. tax law by, among other things, lowering the U.S. corporate income tax rate, implementing a territorial tax system and imposing a one-time transition tax on deemed repatriated earnings of foreign subsidiaries. In the prior year, we recognized the provisional tax impacts related to the one-time transition tax and the revaluation of deferred tax balances and included these estimates in our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017. We are still in the process of analyzing the impact of the various provisions of the Tax Act. The ultimate impact may materially differ from these provisional amounts due to, among other things, continued analysis of the estimates and further guidance and interpretations on the application of the law. We expect to complete our analysis by December 2018.

## (2) Recent Accounting Pronouncements

## Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

Revenue Recognition. In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") issued new accounting guidance on revenue from contracts with customers. The new guidance requires an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. This new guidance also requires additional disclosure about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from customer contracts, including significant judgments and changes in judgments and assets recognized from costs incurred to obtain or fulfill a contract. In March 2016, the FASB issued additional guidance which clarifies principal versus agent considerations, and in April 2016, the FASB issued further guidance which clarifies the identification of performance obligations and the implementation guidance for licensing. On January 1, 2018, the Company adopted the revenue accounting standard using the modified retrospective method. The Company recognized the cumulative effect of initially applying the new revenue standard as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings. The comparative information has not been restated and continues to be reported under the accounting standards in effect for those periods. The Company does not expect the adoption of the new revenue standard to have a material impact to our net income on an ongoing basis. Refer to the table below for the adoption of this guidance.

## Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

## (unaudited)

	_	Balance at December 31, 2017	Adjustments Due to ASU 2014-09	Balance at January 1, 2018
Assets:			in millions	
Inventory, net	\$	1,411	(27)	1,384
Other current assets	\$	125	(11)	114
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Liabilities:				
Other current liabilities	\$	169	(46)	123
Deferred income tax liabilities	\$	2,500	2	2,502
<b>Equity:</b>				
Retained earnings	\$	9,068	6	9,074

In accordance with the new revenue standard requirements, the following table illustrates the impact on our reported results in the condensed consolidated statements of operations assuming we did not adopt the new revenue standard on January 1, 2018. Other than as previously discussed, upon the adoption of the new revenue standard on January 1, 2018, there were no additional material adjustments to our condensed consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2018.

	As reported Three months ended		Balance without adoption of
	September 30, 2018	Impact of ASC 606	ASC 606
		in millions	
Net revenue	\$ 3,231	(54)	3,177
Cost of retail sales	\$ 2,109	(11)	2,098
Selling, general and administrative expenses, including stock-			
based compensation and transaction related costs	\$ 477	(31)	446
Operating expense	\$ 241	(1)	240
Income tax (expense) benefit	\$ (6)	3	(3)
Net income	\$ 72	(8)	64

	As reported Nine months ended	T	Balance without adoption of
	 September 30, 2018	Impact of ASC 606 in millions	ASC 606
Net revenue	\$ 9,694	(142)	9,552
Cost of retail sales	\$ 6,252	(23)	6,229
Selling, general and administrative expenses, including stock-	, in the second second	,	· ·
based compensation and transaction related costs	\$ 1,357	(94)	1,263
Operating expense	\$ 707	(3)	704
Income tax (expense) benefit	\$ (60)	5	(55)
Net income	\$ 643	(17)	626

The effect of changes of adoption is primarily due to changes in the timing of revenue recognition and the classification of credit card income for the QVC-branded credit card and the HSN-branded credit card. Additionally, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, revenue is recognized at the time of shipment to our customers consistent with when control passes and credit card income is recognized in revenue. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, revenue was recognized at the time of delivery to the customers and deferred revenue, as well as inventory and related expenses, were recorded to account for the shipments in-transit. In addition, credit card income was recognized as an offset to selling, general and administrative expenses. The Company also recognized a separate \$77

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million asset (included in other current assets) relating to the expected return of inventory and a \$190 million liability (included in other current liabilities) relating to its sales return reserve at September 30, 2018, instead of the net presentation that was used at December 31, 2017.

Disaggregated revenue by segment and product category consisted of the following:

## Three months ended

	September 30, 2018							
	 Corp and							
	 QVC U.S.	QVC Int'l	HSN	zulily	other	Total		
			in millions	;				
Home	\$ 497	235	216	118	170	1,236		
Apparel	286	113	23	175	37	634		
Beauty	228	148	67	11	_	454		
Accessories	180	64	62	105	_	411		
Electronics	115	26	92	3	_	236		
Jewelry	79	51	39	12	_	181		
Other revenue	33	3	14	8	21	79		
Total Revenue	\$ 1,418	640	513	432	228	3,231		

## Nine months ended

	September 30, 2018							
	 Corp and							
	 QVC U.S.	QVC Int'l	HSN	zulily	other	Total		
			in millions	i				
Home	\$ 1,450	730	640	341	520	3,681		
Apparel	898	348	74	494	109	1,923		
Beauty	717	450	200	35	_	1,402		
Accessories	560	203	170	329	_	1,262		
Electronics	290	74	255	11	_	630		
Jewelry	250	154	112	35	_	551		
Other revenue	97	13	44	21	70	245		
Total Revenue	\$ 4,262	1,972	1,495	1,266	699	9,694		

Consumer Product Revenue and Other Revenue. Qurate Retail's revenue includes sales of consumer products in the following categories: home, apparel, beauty, accessories, electronics and jewelry, which are primarily sold through live merchandise-focused televised shopping programs and via our websites and other interactive media, including catalogs.

Other revenue consists primarily of income generated from our company branded credit cards in which a large consumer financial services company provides revolving credit directly to the Company's customers for the sole purpose of purchasing merchandise or services with these cards. In return, the Company receives a portion of the net economics of the credit card program.

Revenue Recognition. Revenue is recognized when obligations with our customers are satisfied; generally this occurs at the time of shipment to our customers consistent with when control of the shipped product passes. The recognized revenue reflects the consideration we expect to receive in exchange for transferring goods, net of allowances for returns.

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The Company recognizes revenue related to its company branded credit cards over time as the credit cards are used by Qurate Retail's customers

Sales, value add, use and other taxes we collect concurrent with revenue-producing activities are excluded from revenue.

The Company has elected to treat shipping and handling activities after the customer obtains control of the goods as a fulfillment cost and not as a promised good or service. Accordingly, the Company will accrue all fulfillment costs related to the shipping and handling of consumer goods at the time of shipment.

The Company generally has payment terms with its customers of one year or less and has elected the practical expedient applicable to such contracts not to consider the time value of money.

Significant Judgments. Qurate Retail's products are generally sold with a right of return for up to 30 days after the date of shipment and we may provide other credits or incentives, which are accounted for as variable consideration when estimating the amount of revenue to recognize. Returns and credits are estimated at contract inception and updated at the end of each reporting period as additional information becomes available. The Company has determined that it is the principal in vendor arrangements as the Company can establish control over the goods prior to shipment. Accordingly, the Company records revenue for these arrangements on a gross basis.

Recognition and Measurement of Financial Instruments. In January 2016, the FASB issued new accounting guidance that is intended to improve the recognition and measurement of financial instruments. The new guidance requires equity investments with readily determinable fair values (except those accounted for under the equity method of accounting or those that result in consolidation) to be measured at fair value, with changes in fair value recognized in net income, and simplifies the impairment assessment of equity investments without readily determinable fair values by requiring a qualitative assessment to identify impairment. The Company adopted this guidance during the first quarter of 2018. As the Company has historically measured its investments in equity securities with readily determinable fair values at fair value, the new guidance had no impact on the accounting for these instruments. The Company has elected the measurement alternative for its equity securities without readily determinable fair values and will perform a qualitative assessment of these instruments to identify potential impairments. In addition, a portion of the unrealized gain (loss) recognized on the Company's exchangeable debt accounted for at fair value is now presented in other comprehensive income as it relates to instrument specific credit risk, however this impact was not material to the overall financial statements for the period ended September 30, 2018.

Statement of Cash Flows. In November 2016, the FASB issued new accounting guidance which requires entities to show the changes in the total of cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents in the statement of cash flows. The Company adopted this guidance during the first quarter of 2018 and has reclassified prior period balances in cash and cash equivalents within the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows in order to conform with current period presentation. The following table reconciles cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash reported in our condensed consolidated balance sheets to the total amount presented in our condensed consolidated statements of cash flows:

	September 30,	December 31,
	 2018	2017
	in million	s
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 532	903
Restricted cash included in other current assets	 7_	9_
Total cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash in the condensed		
consolidated statement of cash flows	\$ 539	912

In August 2016, the FASB issued new accounting guidance which addresses eight specific cash flow issues to reduce the diversity in practice for appropriate classification on the statement of cash flows. The Company adopted this guidance during the first quarter of 2018, and there was no significant effect of the standard on its condensed consolidated financial statements.

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Share-based payment modification. In May 2017, the FASB issued new accounting guidance to provide clarity to which changes to the terms or conditions of share-based payment awards require an entity to apply modification accounting in Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 718. The Company adopted this guidance during the first quarter of 2018, and there was no significant effect of the standard on its condensed consolidated financial statements.

Intra-entity Transfers of Assets Other Than Inventory. In October 2016, the FASB issued new accounting guidance which requires an entity to recognize at the transaction date the income tax consequences of intercompany asset transfers. The Company adopted this guidance during the first quarter of 2018, and there was no significant effect of the standard on its condensed consolidated financial statements.

#### Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

Reclassification of Certain Tax Effects from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income. In February 2018, the FASB issued new guidance which addresses the effect of the change in the U.S. federal corporate tax rate due to the enactment of the Tax Act on items within accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). The guidance is effective for annual and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently assessing the impact that adopting this new accounting standard will have on its condensed consolidated financial statements.

Leases. In February 2016, the FASB issued new guidance which revises the accounting for leases. Under the new guidance, lessees will be required to recognize a lease liability and a right-of-use asset for all leases. The new guidance also simplifies the accounting for sale and leaseback transactions. The new standard is effective for the Company for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2018, with early adoption permitted. We plan to adopt this guidance on January 1, 2019 and expect to elect certain practical expedients under the transition guidance. Additionally, the Company plans to elect the optional transition method that allows for a cumulative-effect adjustment in the period of adoption and does not plan to restate prior periods. The Company is currently working with its consolidated subsidiaries to evaluate the impact of the adoption of this new guidance on our consolidated financial statements, including identifying the population of leases, evaluating technology solutions and collecting lease data.

Internal-Use Software. In August 2018, the FASB issued new guidance which aligns the requirements for capitalizing implementation costs incurred in a hosting arrangement that is a service contract with the requirements for capitalizing implementation costs incurred to develop or obtain internal-use software. The guidance will be effective for the Company in the first quarter of 2020 with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently assessing the impact that adopting this new accounting standard will have on its consolidated financial statements.

## (3) Acquisitions

On December 29, 2017, Qurate Retail acquired the approximately 62% of HSNi it did not already own in an all-stock transaction making HSNi a wholly-owned subsidiary. HSNi shareholders (other than Qurate Retail) received fixed consideration of 1.65 QVCA shares for each share of HSNi common stock. Qurate Retail issued 53.6 million shares QVCA common stock to HSNi shareholders. In conjunction with application of acquisition accounting, we recorded a full step up in basis of HSNi which resulted in a \$409 million gain. The fair market value of our ownership interest previously held in HSNi (\$605 million) was determined based on the trading price of QVCA common stock on the date of the acquisition (Level 1) less a control premium. The market value of the shares of QVCA common stock issued to HSNi stockholders (\$1.3 billion) was determined based on the trading price of QVCA common stock on the date of the acquisition. The total equity value of the transaction was \$1.9 billion.

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The preliminary purchase price allocation for HSNi is as follows (amounts in millions):

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 22
Property and equipment	220
Other assets	784
Goodwill	926
Trademarks	676
Intangible assets subject to amortization	598
Accounts payable & accrued liabilities	(519)
Long-term debt	(467)
Other liabilities assumed	(13)
Deferred tax liabilities	 (279)
	\$ 1,948

Goodwill is calculated as the excess of the consideration transferred over the identifiable net assets acquired and represents the future economic benefits expected to arise from other intangible assets acquired that do not qualify for separate recognition, including assembled workforce, value associated with future customers, continued innovation and noncontractual relationships. Intangible assets acquired during 2017 were comprised of customer relationships of \$421 million with a weighted average life of approximately 9 years, capitalized software of \$16 million with a weighted average life of approximately 1 year, and technology of \$161 million with a weighted average life of approximately 7 years. None of the acquired goodwill is expected to be deductible for tax purposes. Subsequent to December 31, 2017, the preliminary purchase price allocation was adjusted, resulting in an increase of \$6 million to property and equipment, \$32 million to other assets, \$4 million to accounts payable and accrued liabilities, \$7 million to debt, \$1 million to other liabilities assumed, and corresponding decreases of \$24 million to goodwill, \$2 million to deferred tax liabilities and \$4 million to intangible assets subject to amortization. As of September 30, 2018, the valuation related to the purchase is not final and the purchase price allocation is preliminary and subject to revision. The primary areas of the purchase price allocation that are not yet finalized are related to certain fixed and intangible assets, liabilities and tax balances.

The pro forma revenue and net earnings from continuing operations of Qurate Retail, prepared utilizing the historical financial statements of HSNi, giving effect to purchase accounting related adjustments made at the time of acquisition, as if the transaction discussed above occurred on January 1, 2016, are as follows:

	Т	hree months ended	Nine months ended	
		September 30,	September 30,	
		2017	2017	
	_	amounts in millions		
Revenue	\$	3,163	9,450	
Net earnings (loss) from continuing operations	\$	68	433	

The pro forma information is not representative of Qurate Retail's future financial position, future results of operations or future cash flows nor does it reflect what Qurate Retail's financial position, results of operations or cash flows would have been as if the transaction had happened previously and Qurate Retail controlled HSNi during the periods presented.

## (4) Disposals

On March 9, 2018, Qurate Retail completed the GCI Liberty Split-Off. At the time of the GCI Liberty Split-Off, GCI Liberty was comprised of, among other things, GCI Liberty's legacy business, Qurate Retail's former interest in Liberty Broadband, Charter and LendingTree, and Qurate Retail's former wholly-owned subsidiary Evite. Qurate Retail viewed Liberty Broadband, LendingTree and Evite as separate components and evaluated them separately for discontinued operations presentation. As Qurate Retail's former interest in Charter was accounted for as an available for sale investment it did not meet the definition of a component for discontinued operation presentation. The disposition of Liberty Broadband was considered significant to the overall financials and therefore was considered to be a strategic shift. Accordingly, the

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accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements of Qurate Retail have been prepared to reflect Qurate Retail's interest in Liberty Broadband as a discontinued operation. The disposition of LendingTree and Evite as part of the GCI Liberty Split-Off does not have a major effect on Qurate Retail's historical or future results. Therefore, the disposition of LendingTree and Evite was not considered a strategic shift in Qurate Retail's operations. Accordingly, LendingTree and Evite are not presented as discontinued operations in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements of Qurate Retail. LendingTree and Evite are included in the Corporate and other segment through March 8, 2018.

Included in revenue in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations is zero dollars and \$6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and \$3 million and \$16 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, related to Evite. Included in net earnings (loss) in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations are losses of zero dollars and less than a million dollars for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and losses of \$2 million and \$3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, related to Evite. Included in total assets in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2017 is \$43 million related to Evite. Included in net earnings (loss) in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations are earnings of zero dollars and \$1 million for the months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and less than a million dollars and \$4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, related to LendingTree. Included in total assets in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2017 is \$115 million related to LendingTree.

Certain financial information for the Company's investment in Liberty Broadband, which is included in the discontinued operations line items of the condensed consolidated Qurate Retail balance sheets as of December 31, 2017 is as follows:

	December 31,
	2017
	amounts in millions
Investment in Liberty Broadband measured at fair value	\$ 3,635
Deferred income tax liabilities	\$ 303

Certain financial information for the Company's investment in Liberty Broadband, which is included in earnings (loss) from discontinued operations is as follows:

	Three months September		Nine months September	
	 2018	2017	2018	2017
		amounts in millio	ons	_
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	\$ NA	365	187	906
Income tax (expense) benefit	\$ NA	(135)	(46)	(335)
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The impact from discontinued operations on basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share is as follows:

	Three months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,		
	20	2018 2017		2018	2017	
Basic earnings (loss) from discontinued operations attributable to Qurate Retail shareholders per common share:					_	
Series A and Series B Qurate Retail common stock	\$	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Series A and Series B Liberty Ventures common stock	\$	NA	2.68	1.64	6.71	
Diluted earnings (loss) from discontinued operations attributable to Qurate Retail shareholders per common share:						
Series A and Series B Qurate Retail common stock	\$	NA	NA	NA	NA	
Series A and Series B Liberty Ventures common stock	\$	NA	2.64	1.62	6.64	

Prior to the GCI Liberty Split-Off, Qurate Retail accounted for the investment in Liberty Broadband at its fair value. Accordingly, Liberty Broadband's assets, liabilities and results of operations were not included in Qurate Retail's consolidated financial statements. Summary financial information for Liberty Broadband for the periods prior to the GCI Liberty Split-Off is as follows:

	 December 31, 2017
	amounts in millions
Current assets	\$ 84
Total assets	\$ 11,932
Current liabilities	\$ 11
Total liabilities	\$ 1,445
Equity	\$ 10,487

		Three months ended September 30, 2017	Nine months ended September 30, 2017
	_	amounts in	n millions
Operating income	\$	(6)	(19)
Share of earnings (loss) of affiliate	\$	(5)	25
Gain (loss) on dilution of investment in affiliate	\$	(4)	(42)
Income tax (expense) benefit	\$	7	18
Net earnings (loss) attributable to Liberty Broadband shareholders	\$	(10)	(27)

## (5) Stock-Based Compensation

The Company has granted to certain of its directors, employees and employees of its subsidiaries, restricted stock, restricted stock units ("RSUs") and options to purchase shares of the Company's common stock (collectively, "Awards"). The Company measures the cost of employee services received in exchange for an equity classified Award (such as stock options and restricted stock) based on the grant-date fair value ("GDFV") of the Award, and recognizes that cost over the period during which the employee is required to provide service (usually the vesting period of the Award). The Company measures the cost of employee services received in exchange for a liability classified Award based on the current fair value of the Award, and remeasures the fair value of the Award at each reporting date.

In connection with the GCI Liberty Split-Off (see note 1), the Company redeemed each outstanding share of its Series A and Series B Liberty Ventures common stock for shares of the corresponding class of GCI Liberty common stock.

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Included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations are \$21 million and \$22 million of stock-based compensation during the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and \$67 million and \$59 million of stock-based compensation during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

The following table presents the number and weighted average GDFV of options granted by the Company during the nine months ended September 30, 2018:

	Nine months ended September 30, 2018		
	Options Granted (000's)	We	eighted Average GDFV
Series A Qurate Retail common stock, QVC employees (1)	2,924	\$	8.76
Series A Qurate Retail common stock, zulily employees (1)	336	\$	8.65
Series A Qurate Retail common stock, HSNi employees (1)	859	\$	8.77
Series A Qurate Retail common stock, Qurate Retail President and CEO (2)	577	\$	7.09
Series B Qurate Retail common stock, Qurate Retail Chairman of the Board (3)	175	\$	8.84
Series B Liberty Ventures common stock, Qurate Retail Chairman of the Board (3)	143	\$	16.55

- (1) Grants mainly vest semi-annually over four years.
- (2) Grant vests 50% on each of December 15, 2019 and 2020.
- (3) Grants cliff vest on December 31, 2018. Grants were made in connection with his employment agreement.

In addition to the stock option grants to the Qurate Retail Chairman of the Board and in connection with our Chairman's employment agreement, Qurate Retail granted performance based RSUs to him. During the nine months ended September 30, 2018, Qurate Retail granted 124 thousand performance-based RSUs of Series B Qurate Retail common stock. The RSUs had a GDFV of \$27.56 per share at the time they were granted. The performance-based RSUs cliff vest in one year, subject to the satisfaction of certain performance objectives. Performance objectives, which are subjective, are considered in determining the timing and amount of compensation expense recognized. When the satisfaction of the performance objectives becomes probable, the Company records compensation expense. The value of the grant is remeasured at each reporting period. Qurate Retail also granted approximately 183 thousand performance-based RSUs of Series A Qurate Retail common Stock ("Series A RSUs") to its current CEO in the third quarter in connection with his appointment to the position. The Series A RSUs had a GDFV of \$22.18 per share at the time they were granted and will cliff vest in December 2020, subject to satisfaction of certain performance objectives.

The Company has calculated the GDFV for all of its equity classified Awards and any subsequent remeasurement of its liability classified Awards and certain performance-based Awards using the Black-Scholes-Merton Model. The Company estimates the expected term of the Awards based on historical exercise and forfeiture data. The volatility used in the calculation for Awards is based on the historical volatility of Qurate Retail's stock and the implied volatility of publicly traded Qurate Retail options. The Company uses a zero dividend rate and the risk-free rate for Treasury Bonds with a term similar to that of the subject options.

## Qurate Retail—Outstanding Awards

The following tables present the number and weighted average exercise price ("WAEP") of the Awards to purchase Qurate Retail common stock granted to certain officers, employees and directors of the Company, as well as the weighted average remaining life and aggregate intrinsic value of the Awards.

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	Qurate Retail							
	Series A		WAEP	Weighted average remaining life		Aggregate intrinsic value (millions)		
Outstanding at January 1, 2018	32,361	\$	23.48					
Granted	4,697	\$	26.85					
Exercised	(3,640)	\$	16.66					
Forfeited/Cancelled	(1,726)	\$	26.92					
Outstanding at September 30, 2018	31,692	\$	24.57	3.7 years	\$	41		
Exercisable at September 30, 2018	19,518	\$	23.99	2.7 years	\$	35		
			Qurate I	Retail				
	average intrin				Aggregate intrinsic value			
	(000's)		WAEP	life		(millions)		
Outstanding at January 1, 2018	1,643	\$	27.16					
Granted	175	\$	27.77					
Exercised	_	\$	_					
Forfeited/Cancelled	_	\$	_					
Outstanding at September 30, 2018	1,818	\$	27.22	3.7 years	\$	_		
Exercisable at September 30, 2018	997	\$	25.40	4.6 years	\$	_		

The grant, exercise and forfeiture/cancellation activity for Liberty Ventures Series A and B shares was immaterial during the period from January 1, 2018 through March 9, 2018, and no Awards were outstanding as of September 30, 2018. All of the outstanding Awards of Liberty Ventures Series A and B common stock were redeemed for GCI Liberty Series A and B common stock as a result of the GCI Liberty Split-Off on March 9, 2018.

As of September 30, 2018, the total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested Awards was approximately \$87 million. Such amount will be recognized in the Company's consolidated statements of operations over a weighted average period of approximately 2.5 years.

As of September 30, 2018, Qurate Retail reserved for issuance upon exercise of outstanding stock options approximately 31.7 million shares of Series A Qurate Retail common stock and 1.8 million shares of Series B Qurate Retail common stock.

## (6) Earnings (Loss) Per Common Share

Basic earnings (loss) per common share ("EPS") is computed by dividing net earnings (loss) by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding ("WASO") for the period. Diluted EPS presents the dilutive effect on a per share basis of potential common shares as if they had been converted at the beginning of the periods presented. Potentially dilutive shares are excluded from the computation of diluted EPS during periods in which losses are reported since the result would be antidilutive.

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Series A and Series B Qurate Retail Common Stock

Excluded from diluted EPS for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, are 28 million and 16 million potential common shares, respectively, because their inclusion would have been antidilutive. Excluded from diluted EPS, for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, are 28 million and 16 million potential common shares, respectively, because their inclusion would have been antidilutive.

	Qurate Retail Common Stock					
	Three month	Three months ended		ths ended		
	September 30, September 30,					
	2018	2017	2018	2017		
		number of shar	es in millions			
Basic WASO	459	448	467	451		
Potentially dilutive shares	2	4	4	3		
Diluted WASO	461	452	471	454		

Series A and Series B Liberty Ventures Common Stock

Excluded from diluted EPS for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 were 2 million potential common shares, because their inclusion would have been antidilutive. No potential common shares were excluded from diluted EPS for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, and the three months ended September 30, 2018.

	Liberty Ventures Common Stock						
	Three month	Three months ended		ths ended			
	September 30, September 30,						
	2018 (1)	2017	2018	2017			
		number of shar	es in millions				
Basic WASO	NA	86	86	85			
Potentially dilutive shares	NA	1	1	1			
Diluted WASO	NA	87	87	86			

All of the outstanding shares of Liberty Ventures Series A and B common stock were redeemed for GCI Liberty Series A and B common stock as a result of the GCI Liberty Split-Off on March 9, 2018.

## (7) Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value

For assets and liabilities required to be reported at fair value, GAAP provides a hierarchy that prioritizes inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels. Level 1 inputs are quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date. Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted market prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

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The Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value are as follows:

	Fair Value Measurements at September 30, 2018				Value Measurer December 31, 20	
Description	Total	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Total	Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)
-			amounts in	millions		
Cash equivalents	\$ 389	389	_	655	655	_
Equity securities	\$ 282	282	_	2,275	2,275	_
Indemnification asset	\$ 100	_	100	_	_	_
Debt	\$ 1,426	_	1,426	1,846	_	1,846

The majority of the Company's Level 2 financial assets and liabilities are primarily debt instruments with quoted market prices that are not considered to be traded on "active markets," as defined in GAAP. The fair values for such instruments are derived from a typical model using observable market data as the significant inputs.

Pursuant to an indemnification agreement, GCI Liberty has agreed to indemnify LI LLC for certain payments made to a holder of LI LLC's 1.75% Exchangeable Debentures due 2046 (the "1.75% Exchangeable Debentures"). An indemnity asset in the amount of \$281 million was recorded upon completion of the GCI Liberty Split-Off. Within six months of the GCI Liberty Split-Off, Qurate Retail, LI LLC and GCI Liberty agreed to cooperate, and reasonably assist each other, with respect to the commencement and consummation of one or more privately negotiated transactions, a tender offer or other purchase transactions (each, a "Purchase Offer") whereby LI LLC would offer to purchase the 1.75% Exchangeable Debentures on terms and conditions (including maximum offer price) reasonably acceptable to GCI Liberty. GCI Liberty would indemnify LI LLC for each 1.75% Exchangeable Debenture repurchased by LI LLC in a Purchase Offer for an amount by which the purchase price for such debenture exceeds the amount of cash reattributed with respect to such purchased 1.75% Exchangeable Debenture net of certain tax benefits, if any, attributable to such 1.75% Exchangeable Debenture. In June 2018, Qurate Retail repurchased 417,759 of the 1.75% Exchangeable Debentures for approximately \$457 million, including accrued interest, and GCI Liberty made a payment under the indemnification agreement to Qurate Retail in the amount of \$133 million.

Following the initial six month period, the remaining indemnification to LI LLC for certain payments made to a holder of the 1.75% Exchangeable Debentures pertains to the holder's ability to exercise its exchange right according to the terms of the debentures on or before October 5, 2023. Such amount will equal the difference between the exchange value and par value of the 1.75% Exchangeable Debentures at the time the exchange occurs. The indemnification asset recorded in the condensed consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2018 represents the fair value of the estimated exchange feature included in the 1.75% Exchangeable Debentures primarily based on market observable inputs (Level 2). As of September 30, 2018, a holder of the 1.75% Exchangeable Debentures does not have the ability to exchange and, accordingly, such indemnification asset is included as a long-term asset in our condensed consolidated balance sheets. Additionally, as of September 30, 2018, 332,241 bonds of the 1.75% Exchangeable Debentures remain outstanding.

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## Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Financial Instruments

Realized and unrealized gains (losses) on financial instruments are comprised of changes in the fair value of the following:

	Three months September		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
		amounts in m	illions	
Equity securities	\$ 10	130	154	552
Exchangeable senior debentures	(52)	(91)	(9)	(230)
Indemnification asset	15	_	(49)	_
Other financial instruments	_	(35)	(4)	(42)
	\$ (27)	4	92	280

## (8) Intangible Assets

Goodwill

Changes in the carrying amount of goodwill are as follows:

	Corporate and				
	QVC	HSN	zulily	Other	Total
			amounts in mil	lions	
Balance at January 1, 2018	\$ 5,190	933	917	42	7,082
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(24)	_	_	_	(24)
Disposition (1)	_	_	_	(25)	(25)
Other (2)	_	(21)	_	(3)	(24)
Balance at September 30, 2018	\$ 5,166	912	917	14	7,009

<sup>(1)</sup> As a result of the GCI Liberty Split-Off on March 9, 2018, the Company disposed of its wholly-owned subsidiary Evite, resulting in a \$25 million decrease to goodwill.

## Intangible Assets Subject to Amortization

Amortization expense for intangible assets with finite useful lives was \$117 million and \$137 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and \$332 million and \$462 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Based on its amortizable intangible assets as of September 30, 2018, Qurate Retail expects that amortization expense will be as follows for the next five years (amounts in millions):

Remainder of 2018	\$ 84
2019	\$ 279
2020	\$ 213
2021	\$ 153
2022	\$ 77

<sup>(2)</sup> As discussed in note 3, the preliminary purchase price allocation for the HSNi acquisition was adjusted, resulting in a decrease to goodwill.

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## (9) Long-Term Debt

Debt is summarized as follows:

		tstanding		
	principal at September 30, 2018		Carrying	
	Septem	iber 30, 2018	September 30, 2018 amounts in millions	December 31, 2017
Corporate level debentures			amounts in immons	
8.5% Senior Debentures due 2029	\$	287	286	285
8.25% Senior Debentures due 2030	Ψ	504	502	502
4% Exchangeable Senior Debentures due 2029		433	325	316
3.75% Exchangeable Senior Debentures due 2030		434	315	318
3.5% Exchangeable Senior Debentures due 2031		318	412	342
0.75% Exchangeable Senior Debentures due 2043		_	2	2
1.75% Exchangeable Senior Debentures due 2046		332	372	868
Subsidiary level notes and facilities				
QVC 3.125% Senior Secured Notes due 2019		400	399	399
QVC 5.125% Senior Secured Notes due 2022		500	500	500
QVC 4.375% Senior Secured Notes due 2023		750	750	750
QVC 4.85% Senior Secured Notes due 2024		600	600	600
QVC 4.45% Senior Secured Notes due 2025		600	599	599
QVC 5.45% Senior Secured Notes due 2034		400	399	399
QVC 5.95% Senior Secured Notes due 2043		300	300	300
QVC 6.375% Senior Secured Notes due 2067		225	225	_
QVC Bank Credit Facilities			22.5	4 = 40
TOUR LOCAL TO THE		825	825	1,763
HSNi Bank Credit Facilities		390	390	460
Other subsidiary debt		189	189	170
Deferred loan costs			(33)	(24)
Total consolidated Qurate Retail debt	\$	7,487	7,357	8,549
Less current classification			(1,472)	(996)
Total long-term debt			\$ 5,885	7,553

## QVC Bank Credit Facilities

On June 23, 2016, QVC amended and restated its senior secured credit facility (the "Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement") with zulily as co-borrower. The Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement is a multi-currency facility that provides for a \$2.65 billion revolving credit facility, with a \$300 million total sub-limit for standby letters of credit and \$1.5 billion of uncommitted incremental revolving loan commitments or incremental term loans. The Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement includes a \$400 million tranche that may be borrowed by QVC and zulily, as co-borrowers with an additional \$50 million sub-limit for standby letters of credit. The remaining \$2.25 billion and any incremental loans may be borrowed only by QVC. Borrowings that are alternate base rate loans will bear interest at a per annum rate equal to the base rate plus a margin that varies between 0.25% to 0.75% depending on QVC and zulily's combined ratio of Consolidated Total Debt to Consolidated EBITDA for the most recent four fiscal quarter period (the "Combined Consolidated Leverage Ratio"). Borrowings that are LIBOR loans will bear interest at a per annum rate equal to the applicable LIBOR rate plus a margin that varies between 1.25% and 1.75% depending on QVC and zulily's Combined Consolidated Leverage Ratio. Each loan may be prepaid at any time and from time to time without penalty other than customary breakage costs. No mandatory prepayments are required other than when borrowings and letter of credit usage exceed availability; provided that, if zulily ceases to be controlled by Qurate Retail, all of zulily's loans must be repaid and its letters of credit cash collateralized. Any amounts prepaid on the revolving facility may be reborrowed.

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The facility matures on June 23, 2021, except that \$140 million of the \$2.25 billion commitment available to QVC matures on March 9, 2020. Payment of loans may be accelerated following certain customary events of default.

The payment and performance of the borrowers' obligations (including zulily's obligations) under the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement are guaranteed by each of QVC's Material Domestic Subsidiaries (as defined in the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement). Further, the borrowings under the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement are secured, *pari passu* with QVC's existing notes, by a pledge of all of the capital stock of QVC. The payment and performance of the borrowers' obligations with respect to the \$400 million tranche available to both QVC and zulily are also guaranteed by each of zulily's Material Domestic Subsidiaries (as defined in the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement), if any, and are secured by a pledge of all of zulily's equity interests.

The Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement contains certain affirmative and negative covenants, including certain restrictions on QVC and zulily and each of their restricted subsidiaries (subject to certain exceptions) with respect to, among other things: incurring additional indebtedness; creating liens on property or assets; making certain loans or investments; selling or disposing of assets; paying certain dividends and other restricted payments; dissolving, consolidating or merging; entering into certain transactions with affiliates; entering into sale or leaseback transactions; restricting subsidiary distributions; limiting QVC's consolidated leverage ratio, which is defined in the Third Amended Restated Credit Agreement as QVC's consolidated total debt to Adjusted OIBDA (as defined in note 11) ratio for the most recent four fiscal quarter period; and limiting the Combined Consolidated Leverage Ratio.

The interest rate on borrowings outstanding under the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement was 3.7% at September 30, 2018. Availability under the Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement at September 30, 2018 was \$1.8 billion, including the remaining portion of the \$400 million tranche available to zulily and outstanding letters of credit.

## 6.375% Senior Notes due 2067

In September 2018, QVC completed a registered debt offering for \$225 million of 6.375% Senior Notes due 2067 (the "2067 Notes"). The proceeds were used to partially prepay existing indebtedness under QVC's senior secured credit facility and for general corporate purposes. The costs to complete the financing were deferred and are being amortized to interest expense over the term of the 2067 Notes. Interest on the 2067 Notes will be paid quarterly in March, June, September and December, commencing on December 15, 2018. QVC has the option to call the 2067 Notes after 5 years at par value.

## HSNi Bank Credit Facility

On January 27, 2015, HSNi entered into a \$1.25 billion five-year syndicated credit agreement ("Credit Agreement") which was secured by 100% of the voting equity securities of HSNi's U.S. subsidiaries and 65% of HSNi's first-tier foreign subsidiaries. Certain HSNi subsidiaries had unconditionally guaranteed HSNi's obligations under the Credit Agreement. The Credit Agreement, which included a \$750 million revolving credit facility and a \$500 million term loan, could be increased up to \$1.75 billion subject to certain conditions and was set to expire on January 27, 2020. On December 29, 2017, the Credit Agreement was amended, the outstanding balance on the term loan was repaid, and the revolving credit facility was increased to \$1 billion. The maturity of the revolving credit facility was extended to December 29, 2022. Loans under the amended Credit Agreement bear interest at a per annum rate equal to LIBOR plus a predetermined margin that ranges from 1.25% to 1.75% or the Base Rate (as defined in the amended Credit Agreement) plus a predetermined margin that ranges from 0.25% to 0.75%. HSNi pays a commitment fee ranging from 0.20% to 0.30% (based on the leverage ratio) on the unused portion of the revolving credit facility.

The amended Credit Agreement includes various covenants, limitations and events of default customary for similar facilities including a maximum leverage ratio of 3.50x (as defined in the amended Credit Agreement). The interest rate on the \$390 million outstanding long-term debt balance as of September 30, 2018 was 3.7%. The amount available to HSNi under the revolving credit facility portion of the amended Credit Agreement is reduced by the amount of outstanding letters of credit issued under the revolving credit facility, which totaled \$8.4 million as of September 30, 2018. The ability to draw funds under the revolving credit facility is dependent upon meeting the aforementioned financial covenants. As of

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September 30, 2018, the amount that could be borrowed under the revolving credit facility, after consideration of the financial covenants and the outstanding letters of credit, was approximately \$602 million.

## **Exchangeable Senior Debentures**

The Company has elected to account for its exchangeable senior debentures using the fair value option. Accordingly, changes in the fair value of these instruments are recognized as unrealized gains (losses) in the statements of operations. As of September 30, 2018 the balance of the 4% Exchangeable Senior Debentures due 2029, the 3.75% Exchangeable Senior Debentures due 2031 have been classified as current because the Company does not own shares to redeem the debentures. For the remaining exchangeables, the Company reviews the terms of the debentures on a quarterly basis to determine whether a triggering event has occurred to require current classification of the exchangeables upon a call event. The 0.75% Exchangeable Senior Debentures due 2043 are classified as current as of September 30, 2018 as they are currently redeemable.

#### **Debt Covenants**

Qurate Retail, QVC, HSNi and other subsidiaries of Qurate Retail are in compliance with all debt covenants at September 30, 2018.

#### Other Subsidiary Debt

Other subsidiary debt at September 30, 2018 is comprised primarily of capitalized satellite transponder lease obligations.

#### Fair Value of Debt

Qurate Retail estimates the fair value of its debt based on the quoted market prices for the same or similar issues or on the current rate offered to Qurate Retail for debt of the same remaining maturities (Level 2). The 2067 Notes are traded on the New York Stock Exchange, and the Company considers them to be actively traded. As such, the 2067 Notes are valued based on their trading price (Level 1). The fair value of Qurate Retail's publicly traded debt securities that are not reported at fair value in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet at September 30, 2018 are as follows (amounts in millions):

Senior debentures	\$ 850
OVC senior secured notes	\$ 3,666

Due to the variable rate nature, Qurate Retail believes that the carrying amount of its other debt, not discussed above, approximated fair value at September 30, 2018.

## (10) Commitments and Contingencies

## Distribution Center Lease

On July 2, 2015, QVC entered into a lease (the "Lease") for a west coast distribution center. Pursuant to the Lease, the landlord built an approximately one million square foot rental building in Ontario, California (the "Premises"), and thereafter leased the Premises to QVC as its new west coast distribution center for an initial term of 15 years. Under the Lease, QVC was required to pay an initial base rent of approximately \$6 million per year, increasing to approximately \$8 million per year by the final year of the initial term, as well as all real estate taxes and other building operating costs. QVC also had an option to extend the term of the Lease for up to two consecutive terms of 10 years each.

In August 2018, QVC exercised the right to purchase the Premises and related land from the landlord by entering into an amended and restated agreement ("New Lease"). QVC made an initial payment of \$10 million and will make annual payments of \$12 million over a term of 13 years. QVC treats the New Lease within capital lease obligations and lease payments are attributed to: (1) a reduction of the principal obligation and (2) imputed interest expense. In connection with

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the New Lease, QVC capitalized the related land at fair market value while the building asset is currently being depreciated over its estimated useful life of 20 years.

On October 5, 2018, subsequent to the end of the third quarter of 2018, QVC entered into a lease ("ECDC Lease") for an East Coast distribution center as part of the QRG Initiatives. The 1.7 million square foot rental building is located in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and will be leased to QVC for an initial term of 15 years. QVC expects the ECDC Lease to commence in the third quarter of 2019, at which point the discounted value of the ECDC Lease will be recorded as an asset and a liability in the consolidated balance sheets in accordance with ASU 2016-02, which the Company will adopt on January 1, 2019. Under the ECDC Lease, QVC will be required to pay an initial base rent of approximately \$10 million per year, increasing to approximately \$14 million per year, as well as all real estate taxes and other building operating costs. QVC also has the option to extend the term of the ECDC Lease for up to two consecutive terms of 5 years each and one final term of 4 years.

## Litigation

The Company has contingent liabilities related to legal and tax proceedings and other matters arising in the ordinary course of business. Although it is reasonably possible Qurate Retail may incur losses upon conclusion of such matters, an estimate of any loss or range of loss cannot be made. In the opinion of management, it is expected that amounts, if any, which may be required to satisfy such contingencies will not be material in relation to the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements.

## (11) Information About Qurate Retail's Operating Segments

Qurate Retail, through its ownership interests in subsidiaries and other companies, is primarily engaged in the video and online commerce industries. Qurate Retail identifies its reportable segments as (A) those operating segments that represent 10% or more of its consolidated annual revenue, annual Adjusted OIBDA or total assets and (B) those equity method affiliates whose share of earnings represent 10% or more of Qurate Retail's annual pre-tax earnings.

Qurate Retail evaluates performance and makes decisions about allocating resources to its operating segments based on financial measures such as revenue, Adjusted OIBDA, gross margin, average sales price per unit and revenue or sales per customer equivalent. In addition, Qurate Retail reviews nonfinancial measures such as unique website visitors, number of units shipped, conversion rates and active customers, as appropriate.

Qurate Retail defines Adjusted OIBDA as revenue less cost of sales, operating expenses, and selling, general and administrative expenses excluding all stock-based compensation. Qurate Retail believes this measure is an important indicator of the operational strength and performance of its businesses, including each business's ability to service debt and fund capital expenditures. In addition, this measure allows management to view operating results and perform analytical comparisons and benchmarking between businesses and identify strategies to improve performance. This measure of performance excludes depreciation and amortization, stock-based compensation, certain purchase accounting adjustments, separately reported litigation settlements, transaction related costs (including restructuring, integration, and advisory fees), and impairment charges that are included in the measurement of operating income pursuant to GAAP. Accordingly, Adjusted OIBDA should be considered in addition to, but not as a substitute for, operating income, net income, cash flow provided by operating activities and other measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP. Qurate Retail generally accounts for intersegment sales and transfers as if the sales or transfers were to third parties, that is, at current prices.

During the second quarter of 2018 the Company changed its reportable segments to include QVC U.S. and QVC International, and presented prior period information to conform with this change. Previously, QVC was considered one reportable segment. As a result of the GCI Liberty Split-Off, and the related management transitions, a new Chief Operating Decision Maker ("CODM") was identified, and the information that the new CODM reviews is aggregated differently than it was prior to the Transactions.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2018, Qurate Retail has identified the following operating segments as its

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## reportable segments:

- QVC U.S. and QVC International QVC markets and sells a wide variety of consumer products in the United States and several
  foreign countries, primarily by means of its televised shopping programs and via the Internet through its domestic and
  international websites and mobile applications.
- HSN HSN markets and sells a wide variety of consumer products primarily in the United States by means of its televised shopping programs and via the Internet and mobile transactions through its domestic websites.
- zulily zulily markets and sells a wide variety of consumer products in the United States and several foreign countries through flash sales events, primarily through its desktop, mobile and app experiences.

Qurate Retail's operating segments are strategic business units that offer different products and services. They are managed separately because each segment requires different technologies, distribution channels and marketing strategies. The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in the Company's Summary of Significant Accounting Policies in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

## Performance Measures

	Three months ended September 30,					
		2018		2017		
			Adjusted	Adjusted		
	F	Revenue	OIBDA	Revenue	OIBDA	
			amounts in r	nillions		
QVC U.S.	\$	1,418	324	1,374	316	
QVC International		640	93	636	99	
HSN		513	47	NA	NA	
zulily		432	18	367	12	
Corporate and other		230	(14)	4	(14)	
Inter-segment eliminations		(2)	_	_	_	
Consolidated Qurate Retail	\$	3,231	468	2,381	413	

		Nine months ended September 30, 2018 2017				
		2018		2017		
	·		Adjusted		Adjusted	
		Revenue	OIBDA	Revenue	OIBDA	
			amounts in 1	millions		
QVC U.S.	\$	4,262	1,005	4,111	1,013	
QVC International		1,972	300	1,843	304	
HSN		1,495	136	NA	NA	
zulily		1,266	74	1,093	53	
Corporate and other		701	(13)	16	(39)	
Inter-segment eliminations		(2)	_	(3)	_	
Consolidated Qurate Retail	\$	9,694	1,502	7,060	1,331	

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## Other Information

	September 30, 2018			
	Tota	al assets		
			amounts in millions	
QVC U.S.	\$	9,284	39	83
QVC International		2,136	_	42
HSN		2,793	_	11
zulily		2,222	_	18
Corporate and other		1,238	139	18
Consolidated Qurate Retail	\$	17,673	178	172

The following table provides a reconciliation of Consolidated segment Adjusted OIBDA to Operating income (loss) and Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes:

	Three months ended September 30,			Nine months ended September 30,	
		2018	2017	2018	2017
	<u></u>		amounts in m	illions	
Consolidated segment Adjusted OIBDA	\$	468	413	1,502	1,331
Stock-based compensation		(21)	(22)	(67)	(59)
Depreciation and amortization		(167)	(180)	(489)	(594)
Transaction related costs		(43)	(3)	(57)	(3)
Operating income (loss)	· <u> </u>	237	208	889	675
Interest expense		(94)	(88)	(288)	(267)
Share of earnings (loss) of affiliates, net		(29)	(86)	(89)	(122)
Realized and unrealized gains (losses) on financial instruments, net		(27)	4	92	280
Other, net		11	7	(8)	1
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	\$	88	45	596	567

#### Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Certain statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements regarding our business, strategies; QRG Initiatives (as defined below); revenue growth at QVC, Inc. ("QVC"); our projected sources and uses of cash; and fluctuations in stock prices, interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates. Where, in any forward-looking statement, we express an expectation or belief as to future results or events, such expectation or belief is expressed in good faith and believed to have a reasonable basis, but there can be no assurance that the expectation or belief will result or be achieved or accomplished. The following include some but not all of the factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those anticipated:

- · customer demand for our products and services and our ability to adapt to changes in demand;
- · competitor responses to our products and services;
- · increased digital TV penetration and the impact on channel positioning of our programs;
- the levels of online traffic to our businesses' websites and our ability to convert visitors into customers or contributors;
- uncertainties inherent in the development and integration of new business lines and business strategies;
- our future financial performance, including availability, terms and deployment of capital;
- our ability to successfully integrate and recognize anticipated efficiencies and benefits from the businesses we acquire;
- the ability of suppliers and vendors to deliver products, equipment, software and services;
- · the outcome of any pending or threatened litigation;
- availability of qualified personnel;
- · changes in, or failure or inability to comply with, government regulations, including, without limitation, regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, and adverse outcomes from regulatory proceedings;
- changes in the nature of key strategic relationships with partners, distributors, suppliers and vendors;
- domestic and international economic and business conditions and industry trends, including the impact of Brexit (as defined below):
- · consumer spending levels, including the availability and amount of individual consumer debt;
- changes in distribution and viewing of television programming, including the expanded deployment of personal video recorders, video on demand and Internet protocol television and their impact on home shopping programming;
- · rapid technological changes;
- failure to protect the security of personal information, subjecting us to potentially costly government enforcement actions and/or private litigation and reputational damage;
- · the regulatory and competitive environment of the industries in which we operate;
- · threatened terrorist attacks, political and economic unrest in international markets and ongoing military action around the world; and
- · fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates.

For additional risk factors, please see Part II, Item 1A. of the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2018. These forward-looking statements and such risks, uncertainties and other factors speak only as of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and we expressly disclaim any obligation or undertaking to disseminate any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement contained herein, to reflect any change in our expectations with regard thereto, or any other change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based.

The following discussion and analysis provides information concerning our results of operations and financial condition. This discussion should be read in conjunction with our accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

See note 2 of the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements for an overview of new accounting standards that we have adopted or that we plan to adopt that have had or may have an impact on our financial statements.

The information herein relates to Qurate Retail, Inc. (formerly named Liberty Interactive Corporation, prior to the Transactions defined and described below, or "Liberty") and its controlled subsidiaries (collectively "Qurate Retail," the "Company," "Consolidated Qurate Retail," "us," "we" or "our" unless the context otherwise requires).

#### Overview

We own controlling and non-controlling interests in a broad range of video and online commerce companies. Our largest businesses and reportable segments are QVC U.S. and QVC International. QVC markets and sells a wide variety of consumer products in the United States ("U.S.") and several foreign countries, primarily by means of its televised shopping programs and the Internet through its domestic and international websites and mobile applications. On December 29, 2017, we acquired the approximately 62% of HSN, Inc. ("HSNi") we did not already own in an all-stock transaction (the "Merger") making HSNi a wholly-owned subsidiary. HSNi has two main operating segments: its televised shopping business "HSN" and its catalog retail business "Cornerstone." HSN is a reportable segment, and Cornerstone is included in the "Corporate and other" reportable segment. On October 1, 2015 we acquired zulily, Ilc ("zulily"), an online retailer offering customers a fun and entertaining shopping experience with a fresh selection of new product styles launched every day. zulily is a reportable segment.

Our "Corporate and other" category includes our consolidated subsidiary Cornerstone, along with various cost and equity method investments. See discussion below for the entities that were included in Corporate and other in prior periods.

Prior to the Transactions (described and defined below), the Company utilized tracking stocks in its capital structure. A tracking stock is a type of common stock that the issuing company intends to reflect or "track" the economic performance of a particular business or "group," rather than the economic performance of the company as a whole. Qurate Retail had two tracking stocks—QVC Group common stock and Liberty Ventures common stock, which were intended to track and reflect the economic performance of the businesses, assets and liabilities attributed to the QVC Group and the Ventures Group, respectively. The QVC Group was comprised of the Company's wholly-owned subsidiaries QVC, zulily and HSNi, among other assets and liabilities. The Ventures Group was comprised of businesses not included in the QVC Group including Evite Inc. ("Evite") and our interests in Liberty Broadband Corporation ("Liberty Broadband"), LendingTree, Inc. ("LendingTree"), FTD Companies, Inc. ("FTD"), investments in Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter") and ILG, Inc. ("ILG"), among other assets and liabilities (which were all included in the Corporate and other category). The Company's results are attributed to the QVC Group and the Ventures Group through March 9, 2018.

On March 9, 2018, Qurate Retail completed the transactions contemplated by the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (as amended, the "Reorganization Agreement," and the transactions contemplated thereby, the "Transactions") among General Communication, Inc. ("GCI"), an Alaska corporation, and Liberty Interactive LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Liberty ("LLC"). Pursuant to the Reorganization Agreement, GCI amended and restated its articles of incorporation (which resulted in GCI being renamed GCI Liberty, Inc. ("GCI Liberty")) and effected a reclassification and auto conversion of its common stock. After market close on March 8, 2018, Qurate Retail's board of directors approved the reattribution of certain assets and liabilities from Qurate Retail's Ventures Group to its QVC Group, which was effective immediately. The reattributed assets and liabilities included cash, Qurate Retail's interest in ILG, FTD, certain green energy investments, LI LLC's exchangeable debentures, and certain tax benefits.

Following these events, Qurate Retail acquired GCI (renamed "GCI Liberty, Inc.") through a reorganization in which certain Qurate Retail interests, assets and liabilities attributed to the Ventures Group were contributed (the "contribution") to GCI Liberty in exchange for a controlling interest in GCI Liberty. Qurate Retail and LI LLC contributed to GCI Liberty their entire equity interest in Liberty Broadband, Charter, and LendingTree, the Evite operating business and other assets and liabilities attributed to Qurate Retail's Venture Group (following the reattribution), in exchange for (a) the issuance to LI LLC of a number of shares of GCI Liberty Class A Common Stock and a number of shares of GCI Liberty Class B Common Stock equal to the number of outstanding shares of Series A Liberty Ventures common stock and Series B Liberty

Ventures common stock on March 9, 2018, respectively, (b) cash and (c) the assumption of certain liabilities by GCI Liberty.

Following the contribution, Qurate Retail effected a tax-free separation of its controlling interest in the combined company (the "GCI Liberty Split-Off"), GCI Liberty, to the holders of Liberty Ventures common stock in full redemption of all outstanding shares of such stock, in which each outstanding share of Series A Liberty Ventures common stock was redeemed for one share of GCI Liberty Class A common stock and each outstanding share of Series B Liberty Ventures common stock was redeemed for one share of GCI Liberty Class B common stock. Simultaneous with the closing of the Transactions, QVC Group common stock became the only outstanding common stock of Qurate Retail, and thus QVC Group common stock ceased to function as a tracking stock. On April 9, 2018, Liberty Interactive Corporation was renamed Qurate Retail, Inc. On May 23, 2018, Qurate Retail amended its charter to eliminate the tracking stock capitalization structure and reclassify each share of QVC Group common stock into one share of the corresponding series of new common stock of Qurate Retail. With respect to events on or after May 23, 2018, we refer to our Series A and Series B common stock as "Qurate Retail common stock." In July 2018, the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") completed its review of the GCI Liberty Split-Off and informed Qurate Retail that it agreed with the nontaxable characterization of the transactions. Qurate Retail received an Issue Resolution Agreement from the IRS documenting this conclusion.

As discussed in note 4 to the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements, Qurate Retail's interest in Liberty Broadband has been presented as a discontinued operation as a result of the Transactions.

On October 17, 2018, Qurate Retail announced a series of initiatives designed to better position its HSNi and QVC- U.S. businesses ("QRG Initiatives"). As part of the QRG Initiatives, QVC will close its fulfillment center in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and has entered into an agreement to lease a new fulfillment center in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, commencing in 2019 (see note 10 to the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements). Qurate Retail recorded transaction related costs of \$43 million during the third quarter of 2018, which primarily related to severance as a result of the QRG Initiatives.

## Results of Operations—Consolidated

General. We provide in the tables below information regarding our consolidated Operating Results and Other Income and Expense, as well as information regarding the contribution to those items from our principal reporting segments. The "Corporate and other" category consists of those assets or businesses which we do not disclose separately. For a more detailed discussion and analysis of the financial results of the principal reporting segments, see "Results of Operations—Businesses" below.

## **Operating Results**

Permanas			Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,		
Revenue         S         1,418         1,374         4,262         4,111           QVC U.S.         \$         1,418         1,374         4,262         4,111           QVC International         640         636         1,972         1,843           HSN         513         NA         1,495         NA           zulily         432         367         1,266         1,093           Inter-segment eliminations         (2)         —         (2)         (3)           Corporate and other         230         4         701         16           Consolidated Qurate Retail         \$         3,231         2,381         9,694         7,060           Former QVC Group         (a)         2,375         (a)         7,044           Former Ventures Group         (a)         6         (a)         16           Operating Income (Loss)           QVC U.S.         \$         224         200         766         627           QVC U.S.         \$         224         200         766         627           QVC U.S.         \$         224         200         766         627           QVC U.S.         \$         224         <			2018			2017	
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<sup>(</sup>a) Due to the GCI Liberty Split-Off, including the redemption of outstanding shares of Liberty Ventures common stock, the Ventures Group and the QVC Group tracking stock structure no longer exists as of March 9, 2018, however amounts were attributed to the Ventures Group and the QVC Group from January 1, 2018 through March 9, 2018. Attributed to the Ventures Group was revenue of \$3 million, operating loss of \$8 million, and an Adjusted OIBDA loss of \$5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018. No revenue, operating loss or Adjusted OIBDA was attributed to the Ventures Group for the three months ended September 30, 2018.

**Revenue.** Consolidated Qurate Retail revenue increased 35.7% or \$850 million and 37.3% or \$2,634 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively, as compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year. The increases in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 were due in part to the acquisition of HSN which had revenue of \$513 million and \$1,495 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively. The increase in Corporate and other revenue was primarily due to the acquisition of Cornerstone which had revenue of \$230 million and \$698 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively. The increase was also due to increased revenue at QVC U.S. of \$44 million and \$151 million for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2018, respectively, increased revenue at QVC International of \$4 million and \$129 million

for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively, and increased revenue at zulily of \$65 million and \$173 million for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2018, respectively. See "Results of Operations—Businesses" below for a more complete discussion of the results of operations of QVC, HSN and zulily.

**Stock-based compensation.** Stock-based compensation includes compensation primarily related to options, restricted stock awards and restricted stock units for shares of our common stock that are granted to certain of our officers and employees.

We recorded \$21 million and \$22 million of stock-based compensation for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and \$67 million and \$59 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The decrease of \$1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018 was primarily due to a decrease in stock compensation expense related to Liberty Ventures of \$4 million as a result of the GCI Liberty Split-Off, partially offset by an increase in stock compensation expense at QVC of \$1 million, HSN of \$1 million, and Cornerstone of \$1 million. The increase of \$8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was primarily due to an increase in stock compensation expense at QVC of \$6 million, HSN of \$5 million, Corporate of \$3 million, and Cornerstone of \$2 million, partially offset by a decrease in stock compensation expense related to Liberty Ventures of \$8 million as a result of the GCI Liberty Split-Off. As of September 30, 2018, the total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested Qurate Retail equity awards was approximately \$87 million. Such amount will be recognized in our condensed consolidated statements of operations over a weighted average period of approximately 2.5 years.

Operating income. Our consolidated operating income increased 13.9% or \$29 million and 31.7% or \$214 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively, as compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year. The increase in operating income for the three months ended September 30, 2018 was primarily due to an increase in operating income at QVC U.S. of \$24 million, the acquisition of HSN which had operating income of \$4 million, and a decrease in operating losses at zulily of \$6 million, partially offset by an increase in operating loss in the Corporate and other segment of \$8 million. The increase for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was primarily due to an increase in operating income at QVC U.S. of \$139 million, an increase in operating income at QVC International of \$24 million, the acquisition of HSN which had operating income of \$37 million, and a decrease in operating losses at zulily of \$19 million, partially offset by a \$5 million increase in operating loss in the Corporate and other segment. See "Results of Operations—Businesses" below for a more complete discussion of the results of operations of QVC, HSN and zulily.

Adjusted OIBDA. We define Adjusted OIBDA as revenue less cost of sales, operating expenses and selling, general and administrative ("SG&A") expenses excluding all stock-based compensation. Our chief operating decision maker and management team use this measure of performance in conjunction with other measures to evaluate our businesses and make decisions about allocating resources among our businesses. We believe this is an important indicator of the operational strength and performance of our businesses, including each business's ability to service debt and fund capital expenditures. In addition, this measure allows us to view operating results, perform analytical comparisons and benchmarking between businesses and identify strategies to improve performance. This measure of performance excludes depreciation and amortization, stock-based compensation, certain purchase accounting adjustments, separately reported litigation settlements, transaction related costs (including restructuring, integration, and advisory fees), and impairment charges that are included in the measurement of operating income pursuant to U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). Accordingly, Adjusted OIBDA should be considered in addition to, but not as a substitute for, operating income, net income, cash flow provided by operating activities and other measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP. See note 11 to the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements for a reconciliation of Adjusted OIBDA to Operating income and Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes.

Consolidated Adjusted OIBDA increased 13.3% or \$55 million and 12.8% or \$171 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively, as compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year. The increase in Adjusted OIBDA for the three months ended September 30, 2018 was primarily due to the acquisition of HSN which had Adjusted OIBDA of \$47 million, an increase at zulily of \$6 million, and an increase at QVC U.S. of \$8 million, partially offset by a decrease at QVC International of \$6 million. The increase in Adjusted OIBDA for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was primarily due to the acquisition of HSN which had Adjusted OIBDA of \$136 million, an increase in Corporate and other Adjusted OIBDA of \$26 million primarily related to Cornerstone, an increase at zulily of \$21 million, partially offset by a decrease at QVC International of \$4 million, and a decrease at QVC U.S. of \$8 million. See "Results of Operations—Businesses" below for a more complete discussion of the results of operations of QVC, HSN and zulily.

## Other Income and Expense

Components of Other income (expense) are presented in the table below.

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	 2018	2017	2018	2017
	 amounts in millions			
Interest expense	\$ (94)	(88)	(288)	(267)
Share of earnings (losses) of affiliates	(29)	(86)	(89)	(122)
Realized and unrealized gains (losses) on financial instruments, net	(27)	4	92	280
Other, net	1	7	(8)	1
Other income (expense)	\$ (149)	(163)	(293)	(108)
Former QVC Group	(a)	(56)	(a)	(196)
Former Ventures Group	(a)	(107)	(a)	88

(a) Due to the GCI Liberty Split-Off, the Ventures Group and the QVC Group tracking stocks no longer exist as of March 9, 2018, however amounts were attributed to the Ventures Group and the QVC Group from January 1, 2018 through March 9, 2018. Attributed to the Ventures Group was other income of \$120 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018. No other income was attributed to the Ventures Group for the three months ended September 30, 2018.

Interest expense. Interest expense increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year, primarily due to the HSNi Bank Credit Facilities that were not included at September 30, 2017 as HSNi was not consolidated as of that date, and a higher interest rate and increase in the amount outstanding on the QVC Bank Credit Facilities during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, compared to the same periods in the prior year.

Share of earnings (losses) of affiliates. The following table presents our share of earnings (losses) of affiliates:

	Three months e September 3		Nine months ended September 30,			
	 2018	2017	2018	2017		
	 amounts in millions					
HSNi (1)	\$ NA	12	NA	35		
FTD (2)	(11)	(81)	(52)	(86)		
LendingTree (3)	NA	2	_	5		
Other (4)	(18)	(19)	(37)	(76)		
	\$ (29)	(86)	(89)	(122)		

- (1) On December 29, 2017, the Company acquired the approximately 62% of HSNi it did not already own in an all-stock transaction making HSNi a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. As HSNi is no longer an equity affiliate as of this date, the Company has not recorded share of earnings (losses) related to HSNi for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018.
- (2) FTD recorded an impairment during the second quarter of 2018, and Qurate Retail recorded its portion of FTD's impairment.
- (3) As a result of the GCI Liberty Split-Off, LendingTree is no longer an equity affiliate of the Company as of March 9, 2018, and the Company's share of LendingTree's losses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 are recorded through March 9, 2018.
- (4) The share of losses in the "Other" category is primarily related to our investments in alternative energy solution entities. These entities typically operate at a loss and we record our share of such losses. We note these entities typically have favorable tax attributes and credits, which are recorded in our tax accounts.

**Realized and unrealized gains (losses) on financial instruments, net.** Realized and unrealized gains (losses) on financial instruments, net are comprised of changes in the fair value of the following:

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine month Septembe	
	 2018	2017	2018	2017
		amounts in n	nillions	
Equity securities	\$ 10	130	154	552
Exchangeable senior debentures	(52)	(91)	(9)	(230)
Indemnification asset	15	_	(49)	_
Other financial instruments	_	(35)	(4)	(42)
	\$ (27)	4	92	280

The changes in realized and unrealized gains (losses) on financial instruments, net are due to market activity in the period on the various financial instruments that are marked to market on a periodic basis. The decrease in unrealized gains for the three months ended September 30, 2018, compared to the corresponding period in the prior year, was primarily driven by a decrease due to the reattribution of Charter to GCI Liberty in the GCI Liberty Split-Off, partially offset by an increase in realized gain on the investment in ILG due to the purchase of ILG by Marriott Vacations Worldwide during the third quarter of 2018, an increase in unrealized gains on exchangeable debt and derivative instruments, and an unrealized gain on the indemnification asset as a result of the GCI Liberty Split-Off. The decrease in unrealized gains for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, compared to the corresponding period in the prior year, was primarily due to a decrease in the unrealized gain on the investment in Charter and the reattribution of Charter to GCI Liberty in the GCI Liberty Split-Off, a decrease in unrealized gains on the investment in ILG, and an unrealized loss on the indemnification asset as a result of the GCI Liberty Split-Off, partially offset by an increase in unrealized gains on exchangeable debt and derivative instruments.

Other, net. Other, net includes the impact of foreign currency at QVC. Certain loans between QVC and its subsidiaries are deemed to be short-term in nature, and accordingly, the translation of these loans is recorded in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations. The change in foreign currency gain (loss) was also due to variances in interest and operating payables balances between QVC and its international subsidiaries denominated in the currency of the subsidiary and the effects of currency exchange rate changes on those balances. Other, net decreased by \$6 million and \$9 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively, compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year. The decrease in the three months ended September 30, 2018 was primarily due to foreign exchange losses. The decrease for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was primarily due to a loss on extinguishment related to the exchange of the 1.75% Exchangeable Debentures due 2046 (the "1.75% Exchangeable Debentures") in June 2018 (see note 7 of the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements), partially offset by an increase in foreign exchange gains and interest income.

Income taxes. We had income tax expense of \$6 million and benefit of \$33 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and income tax expense of \$60 million and \$127 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Income tax expense was lower than the U.S. statutory tax rate of 21% during the three months ended September 30, 2018 due to tax benefits from tax credits generated by our alternative energy investments, partially offset by an increase in the valuation allowance against certain deferred tax assets. Income tax expense was lower than the U.S. statutory tax rate of 21% during the nine months ended September 30, 2018 due to tax benefits from tax credits generated by our alternative energy investments, a reduction in the Company's state effective tax rate used to measure deferred taxes resulting from the GCI Liberty Split-Off in March 2018, and a reduction in the Company's state effective tax rate used to measure deferred taxes resulting from a state law change during the second quarter, partially offset by an increase in the valuation allowance against certain deferred tax assets. Income tax expense was lower than the U.S. statutory tax rate of 35% during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, due to a federal benefit from tax credits and incentives generated by our alternative energy investments and permanent tax benefits related to foreign currency losses realized for tax purposes, partially offset by state taxes, net of federal benefit.

*Net earnings.* We had net earnings of \$82 million and \$308 million for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and net earnings of \$677 million and \$1,011 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The change in net earnings was the result of the above-described fluctuations in our revenue, expenses and other gains and losses and the impact of presenting Liberty Broadband as a discontinued operation.

#### **Material Changes in Financial Condition**

As of September 30, 2018, substantially all of our cash and cash equivalents are invested in U.S. Treasury securities, other government agencies, AAA rated money market funds and other highly rated financial and corporate debt instruments.

The following are potential sources of liquidity: available cash balances, equity issuances, dividend and interest receipts, proceeds from asset sales, monetization of our public investment portfolio, debt (including availability under QVC's Senior Secured Credit Facility, (the "Third Amended and Restated Credit Facility")) and HSNi's Bank Credit Facility, as discussed in note 9 of the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements) and cash generated by the operating activities of our wholly-owned subsidiaries. Cash generated by the operating activities of our subsidiaries is only a source of liquidity to the extent such cash exceeds the working capital needs of the subsidiaries and is not otherwise restricted such as, in the case of QVC, zulily and HSNi, due to a requirement that a leverage ratio (defined as the ratio of subsidiaries' consolidated total debt to Adjusted OIBDA for the most recent four fiscal quarter period) of less than 3.5 to 1.0 must be maintained.

During the three months ended September 30, 2018 there have been no changes to our corporate or subsidiary debt credit ratings.

As of September 30, 2018, Qurate Retail's liquidity position included the following:

	Cash ar equiva	nd cash alents	Equity securities		
	·	amounts in millions			
QVC	\$	388	_	_	
HSNi		23	_	_	
zulily		32	_	_	
Corporate and other		89	370	6	
Total Qurate Retail	\$	532	370	6	

To the extent that the Company recognizes any taxable gains from the sale of assets we may incur tax expense and be required to make tax payments, thereby reducing any cash proceeds. Additionally, we have borrowing capacity of approximately \$1.8 billion under the Third Amended and Restated Credit Facility at September 30, 2018, including the remaining portion of the \$400 million tranche that zulily may utilize, and borrowing capacity of \$602 million under the HSNi Credit Facility. As of September 30, 2018, QVC had approximately \$221 million of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash held in foreign subsidiaries that is available for domestic purposes with no significant tax consequences upon repatriation to the U.S. QVC accrues foreign taxes on the unremitted earnings of its international subsidiaries. Approximately 66% of this foreign cash balance was that of QVC-Japan. QVC owns 60% of QVC-Japan and shares all profits and losses with the 40% minority interest holder, Mitsui & Co., LTD ("Mitsui").

Additionally, our operating businesses have generated, on average, more than \$1 billion in annual cash provided by operating activities over the prior three years and we do not anticipate any significant reductions in that amount in future periods.

		Nine months ended September 30,			
		2018 2017			
	· <u> </u>	amounts in millions			
Cash Flow Information					
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$	996	1,080		
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	\$	(84)	(302)		
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	\$	(1,283)	(720)		

During the nine months ended September 30, 2018, Qurate Retail's primary uses of cash were the GCI Liberty Split-Off of \$475 million, repurchases of Series A Qurate Retail common stock of \$623 million, and net repayments of certain debt obligations of approximately \$273 million (including the repurchase of a portion of the 1.75% Exchangeable Debentures), partially offset by proceeds from the sale of certain cost investments of \$281 million.

The projected uses of Qurate Retail cash for the remainder of 2018 are the continued capital improvement spending of approximately \$120 million, the repayment of certain debt obligations (including approximately \$50 million for interest payments on outstanding debt), the potential buyback of common stock under the approved share buyback program and additional investments in existing or new businesses. We also may be required to make net payments of income tax liabilities to settle items under discussion with tax authorities. We expect that cash on hand and cash provided by operating activities and borrowing capacity in future periods will be sufficient to fund projected uses of cash

#### **Results of Operations—Businesses**

**QVC.** QVC is a retailer of a wide range of consumer products, which are marketed and sold primarily by merchandise-focused televised shopping programs, the Internet and mobile applications. In the U.S., QVC's televised shopping programs, including live and recorded content, are broadcast across multiple channels nationally on a full-time basis, including QVC, QVC 2 and Beauty iQ. QVC U.S. programming is also available on QVC.com, QVC's U.S. website; mobile applications via streaming video; over-the-air broadcasters; and over-the-top content platforms (Roku, Apple TV, Facebook, etc.).

QVC believes that its digital platforms complement its televised shopping programs by allowing consumers to purchase a wide assortment of goods offered on its televised programs, as well as other products that are available only on its digital platforms. QVC views e-commerce as a natural extension of its business, allowing QVC to stream live video and offer on-demand video segments of items recently presented live on its televised programs. QVC's digital platforms allow shoppers to browse, research, compare and perform targeted searches for products, control the order-entry process and conveniently access their QVC account.

QVC's international televised shopping programs, including live and recorded content, are distributed to households outside of the U.S., primarily in Germany, Austria, Japan, the United Kingdom ("U.K."), the Republic of Ireland, Italy and France. In some of the countries where QVC operates, its televised shopping programs are broadcast across multiple QVC channels: QVC Beauty & Style and QVC2 in Germany and QVC Beauty, QVC Extra, and QVC Style in the U.K. The programming created for most of these markets is also available via streaming video on QVC's digital platforms. QVC's international business employs product sourcing teams who select products tailored to the interests of each local market.

QVC's Japanese operations ("QVC-Japan") are conducted through a joint venture with Mitsui. QVC-Japan is owned 60% by QVC and 40% by Mitsui. QVC and Mitsui share in all profits and losses based on their respective ownership interests. During the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, QVC-Japan paid dividends to Mitsui of \$23 million and \$22 million, respectively.

Additionally, QVC also has a 49% interest in a joint venture with CNR Media Group, formerly known as China Broadcasting Corporation, a limited liability company owned by China National Radio which operates a retail business in China through a shopping television channel with an associated website. This joint venture is accounted for as an equity method investment recorded in share of earnings (losses) of affiliates, net in the condensed consolidated statements of operations.

#### QVC's operating results were as follows:

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine month Septembe		
	-	2018	2017	2018	2017
			amounts in m	illions	
Net revenue	\$	2,058	2,010	6,234	5,954
Cost of sales		(1,300)	(1,282)	(3,906)	(3,755)
Operating		(144)	(145)	(433)	(419)
SG&A expenses (excluding stock-based compensation and transaction		, i	, i	· · ·	Ì
related costs )		(197)	(168)	(590)	(463)
Adjusted OIBDA		417	415	1,305	1,317
Stock-based compensation		(10)	(9)	(30)	(23)
Depreciation and amortization		(78)	(129)	(229)	(440)
Transaction related costs		(28)	(3)	(32)	(3)
Operating income	\$	301	274	1,014	851

Net revenue was generated in the following geographical areas:

		September 30,		Nine montl Septemb	
	2018		2017	2018	2017
			amounts in	millions	
QVC U.S.	\$	1,418	1,374	4,262	4,111
QVC International		640	636	1,972	1,843
Consolidated QVC	\$	2,058	2,010	6,234	5,954

QVC's consolidated net revenue increased 2.4% and 4.7% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively, as compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year. The increase in net revenue of \$48 million for the three month period was primarily comprised of \$39 million due to a 1.7% increase in average selling price per unit ("ASP"), \$26 million due to the inclusion of QVC-branded credit card income ("Q-Card Income") in the U.S., due to the adoption of new accounting guidance on revenue from contracts with customers, which was previously recorded as an offset to \$G&A for the three months ended September 30, 2017, and a \$9 million increase in shipping and handling revenue. These increases were partially offset by a decrease of \$16 million due to a 0.7% decrease in units sold, \$5 million in unfavorable foreign currency exchange rates and an increase in estimated product returns of \$3 million. The increase in net revenue of \$280 million for the nine month period was primarily comprised of a \$223 million increase due to a 3.3% increase in units sold, \$98 million in favorable foreign currency exchange rates, \$78 million due to the inclusion of Q-Card Income in the U.S., and a \$15 million increase in shipping and handling revenue. The increase was offset by a \$93 million decrease due to a 1.3% decrease in ASP and an increase in estimated product returns of \$38 million. The changes in units sold, foreign exchange rates, ASP and estimated products returns are partially impacted by the change in the timing of revenue recognition as part of the adoption of new accounting guidance on revenue from contracts with customers. The impact of this change was a \$12 million and a \$30 million increase to net revenue in comparison to net revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively, without the adoption of new accounting guidance on revenue from contracts with customers.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, the changes in revenue and expenses were affected by changes in the exchange rates for the Japanese Yen, the Euro and the U.K. Pound Sterling. In the event the U.S. Dollar strengthens against these foreign currencies in the future, QVC's revenue and operating cash flow will be negatively affected.

In describing QVC's operating results, the term currency exchange rates refers to the currency exchange rates QVC uses to convert the operating results for all countries where the functional currency is not the U.S. Dollar. QVC calculates the effect of changes in currency exchange rates as the difference between current period activity translated using the prior period's currency exchange rates. QVC refers to the results of this calculation as the impact of currency exchange rate fluctuations. Constant currency operating results refers to operating results without the impact of the currency exchange

rate fluctuations. The disclosure of constant currency amounts or results permits investors to better understand QVC's underlying performance without the effects of currency exchange rate fluctuations.

The percentage change in net revenue for each of QVC's geographic areas in U.S. Dollars and in constant currency was as follows:

	Three months ended September 30, 2018			Nine months ended September 30, 2018			
		Foreign			Foreign	_	
		Currency			Currency		
		Exchange			Exchange		
	U.S. Dollars	Impact	Constant Currency	U.S. Dollars	Impact	Constant currency	
QVC U.S.	3.2 %	<b>—</b> %	3.2 %	3.7 %	<u> </u>	3.7 %	
QVC International	0.6 %	(0.9)%	1.5 %	7.0 %	5.3 %	1.7 %	

QVC U.S. net revenue growth for the three months ended September 30, 2018 was primarily due to the \$26 million inclusion of Q-Card Income, which was previously recorded as an offset to SG&A expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2017, a 0.8% increase in ASP, an \$11 million increase in shipping and handling revenue, and a 0.1% increase in units shipped. The increase was offset by a \$7 million increase in estimated product returns. For the three months ended September 30, 2018, QVC U.S. experienced shipped sales increases in accessories, beauty and electronics, and decreases in home, jewelry and apparel. For the nine months ended September 30, 2018, QVC U.S. net revenue increase was due to a 4.5% increase in units shipped, \$78 million due to the inclusion of Q-Card Income, and a \$15 million increase in shipping and handling revenue. The increase was offset by a decrease of 2.3% in ASP and a \$37 million increase in estimated product returns. For the nine months ended September 30, 2018, QVC U.S. experienced shipped sales increases in home, accessories, apparel, and beauty, and decreases in electronics and jewelry.

QVC International net revenue growth in constant currency for the three months ended September 30, 2018 was primarily due to a 3.3% increase in ASP in all markets except France and a \$3 million decrease in estimated product returns. This increase was offset by a 2.1% decrease in units shipped, driven by decreases in Germany and Japan. For the three months ended September 30, 2018, QVC International experienced shipped sales growth in constant currency in home, electronics, and beauty, with decreases in accessories, apparel and jewelry. Net revenue growth in constant currency for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was primarily due to a 1.3% increase in units shipped, primarily driven by increases in the U.K., and a 0.3% increase in ASP, primarily driven by Germany and Italy, offset by the other markets. This was offset by a \$1 million increase in estimated product returns. For the nine months ended September 30, 2018, QVC International experienced shipped sales growth in constant currency in electronics, home, and beauty, with decreases in apparel, accessories and jewelry.

QVC's future net revenue growth will primarily depend on sales growth from e-commerce and mobile platforms, additions of new customers from households already receiving QVC's television programming and increased spending from existing customers. QVC's future net revenue may also be affected by (i) the willingness of cable television and direct-to-home satellite system operators to continue carrying QVC's programming service; (ii) QVC's ability to maintain favorable channel positioning, which may become more difficult due to governmental action or from distributors converting analog customers to digital; (iii) changes in television viewing habits because of personal video recorders, video-on-demand and Internet video services; and (iv) general economic conditions.

On June 23, 2016, the U.K. held a referendum in which British citizens approved an exit from the European Union (the "E.U."), commonly referred to as "Brexit." As a result of the referendum, the global markets and currencies have been adversely impacted, including a sharp decline in the value of the U.K. Pound Sterling as compared to the U.S. Dollar. Volatility in exchange rates is expected to continue in the short term as the U.K. negotiates its exit from the E.U. In the longer term, any impact from Brexit on us will also depend, in part, on the outcome of tariff, trade, regulatory and other negotiations. Although it is unknown what the result of those negotiations will be, it is possible that new terms may adversely affect QVC's operations and financial results. On March 29, 2017, the U.K. invoked Article 50 of the Treaty of Lisbon, which is the first step of the U.K.'s formal exit from the E.U. This started the two-year window in which the U.K. and the European Commission can negotiate future terms for imports, exports, taxes, employment, immigration and other areas, ending in the exit of the U.K. from the E.U.

QVC's cost of sales as a percentage of net revenue was 63.2% and 62.7% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively, compared to 63.8% and 63.1% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, cost of sales as a percentage of revenue decreased primarily due to the inclusion of Q-Card Income in net revenue, which was previously recorded as an offset to SG&A expenses, offset somewhat by higher warehouse and freight costs.

QVC's operating expenses are principally comprised of commissions, order processing and customer service expenses, credit card processing fees and telecommunications expenses. Operating expenses decreased \$1 million or 0.7% and increased \$14 million or 3.3% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively, compared to the same periods in the prior year. For the three months ended September 30, 2018, operating expenses decreased primarily due to a \$2 million decrease in commissions primarily in the U.S. This was partially offset by a \$1 million increase in credit card fees in the U.S. For the nine months ended September 30, 2018 operating expenses increased primarily due to a \$8 million increase in credit card processing fees in the U.S., and \$7 million from unfavorable foreign currency exchange rates.

QVC's SG&A expenses (excluding stock-based compensation and transaction related costs) include personnel, information technology, provision for doubtful accounts, production costs, marketing, advertising expenses and during 2017, credit card income. Such expenses increased \$29 million and \$127 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively, as compared to the same periods in the prior year, and as a percentage of net revenue, increased from 8.4% to 9.6% for the three months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2017, and increased from 7.8% to 9.5% for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2017. For the three months ended September 30, 2018, the increase was primarily due to the reclassification of Q-Card Income, attributing \$26 million as a result of the adoption of new accounting guidance on revenue from contracts with customers, which was previously recorded as an offset to SG&A expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2017. Additionally, there was a \$11 million increase in outside services primarily in the U.S., the U.K., Germany and Italy, a \$6 million increase in bad debt expense primarily in the U.S. and to a lesser extent, Japan, and a \$5 million increase in marketing expenses primarily in the U.S. the increase in bad debt expense is due to favorability in default rates from prior periods mostly related to the Easy-Pay program in the U.S. during the three months ended September 30, 2017. These increases were partially offset by a \$13 million decrease in personnel costs primarily in the U.S., Germany and Japan, and a \$1 million decrease due to favorable exchange rates.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2018, the increase was primarily due to the reclassification of Q-Card Income, attributing \$78 million as a result of the adoption of new accounting guidance on revenue from contracts with customers, which was previously recorded as an offset to SG&A expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2017. Additionally, there was a \$20 million increase in outside services, primarily in the U.S., the U.K., Germany and Italy, a \$14 million increase due to unfavorable exchange rates, a \$10 million increase in bad debt expense, primarily in the U.S. and to a lesser extent, Japan, and an \$8 million increase in marketing expense primarily in the U.S. The increase in bad debt expense is due to favorability in default rates from prior periods, mostly related to the Easy-Pay program in the U.S. during the nine months ended September 30, 2017. The increase was offset by a \$5 million decrease in personnel costs primarily in the U.S. and Germany.

Depreciation and amortization consisted of the following:

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine montl Septemb	
	 2018	2017	2018	2017
		amounts in n	nillions	
Affiliate agreements	\$ _	25	1	98
Customer relationships	1	28	3	112
Acquisition related amortization	 1	53	4	210
Property and equipment	36	38	110	116
Software amortization	23	24	66	70
Channel placement amortization and related expenses	18	14	49	44
Total depreciation and amortization	\$ 78	129	229	440

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, acquisition related amortization expense decreased primarily due to the end of the useful lives of certain affiliate agreements and customer relationships established at the time of the Company's acquisition of QVC in 2003

Transaction related costs increased by \$25 million and \$29 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively, as compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year due to incremental expenses directly related to the severance payments during the third quarter of 2018 related to the planned future closure of QVC's Lancaster, PA fulfillment center and other initiatives to deliver long term growth.

HSN. On December 29, 2017, Qurate Retail acquired the approximately 62% of HSNi it did not already own in an all-stock transaction making HSNi a wholly-owned subsidiary. As HSNi's Cornerstone operating segment was included in the "Corporate and other" reportable segment (see note 11 in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements), the information presented in this section relates to the HSN reportable segment. Although HSN's results are only included in Qurate Retail's results since January 1, 2018, we believe a discussion of HSN's standalone results compared to the prior year period promotes a better understanding of the overall results of its business.

HSN is an interactive entertainment and lifestyle retailer offering a curated assortment of exclusive products and top brand names to its customers primarily through television home shopping programming on the HSN television networks, through its business-to-consumer digital commerce site HSN.com, through mobile applications, through outlet stores and through wholesale distribution of certain proprietary products to other retailers. HSN incorporates entertainment, inspiration and personalities to provide an entirely unique shopping experience. HSN's live programming is distributed via its nationally televised shopping program seven days a week, 364 days per year.

HSN's stand-alone operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 were as follows:

_	Three months ended September 30,		Nine montl Septemb		
	2018	2017 (1)	2018	2017 (1)	
		amounts in 1	millions		
Net revenue \$	513	536	1,495	1,631	
Cost of sales	(339)	(358)	(978)	(1,079)	
SG&A expenses (excluding stock-based compensation and transaction					
related costs)	(127)	(136)	(381)	(411)	
Adjusted OIBDA	47	42	136	141	
Stock-based compensation	(2)	(3)	(5)	(6)	
Depreciation and amortization	(29)	(7)	(76)	(23)	
Transaction related costs	(12)	(1)	(18)	(5)	
Operating income (loss)	4	31	37	107	

(1) HSN has reclassified certain costs between financial statement line items to conform with Qurate Retail's reporting structure for ease of comparability for the periods presented.

HSN's net sales primarily relate to the sale of merchandise, including shipping and handling fees, and are reduced by incentive discounts and actual and estimated sales returns. Sales taxes collected are not included in net sales. Digital sales include sales placed through its websites and its mobile applications, including tablets and smart phones. Revenue is recorded when delivery to the customer has occurred. Delivery is considered to have occurred when the customer takes title and assumes the risks and rewards of ownership, which is on the date of shipment. HSN's sales policy allows customers to return virtually all merchandise for a full refund or exchange, subject to pre-established time restrictions.

HSN's net revenue decreased 4.3% and 8.3% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively, as compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year. The decrease in net revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2018 was primarily attributed to an 8.2% decrease in units shipped, partially offset by a 0.9% improvement in the sales return rate from 14.8% to 13.9% and an increase in shipping revenue. The sales mix shifted from apparel, jewelry and electronics to home, accessories and beauty. The decrease in net revenue for the nine months ended

September 30, 2018 was primarily attributed to an 11.1% decrease in units shipped, partially offset by a 0.8% improvement in the sales return rate from 15.1% to 14.3% and an increase in shipping revenue. The sales mix shifted from apparel, electronics and jewelry to home, accessories and beauty. The three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 includes \$3 million and \$11 million of revenue, respectively, associated with HSN's private label credit card program which was reclassified from SG&A to net revenue due to the adoption of new accounting guidance on revenue from contracts with customers. In addition, the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 include a \$13 million impact on net revenue due to Hurricane Irma.

HSN's cost of sales as a percentage of net revenue was 66.1% and 66.8% for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and 65.4% and 66.2% for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The decrease for the three months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the corresponding period in the prior year, was primarily attributed to higher shipping margins partially offset by higher inventory reserves, higher procurement costs and a deleveraging of fixed warehouse costs. The decrease for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 as compared to the same period in the prior year was primarily due to higher product and shipping margins driven by less promotional and clearance activity, partially offset by higher inventory reserves, higher procurement costs and a deleveraging of fixed warehouse costs. The increase in inventory reserves was due to a growth in inventory levels and due to a \$3.3 million change in estimate in the three months ended June 30, 2017 as a result of HSN reducing its inventory reserve estimates for certain product categories.

HSN's SG&A expenses (excluding stock-based compensation and transaction related costs) include personnel, commissions, information technology, order processing and customer service expenses, credit card processing fees, credit card income (prior to the change in revenue recognition due to ASC 606), provision for doubtful accounts, productions costs and marketing and advertising expense. These expenses decreased \$9 million, and as a percentage of net revenue, decreased from 25.4% to 24.8% for the three months ended September 30, 2018, as compared to the same period in the prior year. For the nine months ended September 30, 2018, SG&A expenses decreased \$30 million, and as a percentage of net revenue, increased from 25.2% to 25.5%, as compared to the same period in the prior year. The prior year period includes \$4 million and \$12 million of revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017, respectively, associated with HSN's private label credit card program which was previously classified as an offset to expenses in SG&A prior to the change in revenue recognition due to ASC 606. If this revenue had been reclassified to conform with the current year presentation, HSN's SG&A expenses would have decreased \$13 million and \$43 million, and as a percentage of net revenue, decreased from 26.0% to 24.8% for the three months ended September 30, 2018 as compared to the same period in the prior year, and decreased from 25.8% to 25.5% for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 as compared to the same period in the prior year. The decrease in SG&A expense for the three months ended September 30, 2018 was primarily due to lower commissions of \$6 million, a decrease in personnel costs of \$3 million, lower bad debt expense of \$2 million related to HSN's Flexpay program and \$2 million of costs incurred in the prior year related to Hurricane Irma. The decrease in expense as a percentage of net revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2018 was driven by lower commissions expense and bad debt expenses, partially offset by the classification of credit card income. The decrease in SG&A expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was primarily due to lower personnel costs of \$18 million, a decrease in bad debt expense of \$8 million, a decrease in commissions of \$8 million, and lower credit card fees of \$4 million. The decrease in personnel costs was primarily due to synergies realized from the QVC integration. The decrease in bad debt expense is due to lower usage and improved loss rates of HSN's Flexpay program. The decrease in commissions is due to the renegotiation of certain long-term contracts with cable operators which resulted in the capitalization of TV distribution rights as intangible assets. The increase in expense as a percentage of net revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 was driven by the classification of the credit card income and fixed cable distribution costs, partially offset by the decrease in bad debt expenses.

Stock-based compensation includes compensation related to stock options, stock appreciation rights and restricted stock units granted to certain employees. Stock-based compensation expense decreased \$1 million for both of the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively, as compared to the same periods in the prior year due to the integration-related synergies.

HSN's depreciation and amortization expense increased \$22 million and \$53 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively, as compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year. The increase in 2018 is primarily attributed to amortization of intangible assets recognized in purchase accounting and amortization of \$5 million related to TV distribution rights.

Transaction related costs for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 were \$12 million and \$18 million, respectively, and included incremental severance and integration expenses related to the acquisition of HSNi by Qurate Retail in December 2017 and the restructuring initiatives announced in October 2018. Transaction costs for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2017 were \$1 million and \$5 million and included costs for financial advisory and legal services HSNi incurred in anticipation of the Merger.

*zulily.* zulily is an online retailer offering customers a fun and entertaining shopping experience with a fresh selection of new product styles launched each day. The zulily website was launched in January 2010 with the goal of revolutionizing the way women shop. Through its desktop, mobile and app experiences, zulily helps its customers discover new products at great values that they would likely not find elsewhere. zulily's merchandise includes women's, children's and men's apparel and other products such as home, beauty and personalized products. zulily's stand-alone operating results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 were as follows:

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine month Septemb	
	 2018	2017	2018	2017
		amounts in n	nillions	
Net revenue	\$ 432	367	1,266	1,093
Costs of sales	(319)	(272)	(928)	(800)
Operating	(12)	(11)	(35)	(33)
SG&A expenses (excluding stock-based compensation)	(83)	(72)	(229)	(207)
Adjusted OIBDA	 18	12	74	53
Stock-based compensation	(5)	(5)	(13)	(13)
Depreciation and amortization	(51)	(51)	(154)	(152)
Operating income (loss)	\$ (38)	(44)	(93)	(112)

zulily's consolidated net revenue increased 17.7% and 15.8% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively, as compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year. The increase in net revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 was primarily attributed to a 24.5% increase in active customers year over year, and the impact of the adoption of new accounting guidance on revenue from contracts with customers. An active customer is defined as an individual who has purchased products from zulily at least once in the last twelve months, measured from the last date of a period.

zulily's cost of sales as a percentage of revenue was 73.8% and 74.1% for the three months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and 73.3% and 73.2% for the nine months ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively. For the three months ended September 30, 2018, the decrease was primarily due to an improvement in product margin on net revenue.

Operating expenses are principally comprised of credit card processing fees and customer service expenses. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, operating expenses increased slightly compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year, driven by higher sales volumes.

zulily's SG&A expenses (excluding stock-based compensation) include personnel related costs for general corporate functions, marketing and advertising expenses, information technology, and the costs associated with the use by these functions of facilities and equipment, including rent. For the three months ended September 30, 2018, as a percentage of net revenue, these expenses decreased from 19.6% to 19.2%, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2018, as a percentage of net revenue, these expenses decreased from 18.9% to 18.1%. The decreases are primarily attributable to an increase in net revenue, partially offset by an increase in marketing and technology related expenses.

zulily's total depreciation and amortization of intangible assets expense remained flat and increased \$2 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018, respectively, as compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year. The increase is primarily attributed to higher amortization of software.

#### Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk.

We are exposed to market risk in the normal course of business due to our ongoing investing and financial activities and the conduct of operations by our subsidiaries in different foreign countries. Market risk refers to the risk of loss arising from adverse changes in stock prices, interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates. The risk of loss can be assessed from the perspective of adverse changes in fair values, cash flows and future earnings. We have established policies, procedures and internal processes governing our management of market risks and the use of financial instruments to manage our exposure to such risks.

We are exposed to changes in interest rates primarily as a result of our borrowing and investment activities, which include investments in fixed and floating rate debt instruments and borrowings used to maintain liquidity and to fund business operations. The nature and amount of our long-term and short-term debt are expected to vary as a result of future requirements, market conditions and other factors. We manage our exposure to interest rates by maintaining what we believe is an appropriate mix of fixed and variable rate debt. We believe this best protects us from interest rate risk. We have achieved this mix by (i) issuing fixed rate debt that we believe has a low stated interest rate and significant term to maturity, (ii) issuing variable rate debt with appropriate maturities and interest rates and (iii) entering into interest rate swap arrangements when we deem appropriate. As of September 30, 2018, our debt is comprised of the following amounts:

	Variable rate debt		Fixed rate debt		te debt
	 Principal amount	Weighted average interest rate		Principal amount	Weighted average interest rate
		dollar amount	s in m	illions	<u>.</u>
QVC	\$ 550	3.7 %	\$	4,082	4.6 %
HSNi	\$ 140	3.7 %	\$	257	2.2 %
zulily	\$ 150	3.7 %	\$	_	— %
Corporate and other	\$ _	— %	\$	2.308	5.0 %

We are exposed to changes in stock prices primarily as a result of our significant holdings in publicly traded securities. We continually monitor changes in stock markets, in general, and changes in the stock prices of our holdings, specifically. We believe that changes in stock prices can be expected to vary as a result of general market conditions, technological changes, specific industry changes and other factors. We periodically use equity collars and other financial instruments to manage market risk associated with certain investment positions. These instruments are recorded at fair value based on option pricing models.

Qurate Retail is exposed to foreign exchange rate fluctuations related primarily to the monetary assets and liabilities and the financial results of QVC's foreign subsidiaries. Assets and liabilities of foreign subsidiaries for which the functional currency is the local currency are translated into U.S. Dollars at period-end exchange rates, and the statements of operations are generally translated at the average exchange rate for the period. Exchange rate fluctuations on translating foreign currency financial statements into U.S. Dollars that result in unrealized gains or losses are referred to as translation adjustments. Cumulative translation adjustments are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive earnings (loss) as a separate component of stockholders' equity. Transactions denominated in currencies other than the functional currency are recorded based on exchange rates at the time such transactions arise. Subsequent changes in exchange rates result in transaction gains and losses, which are reflected in income as unrealized (based on period-end translations) or realized upon settlement of the transactions. Cash flows from our operations in foreign countries are translated at the average rate for the period. Accordingly, Qurate Retail may experience economic loss and a negative impact on earnings and equity with respect to our holdings solely as a result of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations. QVC's reported Adjusted OIBDA for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2018 would have been impacted by approximately \$1 million and \$3 million, respectively, for every 1% change in foreign currency exchange rates relative to the LLS Dollar.

We periodically assess the effectiveness of our derivative financial instruments. With regard to interest rate swaps, we monitor the fair value of interest rate swaps as well as the effective interest rate the interest rate swap yields, in comparison to historical interest rate trends. We believe that any losses incurred with regard to interest rate swaps would be largely offset by the effects of interest rate movements on the underlying debt facilities. These measures allow our

management to evaluate the success of our use of derivative instruments and to determine when to enter into or exit from derivative instruments.

#### Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

#### **Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

In accordance with Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), the Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of management, including its chief executive officer and its principal accounting and financial officer (the "Executives"), of the effectiveness of its disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Based on that evaluation, the Executives concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2018 to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed in its reports filed or submitted under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.

#### **Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

The Company acquired HSNi in December 2017. As a result of the acquisition, the Company is reviewing the internal controls of HSNi and is making appropriate changes as deemed necessary. Except for the changes in internal control at HSNi, there has been no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the three months ended September 30, 2018 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, its internal control over financial reporting.

#### PART II—OTHER INFORMATION

# Item 1. Legal Proceedings

None.

# Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

Share Repurchase Programs

On several occasions our board of directors has authorized a share repurchase program for our Series A and Series B QVC Group common stock. On each of May 5, 2006, November 3, 2006 and October 30, 2007 our board authorized the repurchase of \$1 billion of Series A and Series B Liberty Interactive common stock for a total of \$3 billion. These previous authorizations remained effective following the split-off of Liberty Media Corporation from the Company in September 2011 (the "LMC Split-Off"), notwithstanding the fact that the Qurate Retail common stock ceased to be a tracking stock during the period following the LMC Split-Off and prior to the creation of Qurate Retail's Liberty Ventures common stock in August 2012. On February 22, 2012 the board authorized the repurchase of an additional \$700 million of Series A and Series B Qurate Retail common stock. Additionally, on each of October 30, 2012 and February 27, 2014, the board authorized the repurchase of an additional \$1 billion of Series A and Series B QVC Group common stock. In connection with the spin-off of the Company's former wholly-owned subsidiary, Liberty TripAdvisor Holdings, Inc., during August 2014, the board authorized \$350 million for the repurchase of either the QVC Group or Liberty Ventures tracking stocks. In October 2014, the board authorized the repurchase of an additional \$650 million of Series A and Series B Liberty Ventures common stock. In August 2015, the board authorized the repurchase of an additional \$1 billion of Series A or Series B QVC Group common stock. On October 26, 2016, the board authorized the repurchase of an additional \$300 million of either the QVC Group common stock or Liberty Ventures common stock. On September 19, 2017, the board authorized the repurchase of an additional \$1 billion of Series A QVC Group common stock. In March 2018, the board authorized the repurchase of an additional \$693 million of Series A OVC Group common stock. Previous authorizations with respect to QVC Group common stock remain effective and now apply to Qurate Retail common stock.

A summary of the repurchase activity for the three months ended September 30, 2018 is as follows:

		Series A Qurate Retail Common Stock							
				(c) Total Number	(0	d) Maximum Number			
				of Shares		` 11		r Approximate Dollar	
	(a) Total Number	(	b) Average	Purchased as Part of Publicly		Value) of Shares that Iay Yet Be Purchased			
	of Shares	Pi	ice Paid per	Announced Plans or		Under the Plans or			
Period	Purchased		Share	Programs		Programs			
July 1 - 31, 2018	847,803	\$	21.23	847,803	\$	866	million		
August 1 - 31, 2018	_	\$	_	_	\$	866	million		
September 1 - 30, 2018	5,191,900	\$	21.49	5,191,900	\$	755	million		
Total	6,039,703	\$	21.45	6,039,703					

During the three months ended September 30, 2018, no shares of Series A Qurate Retail common stock were surrendered by our officers and employees to pay withholding taxes and other deductions in connection with the vesting of their restricted stock and restricted stock units.

# Item 6. Exhibits

#### (a) Exhibits

Listed below are the exhibits which are filed as a part of this Quarterly Report (according to the number assigned to them in Item 601 of Regulation S-K):

- 10.1 Performance-Based Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement under the Qurate Retail, Inc. 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan for Michael George.\*
- 10.2 Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement under the Qurate Retail, Inc. 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan for Michael George.\*
- 10.3 Indenture, dated September 13, 2018, by and among QVC, Inc., Affiliate Investment, Inc., Affiliate Relations Holdings, Inc., AMI 2, Inc., ER Marks, Inc., QVC Global Holdings I, Inc., QVC Global Holdings II, Inc., QVC Rocky Mount, Inc., QVC San Antonio, LLC and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to QVC, Inc.'s Form 8-A (File No. 001-38654), as filed on September 13, 2018 (the "Form 8-A")).
- 10.4 First Supplemental Indenture, dated September 13, 2018, by and among QVC, Inc., Affiliate Investment, Inc., Affiliate Relations Holdings, Inc., AMI 2, Inc., ER Marks, Inc., QVC Global Holdings I, Inc., QVC Global Holdings II, Inc., QVC Rocky Mount, Inc., QVC San Antonio, LLC and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Form 8-A).
- 10.5 Form of QVC, Inc. 6.375% Senior Secured Notes due 2067 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Form 8-A).
- 31.1 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification\*
- 31.2 <u>Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification\*</u>
- 32 Section 1350 Certification\*\*
- 99.1 Reconciliation of Qurate Retail, Inc. Net Assets and Net Earnings to Liberty Interactive LLC Net Assets and Net Earnings\*\*
- 101.INS XBRL Instance Document\*
- 101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document\*
- 101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Calculation Linkbase Document\*
- 101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Label Linkbase Document\*
- 101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Presentation Linkbase Document\*
- 101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Definition Document\*

<sup>\*</sup> Filed herewith

<sup>\*\*</sup> Furnished herewith

# **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

QURATE RETAIL, INC.

Date: November 9, 2018 By: /s/ MICHAEL A.GEORGE

Michael A. George President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: November 9, 2018 By: /s/ MARK D. CARLETON

Mark D. Carleton Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

# **QURATE RETAIL, INC.**

# PERFORMANCE-BASED RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS AGREEMENT

THIS PERFORMANCE-BASED RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made as of the date set forth on Schedule I hereto (the "Grant Date"), by and between Qurate Retail, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and Michael George (the "Grantee").

The Company has adopted the incentive plan identified on Schedule I hereto (as has been or may hereafter be amended, the "Plan"), a copy of which is attached via a link at the end of this online Agreement as Exhibit A and by this reference made a part hereof, for the benefit of eligible persons as specified in the Plan. Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined in this Agreement will have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan.

Pursuant to the Plan, the Compensation Committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the Company pursuant to Section 3.1 of the Plan to administer the Plan (the "Committee") has determined that it would be in the interest of the Company and its stockholders to award Restricted Stock Units to the Grantee, subject to the conditions and restrictions set forth herein and in the Plan, in order to provide the Grantee with additional remuneration for services rendered, to encourage the Grantee to remain in the service or employ of the Company or its Subsidiaries and to increase the Grantee's personal interest in the continued success and progress of the Company.

The Company and the Grantee therefore agree as follows:

- 1. **Definitions**. The following terms, when used in this Agreement, have the following meanings:
- "Cause" has the meaning specified in the Employment Agreement.
- "Close of Business" means, on any day, 5:00 p.m., Denver, Colorado time.
- "Committee" has the meaning specified in the recitals to this Agreement.
- "Committee Certification Date" has the meaning specified in Section 5(b) of this Agreement.
- "Common Stock" has the meaning specified in Section 2 of this Agreement.
- "Company" has the meaning specified in the preamble to this Agreement.
- "Disability" has the meaning specified in the Employment Agreement.
- "Employment Agreement" means the Employment Agreement between QVC and the Grantee effective as of December 16, 2015, as the same may be amended from time to time.
  - "Grant Date" has the meaning specified in the preamble to this Agreement.
  - "Grantee" has the meaning specified in the preamble to this Agreement.

- "Performance Period" means the period that began on August 15, 2018 and ends on December 21, 2020.
- "Plan" has the meaning specified in the recitals of this Agreement.
- "QVC" means QVC, Inc., a Delaware corporation that is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.
- "Required Withholding Amount" has the meaning specified in Section 12 of this Agreement.
- "Restricted Stock Units" has the meaning specified in Section 2 of this Agreement.
- "RSU Dividend Equivalents" means, to the extent specified by the Committee only, an amount equal to all dividends and other distributions (or the economic equivalent thereof) which are payable to stockholders of record during the Restriction Period on a like number and kind of shares of Common Stock as the shares represented by the Restricted Stock Units.
  - "Section 409A" has the meaning specified in Section 22 of this Agreement.
  - "Unpaid RSU Dividend Equivalents" has the meaning specified in Section 5(c) of this Agreement.
  - "Vested RSU Dividend Equivalents" has the meaning specified in Section 4 of this Agreement.
- "Vesting Date" means each date on which any Restricted Stock Units cease to be subject to a risk of forfeiture, as determined in accordance with this Agreement and the Plan.
- 2. **Award**. Subject to the terms and conditions herein, pursuant to the Plan, the Company grants to the Grantee effective as of the Grant Date an Award of 182,983 performance-based Restricted Stock Units (as defined in the Plan) authorized by the Committee and set forth in the notice of online grant delivered to the Grantee pursuant to the Company's online grant and administration program (the "Restricted Stock Units"), each representing the right to receive one share of the Company's Series A Common Stock ("Common Stock"), subject to the conditions and restrictions set forth below in this Agreement and in the Plan.
- 3. **Settlement of Restricted Stock Units.** Settlement of Restricted Stock Units that vest in accordance with Section 5 or 6 of this Agreement or Section 10.1(b) of the Plan shall be made as soon as administratively practicable after the applicable Vesting Date, but in no event later than March 15 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which such Vesting Date occurs. Settlement of vested Restricted Stock Units shall be made in payment of shares of Common Stock, together with any related Unpaid RSU Dividend Equivalents, in accordance with Section 7 hereof.
- 4. **No Stockholder Rights; RSU Dividend Equivalents**. The Grantee shall have no rights of a stockholder with respect to any shares of Common Stock represented by any Restricted Stock Units unless and until such time as shares of Common Stock represented by vested Restricted Stock Units have been delivered to the Grantee in accordance with Section 7 hereof. The Grantee will have no right to receive, or otherwise with respect to, any RSU Dividend Equivalents until such time, if ever, as (a) the Restricted Stock Units with respect to which such RSU Dividend Equivalents relate shall have become vested, or (b) such RSU Dividend Equivalents shall have become vested in accordance with the penultimate sentence of this Section 4, and, if vesting does not occur, the related RSU Dividend

Equivalents will be forfeited. RSU Dividend Equivalents shall not bear interest or be segregated in a separate account. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, accelerate the vesting of any portion of the RSU Dividend Equivalents (the "Vested RSU Dividend Equivalents"). The settlement of any Vested RSU Dividend Equivalents shall be made as soon as administratively practicable after the accelerated vesting date, but in no event later than March 15 of the calendar year following the year in which such accelerated vesting date occurs

# 5. **Vesting.**

- (a) Unless the Committee otherwise determines in its sole discretion, subject to earlier vesting in accordance with Section 6 of this Agreement or Section 10.1(b) of the Plan, Restricted Stock Units will vest, in whole or in part, only in accordance with this Section 5.
- (b) On or before December 21, 2020, the Committee will certify the number of any then outstanding Restricted Stock Units that will vest effective as of December 21, 2020 based on the Committee's application of such performance criteria with respect to the Performance Period as may be determined by the Committee in its discretion.
- (c) Upon the satisfaction of any other applicable restrictions, terms and conditions of the Plan and this Agreement, any RSU Dividend Equivalents with respect to the Restricted Stock Units that have not theretofore become Vested RSU Dividend Equivalents ("Unpaid RSU Dividend Equivalents") will become vested to the extent that the Restricted Stock Units related thereto shall have become vested in accordance with this Agreement.
- (d) Any Restricted Stock Units that are not certified by the Committee as vesting on December 21, 2020 will automatically be forfeited as of the Close of Business on December 21, 2020, together with any related Unpaid Dividend Equivalents.
- (e) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Grantee will not vest, pursuant to this Section 5, in Restricted Stock Units or related Unpaid RSU Dividend Equivalents in which the Grantee would otherwise vest as of a given date if the Grantee has not been continuously employed by the Company or its Subsidiaries from the Grant Date through such date (the vesting or forfeiture of such Restricted Stock Units and related Unpaid RSU Dividend Equivalents to be governed instead by Section 6 hereof).

# 6. Early Vesting or Forfeiture.

- (a) Unless otherwise determined by the Committee in its sole discretion:
  - i. If the Grantee's employment with the Company or a Subsidiary terminates prior to December 21, 2020 for any reason other than the Grantee's death or Disability, the Restricted Stock Units, to the extent not theretofore vested, and any related Unpaid RSU Dividend Equivalents, will be forfeited immediately; and
  - ii. If the Grantee's employment with the Company or a Subsidiary terminates prior to December 21, 2020 by reason of the Grantee's death or Disability, the Restricted Stock Units, to the extent not theretofore vested, and any related Unpaid RSU Dividend Equivalents, will immediately become fully vested effective as of the date of such termination of employment.

- (b) Upon forfeiture of any unvested Restricted Stock Units, and any related Unpaid RSU Dividend Equivalents, including pursuant to Section 3 and this Section 6, such Restricted Stock Units and any related Unpaid RSU Dividend Equivalents will be immediately cancelled, and the Grantee will cease to have any rights with respect thereto.
- (c) Unless the Committee otherwise determines, a change of the Grantee's employment from the Company to a Subsidiary or from a Subsidiary to the Company or another Subsidiary will not be considered a termination of the Grantee's employment for purposes of this Agreement if such change of employment is made at the request or with the express consent of the Company. Unless the Committee otherwise determines, however, any such change of employment that is not made at the request or with the express consent of the Company will be a termination of the Grantee's employment within the meaning of this Agreement.
- **Delivery by Company.** As soon as practicable after the vesting of Restricted Stock Units, and any related Unpaid RSU Dividend Equivalents, pursuant to Section 5 or 6 hereof or Section 10.1(b) of the Plan (but no later than March 15 of the calendar year following the year in which such vesting occurs), and subject to the withholding referred to in Section 12 of this Agreement, the Company will (a) cause to be issued and transferred to a brokerage account through Depository Trust Company for the benefit of the Grantee, or cause to be issued and delivered to the Grantee, certificates issued in the Grantee's name for, that number and type of shares of Common Stock represented by such vested Restricted Stock Units and any securities representing related vested Unpaid RSU Dividend Equivalents, and (b) cause to be delivered to the Grantee any cash payment representing related vested Unpaid RSU Dividend Equivalents. Any delivery of securities will be deemed effected for all purposes when (i) certificates representing such securities and, in the case of any Unpaid RSU Dividend Equivalents, any other documents necessary to reflect ownership thereof by the Grantee, have been delivered personally to the Grantee or, if delivery is by mail, when the Company or its stock transfer agent has deposited the certificates and/or such other documents in the United States mail, addressed to the Grantee or (ii) in the case of a book-entry transfer, at the time the Company's stock transfer agent initiates the transfer of such securities to a brokerage account through Depository Trust Company for the benefit of the Grantee. Any cash payment will be deemed effected when a check from the Company, payable to or at the direction of the Grantee and in the amount equal to the amount of the cash payment, has been delivered personally to or at the direction of the Grantee or deposited in the United States mail, addressed to the Grantee or his or her nominee.
- 8. Nontransferability of Restricted Stock Units. Restricted Stock Units and any related Unpaid RSU Dividend Equivalents, are not transferable (either voluntarily or involuntarily and whether by sale, assignment, gift, pledge, exchange or otherwise) before or after the Grantee's death, except as follows: (a) during the Grantee's lifetime, pursuant to a domestic relations order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction that is not contrary to the terms and conditions of the Plan or this Agreement, and in a form acceptable to the Committee; or (b) after the Grantee's death, by will or pursuant to the applicable laws of descent and distribution, as may be the case. Any person to whom Restricted Stock Units are transferred in accordance with the provisions of the preceding sentence shall take such Restricted Stock Units and any related Unpaid RSU Dividend Equivalents subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Plan and this Agreement, including that the vesting and termination provisions of this Agreement will continue to be applied with respect to the Grantee. Certificates representing Restricted Stock Units that have vested may be delivered (or, in the case of book entry registration, registered) only to the Grantee (or during the Grantee's lifetime, to the Grantee's court appointed legal representative) or to a person to whom the Restricted Stock Units have been transferred in accordance with this Section.

# 9. Adjustments.

- (a) The Restricted Stock Units and any related Unpaid RSU Dividend Equivalents will be subject to adjustment pursuant to Section 4.2 of the Plan in such manner as the Committee, in its sole discretion, deems equitable and appropriate in connection with the occurrence following the Grant Date of any of the events described in Section 4.2 of the Plan following the Grant Date.
- (b) In the event of any Approved Transaction, Board Change or Control Purchase following the Grant Date, the Restricted Stock Units and any related Unpaid RSU Dividend Equivalents may become vested in accordance with Section 10.1(b) of the Plan.
- 10. **Company's Rights**. The existence of this Agreement will not affect in any way the right or power of the Company or its stockholders to accomplish any corporate act, including, without limitation, the acts referred to in Section 10.16 of the Plan.
- Restrictions Imposed by Law. Without limiting the generality of Section 10.8 of the Plan, the Company shall not be obligated to deliver any shares of Common Stock represented by vested Restricted Stock Units or securities constituting any Unpaid RSU Dividend Equivalents if counsel to the Company determines that the issuance or delivery thereof would violate any applicable law or any rule or regulation of any governmental authority or any rule or regulation of, or agreement of the Company with, any securities exchange or association upon which shares of Common Stock or such other securities are listed or quoted. The Company will in no event be obligated to take any affirmative action in order to cause the delivery of shares of Common Stock represented by vested Restricted Stock Units or securities constituting any Unpaid RSU Dividend Equivalents to comply with any such law, rule, regulation, or agreement. Any certificates representing any such securities issued or delivered under this Agreement may bear such legend or legends as the Company deems appropriate in order to assure compliance with applicable securities laws.
- Mandatory Withholding for Taxes. To the extent that the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company is subject to withholding tax requirements under any national, state, local or other governmental law with respect to the award of the Restricted Stock Units to the Grantee or the vesting thereof, or the designation of any RSU Dividend Equivalents as payable or distributable or the payment or distribution thereof, the Grantee must make arrangements satisfactory to the Company to make payment to the Company or its designee of the amount required to be withheld under such tax laws, as determined by the Company (collectively, the "Required Withholding Amount"). To the extent such withholding is required because the Grantee vests in some or all of the Restricted Stock Units and any related RSU Dividend Equivalents, the Company shall withhold (a) from the shares of Common Stock represented by vested Restricted Stock Units and otherwise deliverable to the Grantee a number of shares of Common Stock and/or (b) from any related RSU Dividend Equivalents otherwise deliverable to the Grantee an amount of such RSU Dividend Equivalents, which collectively have a value (or, in the case of securities withheld, a Fair Market Value) equal to the Required Withholding Amount, unless the Grantee remits the Required Withholding Amount to the Company or its designee in cash in such form and by such time as the Company may require or other provisions for withholding such amount satisfactory to the Company have been made. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, the delivery of any shares of Common Stock represented by vested Restricted Stock Units and any related RSU Dividend Equivalents may be postponed until any required withholding taxes have been paid to the Company.
  - 13. **Notice.** Unless the Company notifies the Grantee in writing of a different procedure or

address, any notice or other communication to the Company with respect to this Agreement will be in writing and will be delivered personally or sent by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the Company's then current headquarters, which address as of the Grant Date is as follows:

Qurate Retail, Inc. 12300 Liberty Boulevard Englewood, Colorado 80112 Attn: Chief Legal Officer

Unless the Company elects to notify the Grantee electronically pursuant to the online grant and administration program or via email, any notice or other communication to the Grantee with respect to this Agreement will be in writing and will be delivered personally, or will be sent by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the Grantee's address as listed in the records of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company on the Grant Date, unless the Company has received written notification from the Grantee of a change of address.

- 14. **Amendment**. Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, this Agreement may be supplemented or amended from time to time as approved by the Committee as contemplated by Section 10.7(b) of the Plan. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, without the consent of the Grantee:
  - (a) this Agreement may be amended or supplemented from time to time as approved by the Committee (i) to cure any ambiguity or to correct or supplement any provision herein that may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision herein, (ii) to add to the covenants and agreements of the Company for the benefit of the Grantee or surrender any right or power reserved to or conferred upon the Company in this Agreement, subject to any required approval of the Company's stockholders, and provided, in each case, that such changes or corrections will not adversely affect the rights of the Grantee with respect to the Award evidenced hereby, (iii) to reform the Award made hereunder as contemplated by Section 10.17 of the Plan or to exempt the Award made hereunder from coverage under Code Section 409A, or (iv) to make such other changes as the Company, upon advice of counsel, determines are necessary or advisable because of the adoption or promulgation of, or change in the interpretation of, any law or governmental rule or regulation, including any applicable federal or state securities laws; and
  - (b) subject to any required action by the Board of Directors or the stockholders of the Company, the Restricted Stock Units granted under this Agreement may be canceled by the Committee and a new Award made in substitution therefor, provided that the Award so substituted will satisfy all of the requirements of the Plan as of the date such new Award is made and no such action will adversely affect any Restricted Stock Units that are then vested.
- 15. **Grantee Employment.** Nothing contained in the Plan or this Agreement, and no action of the Company or the Committee with respect thereto, shall confer or be construed to confer on the Grantee any right to continue in the employ of the Company or any Subsidiary or interfere in any way with the right of the Company or any employing Subsidiary to terminate the Grantee's employment at any time, with or without Cause, subject to the provisions of the Employment Agreement.
- 16. **Nonalienation of Benefits.** Except as provided in Section 8 and prior to the vesting of any Restricted Stock Unit, (a) no right or benefit under this Agreement will be subject to anticipation, alienation, sale, assignment, hypothecation, pledge, exchange, transfer, encumbrance or charge, and any attempt to anticipate, alienate, sell, assign, hypothecate, pledge, exchange, transfer, encumber or charge

the same will be void, and (b) no right or benefit hereunder will in any manner be subjected to or liable for the debts, contracts, liabilities or torts of the Grantee or other person entitled to such benefits.

- 17. **Governing Law**. This Agreement will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the internal laws of the State of Colorado. Each party irrevocably submits to the general jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located in the State of Colorado in any action to interpret or enforce this Agreement and irrevocably waives any objection to jurisdiction that such party may have based on inconvenience of forum.
- 18. **Construction**. References in this Agreement to "this Agreement" and the words "herein," "hereof," "hereunder" and similar terms include all Exhibits and Schedules appended hereto, including the Plan. All references to "Sections" in this Agreement shall be to Sections of this Agreement unless explicitly stated otherwise. The word "include" and all variations thereof are used in an illustrative sense and not in a limiting sense. All decisions of the Committee upon questions regarding the Plan or this Agreement will be conclusive. Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, in the event of any inconsistency between the terms of the Plan and this Agreement, the terms of the Plan will control. The headings of the sections of this Agreement have been included for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part hereof and will in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof.
- 19. **Rules by Committee.** The rights of the Grantee and the obligations of the Company hereunder will be subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Committee may adopt from time to time.
- 20. **Entire Agreement**. This Agreement, together with the applicable provisions of the Employment Agreement, is in satisfaction of and in lieu of all prior discussions and agreements, oral or written, between the Company and the Grantee regarding the subject matter hereof. The Grantee and the Company hereby declare and represent that no promise or agreement not expressed herein or in the Employment Agreement has been made and that this Agreement, together with the applicable provisions of the Employment Agreement, contains the entire agreement among the Grantee, the Company and QVC with respect to the Award and replaces and makes null and void any prior agreements among the Grantee, the Company and QVC regarding the Award. Subject to Sections 8 and 16 of this Agreement, this Agreement will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective heirs, successors and assigns.
- 21. **Grantee Acknowledgment**. The Grantee will signify acknowledgment of the terms and conditions of this Agreement by acknowledging the acceptance of this Agreement via the procedures described in the online grant and administration program utilized by the Company.
- 22. **Code Section 409A Compliance**. To the extent that Section 409A of the Code or the related regulations and Treasury pronouncements ("Section 409A") are applicable to the Grantee in connection with the Award, the Award is subject to the provisions of Section 10.17 of the Plan regarding Section 409A.
- 23. **Administrative Blackouts**. In addition to its other powers under the Plan, the Committee has the authority to suspend any transactions under the Plan as it deems necessary or appropriate for administrative reasons.
- 24. **Stock Ownership Guidelines**. This Award may be subject to any applicable stock ownership guidelines adopted by the Company, as amended or superseded from time to time.

# Schedule I to Qurate Retail, Inc. Performance-Based Restricted Stock Units Agreement

Grant Date: August 15, 2018

Plan: Qurate Retail, Inc. 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan (Amended and

Restated as of May 23, 2018), as the same may be amended from

time to time

Additional Provisions Applicable to Grantee: Forfeiture for Misconduct and Repayment of Certain Amounts.

If (i) a material restatement of any financial statement of the Company (including any consolidated financial statement of the Company and its consolidated Subsidiaries) is required and (ii) in the reasonable judgment of the Committee, (A) such restatement is due to material noncompliance with any financial reporting requirement under applicable securities laws and (B) such noncompliance is a result of misconduct on the part of the Grantee, the Grantee will repay to the Company Forfeitable Benefits received by the Grantee during the Misstatement Period in such amount as the Committee may reasonably determine, taking into account, in addition to any other factors deemed relevant by the Committee, the extent to which the market value of Common Stock during the Misstatement Period was affected by the error(s) giving rise to the need for such restatement. "Forfeitable Benefits" means (i) any and all cash and/or shares of Common Stock received by the Grantee (A) upon the exercise during the Misstatement Period of any SARs held by the Grantee or (B) upon the payment during the Misstatement Period of any Cash Award or Performance Award held by the Grantee, the value of which is determined in whole or in part with reference to the value of Common Stock and (ii) any proceeds received by the Grantee from the sale, exchange, transfer or other disposition during the Misstatement Period of any shares of Common Stock received by the Grantee upon the exercise, vesting or payment during the Misstatement Period of any Award held by the Grantee. By way of clarification, "Forfeitable Benefits" will not include any shares of Common Stock received upon vesting of any Restricted Stock Units during the Misstatement Period that are not sold, exchanged, transferred or otherwise disposed of during the Misstatement Period. "Misstatement Period" means the 12-month period beginning on the date of the first public issuance or the filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, whichever occurs earlier, of the financial statement requiring restatement.

Other Clawback Policies:

Notwithstanding any other provisions in the Plan, this Award shall be subject to recovery or clawback by the Company under any clawback policy adopted by the Company in accordance with SEC regulations or other applicable law, as amended or superseded from time to time.

# NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT

THIS NONQUALIFIED STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made as of the date set forth on Schedule I hereto (the "Grant Date"), by and between the issuer identified in Schedule I hereto (the "Company"), and Michael George (the "Grantee").

The Company has adopted the incentive plan identified on Schedule I hereto (as has been or may hereafter be amended, the "Plan"), a copy of which is attached via a link at the end of this online Agreement as Exhibit A and by this reference made a part hereof, for the benefit of eligible persons as specified in the Plan. Capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined in this Agreement will have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan.

Pursuant to the Plan, the Plan Administrator (as defined on Schedule I hereto) has determined that it would be in the interest of the Company and its stockholders to award Options to the Grantee, subject to the conditions and restrictions set forth herein and in the Plan, in order to provide the Grantee with additional remuneration for services rendered, to encourage the Grantee to remain in the service or employ of the Company or its Subsidiaries and to increase the Grantee's personal interest in the continued success and progress of the Company.

The Company and the Grantee therefore agree as follows:

**1. Definitions**. The following terms, when used in this Agreement, have the following meanings:

"Base Price" means , with respect to Common Stock for which Options are granted hereunder, the amount set forth on Schedule I hereto as the Base Price for such Common Stock, which is the Fair Market Value of a share of such Common Stock on the Grant Date.

"Business Day" means any day other than Saturday, Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in Denver, Colorado, are required or authorized to be closed.

"Cause" has the meaning specified in the Employment Agreement.

"Close of Business" means, on any day, 5:00 p.m., Denver, Colorado time.

"Common Stock" has the meaning specified in Schedule I hereto.

"Company" has the meaning specified in the preamble to this Agreement.

"Disability" has the meaning specified in the Employment Agreement.

"Employment Agreement" means the Employment Agreement entered into between the Grantee and QVC effective as of December 16, 2015, as the same may be amended from time to time.

"Good Reason" has the meaning specified in the Employment Agreement.

"Grant Date" has the meaning specified in the preamble to this Agreement.

- "Grantee" has the meaning specified in the preamble to this Agreement.
  - "Options" has the meaning specified in Section 2.
- "Option Share" has the meaning specified in Section 4(c)(i).
- "Option Termination Date" has the meaning specified in Schedule I hereto.
- "Plan" has the meaning specified in the recitals of this Agreement.
- "Plan Administrator" has the meaning specified in Schedule I hereto.
- "Protected Termination" means a termination of the Grantee's employment with the Company or a Subsidiary by the Company or such Subsidiary without Cause or by the Grantee with Good Reason.
  - "QVC" means QVC, Inc., a Delaware corporation that is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company.
  - "Required Withholding Amount" has the meaning specified in Section 5.
  - "Section 409A" has the meaning specified in Section 21.
  - "Term" has the meaning specified in Section 2.
  - "Unvested Fractional Option" has the meaning specified in Section 3(b).
  - "Vesting Date" has the meaning specified in Section 3(a).
  - "Vesting Percentage" has the meaning specified in Section 3(a)...
- 2. Award. Pursuant to the terms of the Plan and in consideration of the covenants and promises of the Grantee herein contained, the Company hereby awards to the Grantee as of the Grant Date nonqualified stock options to purchase from the Company at the Base Price, 577,158 shares of Common Stock, subject to the conditions and restrictions set forth in this Agreement and in the Plan (the "Options"). The Options are exercisable as set forth in Section 3 during the period commencing on the Grant Date and expiring at the Close of Business on the Option Termination Date (the "Term"), subject to earlier termination as provided in Section 7 below. However, if the Term expires when trading in the Common Stock is prohibited by law or the Company's insider trading policy, then the Term shall expire on the 30th day after the expiration of such prohibition.
- **3. Conditions of Exercise.** Unless otherwise determined by the Plan Administrator in its sole discretion, the Options will be exercisable only in accordance with the conditions stated in this Section 3.
  - (a) Except as otherwise provided in Section 10.1(b) of the Plan, the Options may be exercised only to the extent they have become exercisable in accordance with the provisions of this Section 3(a) or Section 3(b), and subject to the provisions of Section 3(c). That number of Options that is equal to the fraction or percentage

specified on Schedule I hereto (the "Vesting Percentage") of the total number of Options that are subject to this Agreement, in each case rounded down to the nearest whole number of Options, shall become exercisable on each of the dates specified on Schedule I hereto (each such date, together with any other date on which Options vest pursuant to this Agreement, a "Vesting Date").

- (b) If rounding pursuant to Section 3(a) prevents any portion of an Option from becoming exercisable on a particular Vesting Date (any such portion, an "Unvested Fractional Option"), one additional Option to purchase a share of the type of Common Stock covered by such Option will become exercisable on the earliest succeeding Vesting Date on which the cumulative fractional amount of all Unvested Fractional Options to purchase shares of such type of Common Stock (including any Unvested Fractional Option created on such succeeding Vesting Date) equals or exceeds one whole Option, with any excess treated as an Unvested Fractional Option thereafter subject to the application of this Section 3(b). Any Unvested Fractional Option comprising part of a whole Option that vests pursuant to the preceding sentence will thereafter cease to be an Unvested Fractional Option.
- (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) in the event that any date on which Options would otherwise become exercisable is not a Business Day, such Options will become exercisable on the first Business Day following such date, (ii) all Options will become exercisable on the date of the Grantee's termination of employment if (A) the Grantee's employment with the Company or a Subsidiary terminates by reason of Disability or (B) the Grantee dies while employed by the Company or a Subsidiary, and (iii) if the Grantee's employment with the Company or a Subsidiary is terminated in a Protected Termination, any unvested Options will become exercisable to the extent, if any, indicated on Schedule I.
- (d) To the extent the Options become exercisable, such Options may be exercised in whole or in part (at any time or from time to time, except as otherwise provided herein) until expiration of the Term or earlier termination thereof.
- (e) The Grantee acknowledges and agrees that the Plan Administrator, in its discretion and as contemplated by Section 3.3 of the Plan, may adopt rules and regulations from time to time after the date hereof with respect to the exercise of the Options and that the exercise by the Grantee of Options will be subject to the further condition that such exercise is made in accordance with all such rules and regulations as the Plan Administrator may determine are applicable thereto.
- **4. Manner of Exercise.** Options will be considered exercised (as to the number of Options specified in the notice referred to in Section 4(c)(i)) on the latest of (a) the date of exercise designated in the written notice referred to in Section 4(c)(i), (b) if the date so designated is not a Business Day, the first Business Day following such date or (c) the earliest Business Day by which the Company has received all of the following:
  - (i) Written notice, in such form as the Plan Administrator may require, containing such representations and warranties as the Plan Administrator may require and designating, among other things, the date of exercise and the number

of shares of Common Stock to be purchased by exercise of Options (each, an "Option Share");

- (ii) Payment of the Base Price for each Option Share in any (or a combination) of the following forms: (A) cash, (B) check, (C) the delivery, together with a properly executed exercise notice, of irrevocable instructions to a broker to deliver promptly to the Company the amount of sale or loan proceeds required to pay such Base Price (and, if applicable, the Required Withholding Amount as described in Section 5) or (D) at the option of the Company, the delivery of irrevocable instructions via the Company's online grant and administration program for the Company to withhold the number of shares of Common Stock (valued at the Fair Market Value of such Common Stock on the date of exercise) required to pay the Base Price (and, if applicable, the Required Withholding Amount as described in Section 5) that would otherwise be delivered by the Company to the Grantee upon exercise of the Options; and
- (iii) Any other documentation that the Plan Administrator may reasonably require.
- Some Mandatory Withholding for Taxes. The Grantee acknowledges and agrees that the Company will deduct from the shares of Common Stock otherwise payable or deliverable upon exercise of any Options that number of shares of Common Stock (valued at the Fair Market Value of such Common Stock on the date of exercise) that is equal to the amount of all national, federal, state and other governmental taxes required to be withheld by the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company upon such exercise, as determined by the Company (the "Required Withholding Amount"), unless provisions to pay such Required Withholding Amount have been made to the satisfaction of the Company. If the Grantee elects to make payment of the Base Price by delivery of irrevocable instructions to a broker to deliver promptly to the Company the amount of sale or loan proceeds required to pay the Base Price, such instructions may also include instructions to deliver the Required Withholding Amount to the Company. In such case, the Company will notify the broker promptly of its determination of the Required Withholding Amount.
- 6. Payment or Delivery by the Company. As soon as practicable after receipt of all items referred to in Section 4, and subject to the withholding referred to in Section 5, the Company will deliver or cause to be delivered to the Grantee certificates issued in the Grantee's name for, or cause to be transferred to a brokerage account through Depository Trust Company for the benefit of the Grantee, the number of shares of Common Stock purchased by exercise of Options. Any delivery of shares of Common Stock will be deemed effected for all purposes when certificates representing such shares have been delivered personally to the Grantee or, if delivery is by mail, when the stock transfer agent of the Company has deposited the certificates in the United States mail, addressed to the Grantee or at the time the stock transfer agent initiates transfer of shares to a brokerage account through Depository Trust Company for the benefit of the Grantee, if applicable.
- 7. Early Termination of Options. Subject to any longer period of exercisability specified in Schedule I hereto, the Options will terminate, prior to the expiration of the Term, at the time specified below:

- (a) Subject to Section 7(b), if the Grantee's employment with the Company or a Subsidiary is terminated other than (i) by the Company or such Subsidiary for Cause or (ii) by reason of death or Disability, then the Options will terminate at the Close of Business on the first Business Day following the expiration of the 90-day period that began on the date of termination of the Grantee's employment.
- (b) If the Grantee dies while employed by the Company or a Subsidiary, or prior to the expiration of a period of time following termination of the Grantee's employment during which the Options remain exercisable as provided in Section 7(a) or Section 7(c), as applicable, the Options will terminate at the Close of Business on the first Business Day following the expiration of the two-year period that began on the date of the Grantee's death.
- (c) Subject to Section 7(b), if the Grantee's employment with the Company or a Subsidiary terminates by reason of Disability, then the Options will terminate at the Close of Business on the first Business Day following the expiration of the two-year period that began on the date of termination of the Grantee's employment.
- (d) If the Grantee's employment with the Company or a Subsidiary is terminated by the Company or such Subsidiary for Cause, then the Options will terminate immediately upon such termination of the Grantee's employment.

In any event in which Options remain exercisable for a period of time following the date of termination of the Grantee's employment as provided above or on Schedule I, the Options may be exercised during such period of time only to the extent the same were exercisable as provided in Section 3 effective as of such date of termination of the Grantee's employment. Notwithstanding any period of time referenced in this Section 7 or any other provision of this Section 7 that may be construed to the contrary, the Options will in any event terminate upon the expiration of the Term.

Unless the Plan Administrator otherwise determines, a change of the Grantee's employment from the Company to a Subsidiary or from a Subsidiary to the Company or to another Subsidiary will not be considered a termination of the Grantee's employment for purposes of this Agreement if such change of employment is made at the request or with the express consent of the Company. Unless the Plan Administrator otherwise determines, however, any such change of employment that is not made at the request or with the express consent of the Company will be a termination of the Grantee's employment within the meaning of this Agreement.

**8.** Nontransferability. Options are not transferable (either voluntarily or involuntarily), before or after the Grantee's death, except as follows: (a) during Grantee's lifetime, pursuant to a Domestic Relations Order, issued by a court of competent jurisdiction, that is not contrary to the terms and conditions of the Plan or this Agreement, and in a form acceptable to the Plan Administrator; or (b) after the Grantee's death, by will or pursuant to the applicable laws of descent and distribution, as may be the case. Any person to whom Options are transferred in accordance with the provisions of the preceding sentence shall take such Options subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Plan and this Agreement, including that the vesting and termination provisions of this Agreement will continue to be applied with respect to the Grantee. Options are exercisable only by the Grantee (or, during the Grantee's lifetime, by the Grantee's court appointed

legal representative) or a person to whom the Options have been transferred in accordance with this Section.

**9. No Stockholder Rights.** Prior to the exercise of Options in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the Grantee will not be deemed for any purpose to be, or to have any of the rights of, a stockholder of the Company with respect to any shares of Common Stock represented by the Options, nor will the existence of this Agreement affect in any way the right or power of the Company or its stockholders to accomplish any corporate act, including, without limitation, the acts referred to in Section 10.16 of the Plan.

# 10. Adjustments.

- (a) The Options will be subject to adjustment (including, without limitation, as to the Base Price) in such manner as the Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion, deems equitable and appropriate in connection with the occurrence of any of the events described in Section 4.2 of the Plan following the Grant Date.
- (b) In the event of any Approved Transaction, Board Change or Control Purchase following the Grant Date, the Options may become exercisable in accordance with Section 10.1(b) of the Plan.
- 11. Restrictions Imposed by Law. Without limiting the generality of Section 10.8 of the Plan, the Grantee will not exercise the Options, and the Company will not be obligated to make any cash payment or issue or cause to be issued any shares of Common Stock, if counsel to the Company determines that such exercise, payment or issuance would violate any applicable law or any rule or regulation of any governmental authority or any rule or regulation of, or agreement of the Company with, any securities exchange or association upon which shares of Common Stock are listed or quoted. The Company will in no event be obligated to take any affirmative action in order to cause the exercise of the Options or the resulting payment of cash or issuance of shares of Common Stock to comply with any such law, rule, regulation or agreement.
- 12. Notice. Unless the Company notifies the Grantee in writing of a different procedure or address, any notice or other communication to the Company with respect to this Agreement will be in writing and will be delivered personally or sent by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the address specified for the Company in Schedule I hereto. Unless the Company elects to notify the Grantee electronically pursuant to the online grant and administration program or via email, any notice or other communication to the Grantee with respect to this Agreement will be in writing and will be delivered personally, or will be sent by first class mail, postage prepaid, to the Grantee's address as listed in the records of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company on the Grant Date, unless the Company has received written notification from the Grantee of a change of address.
- **13. Amendment.** Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, this Agreement may be supplemented or amended from time to time as approved by the Plan Administrator as contemplated by Section 10.7(b) of the Plan. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, without the consent of the Grantee:
  - (a) this Agreement may be amended or supplemented from time to time as approved by the Plan Administrator (i) to cure any ambiguity or to correct or

supplement any provision herein that may be defective or inconsistent with any other provision herein, (ii) to add to the covenants and agreements of the Company for the benefit of the Grantee or surrender any right or power reserved to or conferred upon the Company in this Agreement, subject to any required approval of the Company's stockholders, and provided, in each case, that such changes or corrections will not adversely affect the rights of the Grantee with respect to the Award evidenced hereby or (iii) to make such other changes as the Company, upon advice of counsel, determines are necessary or advisable because of the adoption or promulgation of, or change in the interpretation of, any law or governmental rule or regulation, including any applicable federal or state securities laws; and

- (b) subject to any required action by the Board of Directors or the stockholders of the Company, the Options granted under this Agreement may be canceled by the Plan Administrator and a new Award made in substitution therefor, provided that the Award so substituted will satisfy all of the requirements of the Plan as of the date such new Award is made and no such action will adversely affect any Options to the extent then exercisable.
- 14. Grantee Employment. Nothing contained in the Plan or this Agreement, and no action of the Company or the Plan Administrator with respect thereto, will confer or be construed to confer on the Grantee any right to continue in the employ of QVC, the Company or any Subsidiary, or interfere in any way with the right of QVC to terminate the Grantee's employment at any time, with or without Cause, subject to the provisions of the Employment Agreement.
- 15. Nonalienation of Benefits. Except as provided in Section 8, (a) no right or benefit under this Agreement will be subject to anticipation, alienation, sale, assignment, hypothecation, pledge, exchange, transfer, encumbrance or charge, and any attempt to anticipate, alienate, sell, assign, hypothecate, pledge, exchange, transfer, encumber or charge the same will be void, and (b) no right or benefit hereunder will in any manner be subjected to or liable for the debts, contracts, liabilities or torts of the Grantee or other person entitled to such benefits.
- 16. Governing Law. This Agreement will be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the internal laws of the State of Colorado. Each party irrevocably submits to the general jurisdiction of the state and federal courts located in the State of Colorado in any action to interpret or enforce this Agreement and irrevocably waives any objection to jurisdiction that such party may have based on inconvenience of forum.
- 17. Construction. References in this Agreement to "this Agreement" and the words "herein," "hereof," "hereunder" and similar terms include all Exhibits and Schedules appended hereto, including the Plan. All references to "Sections" in this Agreement shall be to Sections of this Agreement unless explicitly stated otherwise. The word "include" and all variations thereof are used in an illustrative sense and not in a limiting sense. All decisions of the Plan Administrator upon questions regarding the Plan or this Agreement will be conclusive. Unless otherwise expressly stated herein, in the event of any inconsistency between the terms of the Plan and this Agreement, the terms of the Plan will control. The headings of the sections of this Agreement have been included for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part hereof and will in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof.

- **18. Rules by Plan Administrator.** The rights of the Grantee and the obligations of the Company hereunder will be subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Plan Administrator may adopt from time to time.
- 19. Entire Agreement. This Agreement, together with the applicable provisions of the Employment Agreement, is in satisfaction of and in lieu of all prior discussions and agreements, oral or written, between the Company and the Grantee regarding the subject matter hereof. The Grantee and the Company hereby declare and represent that no promise or agreement not expressed herein or in the Employment Agreement has been made and that this Agreement, together with the Employment Agreement, contains the entire agreement among the Grantee, the Company and QVC with respect to the Award and replaces and makes null and void any prior agreements among the Grantee, the Company and QVC regarding the Award. Subject to the restrictions set forth in Sections 8 and 15, this Agreement will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective heirs, successors and assigns.
- **20. Grantee Acknowledgment.** The Grantee will signify acceptance of the terms and conditions of this Agreement by acknowledging the acceptance of this Agreement via the procedures described in the online grant and administration program utilized by the Company.
- **21.** Code Section 409A Compliance. To the extent that Section 409A of the Code or the related regulations and Treasury pronouncements ("Section 409A") are applicable to the Grantee in connection with the Award, this Award is subject to the provisions of Section 10.17 of the Plan regarding Section 409A.
- **22. Administrative Blackouts.** In addition to its other powers under the Plan, the Plan Administrator has the authority to suspend (i) the exercise of Options and (ii) any other transactions under the Plan as it deems necessary or appropriate for administrative reasons.
- **23. Stock Ownership Guidelines.** This Award may be subject to any applicable stock ownership guidelines adopted by the Company, as amended or superseded from time to time.

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# Schedule I to Qurate Retail, Inc. Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement

Grant Date: August 15, 2018

Issuer/Company: Qurate Retail, Inc., a Delaware corporation

Plan: Qurate Retail, Inc. 2016 Omnibus Incentive Plan (Amended and

Restated as of May 23, 2018), as the same may be amended from time

to time

Plan Administrator: The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the

Company appointed by the Board of Directors of the Company pursuant to Section 3.1 of the Plan to administer the Plan

Common Stock: The Company's Series A Common Stock ("QRTEA Common

Stock")

Option Termination Date: August 15, 2025

Base Price: QRTEA Common Stock: \$22.18

Vesting Percentage: 50%

Vesting Dates: December 15, 2019

December 15, 2020

Additional Vesting Terms Upon Protected Termination: If the Grantee's employment with the Company or a Subsidiary is terminated in a Protected Termination prior to December 15, 2020, certain Options will become exercisable effective as of the date of such termination of the Grantee's employment with the Company or a Subsidiary (the "Termination Date") if the Release Conditions (as defined below) are met. The Grantee acknowledges that while certain Options will retroactively vest effective as of the Termination Date if the Release Conditions are met, the Grantee will nonetheless not be able to exercise any such Options unless and until such conditions are met.

"Release Conditions" means satisfaction of the following conditions: (1) not later than 60 days following the Termination Date the Grantee has executed and delivered to the Company in accordance with the notice requirements of this Agreement, a general release agreement in a form satisfactory to the Company and (2) not later than 60 days following the Termination Date such release has become irrevocable in accordance with its terms.

The Options that become vested on each of the Vesting Dates specified above on this Schedule I are referred to as individual "Tranches" (i.e., there are two Tranches under this Award). If the Release Conditions are met, then a pro rata portion of each Tranche of Options that is not fully vested on the Termination Date will vest effective as of the Termination Date, such pro rata portion with respect to each such Tranche of Options to be equal to the product of "A" multiplied by "B," where "A" equals the number of Options in such Tranche that are not vested on the Termination Date, and "B" is a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of calendar days that have elapsed from the Grant Date through the Termination Date, and the denominator of which is the number of days in the entire vesting period for such Tranche (in no event to exceed the total number of unvested Options in such Tranche as of the Termination Date). For purposes of this Agreement, the vesting period for each Tranche of Options is the period that begins on the Grant Date and ends on the Vesting Date for such Tranche.

Additional Exercisability Terms:

Section 7 of the Option Agreement is amended as follows:

1. If the Release Conditions (as defined in Schedule I hereto) are met, the following sentence is added to the end of Section 7(b):

If the Grantee dies prior to the expiration of a period of time following termination of the Grantee's employment during which the Options remain exercisable as provided in Section 7(e), the Options will terminate at the Close of Business on the first Business Day following the expiration of the two-year period that began on the date of the Grantee's death.

2. If the Release Conditions are met, the following provisions are added as Section 7(e):

Subject to Section 7(b), if the Grantee's employment with the Company or a Subsidiary is terminated in a Protected Termination, the Options will terminate at the Close of Business on the first Business Day following the expiration of the two-year period that began on the date of such Protected Termination

Additional Provisions\_Applicable to Grantee:

Forfeiture for Misconduct and Repayment of Certain Amounts. If (i) a material restatement of any financial statement of the Company (including any consolidated financial statement of the Company and its consolidated Subsidiaries) is required and (ii) in the reasonable judgment of the Plan Administrator, (A) such restatement is due to material noncompliance with any financial reporting requirement under applicable securities laws and (B) such noncompliance is a result of misconduct on the part of the Grantee, the Grantee will repay to the Company Forfeitable Benefits received by the Grantee during the Misstatement Period in such amount as the Plan Administrator may reasonably determine, taking into account, in addition to any other factors deemed relevant by the Plan Administrator, the extent to which the market value of Common Stock during the Misstatement Period was affected by the error(s) giving rise to the need for such restatement. "Forfeitable Benefits" means (i) any and all cash and/or shares of Common Stock received by the Grantee (A) upon the exercise during the Misstatement Period of any SARs held by the Grantee or (B) upon the payment during the Misstatement Period of any Cash Award or Performance Award held by the Grantee, the value of which is determined in whole or in part with reference to the value of Common Stock, and (ii) any proceeds received by the Grantee from the sale, exchange, transfer or other disposition during the Misstatement Period of any shares of Common Stock received by the Grantee upon the exercise, vesting or payment during the Misstatement Period of any Award held by the Grantee. By way of clarification, "Forfeitable Benefits" will not include any shares of Common Stock received upon exercise of any Options during the Misstatement Period that are not sold, exchanged, transferred or otherwise disposed of during the Misstatement Period. "Misstatement Period" means the 12-month period beginning on the date of the first public issuance or the filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, whichever occurs earlier, of the financial statement requiring restatement.

Other Clawback Policies:

Notwithstanding any other provisions in the Plan, this Award shall be subject to recovery or clawback by the Company under any clawback policy adopted by the Company in accordance with SEC regulations or other applicable law, as amended or superseded from time to time.

Company Notice Address:

Qurate Retail, Inc. 12300 Liberty Boulevard Englewood, Colorado 80112 Attn: Chief Legal Officer

#### CERTIFICATION

- I, Michael A. George, certify that:
  - 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Qurate Retail, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
  - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this quarterly report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) disclosed in this quarterly report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 9, 2018

/s/ MICHAEL A. GEORGE

Michael A. George

President and Chief Executive Officer

#### CERTIFICATION

#### I, Mark D. Carleton, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Qurate Retail, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this quarterly report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this quarterly report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements and other financial information included in this quarterly report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this quarterly report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this quarterly report is being prepared;
  - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this quarterly report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report based on such evaluation; and
  - d) disclosed in this quarterly report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 9, 2018

/s/ MARK D. CARLETON

Mark D. Carleton

Chief Financial Officer

# Certification

# Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Subsections (a) and (b) of Section 1350, Chapter 63 of Title 18, United States Code)

Pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (subsections (a) and (b) of section 1350, chapter 63 of title 18, United States Code), each of the undersigned officers of Qurate Retail, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), does hereby certify, to such officer's knowledge, that:

The Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2018 (the "Form 10-Q") of the Company fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and information contained in the Form 10-Q fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: November 9, 2018

/s/ MICHAEL A. GEORGE

Michael A. George
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: November 9, 2018

/s/ MARK D. CARLETON

Mark D. Carleton
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

The foregoing certification is being furnished solely pursuant to section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (subsections (a) and (b) of section 1350, chapter 63 of title 18, United States Code) and is not being filed as part of the Form 10-Q or as a separate disclosure document.

# Qurate Retail, Inc. Reconciliation of Qurate Retail, Inc. ("Qurate Retail") Net Assets and Net Earnings to Liberty Interactive LLC ("Liberty LLC") Net Assets and Net Earnings

# **September 30, 2018**

# (unaudited)

# amounts in millions

Qurate Retail Net Assets	\$ 5,757
Reconciling items:	
zulily, llc ("zulily") net assets	(1,517)
HSN, Inc. ("HSNi") net assets (1)	(2,106)
Equity investment in HSNi held by Liberty LLC (1)	265
Tax sharing agreement with GCI Liberty, Inc.	 111
Liberty LLC Net Assets	\$ 2,510
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Qurate Retail Net Earnings	\$ 677
Reconciling items:	
zulily net (earnings) loss	65
HSNi net (earnings) loss (1)	(9)
GCI Liberty, Inc. tax sharing expense	(25)
Liberty LLC Net Earnings	\$ 708

<sup>(1)</sup> On December 29, 2017, Qurate Retail acquired the approximate remaining 62% of HSNi it did not already own. Liberty LLC continues to hold 38% of HSNi and accounts for its ownership in HSNi as an equity method investment.