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QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2016

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission File Number 001-33963

Iridium Communications Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE
(State of incorporation)

26-1344998
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

1750 Tysons Boulevard, Suite 1400, McLean, Virginia
(Address of principal executive offices)

22102
(Zip code)

703-287-7400

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months, and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

The number of shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, outstanding as of April 25, 2016 was 95,518,031.

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PART I.

Iridium Communications Inc.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(In thousands, except per share data)

	March 31, 2016 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2015
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 287,202	\$ 185,665
Marketable securities	124,935	203,329
Accounts receivable, net	53,284	51,668
Inventory	25,201	27,926
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	15,757	13,130
Total current assets	506,379	481,718
Property and equipment, net	2,516,765	2,443,567
Restricted cash	102,103	91,112
Other assets	7,848	8,188
Intangible assets, net	46,389	46,589
Total assets	\$ 3,179,484	\$ 3,071,174
Liabilities and stockholders' equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 8,439	\$ 31,525
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	27,576	29,402
Interest payable	9,240	3,720
Deferred revenue	36,307	36,967
Total current liabilities	81,562	101,614
Accrued satellite operations and maintenance expense, net of current portion	13,908	14,182
Credit facility, net	1,460,447	1,388,766
Deferred income tax liabilities, net	311,904	296,832
Deferred revenue, net of current portion	28,538	28,567
Other long-term liabilities	25,496	12,492
Total liabilities	1,921,855	1,842,453
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Series A Preferred Stock, \$0.0001 par value, 1,000 shares authorized, issued and outstanding	-	-
Series B Preferred Stock, \$0.0001 par value, 500 shares authorized, issued and outstanding	-	-
Common stock, \$0.001 par value, 300,000 shares authorized, 95,515 and 95,126 shares issued and outstanding, respectively	96	95

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Additional paid-in capital	1,046,738	1,044,488
Retained earnings	217,862	193,201
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax	(7,067)	(9,063)
Total stockholders' equity	1,257,629	1,228,721
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$3,179,484	\$3,071,174

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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Iridium Communications Inc.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Revenue:		
Services	\$79,823	\$75,424
Subscriber equipment	17,560	16,540
Engineering and support services	6,819	5,043
Total revenue	104,202	97,007
Operating expenses:		
Cost of services (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	15,903	14,882
Cost of subscriber equipment	10,463	10,647
Research and development	2,559	4,126
Selling, general and administrative	19,063	20,524
Depreciation and amortization	12,936	13,355
Total operating expenses	60,924	63,534
Operating income	43,278	33,473
Other income (expense):		
Interest income, net	758	1,237
Undrawn credit facility fees	(503)	(917)
Other expense, net	(13)	(214)
Total other income	242	106
Income before income taxes	43,520	33,579
Provision for income taxes	(15,000)	(12,560)
Net income	28,520	21,019
Series A Preferred Stock dividends	1,750	1,750
Series B Preferred Stock dividends	2,109	2,109
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$24,661	\$17,160
Weighted average shares outstanding - basic	95,656	94,527
Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted	123,035	122,313
Net income attributable to common stockholders per share - basic	\$0.26	\$0.18
Net income attributable to common stockholders per share - diluted	\$0.23	\$0.17
Comprehensive income:		
Net income	\$28,520	\$21,019
Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of tax	1,867	(1,401)

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Unrealized gain (loss) on marketable securities, net of tax	129	61
Comprehensive income	\$30,516	\$19,679

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Iridium Communications Inc.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$47,019	\$51,531
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(75,822)	(50,053)
Purchases of marketable securities	(13,474)	(36,650)
Sales and maturities of marketable securities	91,653	27,240
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	2,357	(59,463)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Borrowings under the Credit Facility	71,939	22,368
Payment of deferred financing fees	(4,473)	(1,649)
Restricted cash deposits	(10,990)	(2,477)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	17	340
Tax payment upon settlement of stock awards	(566)	(680)
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	-	533
Payment of Series A Preferred Stock dividends	(1,750)	(1,750)
Payment of Series B Preferred Stock dividends	(2,109)	(2,109)
Net cash provided by financing activities	52,068	14,576
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	93	(115)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	101,537	6,529
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	185,665	211,249
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$287,202	\$217,778
Supplemental cash flow information:		
Income taxes paid, net	\$500	\$426
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing activities:		
Property and equipment received but not paid for yet	\$3,150	\$1,314
Interest capitalized but not paid	\$30,383	\$24,544
Capitalized amortization of deferred financing costs	\$4,214	\$4,422
Capitalized stock-based compensation	\$659	\$302
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash financing activities:		
Dividends accrued on Series A Preferred Stock	\$292	\$292

Dividends accrued on Series B Preferred Stock	\$351	\$351
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See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

1. Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation

Iridium Communications Inc. (the "Company") has prepared its condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP"). The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of (i) the Company, (ii) its wholly owned subsidiaries, and (iii) all less than wholly owned subsidiaries that the Company controls. All material intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

In the opinion of management, the condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all normal recurring adjustments that the Company considers necessary for the fair presentation of its results of operations and cash flows for the interim periods covered, and of the financial position of the Company at the date of the interim condensed consolidated balance sheet. The operating results for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the operating results for the entire year. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP have been condensed or omitted pursuant to instructions, rules and regulations prescribed by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). These consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, as filed with the SEC on February 25, 2016.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2015-03, Interest-Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30), Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs. The amendment requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. The recognition and measurement guidance for debt issuance costs would not be affected by the amendment. The Company applied the new guidance retrospectively to all prior periods presented in the accompanying financial statements. The adoption had no impact on the Company's condensed consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income, and condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for each of the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015. The implementation of this accounting standard resulted in a reduction of \$133.3 million and \$133.1 million in the deferred financing costs asset and in the credit facility as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively, as shown below.

	March 31, 2016	December 31, 2015
	(in thousands)	
Credit facility	\$1,593,761	\$1,521,822
Deferred financing costs	(133,314)	(133,056)

Credit facility, net	\$1,460,447	\$1,388,766
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Recent Accounting Developments

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-09, Compensation—Stock Compensation, Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting. The amendment addresses multiple changes. The amendment requires all income tax effects of awards to be recognized in the income statement when the awards vest or are settled. It also will allow an employer to repurchase more of an employee's shares than it can today for tax withholding purposes without triggering liability accounting and to make a policy election to account for forfeitures as they occur. This ASU is effective for public business entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company will be required to make the disclosures about a change in accounting principle, but will not have to quantify the income statement effect of the change in the period of adoption. Early adoption is permitted, but all of the guidance must be adopted in the same period. The Company is currently evaluating the effect ASU 2016-09 may have on its condensed consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, Leases. The amendment requires lessees to put most leases on their balance sheets but recognize expenses on their income statements in a manner similar to today's accounting. This ASU is effective for public business entities in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those years. Early adoption is permitted and reporting organizations are required to use a modified retrospective approach for leases that exist or are entered into after the beginning of the earliest comparative period in the financial statements. The Company is currently evaluating the effect ASU 2016-02 may have on its condensed consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In July 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-11, Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory. The amendment requires that inventory within the scope of the guidance be measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Inventory measured using last-in, first-out and retail inventory method are excluded from this new guidance. This ASU replaces the concept of market with the single measurement of net realizable value and is intended to create efficiencies for preparers and more closely aligns U.S. GAAP with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). This ASU is effective for public business entities in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within those years. Prospective application is required and early adoption is permitted as of the beginning of an interim or annual reporting period. The Company is currently evaluating the effect ASU 2015-11 may have on its condensed consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In May 2014, the FASB and the International Accounting Standards Board jointly issued a comprehensive new revenue recognition standard, ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, that will supersede nearly all existing revenue recognition guidance under U.S. GAAP. The amendment requires a company to recognize revenue when it transfers promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. In July 2015, the FASB voted to defer the effective date of ASU 2014-09 for public entities to be effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2017. Early adoption would be permitted no earlier than the original effective date beginning after December 15, 2016. ASU 2014-09 becomes effective for the Company in the first quarter of fiscal 2018. The Company has not yet selected a transition method, and is currently evaluating the effect ASU 2014-09 may have on its condensed consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

Warranty Expense

The Company provides the first end-user purchaser of its subscriber equipment a warranty for one to five years from the date of purchase by such first end-user, depending on the product. The Company maintains a warranty reserve based on historical experience of warranty costs and expected occurrences of warranty claims on equipment. Costs associated with warranties, including equipment replacements, repairs, freight, and program administration, are recorded as cost of subscriber equipment in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income. The Company's warranty liability has decreased \$3.3 million from \$6.6 million as of March 31, 2015 to \$3.3 million as of March 31, 2016 as a result of product quality improvements. The Company's warranty

provision for the three months ended March 31, 2016 increased by \$0.4 million compared to the prior year period. This increase is primarily the result of an increased number of Iridium Pilot® units under warranty, partially offset by a reduction in the Company's estimate for future returns. Changes in the warranty reserve during the three months ended March 31, 2016 were as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 (in thousands)
Balance at beginning of the period	\$ 3,320
Provision	362
Utilization	(340)
Balance at end of the period	\$ 3,342

Fair Value Measurements

The Company evaluates assets and liabilities subject to fair value measurements on a recurring and non-recurring basis to determine the appropriate level to classify them for each reporting period. This determination requires significant judgments to be made by management of the Company. The instruments identified as subject to fair value measurements on a recurring basis are cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, prepaid expenses and other current assets, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses and other current liabilities. Fair value is the price that would be received from the sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability assuming an orderly transaction in the most advantageous market at the measurement date. U.S. GAAP establishes a hierarchical disclosure framework which prioritizes and ranks the level of observability of inputs used in measuring fair value. The fair value hierarchy consists of the following tiers:

- Level 1, defined as observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2, defined as observable inputs other than Level 1 prices such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities; and
- Level 3, defined as unobservable inputs in which little or no market data exists, therefore requiring an entity to develop its own assumptions.

The carrying values of short-term financial instruments (primarily cash and cash equivalents, prepaid expenses and other current assets, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and accrued expenses and other current liabilities) approximate their fair values because of their short-term nature. The fair value of the Company's investments in money market funds approximates its carrying value; such instruments are classified as Level 1 and are included in cash and cash equivalents in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets. The fair value of the Company's investments in commercial paper and short-term U.S. agency securities with original maturities of less than ninety days approximates their carrying value; such instruments are classified as Level 2 and are included in cash and cash equivalents in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets.

The fair value of the Company's investments in fixed-income debt securities and commercial paper with original maturities of greater than ninety days are obtained using similar investments traded on active securities exchanges and are classified as Level 2 and are included in marketable securities in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets. For fixed income securities that do not have quoted prices in active markets, the Company uses third-party vendors to price its debt securities resulting in classification as Level 2.

Depreciation and Amortization

The Company calculates depreciation expense using the straight line method and evaluates the appropriateness of the useful life used on a quarterly basis or as events occur that require additional assessment. In addition to the changes made in prior quarters, in the first quarter of 2016, the Company updated its estimate of the current satellites' remaining useful lives based on the continued refinement of the launch schedule and deployment plan for the Company's next-generation satellite constellation ("Iridium NEXT"). As a result, the estimated useful lives of the satellites within the current constellation have been extended and are consistent with the expected deployment of Iridium NEXT. The \$0.4 million decrease in depreciation expense for the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared to the prior year is primarily related to the refinement in the estimated useful lives. The change in estimate will also have an effect on future periods through the deployment of Iridium NEXT. The Company will continue to evaluate the useful lives of its current satellites on an ongoing basis through the full deployment of Iridium NEXT as the satellites are placed into service.

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents, Restricted Cash and Marketable Securities

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with original maturities of ninety days or less to be cash equivalents. These investments, along with cash deposited in institutional money market funds, regular interest bearing and non-interest bearing depository accounts, are classified as cash and cash equivalents in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet. The following table summarizes the Company's cash and cash equivalents:

	March 31, 2016 (in thousands)	December 31, 2015	Recurring Fair Value Measurement
Cash and cash equivalents:			
Cash	\$115,899	\$67,005	
Money market funds	171,303	118,660	Level 1
Total Cash and cash equivalents	\$287,202	\$185,665	

Restricted Cash

The Company is required to maintain a minimum cash reserve for debt service related to its \$1.8 billion loan facility (the "Credit Facility") (see Note 4). As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Company's restricted cash balance, which includes a minimum cash reserve for debt service related to the Credit Facility and the interest earned on these amounts, was \$102.1 million and \$91.1 million, respectively.

Marketable Securities

Marketable securities consist of fixed-income debt securities and commercial paper with an original maturity in excess of ninety days. These investments are classified as available-for-sale and are included in marketable securities within current assets in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets. All investments are carried at fair value. Unrealized gains and losses, net of taxes, are reported as a component of other comprehensive income or loss. The specific identification method is used to determine the cost basis of the marketable securities sold. There were no material realized gains or losses on the sale of marketable securities for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015. The Company regularly monitors and evaluates the fair value of its investments to identify other-than-temporary declines in value. The Company determined that the decline in fair value of its investments is temporary at March 31, 2016 as the Company does not intend to sell these securities, and it is not likely that the Company will be required to sell the securities before the recovery of their amortized cost basis.

The following tables summarize the Company's marketable securities:

	As of March 31, 2016				
	Amortized Cost (in thousands)	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value	Recurring Fair Value Measurement
Fixed-income debt securities	\$ 109,257	\$ 47	\$ (66)	\$ 109,238	Level 2
U.S. Treasury Notes	15,672	25	-	15,697	Level 2
Total Marketable Securities	\$ 124,929	\$ 72	\$ (66)	\$ 124,935	

	As of December 31, 2015				
	Amortized Cost (in thousands)	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Estimated Fair Value	Recurring Fair Value Measurement
Fixed-income debt securities	\$ 181,636	\$ 4	\$ (200)	\$ 181,440	Level 2
Commercial paper	9,821	-	(1)	\$ 9,820	Level 2
U.S. Treasury Notes	12,079	-	(10)	12,069	Level 2
Total Marketable Securities	\$ 203,536	\$ 4	\$ (211)	\$ 203,329	

The following table presents the contractual maturities of the Company's marketable securities:

As of March 31, 2016		As of December 31, 2015	
Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Fair Value

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	(in thousands)			
Mature within one year	\$91,527	\$91,523	\$169,728	\$169,619
Mature after one year and within three years	33,402	33,412	33,808	33,710
Total	\$124,929	\$124,935	\$203,536	\$203,329

4. Commitments and Contingencies

Commitments

Thales

In June 2010, the Company executed a primarily fixed-price full-scale development contract (the “FSD”) with Thales Alenia Space France (“Thales”) for the design and build of satellites for Iridium NEXT. The total price under the FSD is \$2.3 billion, and the Company expects payment obligations under the FSD to extend into the first quarter of 2018. As of March 31, 2016, the Company had made aggregate payments of \$1,612.5 million to Thales, of which \$1,370.6 million were from borrowings under the Credit Facility, and which were capitalized as construction in progress within property and equipment, net in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet. The Company currently uses the Credit Facility to pay 85% of each invoice received from Thales under the FSD, with the remaining 15% funded from cash on hand. Once the Credit Facility is fully drawn, the Company expects to pay 100% of each invoice received from Thales from cash and marketable securities on hand as well as internally generated cash flows, including contracted cash flows from hosted payloads and potential cash flows from Iridium PRIMESM.

SpaceX

In March 2010, the Company entered into an agreement with Space Exploration Technologies Corp. (“SpaceX”) to secure SpaceX as the primary launch services provider for Iridium NEXT (as amended to date, the “SpaceX Agreement”). The total price under the SpaceX Agreement for seven launches and a reflight option in the event of a launch failure is \$468.1 million. As of March 31, 2016, the Company had made aggregate payments of \$315.3 million to SpaceX, which were capitalized as construction in progress within property and equipment, net in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet. In addition, the Company made a \$3.0 million refundable deposit to SpaceX in the first quarter of 2014 for the reservation of additional future launches, which is not included in the total contract price.

Kosmotras

In June 2011, the Company entered into an agreement with International Space Company Kosmotras (“Kosmotras”) as a supplemental launch service provider for Iridium NEXT (the “Kosmotras Agreement”). The Kosmotras Agreement originally provided for the purchase of up to six launches with options to purchase additional launches. Each launch can carry two satellites. In June 2013, the Company exercised an option for one launch to carry two Iridium NEXT satellites. If the Company does not exercise any additional options, the total cost under the contract including this single launch will be \$51.8 million. As of March 31, 2016, the Company had made aggregate payments of \$36.8 million to Kosmotras, which were capitalized as construction in progress within property and equipment, net in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet. The option to purchase two dedicated launches expired as of December 31, 2013, and in June 2015, the Company agreed with Kosmotras to replace the remaining options with a new set of options to purchase up to six dedicated launches.

Credit Facility

In October 2010, the Company entered into the Credit Facility with a syndicate of bank lenders (the “Lenders”). The Credit Facility was subsequently amended and restated in August 2012. In May 2014, the Company entered into a supplemental agreement (the “Supplemental Agreement”) with the Lenders under the Credit Facility to further amend and restate the Credit Facility. As of March 31, 2016, the Company reported \$1,460.4 million in borrowings from the credit facility in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet, net of \$133.3 million of deferred financing costs, for an aggregate total of \$1,593.8 million in borrowings. The unused portion of the Credit Facility as of March 31, 2016 was \$206.2 million. Pursuant to the Credit Facility, the Company maintains a minimum cash reserve for debt repayment. As of March 31, 2016, the minimum required cash reserve balance was \$102.0 million, which is classified

as restricted cash in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet. The minimum cash reserve requirement will increase over the term of the Credit Facility to \$189.0 million in 2017.

Interest costs incurred under the Credit Facility were \$18.2 million and \$14.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. All interest costs incurred related to the Credit Facility have been capitalized during the construction period of the Iridium NEXT assets. The Company pays interest on a semi-annual basis in April and October through a combination of a cash payment and a deemed additional loan. The \$18.2 million in interest incurred during the three months ended March 31, 2016 consisted of \$5.5 million payable in cash and \$12.7 million payable by deemed loans. The \$14.9 million in interest incurred during the three months ended March 31, 2015 consisted of \$4.5 million payable in cash and \$10.4 million payable by deemed loans. There were no payments made during the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015. At March 31, 2016, the deemed loan balance of \$21.1 million is included in other long-term liabilities in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet.

The Company is obligated to pay a cash commitment fee of 0.80% per year, in semi-annual installments, on any undrawn portion of the Credit Facility. In April 2016, the Company paid \$1.2 million as a semi-annual installment of the commitment fee. The commitment fee payable on the undrawn portion of the Credit Facility as of March 31, 2016 was \$1.1 million and is included in accrued expenses and other current liabilities in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet.

Contingencies

From time to time, in the normal course of business, the Company is party to various pending claims and lawsuits. The Company is not aware of any such actions that it would expect to have a material adverse impact on its business, financial results or financial condition.

5. Stock-Based Compensation

The Company accounts for stock-based compensation at fair value. The fair value of stock options is determined at the grant date using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The fair value of restricted stock units ("RSUs") is equal to the closing price of the underlying common stock on the grant date. The fair value of an award that is ultimately expected to vest is recognized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service or performance period and is classified in the condensed consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income in a manner consistent with the classification of the recipient's compensation. The expected vesting of the Company's performance-based RSUs is based upon the likelihood that the Company achieves the defined performance goals. The level of achievement of performance goals, if any, is determined by the compensation committee of the Company's Board of Directors. Stock-based awards to non-employee consultants are expensed at their fair value as services are provided according to the terms of their agreements and are classified in selling, general and administrative expenses in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income.

In May 2015, the Company's stockholders approved the 2015 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2015 Plan") to provide stock-based awards, including nonqualified stock options, incentive stock options, restricted stock and other equity securities, as incentives and rewards for employees, consultants and non-employee directors. As of March 31, 2016, 23,203,009 shares of common stock were registered for issuance as awards under the 2015 Plan.

In January 2016, members of the Company's board of directors received a portion of their 2016 annual compensation in the form of equity awards, in an aggregate amount of approximately 126,000 RSUs. These RSUs were granted in January 2016 under the 2015 Plan, with 100% vesting on the first anniversary of the grant date. The estimated aggregate grant-date fair value of the RSUs was \$1.0 million.

During the three months ended March 31, 2016, the Company granted approximately 158,000 stock options and 564,000 service-based RSUs to its employees. Employee stock options and service-based RSUs generally vest over a four-year service period with 25% vesting on the first anniversary of the grant date and the remainder vesting ratably on a quarterly basis thereafter. The estimated aggregate grant date fair values of the stock options and service-based RSUs granted during the three months ended March 31, 2016 were \$0.5 million and \$4.0 million, respectively.

In addition, in March 2016, the Company awarded approximately 1,335,000 performance-based RSUs to the Company's executives and employees (the "Bonus RSUs"). The Company records stock-based compensation expense related to performance-based RSUs when it is considered probable that the performance conditions will be met. Vesting of the March 2016 Bonus RSUs is dependent upon the Company's achievement of defined performance goals for the 2016 fiscal year. The level of achievement, if any, of performance goals will be determined by the compensation committee of the Company's Board of Directors and vest in March 2017. The estimated aggregate grant date fair value of the Bonus RSUs was \$9.4 million.

Additionally, in March 2016, the Company awarded approximately 119,000 performance-based RSUs to the Company's executives (the "March 2016 Performance RSUs"). Vesting of the March 2016 Performance RSUs is dependent upon the Company's achievement of defined performance goals over fiscal years 2016 and 2017. The number of March 2016 Performance RSUs that will

ultimately vest may range from 0% to 150% of the original grant based on the level of achievement of the performance goals. If the Company achieves the performance goals, 50% of the March 2016 Performance RSUs will vest at the end of two years and the remaining 50% will vest at the end of the third year, subject to continued service. The estimated aggregate grant date fair value of the March 2016 Performance RSUs was \$0.8 million.

In January 2015, members of the Company's board of directors received a portion of their 2015 annual compensation in the form of equity awards, in an aggregate amount of approximately 103,000 stock options and 62,000 RSUs. These stock options and RSUs were granted in January 2015 and vested through the end of 2015, with 25% vesting on the last day of each calendar quarter. The estimated aggregate grant-date fair value of the stock options was \$0.4 million. The estimated aggregate grant-date fair value of the RSUs was \$0.6 million.

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, the Company granted approximately 558,000 stock options and 596,000 service-based RSUs to its employees. Employee stock options and service-based RSUs generally vest over a four-year service period with 25% vesting on the first anniversary of the grant date and the remainder vesting ratably on a quarterly basis thereafter. The estimated aggregate grant date fair values of the stock options and service-based RSUs granted during the three months ended March 31, 2015 were \$2.3 million and \$5.6 million, respectively.

In addition, in March 2015, the Company awarded approximately 161,000 performance-based RSUs to the Company's executives. Vesting of the March 2015 performance-based RSUs is dependent upon the Company's achievement of defined performance goals over fiscal years 2015 and 2016. The number of performance-based RSUs that will ultimately vest may range from 0% to 150% of the original grant based on the level of achievement of the performance goals. If the Company achieves the performance goals, 50% of the performance-based RSUs will vest at the end of two years and the remaining 50% will vest at the end of the third year, subject to continued service. The estimated aggregate grant date fair value of these performance-based RSUs was \$1.5 million.

6. Equity Transactions and Instruments

Warrants

On September 29, 2009, in connection with the Company's acquisition of Iridium Holdings LLC, the Company issued warrants, each of which entitled the holder to purchase from the Company one share of common stock at a price of \$11.50 per share. On February 14, 2015, all of the outstanding and unexercised warrants expired in accordance with their terms.

Preferred Stock

The Company is authorized to issue 2.0 million shares of preferred stock with a par value of \$0.0001 per share. As described below, the Company issued 1.0 million shares of preferred stock in the fourth quarter of 2012 and 0.5 million shares of preferred stock in the second quarter of 2014. The remaining 0.5 million authorized shares of preferred stock remain undesignated and unissued as of March 31, 2016.

Series A Cumulative Perpetual Convertible Preferred Stock

In the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company issued 1.0 million shares of its 7.00% Series A Cumulative Perpetual Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series A Preferred Stock") in a private offering. The Company received proceeds of \$96.5 million from the sale of the Series A Preferred Stock, net of the aggregate \$3.5 million in initial purchaser discount and offering costs. The net proceeds of this offering were used to partially fund the construction and deployment of Iridium NEXT and for other general corporate purposes.

Holders of Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to receive cumulative cash dividends at a rate of 7.00% per annum of the \$100 liquidation preference per share (equivalent to an annual rate of \$7.00 per share). Dividends are payable quarterly in arrears on each March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15. The Series A Preferred Stock does not have a stated maturity date and is not subject to any sinking fund or mandatory redemption provisions. The Series A Preferred Stock ranks senior to the Company's common stock and pari passu with the Company's 6.75% Series B Cumulative Perpetual Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series B Preferred Stock") with respect to dividend rights and rights upon the Company's liquidation, dissolution or winding-up. Holders of Series A Preferred Stock generally have no voting rights except for limited voting rights if the Company fails to pay dividends for six or more quarterly periods (whether or not consecutive) and in other specified circumstances. Holders of Series A Preferred Stock may convert some or all of their outstanding Series A Preferred Stock at an initial conversion rate of 10.6022 shares of common stock per \$100 liquidation preference, which is equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$9.43 per share of common stock (subject to adjustment in certain events).

During each of the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, the Company paid cash dividends of \$1.8 million to holders of the Series A Preferred Stock. As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Company had accrued \$0.3 million in cash dividends for

the holders of the Series A Preferred Stock, which is included within accrued expenses and other current liabilities in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets.

On or after October 3, 2017, the Company may, at its option, convert some or all of the Series A Preferred Stock into the number of shares of common stock that are issuable at the then-applicable conversion rate, subject to specified conditions. On or prior to October 3, 2017, the holders of Series A Preferred Stock will have a special right to convert some or all of the Series A Preferred Stock into shares of common stock in the event of fundamental changes described in the Certificate of Designations for the Series A Preferred Stock, subject to specified conditions and limitations. In certain circumstances, the Company may also elect to settle conversions in cash as a result of these fundamental changes.

Series B Cumulative Perpetual Convertible Preferred Stock

In May 2014, the Company issued 500,000 shares of its Series B Preferred Stock in an underwritten public offering at a price to the public of \$250 per share. The purchase price received by the Company, equal to \$242.50 per share, reflected an underwriting discount of \$7.50 per share. The Company received proceeds of \$120.8 million from the sale of the Series B Preferred Stock, net of the \$3.8 million underwriter discount and \$0.4 million of offering costs. The net proceeds of this offering are being used to partially fund the construction and deployment of Iridium NEXT and for other general corporate purposes.

Holders of Series B Preferred Stock are entitled to receive cumulative cash dividends at a rate of 6.75% per annum of the \$250 liquidation preference per share (equivalent to an annual rate of \$16.875 per share). Dividends are payable quarterly in arrears on each March 15, June 15, September 15 and December 15. The Series B Preferred Stock does not have a stated maturity date and is not subject to any sinking fund or mandatory redemption provisions. The Series B Preferred Stock ranks senior to the Company's common stock and pari passu with respect to the Company's Series A Preferred Stock with respect to dividend rights and rights upon the Company's voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding-up. Holders of Series B Preferred Stock generally have no voting rights except for limited voting rights if the Company fails to pay dividends for six or more quarterly periods (whether or not consecutive) and in other specified circumstances. Holders of Series B Preferred Stock may convert some or all of their outstanding Series B Preferred Stock at an initial conversion rate of 33.456 shares of common stock per \$250 liquidation preference, which is equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$7.47 per share of common stock (subject to adjustment in certain events).

During each of the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, the Company paid cash dividends of \$2.1 million to holders of the Series B Preferred Stock. As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Company had accrued \$0.4 million in cash dividends for the holders of the Series B Preferred Stock, which is included within accrued expenses and other current liabilities in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet.

On or after May 15, 2019, the Company may, at its option, convert some or all of the Series B Preferred Stock into the number of shares of common stock that are issuable at the then-applicable conversion rate, subject to specified conditions. On or prior to May 15, 2019, in the event of certain specified fundamental changes, holders of the Series B Preferred Stock will have the right to convert some or all of their shares of Series B Preferred Stock into the greater of (i) a number of shares of the Company's common stock as subject to adjustment plus the make-whole premium, if any, and (ii) a number of shares of the Company's common stock equal to the lesser of (a) the liquidation preference divided by the market value of the Company's common stock on the effective date of such fundamental change and (b) 81.9672 (subject to adjustment). In certain circumstances, the Company may elect to cash settle any conversions in connection with a fundamental change.

7. Net Income Per Share

The Company calculates basic net income per share by dividing net income attributable to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. Diluted net income per share takes into account the effect of potential dilutive common shares when the effect is dilutive. The effect of potential dilutive common shares, including common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding stock options and stock purchase warrants, is computed using the treasury stock method. The effect of potential dilutive common shares from the conversion of outstanding convertible preferred securities is computed using the as-if converted method at the stated conversion rate. The RSUs granted to members of the Company's board of directors contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends and therefore are considered to be participating securities in periods of net income. The calculation of basic and diluted net income per share excludes net income attributable to the unvested RSUs from the numerator and excludes the impact of unvested RSUs from the denominator.

The computations of basic and diluted net income per share are as follows:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
	(in thousands, except per share data)	
Numerator:		
Net income attributable to common stockholders		
(numerator for basic net income per share)	\$ 24,661	\$ 17,160
Dividends on Series A Preferred Stock	1,750	1,750
Dividends on Series B Preferred Stock	2,109	2,109
Numerator for diluted net income per share	\$ 28,520	\$ 21,019
Denominator:		
Denominator for basic net income per share - weighted		
average outstanding common shares	95,656	94,527
Dilutive effect of stock options	49	441
Dilutive effect of contingently issuable shares	-	15
Dilutive effect of Series A Preferred Stock	10,602	10,602
Dilutive effect of Series B Preferred Stock	16,728	16,728
Denominator for diluted net income per share	123,035	122,313
Net income per share attributable to common		
stockholders - basic	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.18
Net income per share attributable to common		
stockholders - diluted	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.17

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, options to purchase 5.0 million shares of common stock were not included in the computation of diluted net income per share as the effect would be anti-dilutive. For the three month period ended March 31, 2016, 1.5 million unvested RSUs were not included in the computation of basic net income per share and excluded from the computation of diluted net income per share, as the effect would be anti-dilutive.

For the three months ended March 31, 2015, warrants to purchase 0.1 million shares of common stock and options to purchase 0.4 million shares of common stock were not included in the computation of diluted net income per share as the effect would be anti-dilutive. For the three months ended March 31, 2015, 1.3 million unvested RSUs were not included in the computation of basic net income per share and excluded from the computation of diluted net income per share, as the effect would be anti-dilutive.

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

You should read the following discussion along with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015, filed on February 25, 2016 with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, as well as our condensed consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-Q.

This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. For this purpose, any statements contained herein that are not statements of historical fact may be deemed to be forward-looking statements. Such forward-looking statements include those that express plans, anticipation, intent, contingencies, goals, targets or future development or otherwise are not statements of historical fact. Without limiting the foregoing, the words "believe," "anticipate," "plan," "expect," "intend" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based on our current expectations and projections about future events, and they are subject to risks and uncertainties, known and unknown, that could cause actual results and developments to differ materially from those expressed or implied in such statements. The important factors discussed under the caption "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 filed on February 25, 2016, could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by forward-looking statements made herein. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Overview of Our Business

We are engaged primarily in providing mobile voice and data communications services using a constellation of orbiting satellites. We are the second largest provider of satellite-based mobile voice and data communications services based on revenue, and the only commercial provider of communications services offering true global coverage. Our satellite network provides communications services to regions of the world where wireless or wireline networks do not exist or are limited, including remote land areas, open oceans, airways, the polar regions, and regions where the telecommunications infrastructure has been affected by political conflicts or natural disasters.

We provide voice and data communications services to businesses, the U.S. and foreign governments, non-governmental organizations and consumers via our satellite network, which has an architecture of 66 in-orbit satellites with in-orbit spares and related ground infrastructure. We utilize an interlinked mesh architecture to route traffic across our satellite constellation using radio frequency crosslinks between satellites. This unique architecture minimizes the need for local ground facilities to support the constellation, which facilitates the global reach of our services and allows us to offer services in countries and regions where we have no physical presence.

We sell our products and services to commercial end-users through a wholesale distribution network, encompassing more than 75 service providers, more than 200 value-added resellers, or VARs, and more than 60 value-added manufacturers, or VAMs, which create and sell technology that uses the Iridium® network either directly to the end user or indirectly through other service providers, VARs or dealers. These distributors often integrate our products and services with other complementary hardware and software and have developed a broad suite of applications using our products and services to target specific lines of business. We expect that demand for our services will increase as more applications are developed and deployed that utilize our technology.

At March 31, 2016, we had approximately 788,000 billable subscribers worldwide, representing an increase of 5% from approximately 748,000 billable subscribers at March 31, 2015. We have a diverse customer base, with end users in the following lines of business: land-based handset; machine-to-machine, or M2M; maritime; aviation; and government.

We recognize revenue from both the sale of equipment and the provision of services. We expect a higher proportion of our future revenue will be derived from service revenue. Revenues from providing voice and data service historically have generated higher gross margins than sales of subscriber equipment.

This summer, we expect to begin launching our new satellite constellation, Iridium NEXT. Iridium NEXT will maintain the architecture of our current constellation, with 66 in-orbit satellites, as well as six in-orbit spares, and we are building nine ground spares. We have contracted with Thales Alenia Space France, or Thales, to construct the Iridium NEXT satellites, which are designed to be compatible with our current constellation and current end-user equipment, so that as the Iridium NEXT satellites are launched, they will replace satellites in the current constellation without affecting the service to our end users. We plan to deploy 70 satellites on seven Falcon 9 rockets launched by Space Exploration Technologies Corporation, or SpaceX, and two satellites on a Dnepr rocket launched by International Space Company Kosmotras, or Kosmotras. We expect to complete the deployment of the Iridium NEXT constellation in 2017. We estimate the costs associated with the design, build and launch of Iridium NEXT and related ground infrastructure upgrades through 2017 to be approximately \$3 billion. Our funding plan for these costs includes the substantial majority of the funds available under our \$1.8 billion credit facility, or the Credit Facility, together with cash on hand and internally generated cash flows, including contracted cash flows from hosted payloads and potential cash flows from Iridium PRIMESM.

The Iridium NEXT constellation will also host the AireonSM system to provide a global air traffic surveillance service through a series of automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast, or ADS-B, receivers on the Iridium NEXT satellites. Aireon LLC, our joint venture with the air navigation service providers, or ANSPs, of Canada, Italy, Denmark and Ireland, has contracted to provide the Aireon service to a number of ANSPs, including our co-investors in Aireon and NATS (En Route) PLC, the ANSP of the United Kingdom. Aireon also plans to offer the service to other ANSPs worldwide including the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration, or FAA. Aireon will pay us a fee to host the ADS-B receivers on Iridium NEXT, as well as data services fees for the delivery of the air traffic surveillance data over the Iridium NEXT system. In addition, we have entered into an agreement with Harris Corporation, the manufacturer of the Aireon hosted payload, pursuant to which Harris pays us fees to allocate the remaining hosted payload capacity to its customers, and we anticipate that Harris will also pay us data service fees on behalf of these customers.

Recent Developments

Iridium NEXT

As described above, we expect to begin launching our new satellite constellation, Iridium NEXT, this summer. Iridium NEXT satellites are under various stages of construction at the assembly, integration and test facility; our ground infrastructure upgrades are complete, and our Satellite Network Operations Center is ready to support Iridium NEXT. All hardware components have been qualified for use in space and the platform software is finished. We are testing the new satellites for flight-readiness and will shortly be getting the first ten ready to ship to Vandenberg Air Force Base. A number of key flight components, including the Aireon payload, onboard processor, spacecraft bus and main mission antenna, have also been manufactured in sufficient quantities to prepare for high-rate production.

As a result of the refinement of the Iridium NEXT launch schedule during the first quarter of 2016, we updated the estimated useful lives of the current satellites and extended the lives to be consistent with the expected deployment of Iridium NEXT. We will continue to evaluate the useful lives of our current satellites through the full deployment of Iridium NEXT as the satellites are placed into service.

The Credit Facility requires us to obtain insurance covering the launch and first 12 months of operation of the Iridium NEXT satellites. We are in the process of placing this insurance. The Credit Facility requires us to obtain, at least three months prior to each of the first two launches on the Falcon 9 rocket and our launch on the Dnepr rocket, insurance covering such launch and the first 12 months of operation of the Iridium NEXT satellites on such launch. In addition, at least three months prior to the third SpaceX launch, we are required to obtain insurance covering the final five SpaceX launches and the first 12 months of operation of the Iridium NEXT satellites launched on such launches.

We expect to use our nine ground spares and a prepaid relaunch right with SpaceX to self-insure a portion of our launch and in-orbit risks, as permitted under the Credit Facility. While we believe this will enable us to obtain insurance at a substantially lower cost than would be possible without the ground spares and relaunch right, if we use our ground spares to replace lost satellites, we will likely choose to purchase additional satellites to maintain a backup supply of ground spares. The cost of such additional ground spares is not included in the \$3 billion estimated cost for the design, build and launch of Iridium NEXT and related infrastructure upgrades through 2017.

Material Trends and Uncertainties

Our industry and customer base has historically grown as a result of:

- demand for remote and reliable mobile communications services;
- increased demand for communications services by disaster and relief agencies, and emergency first responders;
- a broad wholesale distribution network with access to diverse and geographically dispersed niche markets;
- a growing number of new products and services and related applications;
- improved data transmission speeds for mobile satellite service offerings;

- regulatory mandates requiring the use of mobile satellite services;
- a general reduction in prices of mobile satellite services and subscriber equipment; and
- geographic market expansion through the ability to offer our services in additional countries.

Nonetheless, we face a number of challenges and uncertainties in operating our business, including:

- our ability to develop and launch Iridium NEXT;
- our ability to develop new and innovative products and services for Iridium NEXT;

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- our ability to access the Credit Facility to meet our future capital requirements for the manufacture and launch of the Iridium NEXT satellites;
- our ability to generate sufficient internal cash flows, including contracted cash flows from hosted payloads and potential cash flows from Iridium PRIME, to fund a portion of the costs associated with Iridium NEXT and support ongoing business;
- Aireon LLC's ability to successfully deploy and market its space-based ADS-B global aviation monitoring service to be carried as a hosted payload on the Iridium NEXT system;
- Aireon's ability to raise sufficient funds to pay hosting fees to us;
- our ability to maintain the health, capacity, control and level of service of our existing satellite network through the transition to Iridium NEXT;
- changes in general economic, business and industry conditions, including the effects of currency exchange rates;
- our reliance on a single primary commercial gateway and a primary satellite network operations center;
 - competition from other mobile satellite service providers and, to a lesser extent, from the expansion of terrestrial-based cellular phone systems and related pricing pressures;
- market acceptance of our products;
- regulatory requirements in existing and new geographic markets;
- rapid and significant technological changes in the telecommunications industry;
- reliance on our wholesale distribution network to market and sell our products, services and applications effectively;
- reliance on single-source suppliers for the manufacture of most of our subscriber equipment and for some of the components required in the manufacture of our end-user subscriber equipment and our ability to purchase parts that are periodically subject to shortages resulting from surges in demand, natural disasters or other events; and
- reliance on a few significant customers, particularly agencies of the U.S. government, for a substantial portion of our revenue, as a result of which the loss or decline in business with any of these customers may negatively impact our revenue and collectability of related accounts receivable.

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Comparison of Our Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 and 2015

(\$ in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,				Change				
	2016	% of Total Revenue	2015	% of Total Revenue	Dollars	Percent			
Revenue:									
Services	\$79,823	77 %	\$75,424	78 %	\$4,399	6 %			
Subscriber equipment	17,560	16 %	16,540	17 %	1,020	6 %			
Engineering and support services	6,819	7 %	5,043	5 %	1,776	35 %			
Total revenue	104,202	100 %	97,007	100 %	7,195	7 %			
Operating expenses:									
Cost of services (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)									
Cost of services (exclusive of depreciation and amortization)	15,903	15 %	14,882	15 %	1,021	7 %			
Cost of subscriber equipment	10,463	10 %	10,647	11 %	(184)	(2 %)			
Research and development	2,559	3 %	4,126	4 %	(1,567)	(38 %)			
Selling, general and administrative	19,063	18 %	20,524	21 %	(1,461)	(7 %)			
Depreciation and amortization	12,936	12 %	13,355	14 %	(419)	(3 %)			
Total operating expenses	60,924	58 %	63,534	65 %	(2,610)	(4 %)			
Operating income	43,278	42 %	33,473	35 %	9,805	29 %			
Other income (expense):									
Interest income, net	758	1 %	1,237	1 %	(479)	(39 %)			
Undrawn credit facility fees	(503)	(1 %)	(917)	(1 %)	414	(45 %)			
Other expense, net	(13)	0 %	(214)	0 %	201	(94 %)			
Total other income	242	0 %	106	0 %	136	128 %			
Income before income taxes	43,520	42 %	33,579	35 %	9,941	30 %			
Provision for income taxes	(15,000)	(14 %)	(12,560)	(13 %)	(2,440)	19 %			
Net income	\$28,520	28 %	\$21,019	22 %	\$7,501	36 %			

Commercial Service Revenue

	Three Months Ended						Change		
	March 31, 2016			March 31, 2015					
	(Revenue in millions and subscribers in thousands)								
	Billable		ARPU		Billable		Billable		ARPU
Revenue	Subscribers ⁽¹⁾	Revenue ⁽²⁾	Subscribers ⁽¹⁾	Revenue	Subscribers ⁽¹⁾	Revenue	Subscribers	ARPU	
Commercial voice and data	\$42.7	348	\$ 40	\$42.8	351	\$ 40	(3)	\$ -	
Commercial M2M data	15.1	365	14	14.6	334	15	31	(1)	
Total Commercial	\$57.8	713		\$57.4	685	\$0.4	28		

(1) Billable subscriber numbers shown are at the end of the respective period.

(2) Average monthly revenue per unit, or ARPU, is calculated by dividing revenue in the respective period by the average of the number of billable subscribers at the beginning of the period and the number of billable subscribers at the end of the period and then dividing the result by the number of months in the period.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, commercial voice and data revenue decreased slightly primarily due to continued declines in airtime usage, partially offset by increased subscriptions to Iridium push-to-talk, or PTT, which we commercially launched in 2015.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, commercial M2M data revenue increased primarily due to a 9% increase in commercial M2M data billable subscribers, partially offset by a decline in the related ARPU due to the growth in subscribers using lower data usage plans.

We anticipate continued growth in billable commercial subscribers for the remainder of 2016.

Government Service Revenue

Three Months Ended		
March 31, 2016	March 31, 2015	Change
(Revenue in millions and subscribers in thousands)		
Billable	Billable	Billable
Revenue	Revenue	Revenue
Subscribers ⁽¹⁾	Subscribers ⁽¹⁾	Subscribers ⁽¹⁾