

## Belmont, MA Board Ready Study - Financial Pro Forma Analysis

#### Summary of Updates



- Reduce mainline trenching to zero; keep drop installation costs
- Reduce pole make ready expenses to zero
- Reduce brownfield make ready expenses to zero
- Reduce ISP functions associated with customer services and billing by 80% (includes staff, tier 1 help desk, OSS/BSS)

#### Introduction



- Objective: Initial financial analysis into the viability of a stand-alone broadband business using a standard set of input parameters and provide go-no go decision input to customer board of directors
- Disclosure: The data from this analysis is considered preliminary rough-orderof-magnitude (ROM) until additional field research is completed to better estimate inputs such as take rates and costs

#### Approach:

- Use a standardized financial pro-forma for inputs gathered from the market assessment, customer supplied information and Fujitsu insights from past network deployments
- Apply a Monte Carlo simulation model to understand a range of expected outcomes for key performance indicators (revenue, EBITDA, cash flow).

## **Executive Summary**

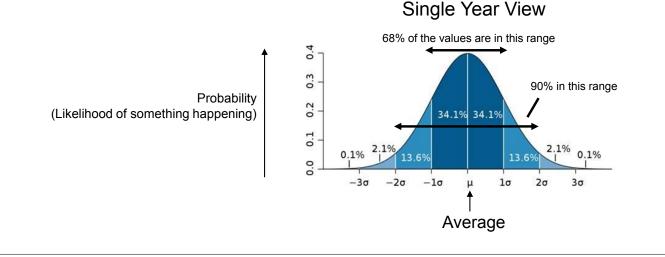


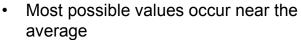
Using the middle take rate scenario (20~40%), post-construction years of operation, 90% confidence interval, Brownfield Data Center

KPI	Annual Value Range	Top Variation Contributors
Revenue	\$3.2M ~ \$4.9M	Residential take rate, tier pricing, customer-tier mix, Business take rate
OPEX	\$1.93M ~ \$2.25M Revised: \$0.88M ~ \$1.4M	Residential take rate, Churn, Business take rate
EBITDA	\$1.26M ~ \$2.68M Revised: \$2.3M ~ \$3.6M	Residential take rate, tier pricing, customer-tier mix
Construction (CAPEX)	\$27.6M ~ \$35.5M (Greenfield: \$27.7M ~ \$35.6M) Revised: \$14.3M ~ \$16.7M	Residential take rate, Business take rate
Cash Flow	- <b>\$2.2M ~ -\$0.56M</b> Revised: \$1.2M ~ \$2.6M	Residential take rate, tier pricing, Churn

## Monte Carlo Simulation – Overview

- What is Monte Carlo simulation?
  - It is an estimation/optimization approach using software that allows us to model uncertainty for input variables (cost, price, etc)
  - We model uncertainty based on assumed statistical parameters and simulate up to thousands of plausible scenarios to gain insights into the range of possible outcomes for cost, profit, time, etc.
  - It is common that the range of values for a KPI appears like a normal distribution curve





- 68% and 90% ranges represent confidence intervals
- 90% is read as you would expect the KPI to fall in this range 90% of the time based on the model
- Depending on appetite for risk, focus on certain confidence interval (90% is most common)



## Monte Carlo Simulation – Overview

#### Why is it important to use?

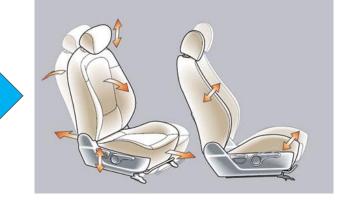
- Using averages as a single representation of a variable risks making a decision based on an unlikely outcome
- Strategically, a range of outcomes helps us to decide the overall attractiveness of a business case
- Tactically, simulation results help us focus on better controlling key variables whose variation that contribute the most to an outcome's variation

#### Analogy: Discoveries from Cockpit Design

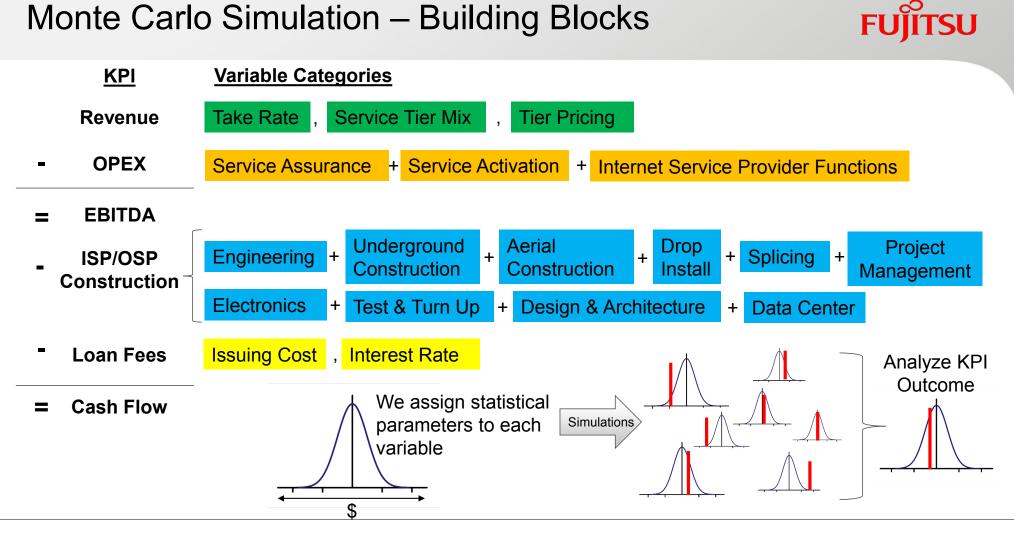


- Average pilot body measurements from 1926 used to design fighter plane cockpits in 1940's-50's
- High incidence rate of pilots crashing
- Studies eventually pointed towards cockpit configuration inadequate for pilots to reach controls
- Dozens of dimensions measured for 4,000 pilots; none fit the average measurement for all dimensions Cockpit needed to be suitable for 90% of people on all dimensions

Aircraft manufacturers ordered to design to a range of dimensions



## Monte Carlo Simulation – Building Blocks



## **Scenario Overview**

Scenario

**Data Center** 

#### 2 3 1 Middle Optimistic Pessimistic

Main Presentation

#### Appendix



# Take Rate Range



## Key Parameters Used for Take Rate

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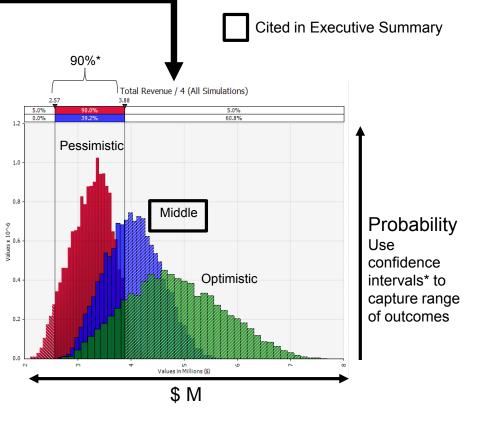
Existing Verizon Fios Fiber Offering Presents Differentiation Challenge to Belmont Market Share

Take Rate Scenarios Pessimistic Middle Optimistic Simulation 1 2 3 90%\* Residential Min 15% 20% 20% Residential Most Likely 25% 30% 35% Total Revenue / 4 (All Simulations) **Residential Max** 30% 40% 55% 2 57 5.0% 60.8% 5.0% Residential Take Rate / 1 0.0% 1.2 28.0 5.0% (Left): Using minimum, Pessimistic most likely and maximum 1.0 parameters, we can ng(0.15,0.25,0.3) apply a probability 15.000% 30.000% 23.333% 3.118% distribution of take rate 0.8 Middle values. The pessimistic scenario values are

#### **Key Takeaways**

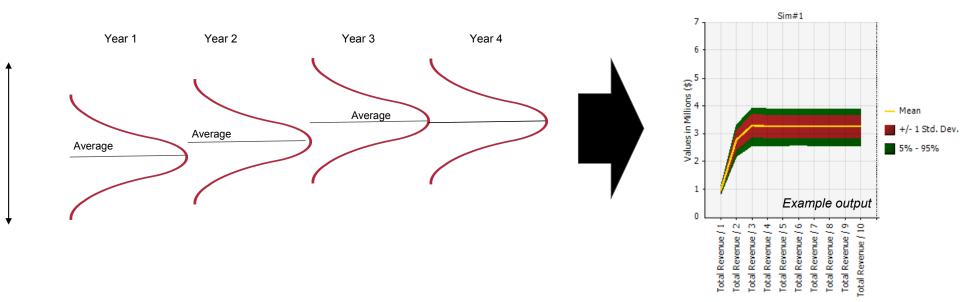
14% 16% 20% 22% 26% 28% 28%

- Each scenario has a different min, most likely, max take rate profile to demonstrate the different risk profiles to total revenue
- Simulation pictured on right shows revenue results for year 4, the first full year of operations following completed construction
- The pessimistic scenario has a small range for revenue at a 90% confidence interval due to a smaller range between the min and max take rate
- Within each scenario, there is a list of several other key assumptions/parameters that will be applied consistently towards 10,000 simulations to gain insight into the range of outcomes



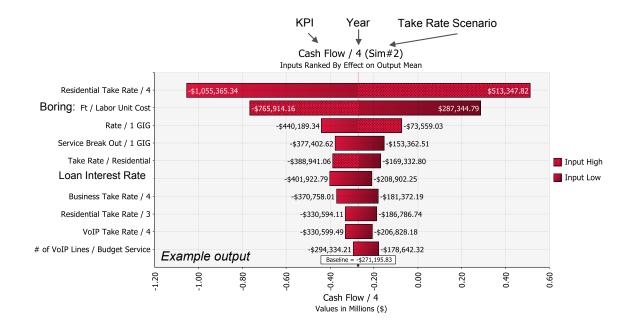
#### **Output Analysis for a KPI**

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- This chart combines several probability curves into a time series
- The average value is less important to know than the range of values surrounding the average
- While the curves are centered on their mean value, use the 1 standard deviation range to understand where the expected value will be 68% of the time
- Use the 2 standard deviation range to understand where the expected value will be 90% of the time

#### Variation Contribution Analysis for a KPI Introducing Tornado Charts



 High values for revenue-impacting variables push KPI to the right (opposite for cost-impacting variables)

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- Low values for revenue-impacting variables push KPI to the left
- Focus on controlling and fine-tuning most impactful variables in further estimations and during execution

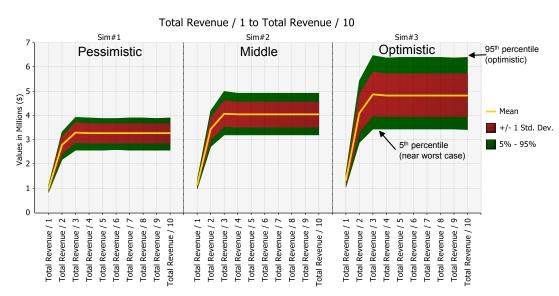
Fine-tuning the impacting variables involves high-level engineering design, site visits, vendor quotations, etc.

## Revenue Overview – Years 1 through 10 No change Fuirsu

Residential Take Rate /

Business Take Rate /

Rate / 1 GIG Service Break Out / 1 GIG



- Following construction years (years 1~3), annual revenue can vary between \$2.7M and \$6.5M (90% confidence interval), depending on the take rate scenario analyzed.
- Middle scenario of 20~40% take rate results in a range of \$3.2M and \$4.9M

VoIP Take Rate / 4 \$3,972,864,3 1.119.396.99 🔣 Input Higi Input Low # of VoIP Lines / Budget Service \$4,012,520,9 \$4,141,711.16 Residential Take Rate / 3 \$3,998,206.08 4 090 784 89 Rate / 10 GIG \$3,995,496.5 1,084,349.33 Wifi Upgrade Take Rate / Budget Service \$3,988,613.35 \$4,070,074.75 VoIP Per Month / Budget Service \$3,989,177,7 \$4.069.363.52 Baselin 38,359.00 3.40 3.60 ł.20 40 .60 1.80 00.9 .20 Total Revenue / 4 Values in Millions (\$)

\$3,838,821.47

\$3,918,999.6

\$3,928,522.85

Total Revenue / 4 (Sim#2)

Inputs Ranked By Effect on Output Mean

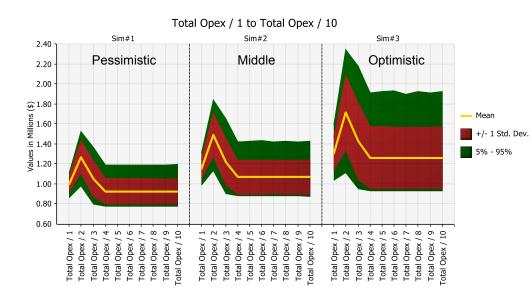
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\$4,149,146.28

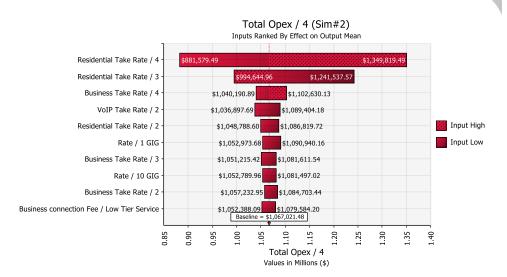
\$4,138,565,70

- Years 4 and beyond share a similar tornado chart pattern for which variables contribute to the greatest variation in annual revenue
- Holding all other variables constant, the residential take rate variation in the year of study can impact total revenue by \$1.7M using \$4M as baseline
  - Upside: \$4.9M (40% take rate)
  - Downside: \$3.2M (20% take rate)

## **OPEX Overview – Years 1 through 10**

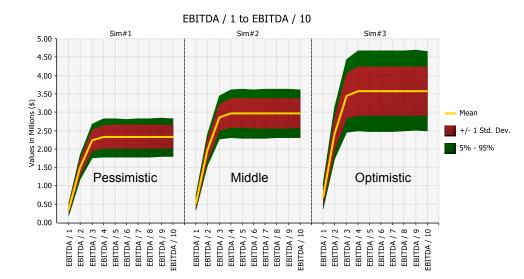


- Pattern update: Connection costs incurred heavily during initial customer activation in years 1-3, then settling down to steady state years 4 and later
- Middle scenario: \$0.88M ~ \$1.42M per year

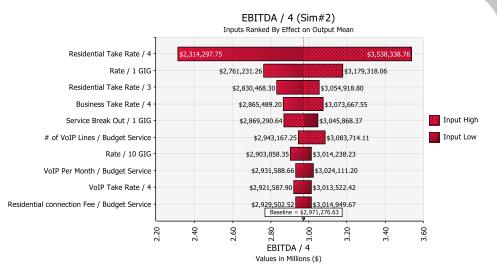


- Years 4 and beyond share a similar tornado chart pattern for which variables contribute to the greatest variation in annual OPEX
- Holding all other variables constant, the residential take rate variation in the year of study can impact total OPEX by ~\$400K
  - Because we are modeling a minimum amount of customer churn year to year (regardless of whether total customer counts increase or decrease), the change in take rate between year 4 and previous years impacts customer activation costs

#### EBITDA Overview – Years 1 through 10



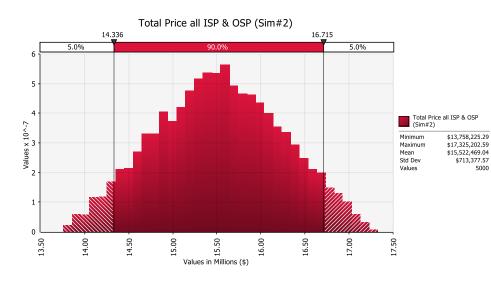
Middle scenario: \$2.3M ~ \$3.6M per year

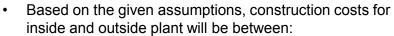


- Years 4 and beyond share a similar tornado chart pattern for which variables contribute to the greatest variation in annual EBITDA
- Holding all other variables constant, the residential take rate variation in the year of study can impact total revenue by \$1.2M
- The 1Gig monthly price and residential churn are the second- and third-most impactful to EBITDA variation

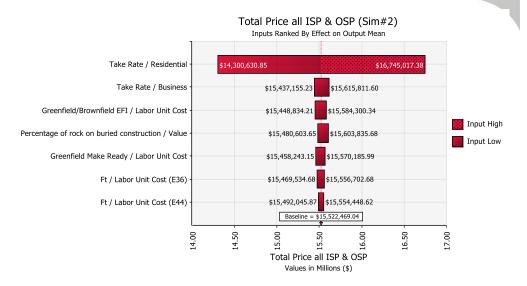
## **Construction Cost Overview**

With Brownfield Data Center



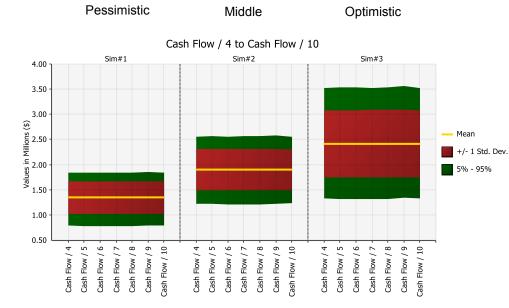


- \$14.3M and \$16.7M (90% confidence interval)
- \$14.7M and \$16.3M (68% confidence interval)
- Most likely, costs will occur within the 68% CI, however due to cost uncertainty, we study the tornado graph for variation contribution

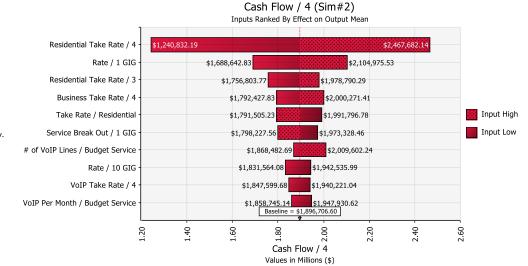


- After reducing the need for trenching/boring/rock adder significantly, those cost inputs contribute to minimal variation
- Residential and business take rates are now the main driver to construction cost variation, followed by Data Center EFI (Engineer/Furnish/Install)

## Cash Flow Overview – Years 4 through 10



- Middle take rate scenario ranges from \$1.2M ~ \$2.55M per year
- Updated assumptions to OPEX and CAPEX now result in 100% likelihood positive cash flow in years 4 and later



- Years 4 and beyond share a similar tornado chart pattern for which variables contribute to the greatest variation in annual cash flow
- Holding all other variables constant, the residential take rate variation in the year of study can impact total revenue by \$1.3M
- 1 Gbps pricing and residential churn contribute the next largest amount of variation to cash flow.

#### Appendix



- Detailed assumptions & parameters
- Current competitor pricing for new customers
- Greenfield Data Center Construction Cost Results

#### **Detailed Assumptions & Parameters**

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Take	Rates'	* & Ch	urn		Servic
		<u>Minimum</u>	Most Likely	Maximum	
Take Rate:					Residential Ser
	Residential	20%	30%	40%	Data Services R
	Business	25%	35%	45%	
	VoIP	15%	25%	35%	
Wifi Upgrade 1	Take Rate	40%	45%	50%	
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\$252,000

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\$95,000

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rowntiela/Greentiela EFI

\$38,000

\$214,000

\$31,000

#### Service Tiers and Pricing

Residential Service:	Minimum	Most Likely	Maximum	
Data Services Rate				
Budget Service	\$45	\$50	\$55	
1 GIG	\$70	\$80	\$90	
10 GIG	\$120	\$130	\$140	
Service Breakout				
Budget Service	5%			
1 GIG	75%	80%	90%	
10 GIG	8%			
Connection Fee	\$90	\$100	\$110	
Wifi Upgrade Fee	\$4.50	\$5	\$5.50	
Wifi Upgrade Take Rate	40%	45%	50%	
VoIP Price per Month	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$18.00	
# of VoIP Lines per Customer	1.0		2.0	

#### nfrastructure Context

m	Intrastructure Context      The total number of addresses with in the Project area      Combined Take Rate      40%			and bus	Total residential and business customers	
	combined rake kate	Feet	Miles			
5%	Total number of feet to be designed for the project	889,787	168.52	reported to EIA		
		% OH	Aerial	Underground	% UG	
	Percentage OH/UG and quantity of feet to be constructed OH/UG	62%	548,775	341,012	38%	
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		Value				
	Number of Utility Poles	4713	Ren	emoved all mainline; opt drop installation		
	Average span distance between poles	116	Kon			
	% Poles requiring Communication space make ready	0%	Kep	t urop mat	anation	
	% Poles requiring light power make ready	0%				
	% Poles requiring change outs or heavy make ready in power space	0%	M;	nimum: 20	0/	
	Average span distance between vaults	172				
•	1 Percentage of rock on buried construction	45%	► Mo	ost Likely: 4	40%	
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#### **Business Service:** Minimum Most Likely Maximum Data Services Rate Low Tier Service \$80 \$90 \$100 1 GIG \$120 \$130 \$140 \$160 \$180 10 GIG \$170 Service Breakout Low Tier Service 5% 75% 80% 90% 1 GIG 10 GIG 0% **Connection Fee** \$100 \$150 \$200 \$4.50 \$5.50 Wifi Upgrade Fee \$5 Wifi Upgrade Take Rate 40% 45% 50% VoIP Price per Month \$22.50 \$25.00 \$28.00 # of VoIP Lines per Customer 2.0 3.0

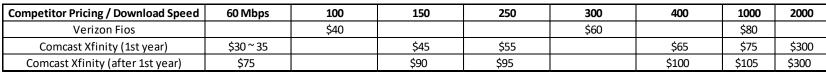
#### **Construction completion rate**

- Year 1 = 38%
- Year 2 = 44%
- Year 3 = 18%

#### **Business Model**

- The Broadband business has its own dedicated staff, fleet, phones, legal entity, operations/business systems etc.
- No pole attachments
  Reduced staff, customer service & billing expenses by 80%
- Marketing budget is assumed to be 3% of annual revenue

#### **Competitor Broadband-Only Monthly Pricing**



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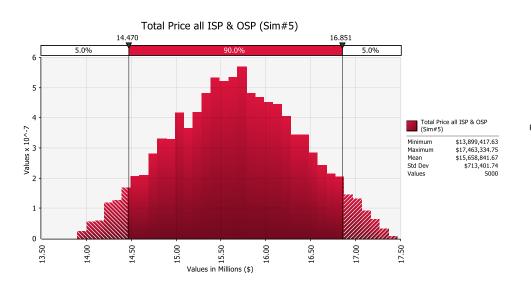
\*Note: For new customers only; does not include rates for current customers or promotional campaign discounts

Verizon Fios 1,000 Mbps price guaranteed for 3 years

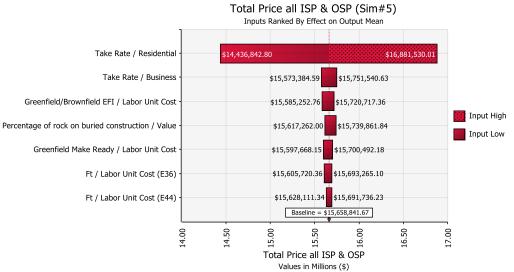
Comcast Xfinity 2,000 Mbps 2-year price lock possible

## **Construction Cost Overview**

With Greenfield Data Center Scenario



- Based on the given assumptions, construction costs for inside and outside plant will be between:
  - \$14.5M and \$16.9M (90% confidence interval)
  - \$14.9M and \$16.4M (68% confidence interval)
- Most likely, costs will occur within the 68% CI, however due to cost uncertainty, we study the tornado graph for variation contribution



 Like that of the brownfield data center scenario, residential and business take rates are responsible for the majority of possible variation in construction costs, followed by data center EFI costs

