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**Building the Premier
Sprint Affiliate**

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Transaction Summary

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Creation of the Premier
Sprint Affiliate

Sector leading combination

Creation of the premier Sprint Affiliate

Over 23 million total POPs, 18 million covered POPs and 1.25 million subscribers

Pro forma size should appeal to a broader investor base

Alamosa is the strongest Sprint Affiliate

Consistently strong operating results - strongest balance sheet

Enables combined company to further rationalize pro forma capital structure to the
benefit of each companies' shareholders

Management team with a proven track record of successful integrations of acquisitions

Integrated over \$690 million¹ of acquisitions since 2000

Earnings power better than sum of parts

Estimated annual operational synergies of approximately \$10.0 million

Additional scale benefits

Lower cost of capital

Platform for future organic and external growth

Pro forma company will be far and away the largest Sprint Affiliate on all metrics

Enhances relationship with Sprint

Note:

1 Based on Alamosa's stock price prior to the announcement of each transaction

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Merger Beneficial to
All Shareholders

AirGate Shareholders

Attractive valuation

Immediate increase in liquidity

Opportunity to receive a portion
of proceeds in cash

Strong Alamosa currency offered

Most liquid stock in Sprint Affiliate
sector

Largest market capitalization of the
Sprint Affiliates

Best trading fundamentals of any
Sprint Affiliate

Significant coverage from Wall
Street research analysts

Alamosa Shareholders

Pro forma Company is better
positioned to grow and create
shareholder value

Accretive on all key metrics

POPs, Subscribers, EBITDA, FCF

Positions Alamosa as the sector
consolidator

Proven track record of value
creation through acquisitions

Roberts Wireless Communications

Washington Oregon Wireless

Southwest PCS

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AirGate Overview

7.4 million total POPs

6.1 million covered POPs

384,241¹ subscribers - 9/30/04

Strong market demographics

Major AirGate markets include:

Greenville, SC (935,800 POPs)

Savannah, GA (775,800 POPs)

Charleston, SC (690,200 POPs)

Columbia, SC (685,100 POPs)

**Adjacent to major Sprint PCS
southeastern markets**

Sprint PCS markets include:

Atlanta, GA

Raleigh, NC

Charlotte, NC

**Significant overlap with Sprint
Local Telephone Division**

Note:

1 Based on the midpoint of AirGate's CY 3Q announced guidance on September 30, 2004

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Strong Pro Forma Footprint

The pro forma Company will be the premier and largest Sprint Affiliate

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Positioned for Sector Leadership

Industry leading combination with significantly increased scale

18.4

12.3

8.1

7.9

6.1

5.9

5.7

4.8

0.0

4.0

8.0

12.0

16.0

20.0

APCS +

PCSA

APCS

UNWR

UPCS

PCSA

IPCX

HZPS

IWO

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EOP Subscribers (000s) Q3 04

23.2

15.8

11.3

10.0

7.8

7.5

7.4

6.3

0.0

4.0

8.0

12.0

16.0

20.0

24.0

APCS +

PCSA

APCS

UNWR

UPCS

IPCX

HZPS

PCSA

IWO

Net Adds (000s) Q3 04

Covered POPs (mm)

Total POPs (mm)

62

53

18

9

8

7

5

(6)

-10

10

30

50

70

APCS +

PCSA

APCS

UPCS

PCSA

IPCX

UNWR

IWO

HZPS

1,250

866

449

384

383

241

231

185

0

200

400

600

800

1,000

1,200

1,400

APCS +

PCSA

APCS

UNWR

PCSA

UPCS

IPCX

IWO

HZPS

\$247

\$180

\$76

\$71

\$67

\$32

\$27

\$0

\$50

\$100

\$150

\$200

\$250

APCS +

PCSA

APCS

UNWR

UPCS

PCSA

IPCX

HZPS¹

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CY 2004 EBITDA Capex (mm)

LTM EBITDA Capex (mm)

\$228

\$166

\$79

\$63

\$62

\$31

\$28

\$0

\$50

\$100

\$150

\$200

\$250

APCS +

PCSA

APCS

UNWR

UPCS

PCSA

IPCX

HZPS¹

Positioned for Sector Leadership

Source: Alamosa's 2004 data per Company's guidance. AirGate's 2004 data per consensus Wall Street research

Strong pro forma cash flow generation

Does not reflect pro forma impact of estimated annual synergies

Note: As of latest publicly released quarterly data

1 Excludes effects of operations in NTELOS markets

LTM EBITDA (mm)

\$136

\$90

\$48

\$46

\$44

\$17

\$0

\$50

\$100

\$150

APCS +

PCSA

APCS

UNWR

PCSA

UPCS

IPCX

\$132

\$86

\$60

\$46

\$31

\$19

\$0

\$50

\$100

\$150

APCS +

PCSA

APCS

UNWR

PCSA

UPCS

IPCX

CY 2004 EBITDA (mm)

Financial Summary

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Transaction Terms

Q2 2005

Expected Closing:

Alamosa and AirGate shareholders

Sprint

Hart-Scott-Rodino antitrust approval

Required Approvals:

\$630 million, based on closing prices of Alamosa & AirGate
on December 7, 2004

Includes assumption of approximately \$238 million of net debt

AirGate shareholders can elect cash consideration if desired

Based on Alamosa's trailing 10-day average price prior to closing

Cash consideration capped at \$100 million subject to proration

Restricted stock & options settled in cash

Election period from mailing of proxy to day prior to AirGate shareholder meeting

Purchase Price:

Cash Election:

2.87 Alamosa shares per AirGate share

\$33.01 per AirGate share based on Alamosa closing price of \$11.50 on December 7, 2004

Consideration:

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Implied Valuation

Assuming 100% stock consideration, AirGate shareholders will own approximately 18.1%¹ of the pro forma company

Alamosa would issue approximately 33.8 million shares² to AirGate shareholders

Implied valuation based on 12/7/04 Alamosa share price

Price per AirGate share of \$33.01

Equity value of \$392 million

Enterprise value of \$630 million

Implied market multiples:

Enterprise value / Total POPs = \$85

Enterprise value / Covered POPs = \$103

Enterprise value / LTM EBITDA = 10.1x

Enterprise value / LTM EBITDA - Capex = 13.6x

Note:

- 1 Alamosa's convertible preferred stock included on an as-converted basis
- 2 Restricted stock units will receive cash consideration and in-the-money options outstanding will receive a cash payment equal to the excess of the per share price over the exercise price

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Pro Forma Corporate Structure

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Alamosa

Operations, Inc.

Alamosa Holdings, Inc.

Alamosa PCS Holdings, Inc.

Alamosa Holdings, LLC

Alamosa (Delaware), Inc.

Missouri

WOW

Southwest

Alamosa

PCS

Public Stock

Public Debt

AirGate

PCS, Inc.

(Operating Company)

LLC (Softco)

AirGate Leasing, Inc.

(Equipment Company)

Public Debt

100% Ownership

Alamosa

Operations, Inc.

Alamosa Holdings, Inc.

Alamosa PCS Holdings, Inc.

Alamosa Holdings, LLC

Alamosa (Delaware), Inc.

Missouri

WOW

Southwest

Alamosa

PCS

Public Stock

Public Debt

AirGate

PCS, Inc.

(Operating Company)

AirGate Network Services

(Equipment Company)

Public Debt

100% Ownership

\$95.7

\$15.8 ¹

\$79.9

LTM Capex (mm)

\$227.7

\$62.2^{1,2}

\$165.5

LTM EBITDA (mm)

\$301.4

\$90.0¹

\$211.4

CY Q3 Total Revenue (mm)

Combined

AirGate

Alamosa

\$62.9

\$17.0^{1,2}

\$45.9

CY Q3 EBITDA (mm)

\$1,085.1

\$335.6¹

\$749.5

LTM Total Revenue (mm)

Financial:

62.0

9.0¹

53.0

CY Q3 Net Additions (000s)

6.8%

6.3%¹

7.0%

Penetration of Covered POPs

1,250,241

384,241¹

866,000

EOP Subscribers (9/30/04)

18.4

6.1

12.3

Covered POPs (mm)

23.2

7.4

15.8

Total POPs (mm)

Operating:

Historical Operating &
Financial Highlights

Notes:

- 1 Based on the midpoint of AirGate's CY 3Q announced guidance on September 30, 2004
- 2 Excludes an approximately \$10.9 million one time adjustment related to the settlement with Sprint

Pro Forma Capitalization

Notes: Assumes no fees or expense associated with the transaction. Excludes preferred stock

- 1 Reflects Alamosa estimates and pro forma adjustment for offering of \$175 million Senior Secured Floating Rate notes and related use of proceeds
- 2 Based on the midpoint of AirGate's CY 3Q announced guidance on September 30, 2004
- 3 Excludes an approximately \$10.9 million one time adjustment related to the settlement with Sprint

(\$ in millions)

As of

9/30/2004

Est. 9/30/04

Cash

Coupon

Maturity

Alamosa

AirGate

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Consider. Adj.

Pro Forma

Cash & Equivalents

\$159.6

\$102.6

(\$100.0)

\$162.2

Capital Lease

\$0.9

-

\$0.9

Senior Secured Floating Rate Notes

3.750%

10/15/2011

-

\$175.0

175.0

Senior Subordinated Secured Notes

9.375%

9/1/2009

-

159.0

159.0

Senior Notes

8.500%

1/31/2012

250.0

-

250.0

Senior Notes

11.000%

7/31/2010

250.9

-

250.9

Senior Notes

12.500%

2/1/2011

11.6

-

11.6

Senior Notes

13.625%

8/15/2011

2.3

-

2.3

Senior Discount Notes

12.000%

7/31/2009

211.8

-

211.8

Senior Discount Notes

12.875%

2/15/2010

6.1

-

6.1

Total Debt

\$733.7

\$334.0

\$1,067.7

Senior Secured Debt

/ LTM EBITDA

0.0x

5.4x

1.5x

Total Debt

/ LTM EBITDA

4.4x

5.4x

4.7x

Net Debt

/ LTM EBITDA

3.5x

3.8x

4.0x

LTM EBITDA

2,3

\$165.5

\$62.2

\$227.7

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Accretive Transaction

The transaction is EBITDA per share accretive to Alamosa's shareholders

17% accretive to 2004 EBITDA per share on a pro forma basis (all stock consideration)

Pro forma for the impact of estimated annual synergies

Source: Alamosa's 2004 data per Company's guidance. AirGate's 2004 data per consensus Wall Street research

2004E EBITDA Accretion

Note:

1 Alamosa's convertible preferred stock included on an as converted basis

Alamosa Pro Forma

Alamosa

Stock &

Stand Alone

All Stock

\$100mm Cash

Pro Forma Shares Outstanding (mm)

153.3

187.1

178.4

EBITDA

2004E EBITDA (mm)

\$180.0

\$246.5

\$246.5

Operating Synergies

-

10.0

10.0

Pro Forma 2004E EBITDA (mm)

\$180.0

\$256.5

\$256.5

EBITDA / Share

1.17

1.37

1.44

2004 EBITDA Accretion per Share

-

17%

22%

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Summary

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Summary

Transaction is strategically and financially attractive to Alamosa and AirGate shareholders

Industry-leading combination

Attractive valuation to AirGate shareholders

Immediate increase in liquidity

Attractive currency

Accretive transaction to Alamosa shareholders

Increased scale and scope

Earnings power better than sum of parts

Platform for future growth and value creation

Proven track record of delivering results and successful
acquisition integration

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