#### **UNITED STATES CELLULAR CORPORATION**

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April 9, 2020

Dear Fellow Shareholders:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2020 annual meeting of shareholders ("2020 Annual Meeting") of United States Cellular Corporation ("U.S. Cellular") on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at 8:30 a.m., central time, at U.S. Cellular Plaza, 8410 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Chicago, Illinois\*. At the meeting, we will report on the accomplishments and plans of U.S. Cellular.

The Notice of the 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and 2020 Proxy Statement ("2020 Proxy Statement") of our board of directors is attached. Also enclosed is our 2019 Annual Report to shareholders ("2019 Annual Report"). At the 2020 Annual Meeting, shareholders are being asked to take the following actions:

- 1. Elect the director nominees named in the attached 2020 Proxy Statement.
- 2. Ratify the selection of independent registered public accounting firm for the current fiscal year.
- 3. Approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed in the attached 2020 Proxy Statement (commonly known as "Say-on-Pay").

Your board of directors unanimously recommends a vote "FOR" its nominees for election as directors, "FOR" the proposal to ratify accountants, and "FOR" the Say-on-Pay proposal.

We would like to have as many shareholders as possible represented at the 2020 Annual Meeting. Therefore, whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, please sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card(s), or vote on the Internet in accordance with the instructions set forth on the proxy card(s).

\*We are monitoring the rapidly evolving impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19). The health and safety of our employees and shareholders is of the utmost importance to U.S. Cellular. If developments warrant, we may need to change the location of the Annual Meeting or switch to a virtual-only meeting. Any change will be announced in a press release and a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. If we take this step, we will publicly announce the decision to do so as promptly as practicable and include details on how to participate. If you are planning to attend the meeting, please monitor our website at investors.uscellular.com/proxy-vote/ for updated information.

Very truly yours,

LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr. Chairman

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Kenneth R. Meyers President and Chief Executive Officer

#### UNITED STATES CELLULAR CORPORATION



#### Dear Shareholders,

U.S. Cellular exists to provide exceptional wireless communication services which enhance consumers' lives, increase the competitiveness of local businesses, and improve the efficiency of government operations in the mid-sized and rural markets we serve.

Even in these uncertain times, our strategy is unchanged, because it is the right strategy. Taking care of our retail customers - by ensuring that they have uninterrupted service when and where they need it - and working to help local businesses and governments better serve their communities - through access to greater wireless capabilities - will always be our priorities. It's who we are.

In that spirit, we are continuing to move forward to achieve long-term sustainability through driving sharp focus on our customers and on our network experience.

#### Elevate brand relevance and focus on customer engagement

In 2020, we will work to drive subscriber growth and strengthen current customer experience through continuing to provide outstanding value and simplicity in pricing and promotions. We will continue to raise brand relevance and positioning through our new branding platform "We're bringing Fairness to Wireless." We're also utilizing data and analytics to create a more personalized experience for current customers by targeting them with relevant and timely offers.

#### Grow revenue by expanding current and emerging revenue streams

We will focus on increasing average revenue per user as customers migrate to service plans with higher data allotments and increase their purchases of additional services like device protection, and as we continue to increase the penetration of smartphones in our base.

Businesses and local municipalities across our footprint looking to utilize 5G and IoT technology present emerging revenue opportunities, and U.S. Cellular is committed to working with them to find tailored solutions to meet their unique needs.

#### Invest in the future by advancing our network

Network performance remains a key driver of customer satisfaction and a hallmark of U.S. Cellular's strategic positioning. This year we will execute the commercial launch of 5G in Wisconsin and Iowa and work toward readying the network for additional markets. We also will substantially complete our VoLTE deployment.

#### Maintain expense discipline

We balance competitiveness with profitability through aggressive but economical pricing and promotions. Despite increasing data usage, we still manage to keep system operations costs low through expense management initiatives.

The simplicity of unlimited plans and transparency of pricing have reduced billing questions resulting in lower customer care costs. Additionally, online transactions enabled by enhancements to our website are expected to increase self-service and help to lower operating expenses.

Sincerely,

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LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr. Chairman

Kenneth R. Meyers President and Chief Executive Officer

#### NOTICE OF 2020 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS AND 2020 PROXY STATEMENT

#### TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF

#### UNITED STATES CELLULAR CORPORATION

We will hold the 2020 annual meeting of the shareholders ("2020 Annual Meeting") of United States Cellular Corporation ("U.S. Cellular"), a Delaware corporation, at U.S. Cellular Plaza, 8410 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Chicago, Illinois\*, on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at 8:30 a.m., central time. At the meeting, we are asking shareholders to take the following actions:

- 1. To elect the director nominees named in this proxy statement.
- 2. To ratify the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2020.
- 3. To approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers as disclosed herein (commonly known as "Say-on-Pay").
- 4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any postponement, adjournment or recess thereof.

Your board of directors recommends a vote "FOR" each of the nominees for election as directors, "FOR" the proposal to ratify accountants, and "FOR" approval of the Say-on-Pay proposal.

We have fixed the close of business on March 26, 2020, as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the 2020 Annual Meeting or any postponement, adjournment or recess thereof.

We are first sending this Notice of the 2020 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and 2020 Proxy Statement, together with our 2019 Annual Report, on or about April 9, 2020, to shareholders who are receiving a paper copy of the proxy materials. We have made arrangements to commence mailing a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials on or about April 9, 2020 to other shareholders as discussed below.

\*We are monitoring the rapidly evolving impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19). The health and safety of our employees and shareholders is of the utmost importance to U.S. Cellular. If developments warrant, we may need to change the location of the Annual Meeting or switch to a virtual-only meeting. Any change will be announced in a press release and a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. If we take this step, we will publicly announce the decision to do so as promptly as practicable and include details on how to participate. If you are planning to attend the meeting, please monitor our website at investors.uscellular.com/proxy-vote/ for updated information.

# IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE SHAREHOLDERS MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 19, 2020

The following information about the Internet availability of proxy materials is being provided under the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"):

Effective April 9, 2020, the following documents are available at www.uscellular.com under Investor Relations-Proxy Vote or at investors.uscellular.com/proxy-vote/:

- 1. 2020 Proxy Statement
- 2. 2019 Annual Report
- 3. Proxy Card
- 4. Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials

The location where the 2020 Annual Meeting will be held is on the second floor of the U.S. Cellular Plaza, 8410 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Chicago. This building is just south of Interstate 90 and approximately one block west of Cumberland Avenue.

#### **UNITED STATES CELLULAR CORPORATION**

#### 2020 PROXY STATEMENT

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#### **SUMMARY**

The following is a summary of the actions being taken at the 2020 Annual Meeting and does not include all the information that may be important to you. You should carefully read this entire Proxy Statement and not rely solely on the following summary.

#### **Proposal 1—Election of Directors**

Under the terms of U.S. Cellular's Restated Certificate of Incorporation ("Restated Charter"), the terms of all incumbent directors will expire at the 2020 Annual Meeting.

The holders of Common Shares are entitled to elect three directors. Your board of directors has nominated the following incumbent directors for election as directors by the holders of Common Shares: J. Samuel Crowley, Gregory P. Josefowicz and Cecelia D. Stewart.

Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. ("TDS"), as the sole holder of Series A Common Shares, is entitled to elect eight directors. Your board of directors has nominated the following directors for election as directors by the holder of Series A Common Shares: LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr., Walter C. D. Carlson, Ronald E. Daly, Harry J. Harczak, Jr., Michael S. Irizarry, Kenneth R. Meyers, Peter L. Sereda, and Kurt B. Thaus.

#### Proposal 2—Ratification of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

As in prior years, shareholders are being asked to ratify PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PwC") as the company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2020.

#### Proposal 3—Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation or "Say-on-Pay"

As required by the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act"), shareholders are being asked to approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers for 2019.

#### VOTING INFORMATION

#### What matters are being presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting?

A summary of the matters being presented and important voting information is provided below:

Voting Matters	Board's Recommendations	Voting Options	Vote Required	Effect of Abstentions	Effect of Broker Non-Votes	Page Reference
Election of Directors     Three director nominees elected by holders of Common Shares	FOR all nominees	For or Withhold authority to vote for such	*	No effect	No effect	6
Eight director nominees elected by holders of Series A Common Shares		director nominee				
Ratify independent registered public accountants	FOR	For, Against, or Abstain	**	Will count as a vote against	N/A	20
3. Approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of named executive officers ("Say on Pay")	FOR	For, Against, or Abstain	**	Will count as a vote against	No effect	24

<sup>\*</sup> Directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast by the class or group of shareholders entitled to vote in the election of such directors which are present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting.

#### **Voting Rights**

Under the Restated Charter, each Series A Common Share is entitled to ten votes on all matters, and each Common Share is entitled to one vote on all matters. The holders of Common Shares, voting as a separate class, are entitled to elect 25% of the directors (rounded up to the nearest whole number), and the holders of Series A Common Shares are entitled to elect the remaining 75% of the directors (rounded down to the nearest whole number).

#### What is the record date for the meeting?

The close of business on March 26, 2020.

A complete list of shareholders entitled to vote will be made available at the offices of U.S. Cellular, 8410 West Bryn Mawr Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60631, for examination by any shareholder, for any purpose germane to the 2020 Annual Meeting, during normal business hours, for a period of at least ten days prior to the 2020 Annual Meeting.

#### What shares of stock entitle holders to vote at the meeting?

We have the following classes or series of stock outstanding, each of which entitles holders to vote at the meeting:

- Common Shares; and
- Series A Common Shares.

The Common Shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") under the symbol "USM."

No public market exists for the Series A Common Shares, but the Series A Common Shares are convertible on a share-for-share basis into Common Shares.

On the record date, U.S. Cellular had outstanding 52,571,623 Common Shares, par value \$1.00 per share (excluding 2,496,378 Common Shares held by U.S. Cellular and a subsidiary of U.S. Cellular), and 33,005,877 Series A Common Shares, par value \$1.00 per share.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The approvals of Proposals 2 and 3 will require the affirmative vote of the holders of stock having a majority of the votes which could be cast by the holders of all stock entitled to vote which are present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting.

#### What is the voting power of the outstanding shares in the election of directors?

The following shows information relating to the outstanding shares and voting power of such shares in the election of directors as of the record date:

Class or Series of Common Stock	Outstanding Shares	Votes per Share	Total Voting Power	of Directors Elected by Class or Series
Series A Common Shares	33,005,877	10	330,058,770	8
Common Shares	52,571,623	1	52,571,623	3
Total Directors				11

Total Number

TDS, as the sole holder of Series A Common Shares, is entitled to elect eight directors and the holders of Common Shares are entitled to elect three other directors.

Director Voting Sunset Provision.

As noted above, the holders of Series A Common Shares and holders of Common Shares vote separately in the election of directors. However, pursuant to U.S. Cellular's Restated Charter, if the number of Series A Common Shares issued and outstanding at any time falls below 12.5% of the number of outstanding shares of common stock, because of the conversion of Series A Common Shares into Common Shares or otherwise, the holder of Series A Common Shares would lose the right to vote as a separate class, and thereafter the holder of Series A Common Shares, with ten votes per share, and the holders of Common Shares, with one vote per share, would vote as a single class in the election of all directors.

#### What is the voting power of the outstanding shares in matters other than the election of directors?

The following shows information relating to the outstanding shares and voting power of such shares in matters other than the election of directors as of the record date.

Class or Series of Common Stock	Outstanding Shares	Votes per Share	Total Voting Power	Percent
Series A Common Shares	33,005,877	10	330,058,770	86.3%
Common Shares	52,571,623	1	52,571,623	13.7%
			382,630,393	100.00%

Voting Power Sunset Provision.

Each Series A Common Share has ten votes per share in all matters and, as a result, the Series A Common Shares have a substantial majority of votes in matters other than the election of directors. However, this percentage could decrease. For instance, this could occur if TDS converts Series A Common Shares into Common Shares for any reason. Accordingly, the Restated Charter effectively has a sunset provision for voting in matters other than the election of directors because, if a sufficient number of Series A Common Shares are converted into Common Shares, the voting power of Series A Common Shares could decline below 50%.

#### How does TDS intend to vote?

TDS is the sole holder of Series A Common Shares and on the record date held 33,005,877 Series A Common Shares. By reason of such holding, TDS has the voting power to elect all of the directors to be elected by the Series A Common Shares. TDS also held 37,782,826 Common Shares on the record date, representing approximately 71.9% of the voting power with respect to the election of the directors to be elected by the holders of Common Shares. TDS has approximately 96.1% of the voting power with respect to matters other than the election of directors.

TDS has advised us that it intends to vote:

- FOR the board of directors' nominees for election by the Series A Common Shares and Common Shares,
- FOR the proposal to ratify the selection of PwC, and
- FOR the Say-on-Pay proposal.

#### How do I vote?

Proxies are being requested from the holders of Common Shares in connection with the election of three directors, the ratification of PwC, and the Say-on-Pay proposal. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, please sign, date and mail your proxy card(s) in the enclosed self-addressed envelope to Proxy Services, c/o Computershare Investor Services, P.O. Box 505000, Louisville, KY 40233-5000, or vote on the Internet using the control/identification number on your proxy card in accordance with the instructions set forth on the proxy card. You have the power to revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted.

#### How will proxies be voted?

All properly voted and unrevoked proxies received in time for the 2020 Annual Meeting will be voted in the manner directed.

If no direction is made, a proxy by a shareholder will be voted FOR the election of each of the named director nominees in Proposal 1, FOR Proposal 2, and FOR Proposal 3.

#### How will my shares be voted if I own shares through a broker?

If you are the beneficial owner of shares held in "street name" by a broker, bank, or other nominee ("broker"), such broker, as the record holder of the shares, is required to vote those shares in accordance with your instructions.

In the event that there are no contested matters at the meeting, the broker may be entitled to vote the shares on your behalf with respect to "discretionary" items but will not be permitted to vote the shares with respect to "non-discretionary" items (in which case such shares will be treated as "broker non-votes"). In general, the ratification of auditors is considered a discretionary item. Matters such as the election of directors and votes on Say-on-Pay are non-discretionary items. In such cases, if your broker does not have specific or standing instructions, your shares will be treated as broker non-votes and will not be voted on such matters.

Accordingly, we urge you to provide instructions to your broker so that your votes may be counted on all matters. If your shares are held in street name, your broker will include a voting instruction form with this 2020 Proxy Statement. We strongly encourage you to vote your shares by following the instructions provided on the voting instruction form. Please return your voting instruction form to your broker and/or contact your broker to ensure that your shares are voted on your behalf.

#### What constitutes a quorum for the meeting?

A quorum is the minimum number of shares that must be represented at the Annual Meeting to conduct business at the Annual Meeting. A majority of the voting power of shares of capital stock in matters other than the election of directors and entitled to vote, present in person or represented by proxy, will constitute a quorum to permit the 2020 Annual Meeting to proceed. Withheld votes, abstentions and any broker non-votes will be counted in establishing a quorum for the meeting. If the shares beneficially owned by TDS are present in person or represented by proxy at the 2020 Annual Meeting, such shares will constitute a quorum. In addition, where a separate vote by a class or group is required with respect to a proposal, a quorum is also required with respect to such proposal for the vote to proceed.

In the election of directors, where a separate vote by a class or voting group is required, the holders of a majority of the votes of the stock of such class or voting group, present in person or represented by proxy, will constitute a quorum entitled to take action with respect to that vote on that matter. If the shares beneficially owned by TDS are present in person or represented by proxy at the 2020 Annual Meeting, such shares will constitute a quorum with respect to the eight directors to be elected by the Series A Common Shares and the three directors to be elected by the Common Shares.

The holders of a majority of the votes of the stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote with respect to the other proposals, present in person or represented by proxy, will constitute a quorum at the 2020 Annual Meeting in connection with such other proposals. If the shares beneficially owned by TDS are present in person or represented by proxy at the 2020 Annual Meeting, such shares will constitute a quorum in connection with such proposals.

#### What does it mean if I receive more than one proxy card?

If you hold multiple series of shares, or hold shares in multiple registrations, you will receive a proxy card for each such account. Please sign, date, and return all proxy cards you receive. If you choose to vote by Internet, please vote each proxy card you receive. Only your latest dated proxy for each account will be voted at the 2020 Annual Meeting.

#### Can I change my vote or revoke my proxy?

Yes. You can change your vote or revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted at the 2020 Annual Meeting by written notice to the Secretary of U.S. Cellular, by voting a later-dated proxy or by voting by ballot at the meeting. Only the latest dated proxy card you vote will be counted for voting purposes.

#### **PROPOSAL 1**

#### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The terms of all incumbent directors will expire at the 2020 Annual Meeting. The board of directors' nominees for election as directors are identified in the table below. Each of the nominees has consented to be named and serve if elected. The age of the following persons is as of the date of this 2020 Proxy Statement.

#### To be Elected by Holders of Common Shares

Name	Age	Position with U.S. Cellular and Principal Occupation	Served as Director since
J. Samuel Crowley	69	Director of U.S. Cellular, Former executive at Gold's Gym International, Inc., Michaels Stores, Inc. and CompUSA, Inc.	1998
Gregory P. Josefowicz	67	Director of U.S. Cellular, Former Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of Borders Group, Inc. and former Chief Executive Officer of the Jewel-Osco division of American Stores Company	2009
Cecelia D. Stewart	61	Director of U.S. Cellular, Former President of U.S. Consumer and Commercial Banking of Citigroup Inc.	2013

#### To be Elected by Holder of Series A Common Shares

Name	Age	Position with U.S. Cellular and Principal Occupation	Served as Director since
LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr.	73	Chairman and Director of U.S. Cellular and Director and President and Chief Executive Officer of TDS, the parent of U.S. Cellular	1984
Walter C. D. Carlson	66	Director of U.S. Cellular and Partner, Sidley Austin LLP, Chicago, Illinois and Director of TDS	1989
Ronald E. Daly	73	Director of U.S. Cellular, Former President and Chief Executive Officer of Océ-USA Holding, Inc. and former President of the Printing Solutions division of R.R. Donnelley, Inc.	2004
Harry J. Harczak, Jr.	63	Director of U.S. Cellular, Managing Director of Sawdust Capital, LLC and former Executive Vice President at CDW Corporation	2003
Michael S. Irizarry	58	Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer - Engineering and Information Services of U.S. Cellular	N/A
Kenneth R. Meyers	66	Director, President and Chief Executive Officer of U.S. Cellular and Director of TDS	1999
Peter L. Sereda	61	Director of U.S. Cellular and Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of TDS	2014
Kurt B. Thaus	61	Director of U.S. Cellular and Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer of TDS	2014

#### Your board of directors unanimously recommends a vote "FOR" the above nominees.

The board of directors does not have any specific, minimum qualifications that must be met by a nominee, or any specific qualities or skills that are necessary for directors to possess. The U.S. Cellular board believes that substantial judgment, diligence and care are required to identify and select qualified persons and it does not believe that it would be appropriate to place limitations on its own discretion.

The board of directors has consistently sought to nominate eminently qualified individuals that can provide substantial benefit and guidance. U.S. Cellular also believes that it is desirable to have diverse backgrounds, experience, skills and other characteristics. In addition, the conclusion of which persons should serve is based in part on the fact that U.S. Cellular is a controlled company with a capital structure in which different classes of stock vote for different directorships. In particular, because TDS owns 100% of the Series A Common Shares, nominations of directors for election by the holder of the Series A Common Shares are based on the recommendation of TDS. In addition, the board of directors may consider the recommendations of large shareholders, including TDS, in nominating persons for election as directors by the holders of Common Shares.

#### Board composition supports long-term strategy

U.S. Cellular exists to provide exceptional wireless communications services which enhance consumers' lives, increase the competitiveness of local businesses and improve the efficiency of government operations in mid-sized and rural markets we serve. U.S. Cellular's board of directors has broad experiences, qualifications, attributes or skills that support its long-term strategy. The Board of Directors also has considerable expertise in retail, consumer, and marketing which support its strategy.

#### **Nominees for Election by Holders of Common Shares**

#### J. Samuel Crowley Independent Director

Current Role: Director; Private Investor	<b>Age:</b> 69	
He brings substantial experience in retail management and operations. Mr. Crowley also has expertise in areas of strategy, technology, new concept development, customer service culture and operational structure and efficiency. In 2013, the National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) named Mr. Crowley a NACD Fellow recognizing his commitment to the highest standards of boardroom leadership. Mr. Crowley also brings cyber-risk oversight experience to the board		Director since: 1998  Board Committees:  Audit Committee, Chairperson, Designated financial expert  Long-Term Incentive Compensation Committee
Current Public Company Boards	Former Public Company Boards	Prior Business and other Experience:
None	Vois, Inc. (2010-2011)	Chief Operating Officer, Gold's Gym (2005-2007)
	Goodman Networks (2014-2016), Audit Committee, Chairperson and designated financial expert	
		Business Strategy Consultant, Insider Marketing (2000-2002)
		Multiple operating roles at CompUSA (1989-2000)

#### Gregory P. Josefowicz Independent Director

Current Role: Director: Private Investor

Mr. Josefowicz has significant experience with U.S. Cellular and the wireless industry. He has substantial experience in retail marketing, merchandising and general management, along with service as a public company board member. He also has extensive executive leadership experience from leading large retail operations. In addition, he has substantial experience as a result of serving on multiple Audit, Compensation, and Nominating and Governance Committees. Mr. Josefowicz holds a BA in Marketing from Michigan State University and an MBA from Northwestern University's J. L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management.

#### **Current Public Company Boards**

Empire Company Limited, since 2016; **Human Resources Committee** 

#### **Former Public Company Boards**

Borders Group, Inc., Chairperson (2002-2006)

PetSmart, Inc. (2004-2015); Chairperson; Lead Director; Compensation Committee; Nomination and Governance Committee

Roundy's, Inc. (2012-2015); Audit Committee; Compensation Committee; Nominating and Corporate Governance; Lead Director

Ryerson, Inc. (1999-2006); Audit Committee, Chairperson

Spartan Stores (2001-2005); Compensation Committee

TDS (2007-2009)

Winn-Dixie Stores, Inc. (2006-2012); Audit Committee, designated financial expert; Lead Director

Age: 67

**Director since: 2009** 

**Board Committees:** 

Audit Committee

Long-Term Incentive Compensation Committee, Chairperson

Technology Advisory Group

#### **Prior Business and other Experience:**

True Value Company (2010-2018); Vice Chairman

Borders Group, Inc. (1999-2006), President and Chief Executive Officer

Tops Holding Corporation (2008-2013). Board member

President, Albertson's Inc.(1999)

Jewel-Osco division of American Stores (1974-1999), including several executive leadership positions and ending as its President

#### Cecelia D. Stewart Independent Director

**Current Role:** Director; Private Investor

Ms. Stewart has significant experience with U.S. Cellular and the wireless industry. She has more than 30 years of experience in the consumer banking industry. She also has extensive executive leadership experience from leading large, global financial services firms. Further, her background and attributes bring diversity to the board. Ms. Stewart has an MBA from Winthrop University's Executive MBA program and she was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Winthrop University in 2014.

None

Long-Term Incentive Compensation Committee

**Age:** 61

Director since: 2013

**Board Committees:** 

**Audit Committee** 

Technology Advisory Group Committee

#### **Current Public Company Boards Former Public Company Boards Prior Business and other Experience:**

First Horizon National Corporation, since 2014; Audit Committee; Information Technology Committee, Chairperson

President, U.S. Consumer and Commercial Banking of Citigroup Inc. (2011-2014)

Morgan Stanley, President of Retail Banking Group and Chief Executive Officer of the Private Bank Division (2009-2011)

Wachovia Corporation (1978-2008), including several leadership positions most recently as Executive Vice President and head of retail and small business banking

Your board of directors unanimously recommends a vote "FOR" each of the above nominees for election by the holders of Common Shares.

#### Nominees for Election by Holders of Series A Common Shares

#### LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr. Chairman of the Board and Non-Independent Director

Current Role: Director; TDS President, since 1981, and TDS Chief Executive Officer, Age: 73 since 1986 **Director since: 1984** Mr. Carlson brings substantial experience with respect to the wireless industry as a result of his many years as an investor in TDS, a trustee of the TDS Voting Trust, a director and President and Chief Executive Officer of TDS, and a director and Chairman of U.S. Cellular. As the senior executive officer of U.S. Cellular and of its parent, the board of **Board Committee:** Technology Advisory Group directors considers it essential that Mr. Carlson serve on the U.S. Cellular board. Also, because he is a director and officer of TDS the largest shareholder of U.S. Cellular, his Committee, Chairperson participation on the board permits him to represent the long-term interest of U.S. Cellular **Prior Business and other** shareholders. He also has experience as a member of the TDS Corporate Governance **Experience:** and Nominating Committee since 2004. Mr. Carlson has a bachelor's degree from Harvard College and an MBA from Harvard Graduate School of Business. Trustee of the TDS Voting Trust LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr. is the brother of Walter C. D. Carlson. **Current Public Company Boards: Former Public Company Boards:** TDS since 1968 **Aerial Communications** American Paging

#### Walter C. D. Carlson Non-Independent Director

Current Role: Director; Partner of the law fi	Current Role: Director; Partner of the law firm Sidley Austin LLP for more than five years		
Mr. Carlson brings substantial experience wi industry as a result of his many years as an Voting Trust, as a director of TDS and Chairn director of TDS, the largest shareholder of U. him to represent the long-term interests of U.	Director since: 1989 Prior Business and other Experience:		
experienced litigator and has represented malso has experience as a member and the cl Governance and Nominating Committee sind degree from Yale University and a J.D. from H	nairperson of the TDS Corporate se 2004. Mr. Carlson has a bachelor's	Trustee of the TDS Voting Trust	
Walter C. D. Carlson is the brother of LeRoy			
Current Public Company Boards:	Former Public Company Boards:		
TDS, since 1981	Aerial Communications, Inc.		

### Ronald E. Daly Independent Director

Current Role: Director; Private Investor	Current Role: Director; Private Investor		
Mr. Daly has significant experience with U.S. Cellular and the wireless industry. He brings substantial experience as a result of his executive leadership positions at large, global companies. He also has telecommunications experience as President of the R.R. Donnelly telecom group. Mr. Daly was formerly a board member of AARP, Inc., president of the Leadership Greater Chicago Board, former member of the Conference Board Council of Operating Executives and a member of the National Black MBA Association. Mr. Daly was a Trustee of Loyola University and served as an Adjunct Professor of Strategy and Leadership. Further, his background and attributes bring diversity to the board. Mr. Daly has an MBA from the Loyola University School of Business.		Director since 2004  Board Committees:  Long-Term Incentive Compensation Committee  Technology Advisory Group Committee	
Current Public Company Boards: None	Former Public Company Boards:  SuperValu, Inc. (2003-2013); Compensation, Governance, and Finance Committees	Prior Business and other Experience:  Océ-USA Holding, Inc., President and Chief Executive Officer (2002-2004)  R.R. Donnelley, Inc. (1964-2002) including several leadership positions most recently as President of R.R. Donnelley Printing Solutions, in addition to 7 years as President of its telecom group.	

### Harry J. Harczak Independent Director

Current Role: Director; Managing Direct	Current Role: Director; Managing Director of Sawdust Capital, LLC, since 2008		
Mr. Harczak has significant experience with He brings substantial experience in financial result of his executive leadership position experience in accounting and auditing as and a former partner at Pricewaterhouse Accountant (inactive). Mr. Harczak has a from DePaul University and an MBA from	Director since 2003  Board Committee:  Audit Committee, Designated financial expert  Prior Business and other Experience:		
Current Public Company Boards: None	Former Public Company Boards:  Tech Data Corporation (2008-2019); Audit Committee, Chairperson; Cybertech Committee	CDW Corporation (1994-2007), including several executive leadership positions most recently as Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President of Sales, Marketing and Business Development  PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP	

#### Michael S. Irizarry Non-Independent Director

**Current Role:** Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer - Engineering and Information Services of U.S. Cellular

Mr. Irizarry has significant experience with U.S. Cellular and the wireless industry having served as an executive officer of U.S. Cellular since 2002. He was appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer-Engineering and Information Services in 2011. Prior to that, he was Executive Vice President-Engineering and Chief Technology Officer since 2003. He joined U.S. Cellular as Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer in 2002. He is responsible for the company's information systems and technology, as well as all of the wireless technological advancements. He is also on the board of the Next Generation Mobile Networks Alliance. He has a bachelor's degree in engineering from World College, a master of science in information management and an MBA from the International School of Information Management, a Ph.D. in Communications Technology from Capella University's School of Business and Technology and a Ph.D. in Computer Science and Enterprise Information Management from Colorado Technical University.

**Age: 58** 

**Director since: N/A** 

Prior Business and other Experience:

Verizon Wireless (2000 -2002) Vice President Network Engineering

Bell Atlantic Mobile (1996-2000) Executive Director Network

PageNet (1988-1995)

**Current Public Company Boards:** 

Former Public Company Boards:

None

None

### Kenneth R. Meyers Non-Independent Director

Current Role: Director; President and Chief Executive Officer of U.S. Cellular, since 2013

Mr. Meyers has over 30 years of leadership experience in the wireless industry. He also has significant accounting and finance experience as a result of being a Chief Financial Officer at both U.S. Cellular and TDS. He has also held several executive leadership roles in management, marketing, human resources and information resources. As the president and chief executive officer of U.S. Cellular, the board of directors considers it essential that he serve on the board to provide his views on strategy and operations. Mr. Meyers is a Certified Public Accountant (inactive). Mr. Meyers has a bachelor degree in public accounting from Loyola University Chicago and an MBA from Northwestern University's J. L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management.

Current Public Company Boards:

TDS since 2007

**Former Public Company Boards:** 

None

Age: 66

Director since 1999

#### **Prior Business and other Experience:**

TDS' executive vice president and chief financial officer (2007-2013)

U.S. Cellular' executive vice president and chief financial officer (1999-2007)

Significant leadership and operational experience since joining U.S. Cellular in 1987 including several executive leadership roles providing expertise in management, finance and accounting

Marmon Group (1981-1982)

Trans Union Corporation (1977-1981)

#### Peter L. Sereda Non-Independent Director

Current Role: Director; TDS Executive V	Age: 61	
Mr. Sereda has extensive experience with an executive officer of TDS since 1998. H tax compliance and strategy, legal service	Director since 2014	
investment management, bank relationsh management, pension asset management Sereda also brings substantial experience	Prior Business and other Experience:  Specialty Foods Corporation	
Sereda has a bachelor degree in civil eng Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the University of Chicago Booth School of	(1994-1998), including several executive leadership roles most recently Vice President of Finance - Operations	
Current Public Company Boards: Former Public Company Boards:		Duchossois Industries (1986-1994)
None	None	

#### Kurt B. Thaus Non-Independent Director

Current Role: Director; TDS Senior Vice I	<b>Age:</b> 61	
Mr. Thaus has significant experience with t executive officer of TDS since 2004. He is information technology function including of	Director since 2014  Prior Business and other Experience:	
financial and operating applications, in add Solutions subsidiary. Mr. Thaus brings ove technology, mechanical, environmental and bachelor of science degree in mechanical at Urbana-Champaign and a master's degree Northwestern University.	T-Systems North America, Inc., (1998-2003) a subsidiary of T-Systems International (Deutsche Telecom), most recently as Senior Vice President of Technology Services	
	Waste Management, Inc. (1988-1998)	
Current Public Company Boards:	Former Public Company Boards:	
None	None	

Your board of directors unanimously recommends a vote "FOR" each of the above nominees for election by the holders of Series A Common Shares.

#### **Director Emeritus**

James Barr III Director emeritus since the 2018 Annual Meeting.

Paul-Henri Denuit Director emeritus since the 2017 Annual Meeting.

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

#### **Board of Directors**

The business and affairs of U.S. Cellular are managed by or under the direction of the board of directors. The board of directors consists of eleven members. Holders of Common Shares elect 25% of the directors rounded up to the nearest whole number, or three directors based on a board size of eleven directors. TDS, as the sole holder of Series A Common Shares, elects the remaining eight directors.

#### **Board Leadership Structure**

Under our leadership structure, the same person does not serve as both the chairman of the board and chief executive officer. LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr. serves as Chairman and, in that capacity, sets the agenda and presides over board of directors' meetings, and assesses the performance of U.S. Cellular. Kenneth R. Meyers serves as President and Chief Executive Officer and is responsible for day-to-day leadership and performance and, in that capacity, regularly confers and consults with the Chairman with respect to important strategic, operating and financial activities and decisions.

This leadership structure is set forth in the Bylaws. U.S. Cellular has determined that this leadership structure is appropriate given that it is controlled by TDS. Additionally, U.S. Cellular believes that its leadership structure facilitates risk oversight because the role of the President and Chief Executive Officer, who has primary operating responsibility to assess and manage U.S. Cellular's exposure to risk, is separated from the role of the Chairman of the Board, who sets the agenda for and presides over board of directors' meetings at which the U.S. Cellular board exercises its oversight responsibility with respect to risk.

#### **Board Role in Risk Oversight**

The U.S. Cellular board of directors is primarily responsible for oversight of the risk assessment and risk management process. Although the board of directors can delegate this responsibility to board committees, the U.S. Cellular board of directors has not done so. Instead the actual risk assessment and risk management is carried out by the President and Chief Executive Officer and other officers and then reported to the board of directors.

As part of its oversight responsibilities, the board of directors reviews the Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) program which applies to TDS and all of its business units, including U.S. Cellular. This program was designed with the assistance of an outside consultant and was integrated into TDS' existing management and strategic planning processes, including such processes of U.S. Cellular. The ERM program provides a common enterprise-wide language and discipline around risk identification, quantification and mitigation.

Although the U.S. Cellular board of directors has ultimate oversight authority over risk, certain committees have responsibilities relating to risk. Under NYSE listing standards, and as set forth in its charter, the Audit Committee is required to discuss policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management. Accordingly, the Audit Committee discusses U.S. Cellular's major financial and operational risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures in connection with its review of financial statements and related matters on a quarterly basis.

In addition, as part of the ERM program, the Audit Committee discusses guidelines and policies to govern the process by which risk assessment and risk management are handled. The Audit Committee receives updates and discusses policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management on a regular basis. The Audit Committee is not solely responsible for ERM, but the committee discusses guidelines and policies to govern the process by which ERM is undertaken.

In addition, the Long-Term Incentive Compensation Committee (LTICC), which has responsibilities relating to the equity compensation of the executive officers, and the Chairman of U.S. Cellular, who in effect functions as the compensation committee for non-equity compensation for the executive officers other than himself, consider risks relating to compensation of executive officers, as discussed in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis and Risks from Compensation Policies and Practices.

Furthermore, TDS has established a Technology Advisory Group (TAG) for TDS and its business units, including U.S. Cellular. The TAG enhances the Board's risk oversight through its review of technologies the Company is investing in and through discussion of potential technology disruptions. Related to this, the U.S. Cellular board of directors established a TAG Committee of the board of directors that consists of directors who participate in the TAG.

#### **Board Oversight of Cybersecurity**

U.S. Cellular believes oversight of cybersecurity risks is the responsibility of the full board of directors and the board of directors receives annual updates regarding U.S. Cellular's assessment of threats and mitigation plans. The Audit Committee also exercises oversight for the control-related cybersecurity risks and mitigation plans and receives updates at least semiannually. The Audit Committee oversees the Company's processes over internal controls and financial reporting that includes controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that significant cybersecurity incidents are communicated to management. Cybersecurity is also discussed at the Technology Advisory Group as warranted.

J. Samuel Crowley, chairperson of the U.S. Cellular Audit Committee, completed the NACD Cyber-Risk Oversight program and earned the CERT Certificate in Cybersecurity Oversight issued by Software Engineering Institute at Carnegie Mellon University. The program is designed to help directors enhance their cybersecurity literacy and strengthen the board's role in overseeing the organization's cyber preparedness.

#### Director Independence and New York Stock Exchange Listing Standards

U.S. Cellular Common Shares are listed on the NYSE. Under NYSE listing standards, U.S. Cellular is a "controlled company" because over 50% of the voting power for the election of directors is held by TDS. Accordingly, U.S. Cellular is exempt from certain listing standards under the rules of the NYSE that require listed companies that are not controlled companies to (i) have a board composed of a majority of directors who qualify as independent, (ii) have a compensation committee composed entirely of directors who qualify as independent, and (iii) have a nominating/corporate governance committee composed entirely of directors who qualify as independent.

As discussed below under "Audit Committee," the following members of the Audit Committee qualify as independent under the NYSE listing standards: J. Samuel Crowley (chairperson), Harry J. Harczak, Jr., Gregory P. Josefowicz and Cecelia D. Stewart. In addition, Ronald E. Daly would qualify as an independent director under the listing standards of the NYSE. As a result, five of the eleven directors, or 45% of the directors, have been determined to qualify or would qualify as independent under the listing standards.

#### **Meetings of Board of Directors**

Our board of directors held six meetings during 2019. Each director attended at least 75% of the total number of meetings and at least 75% of the total number of committee meetings on which such person was a member of the committee.

#### **Corporate Governance and Best Practices**

The following identifies a number of the good corporate governance and other best practices adopted and followed by U.S. Cellular:

- Annual election of directors.
- U.S. Cellular has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines that are intended to reflect good corporate governance and other best practices.
- The positions of (i) Chairman of the Board and (ii) President and Chief Executive Officer are separated.
- The Audit Committee, which is comprised entirely of independent directors as required, operates under a charter and in a manner that is intended to reflect good corporate governance and other best practices.
- The U.S. Cellular Chairman, who is the CEO of the controlling shareholder (TDS), approves executive compensation, other than long-term equity-based compensation, ensuring the interests of shareholders are represented in compensation matters.
- Although not required to do so as a controlled company, U.S. Cellular has established a LTICC, comprised solely of independent directors, with responsibility for long-term equity-based compensation.
- The LTICC operates under a charter and in a manner that is intended to reflect good corporate governance and other best practices.
- The LTICC uses market compensation information supplied by our compensation consultant, Willis Towers Watson, as one factor in making executive officer long-term equity-based compensation decisions.
- Annual self-assessment of board.

- U.S. Cellular holds an annual "Say-on-Pay" vote.
- Executive sessions are held with only independent directors present.
- The U.S. Cellular Charter and Bylaws can be amended by a simple majority vote.

#### **Corporate Governance Guidelines**

U.S. Cellular's corporate governance guidelines address (i) board of directors structure, (ii) director qualification standards, (iii) director responsibilities, orientation and continuing education, (iv) director compensation, (v) board resources and access to management and independent advisors, (vi) annual performance evaluation of the board and committees, (vii) board committees, (viii) management succession and (ix) periodic review of the guidelines.

These Guidelines provide that, once each year, the board of directors will discuss corporate governance, including the allocation of seats between independent and non-independent directors.

A copy of such guidelines is available on U.S. Cellular's website, *www.uscellular.com*, Investor Relations—Corporate Governance—Governance Guidelines.

#### **Succession Planning**

The board of directors receives regular updates on succession planning for discussion.

#### **Board Self-Assessment**

Pursuant to these Guidelines, under the leadership of the Chairman, the board of directors performed a self-assessment and evaluated its performance and effectiveness as a board in 2019. This self-assessment covered matters relating to board meetings, board composition, committees, board oversight, and other matters.

#### **Audit Committee**

Meetings in Fiscal 2019: 8, including joint meetings with TDS Audit Committee

**Members:** J. Samuel Crowley (Chair)[FE], Gregory P. Josefowicz, Cecelia D. Stewart, Harry J. Harczak[FE] Responsible for:

- Assisting the board of directors of U. S. Cellular in its oversight of the:
  - the integrity of financial statements
  - compliance with legal and regulatory requirements
  - qualifications and independence of our registered public accounting firm
  - performance of the internal audit function and registered public accounting firm
  - cybersecurity
- Preparing an audit committee report (page 23)
- Reviewing related party transactions
- Performing functions outlined in the U.S. Cellular Audit Committee Charter

[FE] - Audit Committee Financial Expert as defined by the SEC

Each member qualifies as independent under the NYSE standards and Section 10A-3 that is applicable only to Audit Committee members.

A copy of the committee charter is available on U.S. Cellular's website, www.uscellular.com, Investor Relations - Corporate Governance - Audit Committee - Audit Committee Charter.

#### **Pre-Approval Procedures**

The Audit Committee has adopted a policy pursuant to which all audit and non-audit services provided by U.S. Cellular's principal independent registered public accounting firm must be pre-approved by the Audit Committee, consistent with the requirements of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002 and rules issued thereunder.

#### **Compensation Committee**

Under NYSE listing standards, U.S. Cellular is a controlled company and not required to have an independent compensation committee. As a result, U.S. Cellular does not have a formal compensation committee and instead LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr. functions as the compensation committee for all matters not within the authority of the LTICC. Mr. Carlson does not operate with a charter. Kenneth R. Meyers, in consultation with Mr. Carlson, reviews and sets the cash compensation for Named Executive Officers (NEOs) other than himself. See "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and "Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation" for further information.

Long-term equity compensation for executive officers is approved by the LTICC.

#### **Long-Term Incentive Compensation Committee**

Meetings in Fiscal 2019: 2

Members: Gregory P. Josefowicz (Chair), J. Samuel Crowley, Ronald E. Daly, Cecelia D. Stewart

The LTICC delegates its power and authority to the Chairman or any U.S. Cellular executive officer except with respect to the long-term equity compensation of any officers. The LTICC has not delegated any authority with respect to the executive officers identified in this 2020 Proxy Statement.

#### Responsible for:

- Assisting the board of directors of U. S Cellular in its oversight of the:
  - review and recommendation of Long-Term Incentive Plans and programs for the employees of the Company
  - review and recommended changes to the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plans and programs
  - interpretation and administration of the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plans and programs
  - reviewing disclosures regarding long-term equity-based compensation made in the Company's annual proxy statement

A copy of the committee charter is available on U.S.Cellular's website, www.uscellular.com, under Investor Relations - Corporate Governance - Long-Term Incentive Compensation Committee - Long-Term Incentive Compensation Committee Charter.

U.S. Cellular has a LTICC comprised solely of directors who qualify as independent. None of such members receive any compensation from U.S. Cellular, TDS or any other member of the TDS consolidated group ("TDS Consolidated Group"), except permitted compensation for services as a U.S. Cellular director and committee member. Additionally, none of such members are affiliated with the TDS Consolidated Group by reason of being an executive officer, or the beneficial owner of more than 10% of any class of voting equity security, of any member of the TDS Consolidated Group. See Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation for further information.

U.S. Cellular's Human Resources Department supports the U.S. Cellular Chairman and the LTICC in their functions. U.S. Cellular also utilizes the services of a compensation consultant. See Compensation Discussion and Analysis below for information about U.S. Cellular's compensation consultant.

It is the view of the U.S. Cellular board of directors that director compensation should be the responsibility of the full board of directors. Therefore, director compensation is approved by the full board of directors rather than by a committee of the board of directors. U.S. Cellular does not have any stock ownership guidelines for directors.

#### **Pricing Committee**

All actions in 2019 were taken by unanimous consent.

Members: LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr. (Chair) and Kenneth R. Meyers

Alternate Members: Steven T. Campbell, Walter C. D. Carlson and Peter L. Sereda

Responsible for:

Taking actions with respect to financing and capital transactions, such as issuance, redemption or repurchase
of debt or shares of capital stock

The Pricing Committee does not have a charter. The responsibilities of the Pricing Committee as generally described above are set forth in full in the resolutions of the Board establishing such committee, as amended.

#### **Technology Advisory Group (TAG) Committee**

Meetings is Fiscal 2019: 3

Members: LeRoy T. Carlson Jr. (Chair), Ronald E. Daly, Gregory P. Josefowicz and Cecelia D. Stewart

- Responsible for reviewing, monitoring and informing the Board on technology and related matters affecting U.S. Cellular and its customers
- TAG does not have authority to take action with respect to any technology matter, but serves solely in an informational and advisory role
- TAG Committee members are also members of the Technology Advisory Group which includes representatives of management and employees of TDS and U.S. Cellular and Board members of TDS

The TAG Committee does not have a charter. The responsibilities of the TAG Committee, as generally described above, are set forth in full in the resolutions of the Board establishing such committee.

#### **Director Nomination Process**

As a controlled company, U.S. Cellular is exempt from the requirement to have a corporate governance and nominating committee comprised solely of independent directors. U.S. Cellular does not have a corporate governance and nominating committee or charter. Instead, the entire board of directors participates in the consideration of director nominees.

In its annual board self-assessment, the full board of directors considers its composition, and the composition of each of its committees, and discusses expertise that may be needed in the future. In connection with the nominations of directors for election, the board of directors considers the tenure, qualifications and expertise of all of the incumbent directors. The U.S. Cellular board of directors does not have any specific, minimum qualifications that it believes must be met by a nominee.

The U.S. Cellular board of directors does not have a formal policy with regard to the consideration of director candidates recommended by shareholders. Because TDS has sole voting power in the election of directors elected by the holder of Series A Common Shares and a majority of the voting power in the election of directors elected by holders of Common Shares, nominations of directors for election by the holders of Series A Common Shares and Common Shares are generally based on the recommendation of TDS. With respect to candidates to be elected by the holders of Common Shares, the U.S. Cellular board may from time to time informally consider candidates recommended by shareholders who hold a significant number of Common Shares, in addition to the recommendation of TDS. Shareholders who desire to nominate directors must follow the procedures set forth in U.S. Cellular's Bylaws.

Considering the importance of Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") licenses to U.S. Cellular, the U.S. Cellular Bylaws provide that a candidate will not be eligible for election or continued service as a director unless he or she is eligible to serve as a director of a company that controls licenses granted by the FCC, as determined by the board of directors with the advice of counsel. Another qualification requirement provides that a candidate will not be eligible for election or continued service as a director if he or she is or becomes affiliated with, employed by or a representative of, or has or acquires a material personal involvement with, or material financial interest in, a Business Competitor (as defined in the U.S. Cellular Bylaws), as determined by the board of directors. Another qualification requirement provides that a candidate will not be eligible for election or continued service as a director if, as determined by the board of directors with the advice of counsel, (i) such candidate's election as a director would violate federal, state or foreign law or applicable stock exchange requirements (other than those related to independence) or (ii) such candidate has been convicted, including a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, of any felony, or of any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

The Bylaws provide that a person properly nominated by a shareholder for election as a director shall not be eligible for election as a director unless he or she signs and returns to the Secretary of U.S. Cellular, within fifteen days of a request therefor, written responses to any questions posed by the Secretary, that are intended to (i) determine whether such person may qualify as independent and would qualify to serve as a director under rules of the FCC, and (ii) obtain information that would be disclosed in a proxy statement with respect to such person as a nominee for election as a director and other material information about such person.

The U.S. Cellular board of directors does not have a policy with regard to the consideration of diversity in identifying director nominees. However, as reflected in its Code of Business Conduct, U.S. Cellular values diversity and does not discriminate on the basis of gender, age, race, color, sexual orientation, religion, ancestry, national origin, marital status, disability, military or veteran status or citizenship status. In addition, in considering whether to nominate individuals as director candidates, the board of directors takes into account all facts and circumstances, including diversity. For this purpose, diversity broadly means a variety of backgrounds, experience, skills, education, attributes, perspectives and other differentiating characteristics. U.S. Cellular believes that it is desirable for a board to have directors who can bring the benefit of diverse backgrounds, experience, skills and other characteristics to permit the board to have a variety of views and insights. Accordingly, the board of directors considers how director candidates can contribute to board diversity as one of the many factors it considers in identifying nominees for director.

In general, in determining whether to nominate incumbent directors for re-election, the board of directors considers all facts and circumstances. Potential candidates are initially screened by the Chairman and by other persons whom the Chairman designates. Following this process, when appropriate, information about the candidate is presented to and discussed by the full board of directors.

From time to time, U.S. Cellular may pay a fee to an executive search firm to identify and evaluate or assist in identifying and evaluating potential candidates for election as directors. U.S. Cellular did not pay a fee in 2019 to a search firm relating to potential candidates for election as directors.

#### **Shareholder Communication with Directors**

Shareholders or other interested parties may send communications to the U.S. Cellular board of directors, to the non-management directors, to the independent directors or to specified individual directors of U.S. Cellular at any time. Shareholders or other interested parties should direct their communication to such persons or group in care of the Secretary of U.S. Cellular, c/o Telephone and Data Systems, Inc., 30 N. LaSalle St., 40th Floor, Chicago, IL 60602. Any shareholder or other communications related to proper board business that are addressed to the board of directors, the non-management directors, the independent directors or specified individual directors will be delivered by the Secretary to such persons or group.

Information on communicating with directors is available on U.S. Cellular's website, www.uscellular.com, Investor Relations—Corporate Governance—Contact the Board.

#### **Non-Management Directors**

As required by the NYSE listing standards, the non-management directors of U.S. Cellular meet at regularly scheduled executive sessions without management. Walter C. D. Carlson, who is a non-management director, presides at all meetings of the non-management directors. In addition, the independent directors of U.S. Cellular meet at least once per year in an executive session without management or directors who are not independent.

#### U.S. Cellular Policy on Attendance of Directors at Annual Meeting of Shareholders

All directors are invited and encouraged to attend each annual meeting of shareholders, which is normally followed by a meeting of the board of directors. In general, all directors attend each annual meeting of shareholders unless they are unable to do so because of unavoidable commitments or intervening events. All of the incumbent directors attended the 2019 annual meeting.

#### **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

The below list does not include LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr., Micheal S. Irizarry and Kenneth R. Meyers who are also U.S. Cellular incumbent board members or nominees to the board and included in the disclosure above under "Election of Directors".

Name	Age	Position with U.S. Cellular		
Steven T. Campbell 68 Current Director and Executive Vice President - Chief Administrative Officer		Current Director and Executive Vice President - Chief Administrative Officer		
Jay M. Ellison 67 Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer				
Deirdre C. Drake 54 Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer		Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer		
Douglas W. Chambers	glas W. Chambers 50 Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer			

**Steven T. Campbell.** Steven T. Campbell was appointed Executive Vice President - Chief Administrative Officer on June 24, 2019. Prior to that he was Executive Vice President - Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer since 2007. Mr. Campbell first joined U.S. Cellular in 2005 as Vice President and Controller. Mr. Campbell announced his retirement from U.S. Cellular effective June 19, 2020. Mr. Campbell is a current member of the Board of Directors of U.S. Cellular and will not be standing for election at the 2020 Annual Meeting.

Jay M. Ellison. Jay M. Ellison was appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer in 2017. Prior to that, he was Executive Vice President-Operations since 2014 and prior to that Executive Vice President—Sales and Customer Service since 2013. Prior to that, he had been retired since 2010. Prior to his retirement, he had been Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of U.S. Cellular from 2005 through 2009. He first joined U.S. Cellular in 2000 as Executive Vice President—Operations.

**Deirdre C. Drake.** Deirdre C. Drake was appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer in May, 2018. Prior to that she was Senior Vice President - Chief Human Resources Officer since 2014. Prior to that, she was Managing Director and Chief Human Resources officer for Bank of Montreal Capital Markets between 2012 and 2014. Prior to that, she was Senior Vice President, Human Resources, of BMO Harris Bank, N.A., for more than five years.

**Douglas W. Chambers.** Douglas W. Chambers was appointed Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer in June, 2019. Prior to that he was Senior Vice President-Finance and Chief Accounting Officer for TDS since May, 2018. Prior to that, he was Vice President and Controller at U. S. Cellular since 2017, prior to that he was Vice President and Controller for TDS since 2015 and Assistant Controller at TDS since 2012.

#### Codes of Business Conduct and Ethics Applicable to Directors and Officers

U.S. Cellular has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for Officers and Directors. The foregoing code can be found on U.S. Cellular's website, www.uscellular.com, Investor Relations—Corporate Governance.

In addition, U.S. Cellular has adopted a broad Code of Business Conduct that is applicable to all officers and employees of U.S. Cellular and its subsidiaries. The foregoing code can also be found on U.S. Cellular's website, www.uscellular.com, Investor Relations—Corporate Governance.

U.S. Cellular intends to disclose any amendments to any of the foregoing codes, by posting such information to U.S. Cellular's website. Any waivers of any of the foregoing codes for directors or executive officers will be approved by U.S. Cellular's board of directors or an authorized committee thereof, as applicable, and disclosed on either the website or in a Form 8-K. There were no such waivers in 2019.

#### **PROPOSAL 2**

#### RATIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR 2020

#### What am I being asked to vote on in Proposal 2?

In Proposal 2, we are requesting shareholders to ratify the selection of PwC as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020.

#### How does the board of directors recommend that I vote on this proposal?

The board of directors unanimously recommends a vote FOR the approval of the ratification of PwC.

We anticipate continuing the services of PwC for the current fiscal year. Representatives of PwC are expected to make a statement at the Annual Meeting and respond to appropriate questions from shareholders.

#### Is this vote binding on the board of directors?

This vote is an advisory vote only and, therefore, it will not bind U.S. Cellular or our board of directors or Audit Committee. We are not required to obtain shareholder ratification of the selection of PwC as our independent registered public accounting firm by our Bylaws or otherwise. However, we have elected to seek such ratification by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes cast by shares entitled to vote with respect to such matter at the 2020 Annual Meeting.

Under the Intercompany Agreement with TDS, U.S. Cellular has agreed to engage the firm of independent registered public accountants selected by TDS for purposes of auditing U.S. Cellular's financial statements, including the financial statements of our direct and indirect subsidiaries, and providing certain other services. TDS has engaged PwC for such purposes.

Should the shareholders fail to ratify the selection of PwC, the Audit Committee will review whether to retain such firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020, subject to U.S. Cellular's obligations under the Intercompany Agreement.

Your board of directors unanimously recommends a vote "FOR" the approval of Proposal 2.

#### FEES PAID TO PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANTS

The following sets forth the aggregate fees (including expenses) billed by U.S. Cellular's principal accountants, PwC, for 2019 and 2018:

	2019	2018
Audit Fees(1)	\$ 2,025,310	\$ 2,157,592
Audit Related Fees(2)	305,959	295,373
Tax Fees(3)	_	_
All Other Fees(4)	_	
Total Fees(5)	\$ 2,331,269	\$ 2,452,965

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents the aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered for the audit of the financial statements included in U.S. Cellular's Annual Report on Forms 10-K and Forms 10-Q, including the attestation and report relating to internal control over financial reporting. Also includes fees for services that are normally incurred in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements, such as comfort letters, statutory audits, subsidiary audits, attest services, consents, and review of documents filed with the SEC.

- (3) Represents the aggregate fees billed for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning, if any.
- (4) Represents the aggregate fees billed for services other than services described in Note (1), (2), or (3), if any.
- (5) Amounts do not include fees billed directly to TDS. Although TDS bills U.S. Cellular an overall allocation of costs pursuant to the Intercompany Agreement, TDS does not specifically identify and allocate fees of PwC to U.S. Cellular.

See "Corporate Governance—Audit Committee—Functions" above for a description of the Audit Committee's pre-approval policies and procedures with respect to U.S. Cellular's independent registered public accounting firm.

<sup>(2)</sup> Represents the aggregate fees billed for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of U.S. Cellular's financial statements that are not reported under Audit Fees, if any. In 2019 and 2018, this amount represents fees billed for audits of subsidiaries and partnerships in which certain subsidiaries have a partnership interest.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Audit Committee is composed of four members of the board of directors who are "independent" as defined by the New York Stock Exchange. The Audit Committee has a written charter that has been approved by the board of directors, a copy of which is available on the website, <a href="https://www.uscellular.com">www.uscellular.com</a>, under Investor Relations-Corporate Governance-Audit Committee.

Management is responsible for U.S. Cellular's internal controls and the financial reporting process. U.S. Cellular utilizes services from the TDS internal audit staff, which performs testing of internal controls and the financial reporting process. U.S. Cellular's independent registered public accounting firm is responsible for performing an independent audit of U.S. Cellular's consolidated financial statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (the "PCAOB") and to issue a report thereon. The Audit Committee's responsibility is to monitor and oversee these processes.

In this context, the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, with management, the internal audit staff and representatives of PwC, U.S. Cellular's independent registered public accounting firm. Management represented to the Audit Committee that its consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The discussions with PwC also included the matters required to be discussed by the applicable requirements of the PCAOB and the SEC, relating to information regarding the scope and results of the audit. The Audit Committee also received from PwC written disclosures and a letter regarding its independence as required by applicable requirements of the PCAOB and this information was discussed with PwC. The Audit Committee also considered and concluded that the provision of non-audit services by PwC to U.S. Cellular during 2019 was compatible with their independence.

Based on and in reliance upon these reviews and discussions, the Audit Committee recommended to the board of directors that the audited financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019 be included in U.S. Cellular's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019.

The Audit Committee holds quarterly regularly scheduled in person meetings, it also holds quarterly teleconferences to review and approve the financial results for the immediately preceding period. The Audit Committee reviews U.S. Cellular's Forms 10-Q and 10-K prior to filing with the SEC. The Audit Committee's agenda for meetings is established by the Audit Committee's chairperson with input from other Committee members and the TDS Vice President—Internal Audit.

At its regularly scheduled meetings in 2019, the Audit Committee reviewed U.S. Cellular's policies and procedures with respect to risk assessment and risk management. The overall adequacy and effectiveness of U.S. Cellular's legal, regulatory and ethical compliance programs, including U.S. Cellular's Code of Business Conduct, were also reviewed. In addition, at each of its regularly scheduled meetings, the Audit Committee met privately with the senior managers of U.S. Cellular's financial management team, its General Counsel, TDS's Vice President - Internal Audit and representatives of PwC at which candid discussions regarding financial management, legal, accounting, auditing and internal control issues took place.

The Audit Committee is updated periodically on management's process to assess the adequacy of U.S. Cellular's system of internal control over financial reporting, the framework used to make the assessment and management's conclusions on the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting. The Audit Committee also discussed with PwC U.S. Cellular's internal control assessment process and management's assessment as well as PwC's evaluation of U.S. Cellular's system of internal control over financial reporting.

The Audit Committee evaluates the performance of PwC, including the senior audit engagement team, each year and determines whether to reengage PwC or consider other audit firms, subject to U.S. Cellular's obligations under the Intercompany Agreement with TDS. The Audit Committee considers the quality and efficiency of the services provided by the auditors, the auditors' capabilities and the auditors' technical expertise and knowledge of U.S. Cellular's operations and industry. Based on this evaluation, the Audit Committee intends to engage PwC as U.S. Cellular's independent registered public accountants for the year ending December 31, 2020. Although the Audit Committee has the sole authority to appoint the independent registered public accounting firm, U.S. Cellular anticipates that it will continue to request shareholders to ratify the selection of the independent registered public accounting firm at annual meetings of shareholders.

U.S. Cellular has engaged PwC since 2002 which leads U.S. Cellular to consider tenure. Based on the quality of PwC's services and the mandated rotation of PwC's lead engagement partner, the Audit Committee is confident that U.S. Cellular is receiving quality, independent public accounting services and that continued retention of PwC is in the best interest of the U.S. Cellular and its shareholders.

In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed with management and PwC the audited financial statements of U.S. Cellular, including the quality, not just the acceptability, of the financial reporting, the reasonableness of significant accounting judgments and estimates, the clarity of disclosures in the financial statements, and the assessment of U.S. Cellular's internal controls over financial reporting. In performing all of these functions, the Audit Committee acts in an oversight capacity and relies on U.S. Cellular's management and PwC.

By the members of the Audit Committee of the board of directors of U.S. Cellular:

J. Samuel Crowley Chairperson

Harry J. Harczak, Jr.

Gregory P. Josefowicz

Cecelia D. Stewart

#### **PROPOSAL 3**

#### ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

#### What am I being asked to vote on in Proposal 3?

We are providing shareholders with an opportunity to vote, on an advisory basis, on the compensation of our named executive officers (NEOs) as disclosed in this 2020 Proxy Statement as required, including Compensation Discussion and Analysis, compensation tables and discussions. This vote is required to be submitted to shareholders pursuant to SEC rules adopted under provisions in the Dodd-Frank Act. The advisory vote on executive compensation described in this proposal is commonly referred to as a "Say-on-Pay" vote.

U.S. Cellular is required to request shareholders to vote, on an advisory basis, on the frequency of holding Say-on-Pay votes, commonly referred to as a "Say-on-Frequency" vote, at least once every six years. U.S. Cellular held a Say-on-Frequency vote at the 2017 Annual Meeting and the shareholders voted by a substantial majority to hold a Say-on-Pay vote every year. Based on the Say-on-Frequency votes in 2017, the U.S. Cellular board of directors adopted a policy to hold the Say-on-Pay vote every year. Accordingly, U.S. Cellular is holding a Say-on-Pay vote every year unless and until this policy is changed and it will submit the next Say-on-Frequency proposal to shareholders at the 2023 Annual Meeting.

This proposal gives our shareholders the opportunity to express their views on the overall compensation of our NEOs and the compensation philosophy, policies and practices.

#### How does the board of directors recommend that I vote on this proposal?

The board of directors unanimously recommends a vote FOR approval of the Say-on-Pay proposal.

U.S. Cellular believes that its executive compensation program is reasonable, competitive and strongly focused on pay for performance. U.S. Cellular's compensation objectives for executive officers are to support the overall business strategy and objectives, attract and retain high-quality management, link compensation to both individual and company performance, and provide compensation that is both competitive and consistent with our financial performance.

Consistent with these goals, the Chairman and the LTICC have developed and approved an executive compensation philosophy to provide a framework for U.S. Cellular's executive compensation program featuring the policies and practices described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis.

#### Is this vote binding on the board of directors?

The Say-on-Pay vote is an advisory vote only and, therefore, will not bind U.S. Cellular, our board of directors, the Chairman or the LTICC. However, the board of directors, the Chairman and the LTICC will consider the voting results as appropriate when making future decisions regarding executive compensation.

Your board of directors unanimously recommends a vote "FOR" the approval of Proposal 3.

#### **EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR COMPENSATION**

The following discussion and analysis of our compensation practices and related compensation information should be read in conjunction with the Summary Compensation Table and other tables included below, as well as our financial statements and management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations included in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019.

#### **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

The Compensation Discussion and Analysis ("CD&A") describes the Company's executive compensation program and explains compensation decisions for the following Named Executive Officers (NEOs) in 2019:

Named Executive Officer	Position with the Company During 2019				
Kenneth R. Meyers Director, President and Chief Executive Officer					
Steven T. Campbell Director, Executive Vice President—Chief Administrative Officer *					
Douglas W. Chambers Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer					
Jay M. Ellison	Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer				
Michael S. Irizarry	Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer—Engineering and Information Services				
Deirdre C. Drake	Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer				

<sup>\*</sup> Mr. Campbell served as Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer until June 24, 2019.

LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr., Chairman of U.S. Cellular, receives no compensation directly from U.S. Cellular and is compensated by TDS in connection with his services for TDS and TDS subsidiaries, including U.S. Cellular. A portion of the compensation expense incurred by TDS for Mr. Carlson was allocated to U.S. Cellular by TDS, along with the allocation of other compensation expense and other expenses of TDS. There is no identification or quantification of the compensation of Mr. Carlson, or of any other allocated expense in this allocation of cost to U.S. Cellular. Accordingly, Mr. Carlson is not considered a NEO of U.S. Cellular.

Although U.S. Cellular does not have an independent compensation committee for all executive compensation, long-term equity compensation of executive officers is approved by the fully independent Long-Term Incentive Compensation Committee (LTICC), as discussed below.

With respect to the NEOs identified in the Summary Compensation Table other than the President and CEO, the Chairman reviews the President and CEO's evaluation of the performance of such NEOs and in consultation with the President and CEO sets the annual base salary and bonus compensation levels for such NEOs, and recommends long-term equity compensation to the LTICC, based on such performance evaluations and compensation principles as discussed below.

#### **2019 Elements of Compensation**

Annual Cash Compensation	Equity Compensation	Other Benefits Available to Named Executives	Other Generally Applicable Benefits and Plans
Salary	Restricted Stock Units	Deferred Compensation	Tax-Deferred Savings Plan
• Bonus	Performance Share Units	<ul> <li>Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan ("SERP")</li> </ul>	Welfare Benefits
		<ul> <li>Perquisites</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pension Plan</li> </ul>

We use our compensation programs to attract, motivate and retain the executives who lead U. S. Cellular. Our compensation programs and practices are designed to pay for performance and to align management's interests with those of U. S. Cellular's shareholders. We believe that our compensation programs help drive U. S. Cellular performance by providing a significant amount of compensation in the form of equity, by utilizing both short-term and long-term incentives that are tied to U. S. Cellular performance, and by making efforts to balance fixed (base salary) and variable (annual cash bonus and equity incentives) compensation.

#### **Executive Compensation Process**

The process of approving or recommending the elements of compensation begins with an evaluation of the appropriate compensation elements for each NEO, based on the particular duties and responsibilities of the NEO, as well as compensation elements for comparable positions at other companies.

The Chairman and LTICC have access to numerous performance measures and financial statistics prepared by U.S. Cellular. The financial information includes the audited financial statements of U.S. Cellular, as well as internal financial reports such as budgets and actual results, operating statistics and other analyses. The Chairman and LTICC also may consider such other factors that they deem appropriate in making their compensation recommendations or decisions. Ultimately, it is the informed judgment of the Chairman and/or the LTICC, after considering all of the foregoing factors, and considering the recommendation of the President and CEO and/or Chairman, that determines the elements of compensation for NEOs.

Annually, the President and CEO recommends the base salaries for the NEOs other than the President and CEO, and the Chairman reviews and approves such base salaries and determines the base salary of the President and CEO.

In addition, the President and CEO recommends the annual bonuses for the NEOs other than the President and CEO, and the Chairman reviews and approves such bonuses and determines the bonus of the President and CEO.

The LTICC annually determines long-term equity compensation awards to the NEOs under the U.S. Cellular Long-Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP"), which awards generally include performance share units and/or restricted stock units.

The NEOs received an award of restricted stock units in 2019 based in part on the achievement of certain levels of individual performance in 2018 as discussed below. The NEOs may also elect to defer all or a portion of their bonus and receive bonus match units. The grant date fair value of restricted stock units or bonus match units is calculated as the product of the number of shares underlying the award and the closing price of the underlying shares on the date of grant.

The NEOs also received an award of performance share units in 2019 based in part on the achievement of certain levels of individual performance in 2018. The NEOs also received an adjustment in 2019 of approximately 155.3% to their performance share units granted in 2018. This adjustment was based on performance against the metrics set for the program and certified by the LTICC.

Grants of equity awards to the President and CEO and the other executive officers are generally made at the same time each year. U.S. Cellular historically has granted equity awards other than bonus match units on the first business day in April each year. U.S. Cellular grants bonus match units on the date that annual bonus amounts are paid each year. U.S. Cellular also may grant equity awards during other times of the year as it deems appropriate, such as in connection with a new hire, promotion or retention.

The Chairman and the LTICC do not consider an officer's outstanding equity awards or stock ownership levels when determining such officer's compensation. The Chairman and LTICC evaluate compensation based on performance for a particular year and other considerations as described herein and do not consider stock ownership to be relevant.

#### **Compensation Principle**

We believe that equity-based compensation aligns executives' interests with shareholders, drives performance and facilitates retention of superior talent. In 2019, annual equity awards consisted of performance share units (PSUs) and restricted stock units (RSUs).

- o PSUs are paid in Company stock based on the outcome of the performance goals that are set for a one-year performance period, assuming the NEO remains employed through the three year cliff vesting date. The metrics were: Consolidated Total Operating Revenues (weighted 40%), Simple Free Cash Flow (weighted 40%) and Voluntary Postpaid Handset Defections (weighted 20%) for the performance period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.
- o PSUs awarded in 2019 were adjusted based on performance against the metrics set for this cycle. The LTICC reviewed and certified the results. PSU awards were adjusted by 95.3% in March of 2020 based on 2019 performance.
- The RSUs granted in 2019 are time-vested awards that will be paid in Company stock at the end of the three year holding period, assuming the NEO remains employed through the vesting date.

Incentive Compensation links compensation with goal attainment. The Chairman and the President and CEO continue to believe that linking compensation to certain performance metrics results in a performance driven culture. The majority of compensation awarded to NEOs is dependent upon Company performance. In 2019, the Chairman and the President and CEO set performance goals they believed to be challenging in connection with the annual bonus awards awarded to NEOs other than the President and CEO.

## EVP - Chief Administrative Officer, EVP - Chief Operating Officer, EVP and CTO - Engineering and Information Services and EVP - CHRO:

- The following metrics were used to calculate the bonus award:
- Company Performance (60% weighting): Consolidated Total Operating Revenues (35% weighting), Consolidated Adjusted Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, Amortization and Accretion (30% weighting), Consolidated Capital Expenditures (20% weighting), and Customer Engagement (15% weighting).
- Chairman's Assessment on Strategic Initiatives (10% weighting)
- Individual Performance measures (30% weighting)

#### **SVP - CFO and Treasurer:**

- The following metrics were used to calculate the bonus award:
- Company Performance (40% weighting): Consolidated Total Operating Revenues (35% weighting), Consolidated Adjusted Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, Amortization and Accretion (30% weighting), Consolidated Capital Expenditures (20% weighting), and Customer Engagement (15% weighting).
- Team (or department) Performance (weighting 40%): Three to five metrics will be used to measure the performance of the team/department and is subject to the approval of the President and CEO.
- Individual Performance (weighting 20%)

**President and CEO Incentive Compensation:** The Chairman, in his sole discretion, determines whether an annual bonus will be payable to the President and CEO for a performance year and, if so, the amount of such bonus. Factors that may be considered by the Chairman in making such determination include the following:

- The level of achievement of the Company, on a short-term and long-term basis, measured against performance objectives and compared with that of peer companies;
- The President and CEO's individual performance, on a short-term and long-term basis, with respect to his leadership of the Company, the development and maintenance of effective working relationships across the enterprise, his stated personal objectives and his other duties and responsibilities;
- The total cash compensation paid to CEOs of peer companies, including those which are divisions or subsidiaries of parent companies; and
- Other factors that the Chairman in the exercise of his judgment and discretion determines relevant.

No single factor shall be determinative, and no factor shall be applied mechanically to calculate any portion of the President and CEO's bonus. The entire amount of the bonus is discretionary.

Fixed compensation (base salary) represents the smallest portion of total target compensation. The Company makes efforts to appropriately balance fixed (base salary) and variable (annual cash bonus and equity incentives) compensation to each NEO.

- In 2019, fixed compensation (base salary) represented 13% and variable compensation (annual cash bonus and equity incentives) represented 87% of Mr. Meyers' total target compensation; and
- For the remaining NEOs, 2019 fixed compensation represented 25% (on average) and variable compensation represented 75% (on average) of total target compensation.

The following chart summarizes total target compensation established for each NEO in 2019:

#### **Summary of 2019 NEO Target Compensation**

Named Executive Officer	2019 Annual ase Salary (1)	019 Annual entive Target Value	Τe	2019 Long- erm Incentive ward Target Value (2)	2019 Total Target ompensation
Kenneth R. Meyers (1)	\$ 1,095,000	\$ 876,000	\$	6,500,000	\$ 8,471,000
Steven T. Campbell	\$ 681,200	\$ 408,720	\$	1,430,520	\$ 2,520,440
Jay M. Ellison	\$ 627,000	\$ 470,250	\$	1,504,800	\$ 2,602,050
Michael S. Irizarry	\$ 695,600	\$ 382,580	\$	1,460,760	\$ 2,538,940
Deirdre C. Drake	\$ 477,900	\$ 262,845	\$	1,003,590	\$ 1,744,335

Mr. Chambers was not included in the above table, because he commenced service with U. S. Cellular on June 24, 2019.

- (1) The amounts listed in the column reflect annual base salary effective March 1, 2019 for all NEOs except for Mr. Meyers, whose base salary was adjusted on January 1, 2019.
- (2) Expressed as the aggregate grant date value of RSUs and PSUs at target.

The Chairman, and the President and CEO along with the LTICC believe that this approach to our compensation program, along with our market positions and structural competitive advantages, has allowed our Company to continue to be successful in an extremely competitive environment.

#### **Executive Compensation Programs Support U.S. Cellular Goals and Objectives**

U.S. Cellular is committed to providing the very best in customer satisfaction, achieving long-term profitable growth, and building the high-quality teams required to make this possible. As such, we focus on operating in a fiscally responsible manner, and on recruiting and retaining talented employees who believe in the Company's values and long-term perspective.

The objectives of U.S. Cellular's compensation programs for its executive officers generally are to:

- support U.S. Cellular's overall business strategy and objectives;
- attract and retain high quality management;
- link individual compensation with attainment of U.S. Cellular objectives and individual performance goals;
   and
- provide competitive compensation opportunities consistent with the financial performance of U.S. Cellular.

The primary financial focus of U.S. Cellular is the increase of long-term shareholder value through growth, measured in such terms as revenues, adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization and accretion, capital expenditures, customer engagement, simple free cash flow and voluntary postpaid handset defections. Compensation decisions are made considering these performance measures, as well as all other appropriate facts and circumstances, including factors such as customer growth and employee engagement.

U.S. Cellular's compensation policies for executive officers are intended to provide incentives for the achievement of corporate and individual performance goals and to provide compensation consistent with the performance of U.S. Cellular, utilizing good governance practices and other best practices. U.S. Cellular's compensation programs are designed to reward the performance of U.S. Cellular on both a short-term and long-term basis.

U.S. Cellular's policies establish incentive compensation performance goals for NEOs based on factors over which such officers are believed to have substantial control and which are believed to be important to U.S. Cellular's long-term success. Management believes compensation should be related to the performance of U.S. Cellular and should be sufficient to enable U.S. Cellular to attract and retain individuals possessing the talents required for long-term successful performance. Nevertheless, although performance driven metrics are key inputs to compensation and awards, technically all elements of compensation are discretionary, allowing the Chairman and LTICC to consider other facts to ensure alignment with U.S. Cellular's goals. Officers do not become entitled to any compensation or awards solely as a result of the achievement of performance levels.

#### **Maintaining Best Practices Regarding Executive Compensation**

The Chairman, the President and CEO and the LTICC maintain policies and procedures for establishing compensation for the U. S. Cellular's executives, including the NEOs, and consider many of these to represent best practices in corporate governance.

#### What We Do

- Pay for Performance: A significant portion of NEO total target compensation is tied to Company performance.
- Maximum Payouts on Incentives: Annual cash incentive awards and PSUs are capped at 200%.
- Compensation Consultant: Willis Towers Watson advises the Company and LTICC on executive compensation matters.
- Clawback Policy: U. S. Cellular would intend to seek to adjust or recover awards or payments if performance measures are restated or otherwise adjusted under certain circumstances.

- Limited Perquisites: We provide few perquisites ("perks") to our officers.
- ✓ Independent Long-Term Incentive
  Compensation Committee: Comprised solely of
  independent directors who review and approve
  the long-term equity-based compensation of
  executive officers. Other executive compensation
  is approved by U.S. Cellular's Chairman, who is
  also a director and President and Chief Executive
  Officer of TDS, the majority shareholder of U.S.
  Cellular.

#### What We Don't Do

- No Hedging or Pledging: Officers are prohibited from hedging, pledging or otherwise encumbering shares of U. S. Cellular's common stock, including holding shares in a margin account.
- Repricing of Stock Options: Repricing of stock options without stockholder approval is prohibited (except in the event of certain corporate events).
- Limited Tax Gross-Ups: NEOs and other executive officers are not entitled to tax gross-ups except in limited circumstances.

#### Results of the 2019 Say-on-Pay Vote

In 2019, we sought an advisory vote from our stockholders on NEO compensation (commonly referred to as "Say-on-Pay"). The Chairman, the President and CEO and the LTICC considered the fact that shareholders overwhelmingly voted at the 2019 annual meeting FOR the Say-on-Pay proposal with respect to 2018 NEO compensation. Even with this strong endorsement of the Company's pay practices, the Chairman and President and CEO along with the LTICC believe that it is essential to regularly review the executive compensation program. In 2019, the Chairman and the President and CEO along with the LTICC concluded that the compensation program provides awards that they believe motivate our NEOs to maximize long-term shareholder value and encourage long-term retention. The Chairman, the President and CEO and the LTICC intend to consider the results of the annual Say-on-Pay votes in their future compensation policies and decisions.

#### **Changes to Compensation Policies**

There were no material changes made to the executive compensation programs in 2019.

#### Maintaining a Competitive Compensation Program—Benchmarking Compensation Data

U. S. Cellular does not engage in "benchmarking" as defined by the SEC. Although U. S. Cellular does not obtain, review and consider third-party surveys of market compensation data from Willis Towers Watson, the surveys are used more generally as described below.

In 2019, for the NEOs other than the President and CEO, Willis Towers Watson completed a job specific market analysis with respect to base salary, target annual incentive opportunities and target total cash compensation. Executive officer positions were compared and matched to survey positions based on current role responsibilities. The source of market data was a Willis Towers Watson database of approximately 800 companies.

When setting long-term incentive awards, the LTICC considers market compensation data provided by Willis Towers Watson as follows:

- The multiples used to calculate the long-term incentive awards granted in 2019 were determined by the LTICC considering a weighting of:
  - o 50% of the total based generally on data from general industry companies (with revenue of \$2B to \$8B); and
  - o 50% of the total based generally on data from a peer group of telecom and customer-focused companies and/or based on a similar ownership structure (as identified below).
- The 2019 Custom Peer Group:
  - o Must share at least one of the following characteristics: 1) wireless telecommunications services or technology and software company 2) has customer satisfaction as a part of its core business strategy and/or 3) single owner of 40% or more outstanding equity.

CA, Inc.	Hanes Brands, Inc.	Ryerson Holding Corporation
CDK Global, Inc.	Harley Davidson, Inc.	Sabre Corporation
Columbia Sportswear Co.	Hertz Global Holdings, Inc.	TD Ameritrade Holding Corporation
CommScope Holding Company, Inc.	Hilton Worldwide Holdings, Inc.	Teradata Corporation
Darden Restaurants, Inc.	NCR Corporation	The Hershey Co.
Diebold Nixdorf, Incorporated	Revlon, Inc.	Williams-Sonoma, Inc.
Frontier Communications Corp.		

Note: This group was selected by the LTICC with the assistance of Willis Towers Watson.

The multiples that were approved for the NEOs are presented in "Long-Term Equity Compensation" below.

The Chairman, President and CEO and LTICC compared the base salaries, target annual cash incentives, target total long-term incentives and total target compensation of each of U. S. Cellular's NEOs, other than the President and CEO, to the compensation data provided by Willis Towers Watson. The comparison was made to help determine whether U. S. Cellular's compensation practices fell in line with competitive market data.

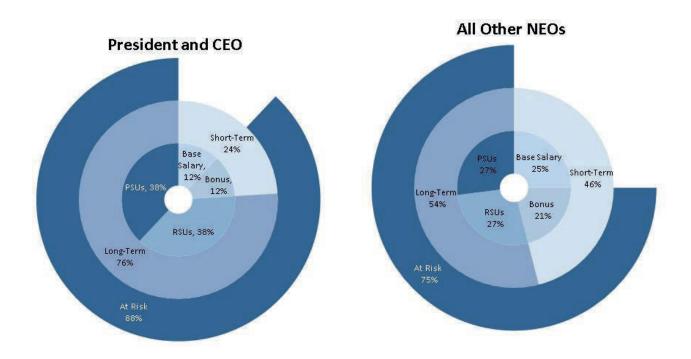
U.S. Cellular believes that compensation decisions are complex and require a deliberate review of U.S. Cellular performance, peer compensation levels, experience of individual executives, and individual performance, among other factors. In determining executive compensation, the Chairman, President and CEO and LTICC consider all forms of compensation to review the value delivered by each component of compensation to each executive. Accordingly, the Chairman, President and CEO and LTICC may determine that, with respect to any individual, it is appropriate for total target compensation or any particular element of compensation to meet, exceed or fall below the 50th percentile of the market data. The factors that might influence the amount of compensation awarded include market competition for a particular position, retention considerations, an individual's performance, possession of a unique skill or knowledge set, proven leadership capabilities or other business experience, tenure with the Company, internal pay equity and other relevant considerations.

# **Types and Amounts of NEO Compensation Awarded in 2019**

# **Summary of Executive Compensation Elements**

U. S. Cellular provided both fixed (base salary) and variable (annual cash bonus and equity incentives) compensation to the NEOs in 2019. The majority of compensation is at risk to each NEO because the variable compensation that is actually paid may vary from the target compensation that was established by the Chairman, the President and CEO and/or the LTICC. In the case of annual cash incentives and PSUs, the payment is dependent in significant part upon U. S. Cellular's performance and, in the case of equity incentives, the value also is dependent on future share prices. The amount of total target compensation at risk was significantly more than the amount of base salary for each NEO. Also, the majority of total target compensation awarded in 2019 to each NEO was in the form of equity.

The following charts summarize the material elements of the Company's 2019 executive compensation programs for NEOs. Percentages below are rounded. Further details regarding each of the elements are provided in the discussion that follows the chart.



Note: Compensation defined as other is not considered in the graphs above, because it is a such a small amount.

# **Executive Compensation Program**

	Element	Key Characteristics	Why We Pay This Element	How We Determine Amount	2019 Decisions
Fixed	Base Salary	Fixed Cash Compensation	To attract, retain and motivate superior talent	Based on individual performance, proven leadership capabilities, other business experience, possession of a unique skill or knowledge set, internal pay equity, tenure or retention and other factors	Annual base salary increases ranged from 3.2% - 4.5%.
Pay-At-Risk	Annual Cash Incentive Awards (Bonus)	Variable Cash Compensation  Percentage of base earnings based on the achievement of annual company performance goals, individual performance and the Chairman's assessment of strategic initiatives	other factors  Actual payouts bas on achievement ca		Company performance resulted in a 97.3% payout  The Chairman's Assessment resulted in a 144.0% payout  Team and individual performance were paid based on team and individual performance
	Performance Share Unit Awards (PSUs)	Equity Compensation  Number of shares paid based on original target adjusted by company achievement during the one-year performance period and released at the end of the three year cliff vesting period (assuming continued employment)  Value of PSUs is variable based on company performance and the long-term stock price performance	To encourage retention and focus management on long-term stock price performance  To align management's interest with shareholders' interests  To support our business strategy	Based on job scope, market data and individual performance  Actual payouts based on company achievement of the one- year performance goals can range from 50% to 200% of target	One half of the value of the total target equity award was granted in the form of PSUs  Based on Consolidated Total Operating Revenues (40%), Simple Free Cash Flow (40%) and Postpaid Handset Voluntary Defections (20%) for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019
	Restricted Stock Unit Awards (RSUs)	Equity Compensation  Time-vested at end of three year cliff vesting period (assuming continued employment)  Value of RSUs is variable based on long-term stock price performance	To encourage retention and focus management on long-term stock price performance  To align management's interests with shareholders' interests  To support our business strategy	Based on job scope, market data and individual performance	One-half of the value of the total target equity award was granted in the form of RSUs

The above table excludes a discussion of executive compensation programs in relation to Douglas W. Chambers. He transferred to U. S. Cellular in June of 2019.

### **Compensation Provided to NEOs in 2019**

#### **Base Salary**

Annually, the Chairman determines the President and CEO's base salary. With respect to the other NEOs, the President and CEO recommends and the Chairman approves annually each such NEO's other than Mr. Chambers base salary. In setting 2019 base salary levels, the Chairman and/or President and CEO considered market data, company performance and the individual performance of each NEO. In 2019, each of the NEOs received an annual base salary increase ranging from 3.2% - 4.5% (Mr. Chambers became employed by the Company effective June 24, 2019).

Base salary is determined based on an evaluation of the performance of U.S. Cellular and each NEO and such other facts and circumstances as the Chairman and/or the President and CEO may deem relevant. Some facts and circumstances that are considered in approving base salaries of the NEOs are as follows: U.S. Cellular's status as a public and controlled company, and the fact that U.S. Cellular is primarily a regional competitor and that some of its competitors are national or global telecommunications companies that are much larger than U.S. Cellular, possess greater resources, possess more extensive coverage areas and more spectrum within some coverage areas, and market other services with their communications services that U.S. Cellular does not offer. The base salary of each NEO is set at a level considered to be appropriate in the subjective judgement of the Chairman and/or the President and CEO based on assessment of the responsibilities and performance of such NEO, taking into account the facts and circumstances discussed above. No specific performance measures are determinative in the base salary compensation decisions for NEOs. Ultimately, it is the informed judgement of the Chairman based on the recommendation of the President and CEO that determines the other NEOs' base salaries based on the total mix of information rather than on any specific measures of performance.

# **NEO Base Salary**

Named Executive Officer	2019			2018	% Increase
Kenneth R. Meyers (1)	\$	1,095,000	\$	1,051,000	4.2%
Steven T. Campbell (2)	\$	681,200	\$	655,000	4.0%
Douglas W. Chambers (3)	\$	380,000		N/A	N/A
Jay M. Ellison (2)	\$	627,000	\$	600,000	4.5%
Michael S. Irizarry (2)	\$	695,600	\$	674,000	3.2%
Deirdre C. Drake (2)	\$	477,900	\$	460,000	3.9%

- (1) Mr. Meyers' salary increase was effective on January 1, 2019.
- (2) The pay adjustments for Messrs. Campbell, Ellison and Irizarry and Ms. Drake were effective on March 1, 2019.
- (3) Mr. Chambers was appointed the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer role for U.S. Cellular effective June 24, 2019. Reflects annual base salary.

#### **Annual Bonus**

The Chairman and the President and CEO believe that annual bonus awards reinforce a pay-for-performance culture because the payment is based on U. S. Cellular's financial results along with the Chairman's assessment of strategic initiatives or team performance and individual performance. Annually, the Chairman and/or the President and CEO set the percentage of base earnings used to determine each NEOs target bonus, as well as performance goals for the U. S. Cellular.

The Chairman and the President and CEO believe that the target bonuses were competitive compared to the market data. The target percentage of base salary for each NEO's bonus in 2019 was:

# **NEO Bonus Targets**

Named Executive Officer	Percentage of Base Salary
Kenneth R. Meyers	80%
Steven T. Campbell	60%
Douglas W. Chambers	50%
Jay M. Ellison	75%
Michael S. Irizarry	55%
Deirdre C. Drake	55%

The NEOs other than the President and the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer participated in the 2019 Executive Officer Annual Incentive Plan. Under that plan, the Chairman and the President and CEO set minimum, target and maximum annual company performance goals used to determine 60% of each NEO's 2019 annual bonus award. The goals were based on the following metrics: Consolidated Total Operating Revenues (35% weighting), Consolidated Adjusted Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, Amortization and Accretion (30% weighting), Consolidated Capital Expenditures (20% weighting), and Customer Engagement (15% weighting). The Chairman's Assessment on Strategic Initiatives (10% weighting) and Individual Performance (30% weighting) measures were used to calculate 40% of the final award. The Chairman and the President and CEO believe that these metrics focus executives on maximizing profitability and the customer experience. Under the annual incentive program, the actual annual incentive payouts based on the achievement of performance goals established for the year may range from 0% to 200%.

The following provides additional detail on the performance measures considered for the purposes of the 2019 Executive Officer Annual Incentive Plan.

	Component Weighting	Overall Plan Weighting	Maximum Percentage of Target
Consolidated Total Operating Revenues	35%	21%	225%
Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA	30%	18%	225%
Consolidated Capital Expenditures	20%	12%	225%
Customer Engagement	15%	9%	225%
Company Performance	100%	60%	225%
Chairman Assessment on Strategic Initiatives		10%	200%
Individual Performance		30%	150%
Total Overall Plan Weighting and Maximum Target Opportunity		100%	200%

The Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer participates in the 2019 Officer Annual Incentive Plan. Under that plan, the Chairman and the President and CEO set minimum, target and maximum annual company performance goals used to determine 40% of the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer's 2019 annual bonus award. The goals were based on the following metrics: Consolidated Total Operating Revenues (35% weighting), Consolidated Adjusted Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, Amortization and Accretion (30% weighting), Consolidated Capital Expenditures (20% weighting), and Customer Engagement (15% weighting). Team Performance (40% weighting) and Individual Performance (20% weighting) measures were used to calculate 60% of the final award. The Chairman and the President and CEO believe that these metrics focus officers on maximizing profitability and the customer experience. Under the annual incentive program, the actual annual incentive payouts based on the achievement of performance goals established for the year may range from 0% to 200%.

The following provides additional detail on the performance measures considered for the purposes of the 2019 Officer Annual Incentive Plan.

	Component Weighting	Overall Plan Weighting	Maximum Percentage of Target
Consolidated Total Operating Revenues	35%	14%	225%
Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA	30%	12%	225%
Consolidated Capital Expenditures	20%	8%	225%
Customer Engagement	15%	6%	225%
Company Performance	100%	40%	225%
Team Performance		40%	200%
Individual Performance		20%	150%
Total Overall Plan Weighting and Maximum Target Opportunity		100%	200%

The performance goals, at the minimum, target and maximum payout levels, were intended to be challenging and require superior performance above target.

The President and CEO did not participate in either of these plans (2019 Executive Officer Annual Incentive Plan or 2019 Officer Annual Incentive Plan) with respect to 2019.

The Chairman and the President and CEO determined the actual payout that each NEO received under their respective incentive plan.

U.S. Cellular has separate guidelines for awarding bonuses to the President and CEO as described below.

The Chairman determined the bonus to the President and CEO for 2019 performance that was paid in 2020 as follows:

U.S. Cellular established guidelines and procedures for awarding bonuses to the President and CEO. These guidelines and procedures provide that the Chairman in his sole discretion determines whether an annual bonus will be payable to the President and CEO for a performance year and, if so, the amount of such bonus, and describe factors that may be considered by the Chairman in making such determination, including factors that the Chairman in the exercise of his judgment and discretion determines relevant. The guidelines and procedures provide that no single factor will be determinative and no factor will be applied mechanically to calculate any portion of the bonus of the President and CEO. The entire amount of the bonus is discretionary.

Mr. Meyers' informal target bonus was 80% of his base salary of \$1,095,000. The Chairman approved a bonus to Mr. Meyers of \$1,058,000 with respect to 2019 performance that was paid in March, 2020. This was approximately 120% of the informal target bonus amount reflecting U.S. Cellular's overall company performance of 97.3% and the Chairman's subjective views regarding Mr. Meyers' contributions to such performance and achievements in 2019.

### **Company Performance**

For purposes of evaluating and determining compensation levels each year, U.S. Cellular calculates an overall percentage of performance based on measures set forth in its 2019 Executive Officer and Officer Annual Incentive Plans.

The below table shows the calculation of the overall quantitative company performance percentage for 2019 based on the 2019 Executive Officer and Officer Annual Incentive Plan. The below amounts are based on the performance metrics established specifically for bonus purposes and may not agree with U.S. Cellular's financial statements, which are based on accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"), or with other publicly disclosed measures. As compared to GAAP, the below bonus results and targets may be adjusted for amounts relating to items such as acquisitions and divestitures and other non-operating or non-core items (the "Bonus Metric Amounts"). The below bonus results and targets are intended to reflect the core operating results over which U.S. Cellular officers have significant influence.

Performance Measures	Final Bonus Results for 2019	Final Target for 2019	Bonus Results as a % of Target	Minimum Threshold Performance (as a % of Target)	Maximum Performance (as a % of Target)	Interpolated % of Target Bonus Earned (if within Minimum and Maximum Range)	Weight	Weighted Avg % of Target Bonus
Formula			(b) / (c)					(g) x (h)
Consolidated Total Revenues(1)	\$4,022 M	\$4,238 M	94.9%	90.0%	110.0%	74.4%	35%	26.1%
Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA(2)	\$909 M	\$878 M	103.5%	80.0%	120.0%	121.9%	30%	36.6%
Consolidated Capital Expenditures(3)	\$710 M	\$728 M	97.5%	110.0%	80.0%	115.6%	20%	23.1%
Customer Engagement(4)	4.11	4.18	98.3%	95.0%	110.0%	76.7%	15%	11.5%
Overall Company Performance							100%	97.3%

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- (1) This represents total revenues determined on a consolidated company-wide basis and in a manner consistent with U.S. Cellular's presentation of total revenues for external reporting purposes.
- (2) Consolidated Adjusted Earnings before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, Amortization and Accretion determined on a consolidated company-wide basis and in a manner consistent with U. S. Cellular's presentation of adjusted EBITDA for external reporting purposes, as adjusted to remove the effects of equity in earnings of unconsolidated entities, expenses associated with the annual bonus and performance share unit plans.
- (3) This represents capital expenditures determined on a consolidated company-wide basis and in a manner consistent with U.S. Cellular's presentation of capital expenditures for external reporting purposes, as this may be adjusted for spending efficiency/productivity and for the Bonus Metric Amounts. A lower number is better.
- (4) This represents the performance against the target as measured by the Loyalty Index Score from the annual Customer Engagement Total Experience Survey.

If a metric does not meet the minimum threshold performance level, generally no bonus will be paid with respect to such metric. If maximum performance or greater is achieved, 225% of the target opportunity for that metric will be funded. Resulting in the maximum aggregate bonus opportunity of 225% of target. As shown above, the minimum threshold was achieved with respect to all of the targets for 2019, but performance was less than maximum performance for all of the targets. As a result, the payout level was interpolated for such target as indicated above based on the formula included in the 2019 Executive Officer and Officer Annual Incentive Plan.

As shown above, the quantitative company performance percentage for U.S. Cellular for 2019 was determined to be 97.3%.

#### **Chairman Assessment on Strategic Initiatives**

(a)

(b)

(c)

The assessment of strategic initiatives as determined in the subjective judgment of the Chairman was 144.0%. In arriving at this determination, the Chairman considered the following accomplishments of U. S. Cellular during 2019:

- · Exceeded financial targets for Adjusted EBITDA and Capital Expenditures
- Invested in network modernization and completed network readiness of initial 5G buildouts
- Successfully participated in mmWave spectrum auctions
- Secured favorable long-term roaming agreements
- Launched the new brand positioning with an integrated Choose Fair campaign
- Commercially launched new website, mobile application, eCommerce Suite and MyAccount website
- Successfully managed key officer transitions without disruption to business operations, continued succession planning efforts and achieved strong Culture Survey associate engagement scores

#### **Individual Performance Objectives and Accomplishments**

In addition to U.S. Cellular performance, the Chairman, the President and CEO and members of the LTICC consider individual objectives and performance in determining executive compensation. The individual objectives considered by such persons in their evaluation of each of the NEOs other than the President and CEO are almost entirely team objectives of the management group. There was no minimum level of achievement of any of those objectives before salary or other compensation could be increased or provided. The assessment of the achievement of such objectives is not formulaic, objective or quantifiable. Instead, individual performance considerations are factors, among others, that are generally taken into account in the course of making subjective judgments in connection with compensation decisions.

Mr. Meyers was the principal executive officer of U. S. Cellular and supervised and guided all of the business and affairs of U. S. Cellular in 2019. As a result, Mr. Meyers is primarily responsible for the performance of U. S. Cellular. Each of the other executive officers was also considered to have made a significant contribution to the aforementioned performance achievements. The portion of the bonus for individual performance is based on an individual performance assessment approved by the Chairman in his subjective judgment which, in the case of NEOs other than the President and CEO, considers the recommendation of the President and CEO. This individual performance assessment for 2019 is used as a factor in determining the amount of the cash bonus for 2019 performance paid in 2020 and the value of equity awards granted in 2020.

The following shows certain considerations relating to compensation paid in 2019 to the NEOs:

	Kenneth R. Meyers	Steven T. Campbell	Douglas W. Chambers	Jay M. Ellison	Michael S. Irizarry	Deirdre C. Drake
Position at U.S. Cellular	Director and President and Chief Executive Officer	Director and Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer	Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer	Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer— Engineering and Information Services	Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer
Responsibilities at U.S. Cellular for above position	Primary responsibility for operations and performance as CEO	Oversight for Chief Financial Officer function, and direct leadership for strategy, financial planning and analysis, supply chain and regulatory affairs.	Accounting and financial reporting, credit, intercarrier business, and collections, real estate, and treasury.	All matters related to sales, marketing and customer service	All information systems and technological operations including wireless towers, network build-outs, network operations and technological advancements	All matters related to human resources
Date or Year Appointed to Current Title	2013	2019	2019	2017	2011	2018
Year(s) Included as Named Executive Officer at U.S. Cellular (since table was implemented in 2007)	2007 and 2013 to present	2007 to present	2019	2007 to 2009 and 2013 to present	2007 to present	2014 to present
Period(s) Employed at U.S. Cellular	1987 to 2006 and 2013 to present	2005 to present	2017 to 2018 and 2019 to present	2000 to 2009 and 2013 to present	2002 to present	2014 to present

# **Agreements with Executive Officers**

U.S. Cellular and Kenneth R. Meyers are parties to a letter agreement dated July 25, 2013 relating to his appointment as President and CEO effective June 22, 2013 (the "Meyers Letter Agreement"). In operative part, this included provisions relating to initial and annual equity awards and retiree medical/life insurance benefits and a related tax gross-up.

Effective May 1, 2018, U. S. Cellular entered into a retention agreement (Retention Agreement) with each of (i) Steven T. Campbell and (ii) Jay M. Ellison. Pursuant to the Retention Agreement, each executive will be eligible to receive a bonus for the year of his retirement that is no less than the executive's target bonus, pro-rated to reflect the period of the executive's employment during the bonus year, his company car and a three year post-retirement consulting arrangement with an annual consulting fee in the amount of \$270,000 per year, subject to the conditions as set forth in the Retention Agreement.

Effective December 20, 2019, U. S. Cellular and Steven T. Campbell entered into an amendment to the Retention Agreement. Pursuant to the amendment, Mr. Campbell is no longer required to provide a one-year notice of intent to retire. Mr. Campbell need only retire on or after May 8, 2020 (or such later date as the Company's first quarter 2020 Form 10-Q is filed) and satisfactorily performed his job duties.

Effective January 7, 2020, U. S. Cellular and Jay M. Ellison entered into an amendment to the Retention Agreement. Pursuant to the amendment, Mr. Ellison is no longer required to provide a one-year advance notice of intent to retire. Mr. Ellison need only retire on or after January 1, 2021 and satisfactorily performed his job duties.

Effective May 22, 2018, U.S. Cellular entered into a letter agreement with Deirdre C. Drake, Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer, pursuant to which Ms. Drake is eligible to receive, among other things, an annual bonus program target of 55% of her annual base salary. Pursuant to the letter agreement, Ms. Drake received in 2018 a supplemental Restricted Stock Unit award and a Performance Share Unit award with the effect of treating Ms. Drake at the Executive Vice President level for 2018.

Effective June 24, 2019, U. S. Cellular entered into a letter agreement with Douglas W. Chambers in connection with his appointment as Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer. Subject to the conditions set forth in the Letter Agreement, Mr. Chambers will be eligible to receive among other things, (i) an annual base salary of \$380,000 per year; (ii) an annual bonus program target of 50% of his annual base salary; and (iii) an annual equity award target of 150% of his annual base salary.

On March 31, 2020, U.S. Cellular entered into a letter agreement with Michael S. Irizarry ("Irizarry Letter Agreement") related to his employment as U.S. Cellular's Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer - Engineering and Information Services. Pursuant to the compensation portions of the Irizarry Letter Agreement, Mr. Irizarry (i) will have his target bonus for 2020 increased to 65% of his annual base salary; and (ii) will receive a severance payment of one year's annual base salary and a prorated target bonus for the number of months worked during the year of separation if he is involuntarily terminated without cause prior to July 1, 2023.

# **Annual Cash Compensation**

Base Salary:

The following shows certain information relating to base salary in 2019 for Kenneth R. Meyers.

		Kenneth R. Meyers	
2018 Annual Base Salary per Summary Compensation Table for 1/1/2018 to 12/31/2018:	\$	1,051,000	
2019 Annual Base Salary per Summary Compensation Table for 1/1/2019 to 12/31/2019:	\$	1,095,000	
\$ Increase in Annual Base Salary:	\$	44,000	
% Increase in Annual Base Salary:		4.2%	
Range per 2018 Willis Towers Watson survey (50th to 75th percentile):	\$8	805,000 to \$950,000	

Effective January 1, 2019, Mr. Meyers' base salary was increased to \$1,095,000 which is above the 75th percentile of the range. This was the level considered to be appropriate in the subjective judgment of the Chairman.

The following shows certain information relating to base salary in 2019 for the other NEOs:

	Steven T. Campbell				Jay M. Ellison	N	lichael S. Irizarry	Deirdre C. Drake		
Base Salary level 3/1/18 - 2/28/19	\$	655,000	N/A	\$	600,000	\$	674,000	\$	460,000	
Base Salary level 3/1/19 - 2/28/20	\$	681,200	N/A	\$	627,000	\$	695,600	\$	477,900	
Base Salary level 6/24/19 - 2/28/20		N/A	\$ 380,000		N/A		N/A		N/A	
2019 Base Salary per Summary Compensation Table	\$	676,263	\$ 190,000	\$	621,912	\$	691,530	\$	474,528	
\$ Increase in Base Salary on 3/1/2019	\$	26,200	N/A	\$	27,000	\$	21,600	\$	17,900	
% Increase in Base Salary on 3/1/2019		4.0%	N/A		4.5%		3.2%		3.9%	

The Chairman and the President and CEO review the base salary and bonus of the NEOs on an aggregate basis as described below.

*Bonus:* The following table sets forth the amounts paid to each NEO for the 2019 annual cash incentive awards (paid in 2020) (the below amounts may be rounded):

		Formula	Kenneth R. Meyers	Steven T. Campbell	ouglas W. hambers	Jay M. Ellison	Michael S. Irizarry	eirdre C. Drake
а	2019 base salary earnings		\$ 1,095,000	\$ 676,263	\$ 190,000	\$ 621,912	\$ 691,530	\$ 474,528
b	Target bonus percentage		80%	60%	50%	75%	55%	55%
С	Target bonus	axb	\$ 876,000	\$ 405,758	\$ 95,000	\$ 466,434	\$ 380,342	\$ 260,990
d	Percentage of 2019 target bonus based on company performance		N/A	60%	40%	60%	60%	60%
е	Target bonus for company performance	c x d	N/A	\$ 243,455	\$ 38,000	\$ 279,860	\$ 228,205	\$ 156,594
f	Calculation of amount reported under "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation" column based on company performance in 2019	e x 97.3%	N/A	\$ 236,881	\$ 36,974	\$ 272,304	\$ 222,043	\$ 152,366
	Calculation of amount reported under "Bonus" column:							
g	Portion of bonus based on assessment of strategic initiatives in 2019 (10% of target bonus opportunity), multiplied by percentage of achievement as determined by Chairman (144.0%)	c x 10% x 144.0%	N/A	\$ 58,429	N/A	\$ 67,166	\$ 54,769	\$ 37,583
	Portion of bonus based on team assessment	c x 40% x 111.81%	N/A	N/A	\$ 42.488	N/A	N/A	N/A
h	Amount of discretionary bonus based on individual performance and rounding	111.0170	N/A	\$ 174,689	\$ 21,838	\$ 186,529	\$ 166,687	\$ 110,051
i	Amount of bonus award to President and CEO		\$ 1,058,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
j	Subtotal of amount reported under "Bonus" column	g + h + i	\$ 1,058,000	\$ 233,119	\$ 64,326	\$ 253,696	\$ 221,457	\$ 147,634
k	Total bonus for 2019 performance paid in 2020 (sum of amount reported under "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation" column and amount reported under "Bonus" column)	f + j	\$ 1,058,000	\$ 470,000	\$ 101,300	\$ 526,000	\$ 443,500	\$ 300,000

The entire amount of the bonus paid to Mr. Meyers is included under the "Bonus" column in the Summary Compensation Table because the determination of the amount of the bonus to the President and CEO was not formulaic.

<u>Total Cash Compensation</u>: The following table shows information relating to total cash compensation in 2019.

	Kenneth R. Meyers		Steven T. Campbell		Douglas W. Chambers (1)		Jay M. Ellison		Michael S. Irizarry		eirdre C. Drake
Base Salary in 2019 (3/1/19 - 2/28/20)	\$	_	\$	681,200	\$	380,000	\$	627,000	\$	695,600	\$ 477,900
Base Salary in 2019 (1/1/19 - 12/31/19)	\$	1,095,000		_		_		_		_	_
2019 Bonus Paid in 2020	\$	1,058,000	\$	470,000	\$	101,300	\$	526,000	\$	443,500	\$ 300,000
Total Cash Compensation in 2019	\$	2,153,000	\$	1,151,200	\$	481,300	\$	1,153,000	\$	1,139,100	\$ 777,900
Total Target Cash Compensation per Willis Towers Watson Survey:											
25th percentile	\$	1,370,000	\$	860,000	\$	730,000	\$	925,000	\$	595,000	\$ 520,000
50th percentile	\$	1,685,000	\$	1,025,000	\$	870,000	\$	1,150,000	\$	710,000	\$ 640,000
75th percentile	\$	2,070,000	\$	1,220,000	\$	1,040,000	\$	1,360,000	\$	945,000	\$ 790,000

# (1) The U. S. Cellular portion of Mr. Chambers bonus is reported.

The Chairman and the President and CEO review the base salary and bonus of the NEOs on an aggregate basis. The amount reported above as Base Salary represents the NEO's rate of annual base salary for the period reported rather than the amount reported in the Summary Compensation Table, which reflects actual base salary paid during 2019.

The total cash compensation of the above officers is believed to be within the appropriate range identified for this element based on an assessment of the responsibilities and performance of such officers and other relevant factors in the judgement of the Chairman and the President and CEO.

# **Long-Term Equity Compensation**

The Chairman and the President and CEO, along with the LTICC, believe that equity awards both align management's interests with those of stockholders and reinforce a pay-for-performance culture.

Long-term compensation awards for NEOs are based, in part, on individual performance, with the intended goal of increasing long-term company performance and shareholder value. Performance share units (PSUs), restricted stock units (RSUs) and bonus match units generally vest over three years, to reflect the goal of relating long-term incentive compensation to increases in shareholder value over the same period.

The annual long-term compensation awards in 2019 were made under U.S. Cellular's 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan ("2013 LTIP"). The target long-term incentive award value of each NEO's 2019 equity-based awards was comprised equally of PSUs (with the PSUs valued assuming achievement at the target performance level) and RSUs. These awards to the NEOs were granted on April 1, 2019.

# 2019 Target Long-Term Incentive Award

Named Executive Officer	Target Value	alue of 2019 Equity Award			
Kenneth R. Meyers	\$	6,500,000			
Steven T. Campbell	\$	1,532,700			
Douglas W. Chambers		N/A			
Jay M. Ellison	\$	1,630,200			
Michael S. Irizarry	\$	1,565,100			
Deirdre C. Drake	\$	1,075,275			

Mr. Chambers was hired after the 2019 long term Incentive awards were granted and, accordingly, did not receive a 2019 long-term incentive award from U. S. Cellular.

Under the 2013 LTIP, U.S. Cellular is authorized to grant stock options, stock appreciation rights, bonus stock awards, restricted stock awards, restricted stock unit awards, performance awards and employer match awards for deferred bonus.

The program now awards 50% of the target long-term incentive award in PSUs and 50% of the award in RSUs.

Based in part considering information from Willis Towers Watson, the formula for determining the number of units awarded to the NEOs other than the President and CEO was the NEO's March 1, 2019 base salary times the NEO's performance multiple for 2019, divided by the Company's closing share price on March 29, 2019 (i.e., the first business day preceding the April 1, 2019 grant date). The product of this formula was then split 50% in PSUs and 50% in RSUs. This result was rounded to the closest whole unit. The number of units awarded to the President and CEO is based on information as set forth in the table below.

<u>Performance Share Units:</u> In 2019, one-half of the total target long-term incentive award value granted to the NEOs was made in the form of PSUs. The PSUs will be settled in shares of U. S. Cellular's common stock based on Company achievement against Consolidated Total Operating Revenues (weighted 40%), Simple Free Cash Flow (weighted 40%) and Postpaid Handset Voluntary Defections (weighted 20%) goals during the cumulative performance period from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, with payout ranging from 50% - 200% of the target award based on performance. The performance adjustment was made in 2020 based on certification of the performance results by the LTICC. Shares subject to the award, as adjusted, will be paid following the April 1, 2022 vesting date, assuming the NEO remains employed with U. S. Cellular through that date.

# Performance share unit performance for 2019

Below are the three performance share unit metrics along with the number of shares that would be issued to NEO award recipients in the aggregate under the PSUs granted in 2019 based on threshold, target, maximum and actual performance. On March 16, 2020, the performance was reviewed against the set metrics and the final determination of performance was certified by the LTICC. The certified aggregate performance attainment for 2019 was 95.3%. The number of shares subject to the 2019 PSUs is now fixed and the adjusted PSUs will vest on April 1, 2022, assuming continued employment by the award holders.

Performance Measure	Threshold (50% Payout)	Target (100% Payout)	Maximum (200% Payout)	Payout (as a % of Target)	Revised Award *
Simple Free Cash Flow	26,799	53,597	107,194	116.2%	62,280
Consolidated Total Operating Revenues	26,799	53,597	107,194	83.0%	44,487
Postpaid Handset Voluntary Defections	13,400	26,799	53,598	77.9%	20,876
	66,998	133.993	267,986		127.643

<sup>\*</sup> there may be a small variance due to rounding

The following summarizes the adjustment of the 2019 performance share unit awards granted to the following NEOs.

Officer	Target Award Reported for 2019	Adjustment above/ below Target	Total Award for 2019
Kenneth R. Meyers	70,791	(3,356)	67,435
Steven T. Campbell	16,692	(791)	15,901
Jay M. Ellison	17,754	(841)	16,913
Michael S. Irizarry	17,045	(807)	16,238
Deirdre C. Drake	11,711	(555)	11,156
Total	133,993	(6,350)	127,643

<u>Restricted Stock Units:</u> One-half of the total target long-term incentive award value was granted to the NEOs in 2019 in the form of RSUs. The RSUs will cliff vest at the end of the three year vesting period on April 1, 2022 assuming the NEO remains employed through that date.

The awards granted to Kenneth R. Meyers include different terms that were negotiated as part of the Meyers Letter Agreement.

The target values in the tables below are calculated by U.S. Cellular using the formulas described above considering information provided by Willis Towers Watson.

As a result of the foregoing formulas and individual performance factors, the following performance share units and restricted stock units were granted on April 1, 2019 to the persons below who were NEOs (the amounts may be rounded).

		Formula	Steven T. Campbell		Jay M. Ellison		Mic	hael S. Irizarry	Deirdre C. Drake		
а	March 1, 2019 Base Salary		\$	681,200	\$	627,000	\$	695,600	\$	477,900	
b	Performance Multiple			2.25		2.60		2.25		2.25	
С	Closing stock price on March 29, 2019		\$	45.91	\$	45.91	\$	45.91	\$	45.91	
d	Long Term Incentive Target Value	a x b	\$	1,532,700	\$	1,630,200	\$	1,565,100	\$	1,075,275	
е	PSU Target Value	d x 50%	\$	766,350	\$	815,100	\$	782,550	\$	537,638	
f	PSUs Granted (rounded)	e/c		16,692		17,754		17,045		11,711	
g	RSU Target Value	d x 50%	\$	766,350	\$	815,100	\$	782,550	\$	537,638	
h	RSUs Granted (rounded)	g/c		16,692		17,754		17,045		11,711	

Mr. Chambers was hired after the 2019 LTI awards were granted, so he did not receive a 2019 LTI award from U. S. Cellular. Mr. Chambers will be eligible for LTI awards from U. S. Cellular in 2020.

The approach for granting long-term incentive awards to Kenneth R. Meyers differed from the above approach for the other NEOs. The following performance share unit and restricted stock unit awards were granted to Mr. Meyers on April 1, 2019 using the formula outlined below (the amounts may be rounded):

		Formula	Ken	neth R. Meyers
а	Long Term Incentive Target Value based on information from Willis Towers Watson		\$	5,307,550
b	Total Award Adjustment - \$1,051,000 x 5.98 rounded up		\$	6,500,000
С	Closing stock price on March 29, 2019		\$	45.91
d	PSU Target Value	b x 50%	\$	3,250,000
е	PSUs Granted (rounded)	d/c		70,791
f	RSU Target Value	b x 50%	\$	3,250,000
g	RSUs Granted (rounded)	f/c		70,791

If a recipient of an award under the 2013 LTIP enters into competition with, or misappropriates confidential information of, U.S. Cellular or any affiliate thereof, including TDS and its affiliates, or the recipient's employment with U.S. Cellular or any affiliate thereof is terminated on account of the NEO's negligence or willful misconduct, then such award shall terminate and be forfeited. In addition, the 2013 LTIP provides that the LTICC may impose other conditions on an award, and pursuant thereto, certain awards under the plan have been granted subject to forfeiture in the event of the NEO's violation of non-solicitation and non-disparagement agreements.

The 2013 LTIP and related award agreements provide various rights upon resignation, retirement, special retirement, disability, death, or other termination or separation from service, and upon a change in control. These details are summarized in the Table of Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control.

## **Analysis of Compensation**

The following table identifies the percentage of each element of total compensation of each of the NEOs, based on the Summary Compensation Table for 2019:

Kenneth R. Meyers	Steven T. Campbell	Jay M. Ellison	Michael S. Irizarry	Deirdre C. Drake
12.4%	24.2%	21.6%	24.6%	24.5%
12.0%	8.3%	8.8%	7.9%	7.6%
74.3%	55.5%	57.1%	56.3%	56.0%
0.0%	8.5%	9.4%	7.9%	7.9%
1.3%	3.5%	3.1%	3.3%	4.0%
100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
	Meyers 12.4% 12.0% 74.3% 0.0% 1.3%	Meyers         Campbell           12.4%         24.2%           12.0%         8.3%           74.3%         55.5%           0.0%         8.5%           1.3%         3.5%	Meyers         Campbell         Ellison           12.4%         24.2%         21.6%           12.0%         8.3%         8.8%           74.3%         55.5%         57.1%           0.0%         8.5%         9.4%           1.3%         3.5%         3.1%	Meyers         Campbell         Ellíson         Irizarry           12.4%         24.2%         21.6%         24.6%           12.0%         8.3%         8.8%         7.9%           74.3%         55.5%         57.1%         56.3%           0.0%         8.5%         9.4%         7.9%           1.3%         3.5%         3.1%         3.3%

As indicated in the Summary Compensation Table, Mr. Meyers' total compensation for 2019 was \$8,843,995 and the total compensation for 2019 of the other NEOs ranged from a high of \$2,885,620 to a low of \$1,940,538. Accordingly, Mr. Meyers' total compensation for 2019 is approximately 3.0 times the total compensation of the next highest compensated NEO with respect to 2019.

U.S. Cellular recognizes that it needs to, and believes that it should, compensate the President and CEO at a level that considers the compensation of presidents and chief executive officers of similar companies. U.S. Cellular believes that this is necessary to attract and retain a highly qualified person to serve as President and CEO and to compete successfully against other companies. U.S. Cellular also recognizes that it needs to, and believes that it should, compensate the other NEOs at levels that reflect the compensation of similarly situated positions at similar companies in order to attract and retain high quality persons for such positions at U.S. Cellular.

### **CEO Pay Ratio**

The Chairman and the LTICC reviewed a comparison of our President and CEO's annual total compensation in fiscal year 2019 to that of all other U. S. Cellular employees for the same period.

Our calculation includes all active employees as of December 31, 2019.

We determined the compensation of our median employee (the "Median Employee") by: calculating the annual salary/wages for each of our active employees as of December 31, 2019; ranking the annual salaries/wages of all employees except for the President and CEO from lowest to highest; and then identifying the median employee.

The annual total compensation for fiscal year 2019 for our President and CEO was \$8,843,995 and for the Median Employee was \$55,425. The resulting ratio of our CEO's pay to the pay of our Median Employee for fiscal year 2019 is 159.6 to 1.

#### Other Benefit Plans Available to NEOs

The Chairman believes that U.S. Cellular's maintenance of the below-described plans is consistent with competitive pay practices and is an important element in attracting and retaining talent in a competitive market.

The NEOs participate in certain benefit plans, as described below.

# **Deferred Salary and Bonus:**

The NEOs are permitted to defer salary and/or bonus into an interest-bearing arrangement under a deferred compensation plan. Pursuant to the plan, the NEO's deferred compensation account is credited with interest compounded monthly, computed at a rate equal to one-twelfth of the sum of the average twenty-year Treasury Bond rate plus 1.25 percentage points until the deferred compensation amount is paid to such person. The portion of any interest that exceeds the applicable federal long-term rate "AFR" (currently specified as 120%) will be considered above market in accordance with SEC rules. The deferred compensation account of a NEO is paid at the time and in the form provided in the plan, which permits certain distribution elections by the officer.

The NEO is always 100% vested in, and entitled to receipt upon termination, of all salary and bonus amounts that have been deferred and any interest credited to his or her account. Such amounts are reported in the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation table and, because there would not be any increased benefit or accelerated vesting in the event of termination or change in control, are not included in the below Table of Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control.

# <u>Deferred Bonus under the Long-Term Incentive Plan</u>:

In addition to being permitted to defer some or all of their bonuses into an interest-bearing arrangement as described immediately above, the NEOs are permitted to defer some or all of their bonuses pursuant to deferred bonus compensation agreements under the 2013 LTIP (and previously under the 2005 Long-Term Incentive Plan ("2005 LTIP")). Deferred bonus under the long-term incentive plan will be deemed invested in U.S. Cellular Common Share Units. The NEOs receive a distribution of the deferred bonus account at the time and in the form provided in the plan, which permits certain distribution elections by the NEO.

Pursuant to the 2013 LTIP, each officer may elect to defer all or a portion of his or her annual bonus. U.S. Cellular will allocate a stock unit match award to the employee's deferred compensation account in an amount equal to the sum of (i) 25% of the deferred bonus amount which is not in excess of one-half of the employee's gross bonus for the year and (ii) 331/3% of the deferred bonus amount which is in excess of one-half of the employee's gross bonus for the year. The stock unit match awards will be deemed invested in U.S. Cellular Common Share Units and will vest ratably at a rate of one-third per year over three years. The match becomes fully vested upon the executive's separation due to retirement or death or if the executive suffers permanent disability prior to his or her separation.

#### **SERP**

Each of the NEOs participates in a supplemental executive retirement plan, or SERP, which is a non-qualified defined contribution plan. The SERP is not intended to provide substantial benefits other than to replace the benefits which cannot be provided under the TDS Pension Plan as a result of tax law limitations on the amount and types of annual employee compensation which can be taken into account under a tax qualified pension plan. The SERP is unfunded. Participants are credited with interest on balances of the SERP.

A participant is entitled to distribution of his or her entire account balance under the SERP if the participant has a separation from service without cause, after either (a) his or her attainment of age 65; or (b) his or her completion of at least ten years of service. If a participant has a separation from service under circumstances other than those set forth in the preceding sentence, without cause, the participant will be entitled to distribution of 10% of his or her account balance for each year of service up to ten years. Upon a separation from service under circumstances that permit payments under the SERP, the participant will be paid his or her vested account balance in one of the following forms as elected by the participant prior to the first day of the plan year in which the participant commences participation in the SERP: (a) a single lump sum or (b) annual installments over a period of 5, 10, 15, 20, or 25 years. The SERP does not include any provision that would increase benefits or accelerate amounts upon any termination or change in control and, accordingly, no amount attributable to the SERP is included in the Table of Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control. Each NEO's SERP balance as of December 31, 2019 is set forth in the "Nonqualified Deferred Compensation" table below.

# **Perquisites**

U.S. Cellular does not provide significant perquisites to its NEOs. U.S. Cellular has no formal plan, policy or procedure pursuant to which NEOs are entitled to any perquisites following termination or change in control. However, from time to time, U.S. Cellular may enter into employment, retirement, severance or similar agreements that may provide for perquisites.

## Tax-Deferred Savings Plan - 401(k) plan

TDS sponsors the Tax-Deferred Savings Plan, a tax-qualified defined contribution plan. This plan is available to employees of TDS and its subsidiaries which have adopted the plan, including U.S. Cellular. Employees contribute amounts from their compensation and U.S. Cellular makes matching contributions in part. U.S. Cellular makes matching contributions to the plan in cash equal to 100% of an employee's contributions up to the first 3% of such employee's compensation, and 40% of an employee's contributions up to the next 2% of such employee's compensation. Matching contributions under the Tax-Deferred Savings Plan are subject to a two year graduated vesting schedule (34% vesting at one year of service and 100% vesting at two years of service). Employees have the option of investing their contributions and U.S. Cellular's contributions in a TDS Common Share fund, a U.S. Cellular Common Share fund and certain unaffiliated funds. Contributions into the company common stock funds are limited to no more than 20%, combined.

This plan does not discriminate in scope, terms, or operation in favor of executive officers and is available generally to all employees, and benefits are not enhanced upon any termination (other than a termination by reason of death, total and permanent disability or after an employee attains age 65) or change in control. Accordingly, no amounts are reported in the Table of Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control.

#### **Pension Plan**

TDS sponsors a tax-qualified noncontributory defined contribution Pension Plan for the eligible employees of TDS and its participating subsidiaries, including U.S. Cellular. Under this plan, pension costs are calculated separately for each participant based on the applicable pension formula and are funded annually by TDS and its participating subsidiaries.

This plan does not discriminate in scope, terms, or operation in favor of executive officers and is available generally to all employees, and benefits are not enhanced upon any termination (other than a termination by reason of death, total and permanent disability or after an employee attains age 65) or change in control. Accordingly, no amounts are reported in the Table of Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control.

Benefits under the TDS Pension Plan are subject to a five year graduated vesting schedule (20% vesting at two years of service, 40% vesting at three years of service, 60% vesting at four years of service and 100% vesting at five years of service).

#### **Health and Welfare Benefits**

TDS also provides customary health and welfare and similar plans for the benefit of employees of TDS and its subsidiaries, including U.S. Cellular. These group life, health, disability, medical reimbursement and/or similar plans do not discriminate in scope, terms or operation in favor of executive officers and are available generally to all employees, and benefits are not enhanced upon any termination or change in control. Accordingly, no amounts are reported in the below Table of Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control.

# Impact of Accounting and Tax Treatments of Particular Forms of Compensation

The Chairman and the LTICC consider the accounting and tax treatments of particular forms of compensation. Accounting treatments do not significantly impact the determinations of the appropriate compensation for U.S. Cellular executive officers. The Chairman and the LTICC consider the accounting treatments primarily to be informed and to confirm that U.S. Cellular personnel understand and recognize the appropriate accounting that will be required with respect to compensation.

U.S. Cellular places more significance on the tax treatments of particular forms of compensation, because these may involve actual cash expense to U.S. Cellular or the executive.

Subject to certain exceptions, Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code provides a \$1 million annual limit on the amount that a publicly held corporation is allowed to deduct as compensation paid to each of the corporation's principal executive officer, principal financial officer and certain other current or former executive officers of the corporation. However, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act eliminated the performance-based compensation exception to Section 162(m) (with an exception for certain compensation paid under written binding contracts in effect on November 2, 2017 that are not materially modified). As a result, unless subject to the exception, compensation paid to U.S. Cellular's covered executive officers in excess of \$1 million per year generally will not be deductible, even if it is performance-based. U.S. Cellular believes that it is important to preserve flexibility in administering compensation programs in a manner designed to promote corporate goals. Accordingly, although U.S. Cellular considers the deductibility of particular forms of compensation, U.S. Cellular expects to approve elements of compensation that U. S. Cellular believes are consistent with the objectives of our executive compensation program, even though annual compensation in excess of \$1 million per covered executive officer generally will not be deductible.

U.S. Cellular generally does not have any arrangements with its executive officers pursuant to which it has agreed to "gross-up" payments due to taxes or to otherwise reimburse officers for the payment of taxes, except with respect to certain reimbursements related to Mr. Meyers' retiree medical benefits as discussed below and certain perquisites.

## Policy on Stock Ownership by Executive Officers

U.S. Cellular does not have a formal policy relating to stock ownership by executive officers.

### **Anti-Hedging and Anti-Pledging**

TDS' Policy Regarding Insider Trading and Confidentiality, which is applicable to U.S. Cellular's board of directors, officers and certain employees identified by the Chief Financial Officer, provides that persons subject to the earnings blackout policy may not, under any circumstances, trade options for, pledge, or sell "short," any securities of TDS or U.S. Cellular.

#### **Compensation Committee Report**

The Chairman, the President and CEO and the members of the U.S. Cellular board of directors oversee U.S. Cellular's compensation programs. In fulfilling their oversight responsibilities, the persons whose names are listed below reviewed and discussed with management the CD&A set forth above in this Proxy Statement.

In reliance on the review and discussions referred to above, the persons whose names are listed below recommended to the board of directors that the CD&A be included in U.S. Cellular's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019 and Proxy Statement related to the 2020 Annual Meeting.

The CD&A report is submitted by LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr., who functions as the compensation committee, except with respect to long-term equity-based compensation and by the members of the LTICC, which has responsibility with respect to long-term equity-based compensation.

Because U.S. Cellular does not have a formal independent compensation committee except with respect to long-term equity-based compensation, the above CD&A is submitted by each member of the board of directors: LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr. (Chairman), Steven T. Campbell, Walter C. D. Carlson, J. Samuel Crowley, Ronald E. Daly, Harry J. Harczak, Jr., Gregory P. Josefowicz, Kenneth R. Meyers, Peter L. Sereda, Cecelia D. Stewart and Kurt B. Thaus.

# **Compensation Risks**

U.S. Cellular does not believe that risks arising from U.S. Cellular's compensation policies and practices for its employees, including executive and non-executive officers, are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on U.S. Cellular. Representatives of U.S. Cellular conduct an annual assessment of the risks associated with the compensation policies and practices used to compensate the Company's NEOs. In 2019, these representatives reviewed the elements of executive compensation to determine whether any portion of executive compensation encouraged excessive risk taking and concluded that they do not.

As described throughout our CD&A, compensation decisions are made using a combination of objective and subjective considerations designed to mitigate excessive risk taking by executives.

Similar to compensation of NEOs, non-executive officers and director-level employees are compensated using a mix of short and long-term compensation. Each such employee receives a substantial portion of compensation in the form of a fixed salary, which does not encourage any risk taking, and may receive a portion of compensation as long-term incentive compensation, which discourages short-term risk taking.

# **Compensation Tables**

# **Summary of Compensation**

The following table summarizes the compensation paid by U.S. Cellular to the NEOs for 2019, 2018 and 2017. The compensation actually realized by a NEO may be more or less than the amount reported in the below Summary Compensation Table depending on the performance of the U.S. Cellular stock price and other factors.

# 2019 Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary	Bonus	Stock Awards	ption vards	Inc	Ion-Equity centive Plan mpensation	Pe	Change in ension Value and Non- qualified Deferred empensation Earnings	Co	All Other ompensation	Total
				(a)			(b)		(c)		(d)	
Kenneth R. Meyers (1)	2019	\$1,095,000	\$ 1,058,000	\$ 6,573,652	\$ _	\$	_	\$	29,230	\$	88,113	\$ 8,843,995
President and Chief Executive Officer	2018	\$1,051,000	\$ 1,280,400	\$ 6,156,728	\$ _	\$	_	\$	24,448	\$	87,560	\$ 8,600,136
	2017	\$ 996,000	\$ 1,066,100	\$ 5,641,045	\$ _	\$	_	\$	28,490	\$	80,722	\$ 7,812,357
Steven T. Campbell (4) (5)	2019	\$ 676,263	\$ 233,119	\$ 1,550,019	\$ _	\$	236,881	\$	3,087	\$	93,183	\$ 2,792,552
Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer	2018	\$ 650,400	\$ 234,130	\$ 1,423,896	\$ -	\$	337,870	\$	2,450	\$	91,780	\$ 2,740,526
	2017	\$ 626,333	\$ 215,192	\$ 1,401,926	\$ _	\$	264,808	\$	4,566	\$	82,471	\$ 2,595,297
Douglas W. Chambers (2) (3)	2019	\$ 190,000	\$ 64,326	N/A	N/A	\$	36,974	\$	126	\$	48,542	\$ 339,968
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer												
Jay M. Ellison (6)	2019	\$ 621,912	\$ 253,696	\$ 1,648,636	\$ _	\$	272,304	\$	1,286	\$	87,786	\$ 2,885,620
Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer	2018	\$ 594,500	\$ 263,961	\$ 1,507,225	\$ _	\$	386,039	\$	878	\$	88,105	\$ 2,840,709
	2017	\$ 566,833	\$ 237,128	\$ 1,465,724	\$ _	\$	299,572	\$	1,306	\$	82,788	\$ 2,653,352
Michael S. Irizarry	2019	\$ 691,530	\$ 221,457	\$ 1,582,799	\$ _	\$	222,043	\$	4,254	\$	90,874	\$ 2,812,957
Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer - Engineering and Information Services	2018	\$ 669,400	\$ 213,238	\$ 1,465,211	\$ _	\$	318,762	\$	3,469	\$	88,685	\$ 2,758,766
	2017	\$ 645,333	\$ 201,092	\$ 1,444,236	\$ _	\$	250,108	\$	6,677	\$	81,616	\$ 2,629,062
Deirdre C. Drake	2019	\$ 474,528	\$ 147,634	\$ 1,087,483	\$ _	\$	152,366	\$	505	\$	78,022	\$ 1,940,538
Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer	2018	\$ 449,000	\$ 146,191	\$ 921,404	\$ -	\$	213,809	\$	289	\$	58,687	\$ 1,789,380
	2017	\$ 419,500	\$ 118,201	\$ 667,808	\$ _	\$	147,799	\$	286	\$	48,041	\$ 1,401,635

<sup>(</sup>a) In accordance with FASB ASC 718, this represents the aggregate grant date fair value. Assumptions made in the valuation of stock awards in this column are described in U.S. Cellular's financial statements included in the accompanying Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2019.

The table below provides both the grant date fair value at target, and also at maximum, for the 2019 performance share unit awards using the April 1, 2019 grant date closing price of \$46.43:

	K	enneth R. Meyers	Steven T. Campbell	Douglas W. Chambers	Jay M. Ellison	Michael S. Irizarry			Deirdre C. Drake		
Grant Date Value (100%)	\$	3,286,826	\$ 775,010	_	\$ 824,318	\$	791,399	\$	543,742		
Maximum Value (200%)	\$	6,573,652	\$ 1,550,020	_	\$ 1,648,636	\$	1,582,798	\$	1,087,484		

- (b) Represents the portion of the bonus that represents non-equity incentive plan compensation.
- (c) Includes the portion of interest that exceeded the amount calculated utilizing the AFR at the time the interest rate was set. Each of the NEOs currently participates in a supplemental executive retirement plan (SERP). In addition, column (d) includes interest on any deferred salary or bonus that exceeded that calculated utilizing the AFR, as indicated in the below table.

	Kenneth R. Meyers		Steven T. Campbell		Douglas W. Chambers		Jay M. Ellison		Michael S. Irizarry		Deirdre C. Drake	
Excess Earnings												
SERP	\$	6,892	\$	3,087	\$	126	\$	1,286	\$	4,254	\$	505
Deferred Salary or Bonus	\$	13,070	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_
Total Excess Earnings from U. S. Cellular	\$	19,962	\$	3,087	\$	126	\$	1,286	\$	4,254	\$	505
Excess Earnings from Salary and Bonus previously deferred as officer of TDS	\$	9,267	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_
Total Excess Earnings	\$	29,230	\$	3,087	\$	126	\$	1,286	\$	4,254	\$	505

(d) Does not include perquisites and other personal benefits, or property, unless the aggregate amount of such compensation is \$10,000 or more.

	Kenneth R. Meyers		Steven T. Campbell		uglas W. ambers	lay M. Illison			Deirdre C. Drake	
Perquisites:										
Corporate automobile allowance and other personal travel and related expenses	\$ 10,289	\$	13,113	\$	3,156	\$ 11,778	\$	13,498	\$	12,936
Other (Club Dues and Health and Fitness Reimbursements)	3,000		3,000		_	_		_		3,000
Other (Temporary living expenses paid)	_		_		21,600	_		_		_
Tax gross up	8,183		10,429		1,485	9,368		10,736		5,361
Total Perquisites if \$10,000 or more	21,473		26,543		26,241	21,146		24,234		21,297
Contributions to Benefit Plans										
TDSP	\$ 10,640	\$	10,640	\$	5,533	\$ 10,640	\$	10,640	\$	10,640
TDS Pension Plan	12,813		12,813		6,663	12,813		12,813		12,813
SERP	43,187		43,187		10,105	43,187		43,187		33,272
Total, including perquisites if \$10,000 or more	\$ 88,113	\$	93,183	\$	48,542	\$ 87,786	\$	90,874	\$	78,022

Column (e) includes the following in 2019: (1) the total of any perquisites and personal benefits that equal or exceed \$10,000, summarized by type or any perquisite or personal benefit that exceeds the greater of \$25,000 or 10% of the total amount of these benefits for each NEO and (2) contributions by U.S. Cellular for the benefit of the NEO under (a) the TDSP, (b) the TDS Pension Plan, and (c) the SERP.

The contributions to the perquisites related to auto, TDSP, Pension Plan and SERP with respect to Mr. Chambers are allocated between TDS and U.S. Cellular in proportion to the days that he was employed by each company in 2019. The table represents only his U.S. Cellular proportion.

#### Footnotes:

(1) Kenneth R. Meyers is included as U.S. Cellular's principal executive officer.

- (2) Effective June 24, 2019, Douglas W. Chambers became U. S. Cellular's principal financial officer. U. S. Cellular entered into a letter agreement with Mr. Chambers in connection with his appointment as Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer pursuant to which Mr. Chambers is eligible to receive, among other things (i) an annual base salary of \$380,000, as adjusted from time to time and; (ii) a 2019 annual bonus target of 50% of his annual base earnings paid during the bonus period.
- (3) The U. S. Cellular portion of Doug Chambers' bonus was reported in the above Summary Compensation table. U. S. Cellular also paid his TDS bonus in the amount of \$90,500.
- (4) Prior to his role change to Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer effective June 24, 2019, Steven T. Campbell was U.S. Cellular's principal financial officer.
- (5) Effective December 20, 2019, U. S. Cellular entered into an amended retention agreement (Amended Retention Agreement) with Steven T. Campbell, Executive Vice President, and Chief Administrative Officer. Pursuant to the Amended Retention Agreement, Mr. Campbell is no longer required to provide a one-year notice of intent to retire, provided that the Executive retires on or after May 8, 2020 (or such later date as the Company's first quarter 10-Q is filed).
- (6) Effective January 7, 2020, U. S. Cellular entered into an amended retention agreement (Amended Retention Agreement) with Jay M. Ellison, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Pursuant to the Amended Retention Agreement, Mr. Ellison is no longer required to provide a one-year notice of intent to retire, provided that the Executive satisfactorily performed his job duties and retires on or after January 1, 2021.

# **Information Regarding Plan-Based Awards**

The following table shows, as to the NEOs, certain information regarding plan-based awards in 2019.

# 2019 Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table

					youts Under Plan Awards		Future Payo	All Other Stock Awards: Number of	Grant Dat		
Name	Grant Date	Tł	nreshold	Target	Maximum	Threshold	Target	Maximum	Shares of Stock or Units		Stock and Option Awards
						(a)	(b)	(c)			
Kenneth R. Meyers											
Awards in Common Shares (1)											
Restricted Stock Units:	4/1/2019								70,791	\$	3,286,826
Performance Share Units:	4/1/2019					35,396	70,791	141,582		\$	3,286,826
Total Grant Date Value of All Awards:										\$	6,573,652
Steven T. Campbell											
Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards (2)	N/A	\$	18,259	\$243,455	\$ 547,773						
Awards in Common Shares (1)											
Restricted Stock Units:	4/1/2019								16,692	\$	775,010
Performance Share Units:	4/1/2019					8,346	16,692	33,384		\$	775,010
Total Grant Date Value of All Awards:										\$	1,550,020
Jay M. Ellison Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards (2)	N/A	\$	20,990	\$279,860	\$ 629,686						
Awards in Common Shares (1)											
Restricted Stock Units:	4/1/2019								17,754	\$	824,318
Performance Share Units:	4/1/2019					8,877	17,754	35,508		\$	824,318
Total Grant Date Value of All Awards:										\$	1,648,636
Michael S. Irizarry											
Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards (2)	N/A	\$	17,115	\$228,205	\$ 513,461						
Awards in Common Shares (1)											
Restricted Stock Units:	4/1/2019								17,045	\$	791,399
Performance Share Units:	4/1/2019					8,523	17,045	34,090		\$	791,399
Total Grant Date Value of All Awards:										\$	1,582,798
Deirdre C. Drake											
Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards (2)	N/A	\$	11,745	\$156,594	\$ 352,337						
Awards in Common Shares (1)											
Restricted Stock Units:	4/1/2019								11,711	\$	543,742
Performance Share Units:	4/1/2019					5,856	11,711	23,422		\$	543,742
Total Grant Date Value of All Awards:										\$	1,087,484

Mr. Chambers is not included in this table, because he did not receive plan based awards in 2019 from U. S. Cellular.

# **Explanation of Columns:**

(a) - (c) The amounts shown reflect the number of U.S. Cellular Common Shares that may be earned by each officer. The actual number to be delivered will be determined by the performance of U.S. Cellular during the performance period.

#### Footnotes:

- (1) Pursuant to the U.S. Cellular 2013 Long-Term Incentive Plan, on April 1, 2019, such executive officer was granted restricted stock units and performance share units.
- (2) Represents amounts payable under the U. S. Cellular 2019 Executive Officer Annual Incentive Plan.

# Information Regarding Outstanding Equity Awards at Year-End

The following table shows NEO outstanding equity awards at fiscal year-end.

# 2019 Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

		Option Awa	rds		Stock Awards							
Name	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options: (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options: (#) Unexercisable	Option Exercis Price (\$	e Expiration	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	of S	arket Value Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not /ested (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)			
Kenneth R. Meyers												
Options:												
2016 Options (1)	68,766		\$ 45.8									
2013 Options (2)	125,000		\$ 39.7	1 7/31/2023								
Stock Unit Awards:												
2019 RSUs (3)					70,791	\$	2,564,758					
2018 RSUs (3)					78,420	\$	2,841,157					
2017 RSUs (3)					75,543	\$	2,736,923					
USM Bonus Match Units not vested (4)					556	\$	20,157					
Performance Share Units:					000	Ψ	20,107					
2019 PSUs (5)					67,435	\$	2,443,170					
2018 PSUs (5)					121,818	\$	4,413,466					
2017 PSUs (5)					97,013	\$	3,514,781					
Total	193,766				511,576	_	18,534,412		\$ —			
Steven T. Campbell	100,700				011,070	=	10,001,112		Ψ			
Stock Unit Awards:												
2019 RSUs (3)					16,692	\$	604,751					
2018 RSUs (3)					18,335	\$	664,277					
2017 RSUs (3)					18,986	\$	687,863					
Performance Share Units:					,		,					
2019 PSUs (5)					15,901	\$	576,093					
2018 PSUs (5)					28,481	\$	1,031,867					
2017 PSUs (5)					24,383	\$	883,396					
Total					122,778	\$	4,448,247		\$ —			
Douglas W. Chambers												
Stock Unit Awards:												
2018 RSUs (3)					2,739	\$	99,234					
Performance Share Units:												
2018 PSUs (5)					4,256	\$	154,195					
Total					6,995	\$	253,429		\$ —			
Jay M. Ellison												
Options:												
2016 Options (1)	18,996	_	\$ 45.8	37 4/1/2026								
Stock Unit Awards:												
2019 RSUs (3)					17,754	\$	643,227					
2018 RSUs (3)					19,408	\$	703,152					
2017 RSUs (3)					19,850	\$	719,166					
Performance Share Units:												
2019 PSUs (5)					16,913	\$	612,758					
2018 PSUs (5)					30,148	\$	1,092,262					
2017 PSUs (5)					25,491	\$	923,539					
Total	18,996				129,564	\$	4,694,104		<u> </u>			

Option Awards Stock Awards

Name	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options: (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options: (#) Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)
Michael S. Irizarry								
Options:								
2016 Options (1)	18,683	_	\$ 45.87	4/1/2026				
Stock Unit Awards:								
2019 RSUs (3)					17,045	\$ 617,540		
2018 RSUs (3)					18,867	\$ 683,551		
2017 RSUs (3)					19,559	\$ 708,623		
Performance Share Units:								
2019 PSUs (5)					16,238	\$ 588,303		
2018 PSUs (5)					29,308	\$ 1,061,829		
2017 PSUs (5)					25,118	\$ 910,025		
Total	18,683				126,135	\$ 4,569,871	_	\$ —
Deirdre C. Drake								
Stock Unit Awards:								
2019 RSUs (3)					11,711	\$ 424,290		
2018 RSUs (3)					12,018	\$ 435,412		
2017 RSUs (3)					9,044	\$ 327,664		
Performance Share Units:								
2019 PSUs (5)					11,156	\$ 404,182		
2018 PSUs (5)					18,669	\$ 676,378		
2017 PSUs (5)					11,615	\$ 420,811		
Total					74,213	\$ 2,688,737		\$

#### Footnotes:

- (1) The 2016 Options were granted on April 1, 2016 and became exercisable in annual increments of one-third on April 1 of each year beginning in 2017 and ending in 2019.
- (2) The 2013 Meyers Options were granted on July 31, 2013 and became exercisable on June 22, 2019.
- (3) The restricted stock units were granted on April 1, 2019, April 2, 2018 and April 3, 2017 and become vested on April 1, 2022, April 2, 2021 and April 3, 2020, respectively.
- Represents deferred compensation stock match units awarded to such NEO with respect to deferred bonus compensation. Represents the number of USM Common Shares underlying deferred compensation stock match units that have not vested. Generally, one-third of the deferred compensation stock match units become vested on each of the first three anniversaries of the last day of the year for which the applicable bonus is payable, provided that such officer is an employee of U.S. Cellular or an affiliate on such date. Upon separation from the Company, the company match is fully vested for employees who are Retirement Eligible under the TDS Pension Plan. Mr. Meyers qualifies as Retirement Eligible under the TDS Pension Plan.
- (5) Represents performance share units that have been adjusted for performance and are now time based. The performance share units were granted on April 1, 2019, April 2, 2018 and April 3, 2017 and become vested on April 1, 2022, April 2, 2021 and April 3, 2020, respectively.

## Information Regarding 2019 Option Exercises and Stock Vested

The following table shows NEO information regarding option exercises and stock vested in 2019.

# 2019 Option Exercises and Stock Vested

	Option Av	varc	ls	Stock Awards						
Name	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise		Value Realized Upon Exercise	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting	Value Realized on Vesting					
Kenneth R. Meyers										
Option Exercises (Date of Exercise):										
2016 Options (1/24/19)	137,534	\$	1,814,073							
Stock Awards Vested (Date of Vesting):										
2013 Restricted Stock Units (6/22/19)				45,000	\$	2,174,850				
2016 Restricted Stock Units (4/1/19)				56,609	\$	2,628,356				
USM Bonus Match Units (1)				1,134	\$	41,092				
Total	137,534	\$	1,814,073	102,743	\$	4,844,298				
Steven T. Campbell		_								
Option Exercises (Date of Exercise):										
2016 Options (5/3/19)	54,350	\$	248,923							
2011 Options (5/3/19)	30,196	\$	176,949							
Stock Awards Vested (Date of Vesting):										
2016 Restricted Stock Units (4/1/19)				19,400	\$	900,742				
Total	84,546	\$	425,872	19,400	\$	900,742				
Jay M. Ellison		=								
Stock Awards Vested (Date of Vesting):										
2016 Restricted Stock Units (4/1/19)				20,316	\$	943,272				
Total		\$		20,316	\$	943,272				
Michael S. Irizarry		Ė			Ė	/				
Stock Awards Vested (Date of Vesting):										
2016 Restricted Stock Units (4/1/19)				20,006	\$	928,879				
Total		\$		20,006	\$	928,879				
Deirdre C. Drake		Ė			<u> </u>					
Option Exercises (Date of Exercise):										
2016 Options (5/3/19)	8,625	\$	39,503							
Stock Awards Vested (Date of Vesting):	0,020	Y	25,500							
2016 Restricted Stock Units (4/1/19)				9,235	\$	428,781				
Total	8,625	\$	39,503	9,235	\$	428,781				
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#### Footnotes:

(1) Includes deferred compensation stock match units that became vested during 2019. Pursuant to U.S. Cellular's LTIP the deferred compensation stock match units generally vest one-third on each of the first three anniversaries of the last day of the year for which the applicable bonus is payable. Upon separation from the Company, the company match is fully vested for employees who are retirement eligible under the TDS pension plan. Mr. Meyers qualifies as retirement eligible under the TDS Pension Plan.

From time to time, U.S. Cellular authorizes its executive officers to enter into plans under Section 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These plans may include specific instructions for the broker to exercise stock options and/or sell stock on behalf of the executive based on a pre-determined schedule or formula. The purpose of such plans is to enable executive officers to recognize the value of their compensation and sell their holdings of U.S. Cellular common stock during periods in which the officer would otherwise be unable to buy or sell such stock because important information about U.S. Cellular has not been publicly released.

# Information Regarding 2019 Nonqualified Deferred Compensation

The following table shows NEO information regarding nonqualified deferred compensation for the year ended December 31, 2019.

# **2019 Nonqualified Deferred Compensation**

Name	Conti	ecutive ributions ast FY	Cont	gistrant ributions Last FY	Aggregate Earnings in Last FY		Earnings in		Aggregate Withdrawals/ Distributions	Ag Bala	ggregate nce at Last FYE
Kenneth R. Meyers											
SERP (1)			\$	43,187							
Company contribution											
Total Interest					\$	48,525					
Balance at year end								\$	1,137,756		
U.S. Cellular Salary and Bonus Deferral Interest Account (2)											
Deferred Salary (3)	\$	163,249									
Deferred Bonus (3)	\$	640,200									
Total Interest					\$	81,206					
Balance at year end								\$	2,475,706		
Bonus Deferral and Company Match into USM Deferred Compensation Stock Units (3)											
Changes in Value in 2019					\$	(482,782)					
Accumulated Balance at Year End:											
30,113 vested USM Shares								\$	1,090,994		
556 unvested USM Shares								\$	20,144		
Aggregate Total (4)	\$	803,449	\$	43,187	\$	(353,051)	\$	\$	4,724,600		
Steven T. Campbell											
SERP (1)			\$	43,187							
Company contribution											
Total Interest					\$	21,738					
Balance at year end								\$	533,520		
Aggregate Total (4)	\$		\$	43,187	\$	21,738	<u>\$</u>	\$	533,520		
Douglas W. Chambers											
SERP (1)			\$	19,433							
Company contribution											
Total Interest					\$	1,705					
Balance at year end								\$	57,889		
Aggregate Total (4)	\$		\$	19,433	\$	1,705	<u> </u>	\$	57,889		

Name	Executive Contributions in Last FY	Con	Registrant Contributions in Last FY		gregate rnings in ast FY	Aggregate Withdrawals/ Distributions		Aggregate Balance at Last FYE	
Jay M. Ellison									
SERP (1)		\$	43,187						
Company contribution									
Total Interest				\$	9,052				
Balance at year end							\$	247,354	
Aggregate Total (4)	\$ —	\$	43,187	\$	9,052	\$ —	\$	247,354	
Michael S. Irizarry							-		
SERP (1)		\$	43,187						
Company contribution									
Total Interest				\$	29,953				
Balance at year end							\$	718,823	
Aggregate Total (4)	\$ —	\$	43,187	\$	29,953	\$ —	\$	718,823	
Deirdre C. Drake							-		
SERP (1)		\$	33,272						
Company contribution									
Total Interest				\$	3,558				
Balance at year end							\$	113,536	
Aggregate Total (4)	\$ —	\$	33,272	\$	3,558	\$	\$	113,536	
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#### Footnotes:

- (1) The NEOs participated in the SERP during 2019.
- (2) Represents deferred salary and/or bonus accounts pursuant to interest-bearing deferred compensation agreements. Pursuant to the deferred compensation agreements, the deferred compensation account is credited with interest compounded monthly, computed at a rate using a Treasury Bond rate plus 1.25 percentage points until the deferred compensation amount is paid to such person.
  - Only Mr. Meyers deferred a portion of his salary and bonus in 2019.
- (3) Represent deferrals of salary and/or bonus, if any. Such amounts can be deferred into an interest account, or the bonus can also be deferred into a deferred compensation stock unit deferral arrangement.
- (4) The following is a summary of the total deferred compensation balances, which include compensation reported in the Summary Compensation Table in 2019 and in years prior to 2019. The below amounts do not include previously reported deferred compensation that has been distributed.

	K	enneth R. Meyers	_	teven T. ampbell	Douglas W. Chambers		Jay M. Ellison					
Aggregate Deferred Balances 12/31/18 (includes amounts reported as compensation in years prior to 2018)	\$	4,231,015	\$	468,595	\$	36,751	\$	195,115	\$	645,683	\$	76,706
Net amount reported in above table for 2019 (includes amounts reported as compensation in 2019)		493,585		64,925		21,138		52,239		73,140		36,830
Aggregate Deferred Balances 12/31/19	\$	4,724,600	\$	533,520	\$	57,889	\$	247,354	\$	718,823	\$	113,536

### **Change in Control**

The following summarizes the change in control provisions of the 2013 LTIP:

Generally, a "change in control" is defined in the 2013 LTIP ("2013 LTIP Change in Control") as: (i) an acquisition by a person or entity of the then outstanding securities of U.S. Cellular (the "Outstanding Voting Securities") having sufficient voting power of all classes of capital stock of U.S. Cellular to elect at least 50% or more of the members of the board of directors or having 50% or more of the combined voting power of the Outstanding Voting Securities entitled to vote generally on matters (without regard to the election of directors), subject to certain exceptions; (ii) unapproved changes in the majority of the members of the board of directors; (iii) certain corporate restructurings, including certain reorganizations, mergers, consolidations or sales or other dispositions of all or substantially all of the assets of U.S. Cellular; or (iv) approval by the shareholders of U.S. Cellular of a plan of complete liquidation or dissolution of U.S. Cellular.

Notwithstanding any other provision in the 2013 LTIP or any agreement, in the event of a 2013 LTIP Change in Control, the board of directors (as constituted prior to the 2013 LTIP Change in Control) may in its discretion, but will not be required to, make such adjustments to outstanding awards under the 2013 LTIP as it deems appropriate, including without limitation, (i) accelerating the vesting or exercisability of some or all outstanding awards, and/or to the extent legally permissible, causing any applicable restriction or performance period to lapse in full or part; (ii) causing any applicable performance measures to be deemed satisfied at the target, maximum or any other level determined by the board of directors (as constituted prior to the 2013 LTIP Change in Control); (iii) requiring that the shares of stock into which Common Shares are converted pursuant to the 2013 LTIP Change in Control be substituted for some or all of the Common Shares subject to outstanding awards, with an appropriate adjustment as determined by the LTICC; and/or (iv) requiring outstanding awards, in whole or part, to be surrendered to U.S. Cellular in exchange for a payment of cash, shares of capital stock of the company resulting from or succeeding to the business of U.S. Cellular in connection with the 2013 LTIP Change in Control, or the parent thereof, or a combination of cash and shares.

### **Table of Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control**

The following table summarizes the estimated payments to be made under each contract, agreement, plan or arrangement which provides for payments to a NEO at, following, or in connection with any termination of employment including by resignation, severance, retirement, disability or a constructive termination of a NEO, or a change in control or a change in the NEO's responsibilities. Also, the following table does not repeat information disclosed above under the Nonqualified Deferred Compensation table or Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End table, except to the extent that the amount payable to the NEO would be enhanced or accelerated by the termination event or change in control.

The following table provides quantitative disclosure, assuming that the triggering event took place on December 31, 2019, the last business day of 2019 and, if applicable, that the price per share of the U.S. Cellular Common Shares was \$36.23, the closing market price as of December 31, 2019.

Additional payments may become due under the 2013 LTIP as a result of the acceleration of the vesting of stock options, performance share units, restricted stock units and/or bonus match units upon the following triggering events: (i) a qualified disability (but not for options granted before March 14, 2016), (ii) death (but not for options granted before March 14, 2016), (iii) a change in control, and (iv) a qualified retirement.

# 2019 Table of Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control

Name	Early Vesting of Options		arly Vesting of Stock Awards	Other	Total
	(a)		(b)		
Kenneth R. Meyers					
One Year of Current Salary as Severance (1)				\$ 1,095,000	\$ 1,095,000
Unvested Stock Awards for 225,310 Common Shares (2)		\$	8,162,981		\$ 8,162,981
Unvested Performance Shares for 286,266 Common Shares (2)		\$	10,371,417		\$ 10,371,417
Aggregate Totals	\$ —	\$	18,534,398	\$ 1,095,000	\$ 19,629,398
Steven T. Campbell					
Unvested Stock Awards for 54,013 Common Shares (2)		\$	1,956,891		\$ 1,956,891
Unvested Performance Shares for 68,765 Common Shares (2)		\$	2,491,356		\$ 2,491,356
Aggregate Totals	\$ —	\$	4,448,247	\$ _	\$ 4,448,247
Douglas W. Chambers					
Unvested Stock Awards for 2,739 Common Shares (2)		\$	99,234		\$ 99,234
Unvested Performance Shares for 4,256 Common Shares (2)		\$	154,195		\$ 154,195
Aggregate Totals	\$ —	\$	253,429	\$ _	\$ 253,429
Jay M. Ellison					
Unvested Stock Awards for 57,012 Common Shares (2)		\$	2,065,545		\$ 2,065,545
Unvested Performance Shares for 72,552 Common Shares (2)		\$	2,628,559		\$ 2,628,559
Aggregate Totals	\$ —	\$	4,694,104	\$ _	\$ 4,694,104
Michael S. Irizarry					
Unvested Stock Awards for 55,471 Common Shares (2)		\$	2,009,714		\$ 2,009,714
Unvested Performance Shares for 70,664 Common Shares (2)		\$	2,560,157		\$ 2,560,157
Aggregate Totals	\$ —	\$	4,569,871	\$ 	\$ 4,569,871
Deirdre C. Drake		_			
Unvested Stock Awards for 32,773 Common Shares (2)		\$	1,187,366		\$ 1,187,366
Unvested Performance Shares for 41,440 Common Shares (2)		\$	1,501,371		\$ 1,501,371
Aggregate Totals	\$ —	\$	2,688,737	\$ _	\$ 2,688,737

<sup>(</sup>a) Represents the maximum potential value of accelerated stock options assuming that a Triggering Event took place on December 31, 2019 and that the price per share of the registrant's securities was \$36.23, the closing market price of U.S. Cellular Common Shares as of December 31, 2019, the last business day of 2019. Includes only the aggregate difference between the exercise price of such stock options and such year-end stock price. No dollar amount is indicated if the exercise price of such stock options exceeded such year-end stock price.

#### Footnotes:

- (1) See Meyers Letter Agreement described in Agreements with Executive Officers.
- (2) Represents unvested restricted stock units, performance share units and any unvested match units.

<sup>(</sup>b) Represents the maximum potential value of accelerated restricted stock units, performance share units and any bonus match units assuming that a Triggering Event took place on December 31, 2019 and that the price per share of the registrant's securities was \$36.23, the closing market price of U.S. Cellular Common Shares as of December 31, 2019.

### **Long Term Incentive Compensation Committee**

The principal functions of the LTICC are to discharge the board of directors' responsibilities relating to the long-term equity-based compensation of the executive officers and other key employees of U.S. Cellular; to perform all functions designated to be performed by a committee of the board of directors under U.S. Cellular's LTIP; to review and recommend to the board of directors the LTIPs for employees of U.S. Cellular (including changes thereto); and to report on long-term equity-based compensation in U.S. Cellular's annual proxy statement or otherwise to the extent required under any applicable rules and regulations. The charter for the LTICC provides that the committee will interpret and administer U.S. Cellular's LTIP, including selecting employees who will be granted awards, establishing performance measures and restriction periods, and determining the form, amount and timing of each grant of an award, the number of shares of stock subject to an award, the purchase price or base price per share of stock associated with an award, the exercise price of an option award, the time and conditions of exercise or settlement of an award and all other terms and conditions of an award.

Under its charter, the LTICC may delegate some or all of its responsibilities and duties with respect to U.S. Cellular's LTIP to the Chairman of U.S. Cellular or any executive officer of U.S. Cellular as the committee deems appropriate, to the extent permitted by law, applicable listing standards and the applicable LTIP, but not regarding any award to officers of U.S. Cellular who are subject to the requirements of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The LTICC has not delegated any authority with respect to the officers identified in the Summary Compensation Table or any other executive officers identified in this 2020 Proxy Statement. The LTICC has delegated authority to the Chairman or the Chairman and the President and CEO of U.S. Cellular only with respect to persons who are not executive officers.

The Chairman, the President and CEO and/or the LTICC may rely on the services of U.S. Cellular's compensation and employee benefits consultant, Willis Towers Watson.

### **Unrealized Components of Compensation**

The compensation reported under "Stock Awards" and "Option Awards" in the Summary Compensation Table represents grant date accounting values as required by SEC rules and does not represent currently realized or realizable compensation. The NEOs will not realize cash from such awards unless and until any stock awards are vested and the shares received upon vesting are sold for cash, or unless and until any stock options become exercisable, are exercised and the shares received upon exercise are sold for cash. There is no assurance that this will occur. In general, awards are subject to a risk of forfeiture and the options will expire if not exercised during their term, which may occur if the stock price does not appreciate and/or remain above the exercise price during the option's term. The compensation actually realized by a NEO may be more or less than the amount reported in the Summary Compensation Table depending on the performance of the U.S. Cellular stock price and other factors. With respect to 2019, the amount of compensation realized by each NEO can be approximated by (i) deducting from the "Total" column in the 2019 Summary Compensation Table the amounts reported in the "Stock Awards" and "Option Awards" columns for such officer, and (ii) adding the values realized in 2019 by such officer from the 2019 Option Exercises and Stock Vested table above. However, other unrealized components of compensation may be included in the Summary Compensation Table, such as retirement plan contributions that are subject to a vesting schedule.

#### **Compensation Consultant**

Willis Towers Watson is U.S. Cellular's compensation consultant and is engaged by U.S. Cellular management. Although Willis Towers Watson is engaged by U.S. Cellular management, it also assists the LTICC with respect to long-term equity-based compensation, and the Chairman, who in effect functions as the compensation committee for executive compensation other than long-term equity-based compensation.

As required by SEC rules, the following discloses the role of Willis Towers Watson in determining or recommending the amount or form of executive officer compensation, the nature and scope of the assignment, and the material elements of the instructions or directions given to Willis Towers Watson with respect to the performance of its duties under its engagement. Willis Towers Watson provides external market compensation data to U.S. Cellular from its executive compensation survey database and, as requested, provides recommendations on the type and amount of compensation to be granted to officers and other award recipients. Willis Towers Watson generally does not provide other services to U.S. Cellular, except as may be requested from time to time with respect to specific matters. Willis Towers Watson did not provide any meaningful amount of other services to U.S. Cellular in 2019.

Willis Towers Watson also provides compensation consulting and other services to U.S. Cellular's parent company, TDS, which are described in the TDS proxy statement. The LTICC has no involvement in these services.

#### **Compensation Consultant Conflicts of Interest**

As required by SEC and NYSE rules, the Chairman and LTICC of U.S. Cellular considered if the work of Willis Towers Watson raised any conflict of interest. Based on their review, it was determined that the work did not raise any conflict of interest considering the factors identified in Rule 10C-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

As indicated under "Compensation Consultant," U.S. Cellular management retained Willis Towers Watson for compensation matters. Neither the U.S. Cellular LTICC nor the Chairman retained any compensation consultant but did receive advice from Willis Towers Watson.

Willis Towers Watson does not provide any advice as to director compensation.

### **Risks from Compensation Policies and Practices**

Based on its assessment in 2019, U.S. Cellular does not believe that its compensation policies and practices risks are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company or that any portion of its compensation policies and practices encourage excessive risk taking. U.S. Cellular's compensation policies and practices have been developed over time with the assistance of Willis Tower Watson.

U.S. Cellular believes that its compensation program does not encourage excessive risk taking for the following reasons:

- Our programs contain a mix of short and long-term compensation.
- A portion of compensation is fixed salary, discouraging any risk taking.
- Bonuses are not derived from a single performance measure which discourages risk taking. Individual and company performance components are utilized.
- Half of target long-term incentive compensation is awarded in restricted stock units which have value, unlike stock options which might be unexercisable due to stock price.
- Half of target long-term incentive compensation is awarded in performance share units, which utilize
  multiple and diverse performance metrics to promote progress toward financial goals. Multiple and diverse
  metrics discourage risk-taking.
- We historically granted stock options with a ten year exercise period, which discourages short-term risk taking.

U.S. Cellular believes there is less risk related to compensation policies and practices for non-executive officers than executive officers.

In general, U.S. Cellular believes that its risks are similar to those at other publicly traded companies. As a wireless company, it also faces risks similar to other companies in the industry.

Another factor anticipated to discourage excessive risk taking is that, depending on the facts and circumstances, U.S. Cellular may seek to adjust or recover awards or payments if the relevant performance measures upon which they are based are restated or otherwise adjusted in a manner that would reduce the size of an award or payment.

### **Compensation of Directors**

The following table shows, as to directors who are not executive officers of U.S. Cellular or TDS, certain information regarding director compensation paid for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019.

## **2019 Director Compensation**

Name	s Earned or id in Cash	Sto	ock Awards	Total				
(a)	(b)	(c)						
Walter C. D. Carlson	\$ 92,250	\$	100,000	\$	192,250			
J. Samuel Crowley	\$ 137,000	\$	100,000	\$	237,000			
Ronald E. Daley	\$ 108,000	\$	100,000	\$	208,000			
Harry J. Harczak, Jr.	\$ 115,500	\$	100,000	\$	215,500			
Gregory P. Josefowicz	\$ 136,500	\$	100,000	\$	236,500			
Cecelia D. Stewart	\$ 131,250	\$	100,000	\$	231,250			

#### **Explanation of Columns:**

(a) Includes each director unless such director is an executive officer whose compensation, including any compensation for service as a director, is fully reflected in the Summary Compensation Table, except for directors who do not receive any compensation directly from U.S. Cellular as discussed in the next paragraph. Accordingly, the above includes only non-employee directors. Directors who are employees of TDS or its subsidiaries do not receive directors' fees or any compensation directly from U.S. Cellular.

In 2019, LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr., Peter L. Sereda, and Kurt B. Thaus did not receive any compensation directly from U.S. Cellular and instead were compensated by TDS in connection with their services as an officer of TDS and TDS subsidiaries, including U.S. Cellular. A portion of their compensation expense incurred by TDS for 2019 was allocated to U.S. Cellular by TDS, along with other expenses of TDS. The allocation by TDS to U.S. Cellular was done in the form of a single allocation of cost pursuant to the Intercompany Agreement discussed below under "Intercompany Agreement." There was no identification or quantification of the compensation of such persons, or of any other allocated expense in this allocation of cost to U.S. Cellular. The allocation of cost was recorded as a single expense by U.S. Cellular. U.S. Cellular did not obtain details of the components that make up this allocation of cost and did not separate any part of the allocation of cost to other accounts such as compensation expense. Accordingly, the compensation expenses incurred by TDS with respect to such persons were not reported in the above table. However, for purposes of disclosure, approximately 64% of the compensation expense incurred by TDS in 2019 with respect to such three persons was included by TDS in the total allocation of cost to U.S. Cellular for 2019. Information with respect to TDS compensation for LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr. and Peter L. Sereda is included in TDS' 2020 proxy statement since each is a NEO of TDS.

- (b) Includes the aggregate dollar amount of all fees earned or paid in cash for services as a director during 2019, including annual retainer fees, committee and/or chairperson fees, and meeting fees.
- (c) The amounts in this column represent the aggregate grant date fair value of the annual stock awards. Pursuant to the terms of the Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors, as amended (see "Narrative Disclosure to Director Compensation Table" below), each non-employee director was entitled to receive an annual stock award having a value of \$100,000 (including cash paid in lieu of any fractional share). Based on the closing price of \$47.09 of a U.S. Cellular Common Share on March 1, 2019, the first trading day in March 2019, a total of 2,123 shares were issued to each of the above directors. The cash amount attributable to the fractional share payable to the non-employee directors is included in the Director Compensation table above in column (b), Fees Earned or Paid in Cash.

### **Narrative Disclosure to Director Compensation Table**

Non-employee directors of U.S. Cellular participate in a compensation plan for non-employee directors (the "Non-Employee Directors' Plan"). A non-employee director is a director who is not an employee of U.S. Cellular, TDS, TDS Telecommunications LLC ("TDS Telecom") or any other subsidiary of TDS. The purpose of the Non-Employee Directors' Plan is to provide appropriate compensation in connection with services of non-employee directors to U.S. Cellular and to ensure that qualified persons serve as non-employee members of our board of directors. The following describes the plan.

Non-employee directors received an annual director's retainer fee of \$80,000 paid in cash and an annual stock award of \$100,000 paid in U.S. Cellular Common Shares.

The annual stock award is distributed in March on or prior to March 15 of each year, for services performed during the 12 month period that commenced on March 1 of the immediately preceding calendar year and ended on the last day of February of the calendar year of payment. The number of shares is determined on the basis of the closing price of U.S. Cellular Common Shares for the first trading day in March of the calendar year of payment.

The Audit Committee Chairperson receives an annual committee retainer fee of \$22,000, while all other Audit committee members receive an annual committee retainer fee of \$11,000.

The LTICC Committee Chairperson receives an annual committee retainer fee of \$14,000, while all other LTICC committee members receive an annual committee retainer fee of \$7,000.

Non-employee directors also receive a meeting fee of \$1,750 for each board or committee meeting attended.

Under the Non-Employee Directors' Plan, annual retainers are paid quarterly in cash along with any board or committee meetings fees for meetings that occurred in the same quarter.

Directors have the authority without further shareholder approval to amend the Non-Employee Directors' Plan from time to time, including amendments to increase the amount of the compensation payable in Common Shares, provided that the total number of Common Shares issued under the plan may not exceed the number previously approved by shareholders.

In 2013, the board of directors and shareholders approved 200,000 Common Shares for issuance pursuant to the Non-Employee Directors' Plan. Of such Common Shares, 95,496 have been issued and 104,504 remain available for issuance as of the proxy date.

Directors are also reimbursed for travel and expenses incurred in attending board and committee meetings, director education and other board or company related matters pursuant to U.S. Cellular's travel and expense reimbursement policy.

None of the non-employee directors had stock awards or stock option awards outstanding at December 31, 2019.

# **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr. is a member of the board of directors of TDS and U.S. Cellular. Mr. Carlson is also the Chairman of U.S. Cellular and, as such, functions as the compensation committee of U.S. Cellular with respect to compensation other than long-term equity-based compensation. He is compensated by TDS for his services to TDS and all of its subsidiaries. However, as discussed above, a portion of Mr. Carlson's compensation paid by TDS is allocated to U.S. Cellular as part of the allocation of cost under the Intercompany Agreement described below. The President and CEO of U.S. Cellular also participates in executive compensation decisions for U.S. Cellular, other than with respect to the compensation of the President and CEO of U.S. Cellular.

Long-term equity-based compensation for executive officers is approved by our LTICC, which currently consists of Gregory P. Josefowicz (Chairperson), J. Samuel Crowley, Ronald E. Daly, and Cecelia D. Stewart. Our LTICC is comprised of members of our board of directors who are independent, as discussed above. None of such persons was, during 2019, an officer or employee of U.S. Cellular or its affiliates, was formerly an officer of U.S. Cellular or its affiliates or had any relationship requiring disclosure by U.S. Cellular under any paragraph of Item 404 of SEC Regulation S-K.

LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr. and Walter C. D. Carlson, directors of U.S. Cellular, are trustees and beneficiaries of the voting trust which controls TDS, which controls U.S. Cellular. See "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" below.

Walter C. D. Carlson is a director and non-executive Chairman of the Board of TDS and a director of U.S. Cellular.

In addition, the following persons had the following relationships at TDS and U.S. Cellular during all or part of 2019:

Kenneth R. Meyers is a director of TDS and is also a director and President and Chief Executive Officer of U.S. Cellular and is compensated by U.S. Cellular. Steven T. Campbell is a director and Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of U.S. Cellular and is compensated by U.S. Cellular.

LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr., Peter L. Sereda and Kurt B. Thaus are U.S. Cellular directors and did not receive any compensation directly from U.S. Cellular in their capacities as directors and/or executive officers of U.S. Cellular in 2019. Such persons were compensated by TDS in connection with their services as officers of TDS and TDS subsidiaries, including U.S. Cellular as applicable. A portion of such persons' compensation expense incurred by TDS was allocated to U.S. Cellular by TDS, along with other expenses of TDS. This allocation by TDS to U.S. Cellular was done in the form of a single allocation of cost pursuant to the Intercompany Agreement discussed below under "Intercompany Agreement." There was no identification or quantification of the compensation of such three persons, or of any other allocated expense in this allocation of cost to U.S. Cellular. The allocation of cost was recorded as a single expense by U.S. Cellular. U.S. Cellular did not obtain details of the components that make up this allocation of cost and did not separate any part of the cost allocation to other accounts such as compensation expense. However, for purposes of disclosure, approximately 64% of the compensation expense incurred by TDS was included in the total allocation of cost to U.S. Cellular for 2019. Douglas W. Chambers was employed by TDS through June 24, 2019 and a portion of his compensation expense was allocated to U.S. Cellular as part of the Intercompany Agreement. Information with respect to TDS compensation for LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr., Douglas W. Chambers and Peter L. Sereda is included in TDS' proxy statement related to its 2020 annual meeting.

# Other Relationships and Related Transactions

U.S. Cellular has entered into a number of arrangements and transactions with TDS. Some of these arrangements were established at a time prior to our initial public offering when TDS owned more than 90% of our outstanding capital stock and were not the result of arm's length negotiations. There can be no assurance that such arrangements will continue or that the terms of such arrangements will not be modified in the future. If additional transactions occur in the future, there can be no assurance that the terms of such future transactions will be favorable to us or will continue to provide us with the same level of support for our financing and other needs as TDS has provided in the past. The principal arrangements that exist between U.S. Cellular and TDS and the amounts paid by U.S. Cellular to TDS in 2019 are summarized below.

### **Exchange Agreement**

U.S. Cellular and TDS are parties to an Exchange Agreement dated July 1, 1987, as amended as of April 7, 1988.

Common Share Purchase Rights; Potential Dilution. The Exchange Agreement granted TDS the right to purchase additional Common Shares of U.S. Cellular sold after our initial public offering, to the extent necessary for TDS to maintain its proportionate interest in our Common Shares. For purposes of calculating TDS' proportionate interest in our Common Shares, the Series A Common Shares are treated as if converted into Common Shares. Upon notice to U.S. Cellular, TDS is entitled to subscribe to each issuance in full or in part at its discretion. If TDS decides to waive, in whole or in part, one or more of its purchase opportunities, the number of Common Shares subject to purchase as a result of subsequent issuances will be reduced.

If TDS elects to exercise its purchase rights, it is required to pay cash for all Common Shares issued to it by us, unless otherwise agreed. In the case of sales by us of Common Shares for cash, TDS is required to pay the same price per Common Share as the other buyers. In the case of sales for consideration other than cash, TDS is required to pay cash equal to the fair market value of such other consideration as determined by our board of directors. Depending on the price per Common Share paid by TDS upon exercise of these rights, the issuance of Common Shares by us pursuant thereto could have a dilutive effect on our other shareholders. The purchase rights described above are in addition to the preemptive rights granted to TDS as a holder of Series A Common Shares under our Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended.

Funding of License Costs. Through the date of our initial public offering, TDS had funded or made provisions to fund all the legal, engineering and consulting expenses incurred in connection with the wireline application and settlement process and that portion of the price of cellular interests acquired by purchase that represented the cost of cellular licenses. Pursuant to the Exchange Agreement, TDS has agreed to fund as an additional capital contribution, without the issuance of additional stock or the payment of any other consideration to TDS, additional costs associated with the acquisition of the additional cellular interests that we had a right to acquire at the time of the initial public offering. Through 2019, TDS has funded approximately \$67 million in license costs. TDS is obligated under the Exchange Agreement to make additional capital contributions to us under certain circumstances. Currently, TDS has no obligations with respect to additional capital contributions.

RSA Rights. Under the Exchange Agreement: (a) TDS retained all of its rights to file applications for and obtain the wireline licenses to operate cellular systems in Rural Service Areas ("RSAs"); (b) TDS retained the right to exchange these RSA rights for additional interests in cellular systems in which we have an interest or interests in cellular systems within the same or other Metropolitan Statistical Areas ("MSAs") or in RSAs; (c) TDS retained the right to acquire telephone, paging or other non-cellular companies with interests in cellular systems; (d) TDS retained the right to acquire interests in RSAs in which we indicated we did not desire to participate; and (e) the rights referred to in (a), (b), (c) and (d) above were to remain the property of TDS unless transferred to us for appropriate consideration.

Right of Negotiation. If TDS desires to sell certain of its RSA interests, TDS is required to give us the opportunity to negotiate for such interest, subject to TDS being legally able to transfer the interest free of any restrictions on its sale or transfer. If we desire to purchase any interest so offered, TDS is required to negotiate with us concerning the terms and conditions of the transaction, including the price and the method of payment. If we are unable to agree with TDS on the terms and conditions of the transaction during a 60-day negotiation period, TDS would thereafter be under no obligation to offer the interest to us, except if TDS proposed to sell the interest within a year after the end of the negotiation period at a price equal to or lower than our highest written offer during the negotiation period. In such case, we would have the right to purchase the interest at that price.

Corporate Opportunity Arrangements. Our Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, provides that, so long as at least 500,000 U.S. Cellular Series A Common Shares are outstanding, we may not, without the written consent of TDS, engage in any non-cellular activities. We have been informed that TDS intends to give its consent to the acquisition of any non-cellular interest that is incidental to the acquisition of a cellular interest. However, TDS could impose conditions on any such consent, including a requirement that we resell any non-cellular interest to TDS or that we give TDS the right of first refusal with respect to such sale.

Our Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, also restricts the circumstances under which we are entitled to claim that an opportunity, transaction, agreement or other arrangement to which TDS, or any person in which TDS has or acquires a financial interest, is or should be deemed to be a "corporate opportunity" of U.S. Cellular. In general, so long as at least 500,000 U.S. Cellular Series A Common Shares are outstanding, we will not be entitled to any such "corporate opportunity" unless it relates solely to the construction of, the ownership of interests in, and/or the management of, cellular telephone systems, and then only if such corporate opportunity did not arise in any way as a result of the rights otherwise retained by TDS. Our Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, allows us to pursue future opportunities to provide cellular service and design, consulting, engineering and construction management services for cellular telecommunications systems located outside the United States. The foregoing provisions are also included in the Exchange Agreement.

# **Tax Allocation Agreement**

We have entered into a Tax Allocation Agreement with TDS under which we have agreed to join in filing consolidated Federal income tax returns with the TDS affiliated group unless TDS requests otherwise. Pursuant to such agreement, TDS files Federal income tax returns and pays Federal income taxes for all members of the TDS consolidated group, including U.S. Cellular and its subsidiaries. U.S. Cellular and its subsidiaries pay TDS for Federal taxes based on the amount they would pay if they were filing a separate return as their own affiliated group and were not included in the TDS affiliated group. Any deficiency in tax thereafter proposed by the Internal Revenue Service for any consolidated return year that involves income, deductions or credits of U.S. Cellular or its subsidiaries, and any claim for refund of tax for any consolidated return year that involves such items, will be contested or prosecuted at the sole discretion of TDS and at our expense. To the extent that any deficiency in tax or refund of tax is finally determined to be attributable to the income, deductions or credits of U.S. Cellular, such deficiency or refund will be payable by or to us. Under the Tax Allocation Agreement, U.S. Cellular paid \$71 million to TDS, net of refunds from TDS, for federal income taxes in 2019.

If we cease to be a member of the TDS affiliated group, and for a subsequent year U.S. Cellular and its subsidiaries are required to pay a greater amount of Federal income tax than we would have paid if we had not been members of the TDS affiliated group after June 30, 1987, TDS will reimburse us for the excess amount of tax, without interest. In determining the amount of reimbursement, any profits or losses from new business activities acquired by us or our subsidiaries after we leave the TDS affiliated group will be disregarded. No reimbursement will be required if fewer than 500,000 U.S. Cellular Series A Common Shares are outstanding. In addition, reimbursement will not be required on account of the income of any subsidiary of U.S. Cellular if (i) more than 50% of the value of the assets of such subsidiary, or (ii) more than 50% of the voting power in the election of directors of such subsidiary, is held by a person or group other than a person or group owning more than 50% of the voting power in the election of directors of TDS.

Rules similar to those described above will be applied to any state or local franchise or income tax liabilities to which TDS and U.S. Cellular and their subsidiaries are subject and which are required to be determined on a unitary, combined or consolidated basis. Under such rules, U.S. Cellular paid \$7 million to TDS, net of refunds from TDS, for such taxes in 2019.

### **Cash Management Agreement**

We deposit our excess cash with TDS for investment under TDS' cash management program pursuant to the terms of a cash management and investment services agreement. Such deposits are available to us on demand and earn daily investment earnings based on our invested balance. Funds are invested in investments with the objective to preserve capital, provide adequate liquidity and earn a competitive rate of return.

### **Intercompany Agreement**

In order to provide for certain transactions and relationships between the parties, U.S. Cellular and TDS have entered into an Intercompany Agreement, providing among other things, as follows:

Services. U.S. Cellular and TDS make available to each other from time to time services relating to operations, marketing, human resources, accounting, customer services, customer billing, finance, and general administration, among others. Unless otherwise provided by written agreement, services provided by TDS or any of its subsidiaries are charged and paid for in conformity with the customary practices of TDS for charging TDS subsidiaries. Payments by us to TDS, and TDS affiliates, for such services totaled \$63 million in 2019. For services provided to TDS, we receive payment for the salaries of our employees and agents assigned to render such services (plus 40% of the cost of such salaries in respect of overhead) for the time spent rendering such services, plus out-of-pocket expenses. Payments by TDS to us for such services were nominal in 2019.

Equipment and Materials. We purchase materials and equipment from TDS and its subsidiaries on the same basis as materials and equipment are purchased by any TDS affiliate from another TDS affiliate. Purchases by us from TDS affiliates totaled \$13 million in 2019.

Accountants and Legal Counsel. We have agreed to engage the firm of independent registered public accountants selected by TDS for purposes of auditing our financial statements, including the financial statements of our direct and indirect subsidiaries, and providing certain other services. We have also agreed that, in any case where legal counsel is to be engaged to represent the parties for any purpose, TDS has the right to select the counsel to be engaged, which may be the same counsel selected to represent TDS unless such counsel deems there to be a conflict. If we use the same counsel as TDS, each of U.S. Cellular and TDS is responsible for the portion of the fees and expenses of such counsel determined by such counsel to be allocable to each.

Indemnification. We have agreed to indemnify TDS against certain losses, claims, damages or liabilities, including those arising out of: (1) the conduct of our business (except where the loss, claim, damage or liability arises principally from TDS' gross negligence or willful misconduct); and (2) any inaccurate representation or breach of warranty under the Intercompany Agreement.

Disposal of Company Securities. TDS will not dispose of any of our securities held by it if such disposition would result in the loss of any license or other authorization held by us and such loss would have a material adverse effect on us.

*Transfer of Assets.* Without the prior written consent of TDS, we may not transfer (by sale, merger or otherwise) more than 15% of our consolidated assets unless the transferee agrees to become subject to the Intercompany Agreement.

## Registration Rights Agreement; Other Sales of Common Shares

Under a Registration Rights Agreement, we have agreed, upon the request of TDS, to file one or more registration statements under the Securities Act of 1933 or take other appropriate action under the laws of foreign jurisdictions in order to permit TDS to offer and sell, domestically or abroad, any of our debt or equity securities that TDS may hold at any time. TDS will pay all costs relating thereto and any underwriting discounts and commissions relating to any such offering, except that we will pay the fees of any counsel, accountants, trustees, transfer agents or other agents retained by U.S. Cellular in connection therewith. TDS has the right to select the counsel we retain to assist it to fulfill any of its obligations under the Registration Rights Agreement.

There is no limitation on the number or frequency of the occasions on which TDS may exercise its registration rights, except that we will not be required to comply with any registration request unless, in the case of a class of equity securities, the request involves at least the lesser of 1,000,000 shares or 1% of the total number of shares of such class then outstanding, or, in the case of a class of debt securities, the principal amount of debt securities covered by the request is at least \$5,000,000. We have also granted TDS the right to include our securities owned by TDS in certain registration statements covering offerings by us and will pay all costs of such offerings other than incremental costs attributable to the inclusion of our securities owned by TDS in such registration statements.

We will indemnify TDS and its officers, directors and controlling persons against certain liabilities arising under the laws of any country in respect of any registration or other offering covered by the Registration Rights Agreement. We have the right to require TDS to delay any exercise by TDS of its rights to require registration and other actions for a period of up to 90 days if, in our judgment, any offering by us then being conducted or about to be conducted would be materially adversely affected. TDS has further agreed that it will not include any of our securities owned by TDS in any registration statement filed by us which, in the judgment of the managing underwriters, would materially adversely affect any offering by us. The rights of TDS under the Registration Rights Agreement are transferable to non-affiliates of TDS.

# **Insurance Cost Sharing Agreement**

Pursuant to an Insurance Cost Sharing Agreement, we and our officers, directors and employees are afforded coverage under certain insurance policies purchased by TDS. A portion of the premiums payable under each such policy is allocated by TDS to us on the same basis as premiums were allocated before the Insurance Cost Sharing Agreement was entered into, if the policies are the same as or similar to the policies in effect before the Insurance Cost Sharing Agreement was entered into, or on such other reasonable basis as TDS may select from time to time. If TDS decides to change the allocation of premiums at any time, TDS will consult with us before the change is made, but the decision as to whether to make the change will be in the reasonable discretion of TDS. We believe that the amounts payable by us under the Insurance Cost Sharing Agreement are generally more favorable than the premiums we would pay if we were to obtain coverage under separate policies. Payments made by U.S. Cellular to TDS under the Insurance Cost Sharing Agreement totaled \$6 million in 2019.

# **Employee Benefit Plans Agreement**

Under an Employee Benefit Plans Agreement, our employees participate in certain TDS-sponsored employee benefit plans. We reimburse TDS for the costs associated with such participation. Payments made by U.S. Cellular to TDS under the Employee Benefit Plans Agreement were less than \$1 million in 2019.

#### **Certain Relationships and Related Transactions**

In addition to the foregoing, U.S. Cellular may from time to time enter into certain arrangements and transactions with subsidiaries of TDS, including TDS Telecom, which includes Wireline and Cable segments, and subsidiaries included in TDS' Non-Reportable Segment, including Hosted and Managed Services (HMS) and Suttle-Straus, Inc. ("Suttle-Straus"), which provides printing and distribution services. The following describes certain relationships and related transactions between such TDS subsidiaries and U.S. Cellular since the beginning of 2019:

The following persons are partners of Sidley Austin LLP, the principal law firm of U.S. Cellular, TDS and their subsidiaries: Walter C. D. Carlson, a trustee and beneficiary of the voting trust that controls TDS, which controls U.S. Cellular, the non-executive Chairman of the Board and member of the board of directors of TDS and a director of U.S. Cellular; and Stephen P. Fitzell, the General Counsel and an Assistant Secretary of TDS and U.S. Cellular and certain other subsidiaries of TDS. Walter C. D. Carlson does not provide legal services to U.S. Cellular, TDS or their subsidiaries. U.S. Cellular and its subsidiaries incurred legal costs from Sidley Austin LLP of \$7 million in 2019, \$5 million in 2018, and \$7 million in 2017.

The Audit Committee of the board of directors is generally responsible for the review and evaluation of all related party transactions, as such term is defined by the rules of the NYSE, except to the extent that the board of directors authorizes another committee to review specific related party transactions. In April 2019, a subsidiary of U.S. Cellular, of which TDS owns 14.286%, sold an FCC wireless license to a wholly-owned subsidiary of U.S. Cellular for \$3.3 million. This transaction was reviewed by the audit committees of both U.S. Cellular and TDS.

Other than as described above, U.S. Cellular has no related party policies or procedures relating to (i) the types of transactions that are covered by such policies or procedures; (ii) the standards to be applied pursuant to such policies and procedures; or (iii) the persons or groups of persons on the board of directors or otherwise who are responsible for applying such policies and procedures, and U.S. Cellular does not maintain any written document evidencing such policies and procedures.

# SECURITIES AUTHORIZED FOR ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS

The following table provides information as of December 31, 2019 regarding U.S. Cellular Common Shares that may be issued under equity compensation plans currently maintained by U.S. Cellular.

Plan Category	(a)  Number of securities to be issued upon the exercise of outstanding options and rights	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders(1)	3,200,410	\$42.20	7,402,378
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	_	_	_
TOTAL	3,200,410	\$42.20	7,402,378

<sup>(</sup>a) Represents the number of securities to be issued upon the exercise of outstanding options or pursuant to unvested restricted stock units, unvested performance share units, and vested and unvested deferred compensation stock units.

#### Footnotes:

(1) This includes the following plans that have been approved by U.S. Cellular shareholders:

Plan	Number of securities to be issued upon the exercise of outstanding options and rights		Total	
Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan		123,428	123,428	
2005 LTIP	47,761	_	47,761	
2013 LTIP	3,152,649	7,278,950	10,431,599	
TOTAL	3,200,410	7,402,378	10,602,788	

The above is based on information as of December 31, 2019 and does not reflect any changes or additions after that date.

See Note 17—Stock-Based Compensation, in the notes to the consolidated financial statements included as Exhibit 13 to the U.S. Cellular Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019, for additional information about the Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan, the 2005 LTIP, and the 2013 LTIP.

#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

### U.S. Cellular

On February 28, 2020, there were outstanding 53,083,163 Common Shares, par value \$1.00 per share (excluding 1,985,056 Common Shares held by U.S. Cellular and a subsidiary of U.S. Cellular), and 33,005,877 Series A Common Shares, par value \$1.00 per share, representing a total of 86,089,040 shares of common stock. As of February 28, 2020. The voting power of the Series A Common Shares with respect to matters other than the election of directors was 330,058,770 and the total voting power of all outstanding shares of capital stock was 383,141,933 votes, as of February 28, 2020.

# Security Ownership of U.S. Cellular by Certain Beneficial Owners

The following table sets forth, as of February 28, 2020, or the latest practicable date, information regarding the person(s) who beneficially owned more than 5% of any class of our voting securities.

Shareholder's Name and Address	U.S. Cellular Title of Class or Series	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership(1)	Percent of Class or Series	Percent of Shares of Common Stock	Percent of Voting Power(2)
Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. 30 North LaSalle Street	Common Shares	37,782,826	71.2%	43.9%	9.9%
Chicago, Illinois 60602	Series A Common Shares(3)	33,005,877	100.0%	38.3%	86.1%
	Total	70,788,703	N/A	82.2%	96.0%
GAMCO Investors, Inc. (4)					
One Corporate Center Rye, NY 10580	Common Shares	2,868,512	5.4%	3.3%	*

<sup>\*</sup> Less than 1%

- (1) The nature of beneficial ownership is sole voting and investment power unless otherwise specified.
- (2) Represents voting power in matters other than the election of directors.
- (3) The Series A Common Shares are convertible on a share-for-share basis into Common Shares. The above numbers of shares and percentages do not assume conversion because TDS has advised U.S. Cellular that it has no present intention of converting its Series A Common Shares.
- (4) Based on the most recent Schedule 13D (Amendment No. 13) filed with the SEC, GAMCO Investors, Inc. and its affiliates including GAMCO Asset Management, Inc., report sole voting authority with respect to an aggregate of 2,758,312 Common Shares and sole investment authority with respect to an aggregate of 2,868,512 Common Shares.

# Security Ownership of U.S. Cellular by Directors and Management

The table includes the number of shares which Directors or Named Executive Officers have the right to acquire or that become vested within 60 days of February 28, 2020, including options, restricted stock units, performance share units, vested deferred compensation stock units, and shares issuable under the Non-Employee Directors' Plan.

The ownership is as of February 28, 2020 or the latest practicable date.

Name of Individual or Number of Persons in Group	U.S. Cellular Title of Class or Series	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership(1)	Percent of Class or Series	Percent of Shares of Common Stock	Percent of Voting Power(2)
LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr.	Common Shares		_		
Walter C. D. Carlson(5)	Common Shares	27,940	*	*	*
Kenneth R. Meyers(3)(4)	Common Shares	434,050	*	*	*
J. Samuel Crowley(5)	Common Shares	5,277	*	*	*
Ronald E. Daly(5)	Common Shares	5,076	*	*	*
Harry J. Harczak, Jr.(5)	Common Shares	10,732	*	*	*
Gregory P. Josefowicz(5)	Common Shares	17,821	*	*	*
Cecelia D. Stewart(5)	Common Shares	15,987	*	*	*
Steven T. Campbell(3)(4)	Common Shares	67,304	*	*	*
Peter L. Sereda	Common Shares	_	_	_	_
Kurt B. Thaus	Common Shares	_	_	_	_
Douglas W. Chambers (3)	Common Shares	_	_	_	_
Deirdre C. Drake(3)(4)	Common Shares	21,213	*	*	*
Jay M. Ellison(3)(4)	Common Shares	64,815	*	*	*
Michael S. Irizarry(3)(4)	Common Shares	63,360	*	*	*
All directors and executive officers as a group (15 persons)(5)(6)	Common Shares	733,575	1.4%	*	*

<sup>\*</sup> Less than 1%

- (1) The nature of beneficial ownership is sole voting and investment power unless otherwise specified. Except with respect to customary brokerage agreement terms, none of the above shares is pledged as security, unless otherwise specified. Includes Common Shares as to which voting and/or investment power is shared and/or shares held by spouse and/or children.
- (2) Represents the percent of voting power in matters other than the election of directors.
- (3) Includes the following number of Common Shares that may be acquired pursuant to stock options which are currently vested or will vest within 60 days after February 28, 2020: Kenneth R. Meyers, 193,766 Common Shares; Steven T. Campbell, -0- Common Shares; Douglas W. Chambers, -0- Common Shares; Jay M. Ellison, 18,996 Common Shares; Michael S. Irizarry, 18,683 Common Shares; and Deirdre C. Drake, -0- Common Shares.
  - Includes the following number of Restricted Stock Units that are vesting within 60 days after February 28, 2020: Kenneth R. Meyers, 75,543 Common Shares; Steven T. Campbell, 18,986 Common Shares; Douglas W. Chambers, -0- Common Shares; Jay M. Ellison, 19,850 Common Shares; Michael S. Irizarry, 19,559 Common Shares; and Deirdre C. Drake, 9,044 Common Shares.
- (4) Includes the following number of Performance Share Units that are vesting within 60 days after February 28, 2020: Kenneth R. Meyers, 97,013 Common Shares; Steven T. Campbell, 24,383 Common Shares; Douglas W. Chambers, 0 Common Shares; Jay M. Ellison, 25,491 Common Shares; Michael S. Irizarry, 25,118 Common Shares; and Deirdre C. Drake, 11,615 Common Shares.
- (5) Includes 3,154 Common Shares earned pursuant to the Non-Employee Directors' Plan as of February 28, 2020 that were issued in March 2020 since they were issuable within 60 days after February 28, 2020.
- (6) Includes 231,415 Common Shares, 142,982 Restricted Stock Units and 183,620 Performance Share Units that are subject to vesting within 60 days after February 28, 2020 by all directors and executive officers as a group.

#### **TDS**

Several of our officers and directors also indirectly hold ownership interests in U.S. Cellular by virtue of their ownership of the capital stock of TDS.

#### Description of TDS Securities

On February 28, 2020, TDS had outstanding and entitled to vote 107,588,070 Common Shares, par value \$.01 per share ("TDS Common Shares") (excluding 18,085,361 TDS Common Shares held by TDS), and 7,233,759 Series A Common Shares, par value \$.01 per share ("TDS Series A Common Shares") (collectively representing a total of 114,821,829 shares of common stock).

In matters other than the election of directors, each of the TDS Series A Common Shares is entitled to ten votes and each of the TDS Common Shares is entitled to a vote per share that floats. The total voting power of the TDS Series A Common Shares was 72,337,590 votes at February 28, 2020 with respect to matters other than the election of directors. The total voting power of the TDS Common Shares was 55,206,559 votes at February 28, 2020 with respect to matters other than the election of directors. The total voting power of all outstanding shares of all classes of capital stock was 127,544,149 votes at February 28, 2020 with respect to matters other than the election of directors.

# Beneficial Ownership of TDS by Directors and Executive Officers of U.S. Cellular

The following table sets forth as of February 28, 2020, or the latest practicable date, the number of TDS Common Shares and TDS Series A Common Shares beneficially owned, and the percentage of the outstanding shares of each such class so owned, by each director of U.S. Cellular, by each of the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table and by all directors and executive officers of U.S. Cellular as a group. If a class of common stock is not indicated for an individual or group, no shares of such class are beneficially owned by such individual or group. For purposes of the following tables, includes the number of shares which Directors or Executive Officers have the right to acquire or that become vested within 60 days of February 28, 2020, including options, restricted stock units, performance share units, vested deferred compensation stock units, and shares issuable under the Non-Employee Directors' Plan.

Name of Individual or Number of Persons in Group	Title of Class or Series	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership(1)	Percent of Class or Series	Percent of Shares of Common Stock	Percent of Voting Power(2)
Trustees of TDS Voting Trust: LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr., Walter C. D. Carlson, Letitia G. Carlson, M.D. and					
Prudence E. Carlson(3)	TDS Common Shares	6,226,808	5.8%	5.4%	2.5%
	TDS Series A Common Shares	6,926,300	95.7%	6.0%	54.3%
LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr.(4)(5)(6)	TDS Common Shares	1,628,128	1.5%	1.4%	*
	TDS Series A Common Shares	22,080	*	*	*
Walter C. D. Carlson(4)(5)(7)	TDS Common Shares	57,830	*	*	*
	TDS Series A Common Shares	1,218	*	*	*
Kenneth R. Meyers(6)	TDS Common Shares	79,289	*	*	*
J. Samuel Crowley	TDS Common Shares	_	_	_	_
Ronald E. Daly	TDS Common Shares	_	_	_	_
Harry J. Harczak, Jr.	TDS Common Shares	_	_	_	_
Gregory P. Josefowicz	TDS Common Shares	_	_	_	_
Cecelia D. Stewart	TDS Common Shares	_	_	_	_
Steven T. Campbell	TDS Common Shares	_	_	_	_
Peter L. Sereda(6)	TDS Common Shares	259,719	*	*	*
Kurt B. Thaus(6)	TDS Common Shares	23,442	*	*	*
Douglas W. Chambers(6)	TDS Common Shares	29,797			
Deirdre C. Drake	TDS Common Shares	_	_	_	_
Jay M. Ellison	TDS Common Shares	_	_	_	_
Michael S. Irizarry	TDS Common Shares	_	_	_	_
All directors and executive officers as a group					
(16 persons)(6)(7)	TDS Common Shares	8,305,013	7.6%	7.1%	3.3%
	TDS Series A Common Shares	6,949,598	96.1%	6.1%	54.5%

<sup>\*</sup> Less Than 1%

<sup>(1)</sup> The nature of beneficial ownership is sole voting and investment power, except as otherwise set forth in these footnotes. Except with respect to customary brokerage agreement terms, none of the above shares are pledged as security, unless otherwise specified. Includes shares as to which voting and/or investment power is shared, and/or shares held by spouse and/or children.

<sup>(2)</sup> Represents the percent of voting power in matters other than the election of directors.

- The shares listed are held by the persons named as trustees under the TDS Voting Trust which expires on June 30, 2035, created to facilitate long-standing relationships among the trust certificate holders. The trustees share voting and investment power. The address of the trustees of the TDS Voting Trust in their capacities as such is c/o LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr., Telephone and Data Systems, Inc., 30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 4000, Chicago, IL 60602. Under the terms of the TDS Voting Trust, the trustees hold and vote the TDS Common Shares and TDS Series A Common Shares held in the trust. If the TDS Voting Trust were terminated, the following individuals, directly or indirectly with their spouses, would each be deemed to own beneficially more than 5% of the outstanding TDS Series A Common Shares: LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr., Walter C. D. Carlson, Prudence E. Carlson and Letitia G. Carlson, M.D. The above numbers of shares and percentages do not assume conversion of the TDS Series A Common Shares because the trustees have advised TDS that the TDS Voting Trust has no current intention of converting its TDS Series A Common Shares.
- (4) Does not include TDS Common Shares held in the Voting Trust for the benefit of director, his/her family members, family trusts or other accounts: LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr. (1,868,068) and Walter C. D. Carlson (1,970,634).
  - Includes TDS Common Shares held outside the Voting Trust by family members or trusts which director disclaims beneficial ownership: LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr. (83,229).
- (5) Does not include TDS Series A Common Shares held in the Voting Trust for the benefit of director, his/her family members, family trusts or other accounts: LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr. (2,035,638) and Walter C. D. Carlson (2,281,267).
- Includes the following number of TDS Common Shares that may be acquired pursuant to stock options and/or restricted stock units which are currently vested or will vest within 60 days after February 28, 2019: LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr., 1,240,100 shares; Kenneth R. Meyers, -0- shares; Douglas W. Chambers 27,836 shares; Peter L. Sereda, 238,696 shares; Kurt B. Thaus, 7,616 shares; and all directors and executive officers as a group, 1,514,248 shares. Includes the following number of Common Shares underlying vested deferred compensation stock units: LeRoy T. Carlson, Jr., 56,011 shares; Kenneth R. Meyers, 39,954 shares; Douglas W. Chambers, -0-shares; Peter L. Sereda, -0- shares; Kurt B. Thaus, -0- shares; and all directors and executive officers as a group, 95,965 shares.
- (7) Includes 4,805 TDS Common Shares earned pursuant to the TDS Non-Employee Directors' Plan as of February 28, 2020 that were issued in March 2020.

### Security Ownership by Certain Beneficial Owners

In addition to persons listed in the preceding table and the footnotes thereto, the following table sets forth as of February 28, 2020, or the latest practicable date, information regarding each person who is known to TDS to own beneficially more than 5% of any class of voting securities of TDS, based on publicly available information and TDS' stock records. Some of the information below is based on reports filed by the below shareholders reporting TDS shares held as of December 31, 2019 and, in the absence of any SEC filings indicating otherwise, it was assumed that there was no change to such information between year-end and February 28, 2020.

Shareholder's Name and Address	Title of Class or Series	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership(1)	Percent of Class or Series	Percent of Shares of Common Stock	Percent of Voting Power(2)
BlackRock, Inc. 55 East 52nd Street New York, NY 10022(3)	TDS Common Shares	15,384,169	14.3%	13.4%	6.2%
State Street Corporation One Lincoln Street Boston, MA 02111(4)	TDS Common Shares	10,957,063	10.2%	9.5%	4.4%
The Vanguard Group 100 Vanguard Blvd. Malvern, PA 19355 (5)	TDS Common Shares	9,992,713	9.3%	8.7%	4.0%
Dimensional Fund Advisors LP Building One 6300 Bee Cave Road Austin, TX 78746(6)	TDS Common Shares	8,149,340	7.6%	7.1%	3.3%

<sup>(1)</sup> The nature of beneficial ownership for shares in this column is sole voting and investment power, except as otherwise set forth in these footnotes.

<sup>(2)</sup> Represents voting power in matters other than the election of directors.

<sup>(3)</sup> Based on the most recent Schedule 13G (Amendment No. 11) filed with the SEC, BlackRock, Inc. and its affiliates report sole voting authority with respect to an aggregate of 14,252,047 Common Shares, and sole investment authority with respect to an aggregate of 15,384,169 Common Shares.

<sup>(4)</sup> Based on the most recent Schedule 13G filed with the SEC, State Street Corporation reports shared investment authority with respect to an aggregate of 10,957,063 Common Shares and shared voting authority with respect to 10,738,555 TDS Common Shares.

- (5) Based on the most recent Schedule 13G (Amendment No. 7) filed with the SEC, The Vanguard Group reports sole voting authority with respect to 51,462 Common Shares, shared voting power with respect to 17,576 Common Shares, sole investment authority with respect to 9,937,350 Common Shares, and shared investment authority with respect to 55,363 Common Shares.
- (6) Based on the most recent Schedule 13G (Amendment No. 3) filed with the SEC, Dimensional Fund Advisors LP reports sole voting authority with respect to an aggregate of 8,030,778 Common Shares, and sole investment authority with respect to an aggregate of 8,149,340 Common Shares.

#### CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

See "Executive and Director Compensation—Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation" and "—Other Relationships and Related Transactions" above.

# SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

Pursuant to SEC Rule 14a-8, proposals of shareholders intended to be included in U.S. Cellular's proxy statement and form of proxy relating to the 2021 Annual Meeting must be received by U.S. Cellular at its principal executive offices not later than December 8, 2020.

In addition, pursuant to U.S. Cellular's bylaws, proposals by shareholders intended to be presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting (other than proposals submitted pursuant to SEC Rule 14a-8), must be received by U.S. Cellular at its principal executive offices not earlier than December 8, 2020 and not later than January 7, 2021 for consideration at the 2021 Annual Meeting and must otherwise comply with the procedures set for in U.S. Cellular's Bylaws.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

The board of directors has no knowledge of any other proposals that may be properly presented at the Annual Meeting and no other proposals were received by U.S. Cellular by the date specified by the advance notice provision in U.S. Cellular's Bylaws. The proxy solicited by the board of directors for 2020 Annual Meeting confers discretionary authority to the proxies named herein to vote on matters that may properly come before such meeting or any postponement, adjournment or recess thereof, in additional to the foregoing proposals, the extent permitted by Rule 14a-4(c) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. If the meeting is adjourned or postponed, the named proxies can vote such shares at the adjournment or postponement.

### **SOLICITATION OF PROXIES**

Proxies are being solicited by your board of directors and its agents, and the cost of solicitation will be paid by U.S. Cellular. Officers, directors and regular employees of U.S. Cellular, acting on behalf of the U.S. Cellular board of directors, may also solicit proxies by mail, email, advertisement, telephone, press release, employee communication, postings on U.S. Cellular's Internet website and Intranet website or in person. We will not pay such person's additional compensation for their proxy solicitation efforts. U.S. Cellular will, at its expense, request brokers and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries to forward proxy soliciting material to the beneficial owners of shares held of record by such persons. U.S. Cellular's parent, TDS, has also retained MacKenzie Partners, Inc. to assist in the solicitation of proxies. The standard fee charged by MacKenzie Partners, Inc. to TDS for proxy solicitation in connection with an uncontested annual meeting is \$12,500 plus reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses.

#### FINANCIAL AND OTHER INFORMATION

We will furnish you or any shareholder as of the record date without charge a copy of our Form 10-K Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2019, including the financial statements and the schedules thereto, upon written or oral request, and will provide copies of the exhibits to any such documents upon payment of a reasonable fee that will not exceed our reasonable expenses incurred in connection therewith. Requests for such materials should be directed to United States Cellular Corporation, c/o Telephone and Data Systems, Inc., 30 North LaSalle Street, 40th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60602, Attention: Investor Relations, telephone (312) 630-1900.

In addition, to the extent that, as permitted by SEC rules, U.S. Cellular delivers only one copy of an annual report to shareholders, proxy statement or notice of Internet availability of proxy materials to an address that is shared by separate persons who are shareholders (addressed to such shareholders as a group), U.S. Cellular shall deliver promptly additional copies of any of such documents without charge to any shareholder located at such shared address upon written or oral request by such shareholder. Requests should be directed as indicated in the preceding paragraph.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

It is not anticipated that any action will be asked of the shareholders other than those set forth above, but if other matters are properly brought before the 2020 Annual Meeting, the persons named in the proxy will vote in accordance with their best judgment.

By order of the Board of Directors

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Vice President—Corporate Relations and Corporate Secretary

All shareholders are urged to sign, date and mail their proxy card promptly or vote on the Internet in accordance with the instructions set forth on the proxy card