

SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO INC
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FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2007

Commission file number 0-24710

SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

52-1700207

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

1221 Avenue of the Americas, 36th Floor

New York, New York 10020

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

212-584-5100

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 12b-2).

Large Accelerated Filer

Accelerated Filer

Non-Accelerated Filer

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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

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Common Stock, \$0.001 par value
(Class)

1,469,150,886 shares
(Outstanding as of October 30, 2007)

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SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(In Thousands, except per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Revenue:				
Subscriber revenue, including effects of mail-in rebates	\$ 226,844	\$ 155,372	\$ 627,275	\$ 408,194
Advertising revenue, net of agency fees	8,524	7,130	24,422	22,593
Equipment revenue	6,290	3,579	17,216	10,367
Other revenue	128	1,032	3,337	2,701
Total revenue	241,786	167,113	672,250	443,855
Operating expenses (excludes depreciation shown separately below) (1):				
Cost of services:				
Satellite and transmission	7,409	7,580	22,732	34,279
Programming and content	59,015	71,654	173,324	440,010
Revenue share and royalties	32,978	18,371	89,953	48,856
Customer service and billing	21,058	16,822	64,529	50,550
Cost of equipment	8,460	6,196	26,388	13,128
Sales and marketing	36,114	38,590	119,890	125,902
Subscriber acquisition costs	101,798	79,812	307,580	329,418
General and administrative	44,837	33,146	118,651	97,574
Engineering, design and development	9,736	21,513	33,397	56,679
Depreciation	26,072	27,583	79,142	78,254
Total operating expenses	347,477	321,267	1,035,586	1,274,650
Loss from operations	(105,691)	(154,154)	(363,336)	(830,795)
Other income (expense):				
Interest and investment income	5,604	7,750	16,399	26,560
Interest expense, net of amounts capitalized	(19,499)	(15,921)	(50,441)	(48,705)
Equity in net loss of affiliate	-	-	-	(4,445)
Other income	4	5	14	24
Total other income (expense)	(13,891)	(8,166)	(34,028)	(26,566)
Loss before income taxes	(119,582)	(162,320)	(397,364)	(857,361)
Income tax expense	(555)	(578)	(1,665)	(1,909)
Net loss	\$ (120,137)	\$ (162,898)	\$ (399,029)	\$ (859,270)
Net loss per share (basic and diluted)	\$ (0.08)	\$ (0.12)	\$ (0.27)	\$ (0.61)
Weighted average common shares outstanding (basic and diluted)	1,464,147	1,405,281	1,461,200	1,398,829

(1) Amounts related to stock-based compensation included in operating expenses were as follows:

Satellite and transmission	\$ 557	\$ 490	\$ 1,834	\$ 2,202
Programming and content	2,707	23,615	6,857	297,139
Customer service and billing	166	197	543	645
Sales and marketing	6,575	7,609	15,068	14,878
Subscriber acquisition costs	800	(1,051)	2,687	30,748
General and administrative	10,953	11,536	34,056	38,947
Engineering, design and development	969	1,022	2,959	10,734
Total stock-based compensation	\$ 22,727	\$ 43,418	\$ 64,004	\$ 395,293

SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(In Thousands, except share and per share amounts)

ASSETS	September 30, 2007	December 31, 2006
	(Unaudited)	
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 357,710	\$ 393,421
Marketable securities	4,658	15,500
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$7,845 and \$5,011 at September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively	24,153	24,189
Receivables from distributors	55,857	46,825
Inventory, net	37,035	34,502
Prepaid expenses	37,816	52,588
Restricted investments	35,310	25,000
Other current assets	24,267	25,241
Total current assets	576,806	617,266
Property and equipment, net	796,625	810,389
FCC license	83,654	83,654
Restricted investments, net of current portion	17,700	52,850
Deferred financing fees	15,665	13,166
Other long-term assets	96,678	81,203
Total assets	\$ 1,587,128	\$ 1,658,528
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 312,892	\$ 437,913
Accrued interest	16,917	24,782
Deferred revenue	475,293	412,370
Current maturities of long-term debt	33,597	-
Total current liabilities	838,699	875,065
Long-term debt	1,281,742	1,068,249
Deferred revenue, net of current portion	90,460	76,580
Other long-term liabilities	16,740	27,705
Total liabilities	2,227,641	2,047,599
Commitments and contingencies (Note 11)		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, \$0.001 par value: 2,500,000,000 shares authorized, 1,464,695,471 and 1,434,635,501 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, respectively	1,465	1,435
Additional paid-in capital	3,590,771	3,443,214
Accumulated deficit	(4,232,749)	(3,833,720)
Total stockholders' (deficit) equity	(640,513)	(389,071)
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,587,128	\$ 1,658,528

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SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY
(In Thousands, except share and per share amounts)
(Unaudited)

	Common Stock Shares	Common Stock Amount	Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Total
Balances, December 31, 2006	1,434,635,501	\$ 1,435	\$ 3,443,214	\$ (3,833,720)	\$ (389,071)
Net loss				(399,029)	(399,029)
Issuance of common stock to employees and employee benefit plans	3,882,876	4	16,813	-	16,817
Issuance of common stock to third parties	22,058,824	22	82,919	-	82,941
Compensation in connection with the issuance of stock-based awards	-	-	43,401	-	43,401
Exercise of options, \$2.79 to \$4.16 per share	1,304,594	1	1,502	-	1,503
Exercise of warrants, \$2.392 per share	705,978	1	(1)	-	-
Exchange of 3½% Convertible Notes due 2008, including accrued interest	2,107,245	2	2,921	-	2,923
Exchange of 2½% Convertible Notes due 2009, including accrued interest	453	-	2	-	2
Balances, September 30, 2007	1,464,695,471	\$ 1,465	\$ 3,590,771	\$ (4,232,749)	\$ (640,513)

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SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In Thousands)
(Unaudited)

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net loss	\$ (399,029)	\$ (859,270)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation	79,142	78,254
Non-cash interest expense	2,452	2,332
Provision for doubtful accounts	6,663	5,687
Non-cash equity in loss of affiliate	-	4,445
Loss on disposal of assets	92	889
Impairment loss	-	10,917
Stock-based compensation	64,004	395,293
Deferred income taxes	1,665	1,909
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(6,627)	8,710
Inventory	(2,533)	(30,723)
Receivables from distributors	(9,032)	7,835
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	14,571	(42,399)
Other long-term assets	(14,825)	(21,674)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(58,713)	(68,780)
Accrued interest	(7,826)	(10,460)
Deferred revenue	76,803	75,669
Other long-term liabilities	759	(8,051)
Net cash used in operating activities	(252,434)	(449,417)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Additions to property and equipment	(66,801)	(94,368)
Sales of property and equipment	116	123
Purchases of restricted and other investments	(310)	(12,339)
Release of restricted investments	25,000	25,000
Purchases of available-for-sale securities	-	(118,500)
Sales of available-for-sale securities	10,842	201,340
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(31,153)	1,256
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Long term borrowings, net of related costs	245,199	-
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	2,677	4,030
Net cash provided by financing activities	247,876	4,030
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(35,711)	(444,131)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of period	393,421	762,007
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of period	\$ 357,710	\$ 317,876

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	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006
Supplemental Disclosure of Cash and Non-Cash Flow Information		
Interest, net of amounts capitalized	\$ 56,053	\$ 56,952
Income taxes	162	472
Non-cash operating activities:		
Common stock issued in satisfaction of accrued compensation	7,949	7,243
Non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Common stock issued in exchange of 3½% Convertible Notes due 2008, including accrued interest	2,923	502
Common stock issued in exchange of 2½% Convertible Notes due 2009, including accrued interest	2	-
Common stock issued to third parties	82,941	224,952

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SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. Business

We are a satellite radio provider in the United States. We currently broadcast over 130 channels of programming to listeners across the country. We offer 69 channels of 100% commercial-free music and feature 65 channels of sports, news, talk, entertainment, traffic, video and weather for a monthly subscription fee of \$12.95.

We broadcast through our proprietary satellite radio system, which currently consists of three orbiting satellites, 124 terrestrial repeaters that receive and retransmit our signal, a satellite uplink facility and our studios. Subscribers receive our service through SIRIUS radios, which are sold by automakers, consumer electronics retailers, mobile audio dealers and through our website. Subscribers can also receive our music channels and certain other channels over the Internet. As of September 30, 2007, we had 7,667,476 subscribers.

In 2005, SIRIUS Canada Inc., a Canadian corporation owned by us, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and Standard Radio Inc., received a license from the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission to offer a satellite radio service in Canada. SIRIUS Canada offers 110 channels of commercial-free music and news, sports, talk and entertainment programming, including 11 channels of Canadian content. Subscribers to the SIRIUS Canada service are not included in our subscriber count.

On February 19, 2007, we and XM Radio announced a definitive agreement, under which we will combine in a tax-free, all-stock merger of equals. Under the terms of the agreement, XM Radio stockholders will receive 4.6 shares of our common stock for each share of XM Radio they own. XM Radio and our stockholders will each own approximately 50% of the combined company. The transaction is subject to approval by our stockholders and XM Radio's stockholders, the satisfaction of customary closing conditions and regulatory review and approvals, including reviews by the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). We and XM Radio expect the transaction to be completed by the end of the year.

2. Principles of Consolidation and Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements of Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. and subsidiaries have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X for interim financial reporting. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. All intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

In presenting unaudited consolidated financial statements, management makes estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported and related disclosures. Estimates, by their nature, are based on judgment and available information. Actual results could differ from those estimates. In the opinion of management, all normal recurring adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2007 and for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 have been recorded. The results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the full year. Our unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read together with our consolidated financial statements and footnotes contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006.

3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Revenue Recognition

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Revenue from subscribers consists of subscription fees; revenue derived from our agreement with Hertz; non-refundable activation fees; and the effects of mail-in rebates.

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We recognize subscription fees as our service is provided to a subscriber. We record deferred revenue for prepaid subscription fees and amortize these prepayments to revenue ratably over the term of the respective subscription plan.

At the time of sale, vehicle owners purchasing or leasing a vehicle with a subscription to our service typically receive between a six month and one year prepaid subscription. We receive payment from automakers for these subscriptions in advance of our service being activated. Such prepayments are recorded to deferred revenue and amortized ratably over the service period upon activation and sale to a customer. We also reimburse automakers for certain costs associated with the SIRIUS radio installed in the applicable vehicle at the time the vehicle is manufactured. The associated payments to the automakers are included in subscriber acquisition costs. Although we receive payments from the automakers, they do not resell our service; rather, automakers facilitate the sale of our service to our customers, acting similar to an agent. We believe this is the appropriate characterization of our relationship since we are responsible for providing service to our customers including being obligated to the customer if there was interruption of service.

Activation fees are recognized ratably over the estimated term of a subscriber relationship, currently estimated to be 3.5 years. The estimated term of a subscriber relationship is based on management's judgment and, if necessary, will be refined in the future.

As required by Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) No. 01-09, "Accounting for Consideration Given by a Vendor to a Customer (Including a Reseller of the Vendor's Products)," an estimate of mail-in rebates that are paid by us directly to subscribers is recorded as a reduction to revenue in the period the subscriber activates our service. For certain mail-in rebate promotions, a subscriber must remain active for a specified period of time to be considered eligible. In those instances, such estimate is recorded as a reduction to revenue over the required activation period. We estimate the effects of mail-in rebates based on actual take-rates for rebate incentives offered in prior periods, adjusted as deemed necessary based on take-rate data available at the time. In subsequent periods, estimates are adjusted when necessary.

We recognize revenues from the sale of advertising on some of our non-music channels as the advertising is broadcast. Agency fees are calculated based on a stated percentage applied to gross billing revenue for our advertising inventory and are reported as a reduction of advertising revenue. We pay certain third parties a percentage of advertising revenue. Advertising revenue is recorded gross of such revenue share payments in accordance with EITF No. 99-19, "Reporting Revenue Gross as a Principal versus Net as an Agent," as we are the primary obligor in the transaction. Advertising revenue share is recorded in the period the advertising is broadcast.

Equipment revenue from the direct sale of SIRIUS radios and accessories is recognized upon shipment. Shipping and handling costs billed to customers are recorded as revenue. Shipping and handling costs associated with shipping goods to customers are recorded to cost of equipment.

EITF No. 00-21, "Accounting for Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables," provides guidance on how and when to recognize revenues for arrangements that may involve the delivery or performance of multiple products, services and/or rights to use assets. Revenue arrangements with multiple deliverables are required to be divided into separate units of accounting if the deliverables in the arrangement meet certain criteria. Arrangement consideration must be allocated among the separate units of accounting based on their relative fair values.

We determined that the sale of our service through our direct to consumer channel with accompanying equipment constitutes a revenue arrangement with multiple deliverables. In these types of arrangements, fair

value of all deliverables is determined and then allocated to each element based on their relative fair value; amounts received for equipment are recognized as equipment revenue; amounts received for service are recognized as subscription revenue; and amounts received for the non-refundable, up-front activation fee that are not contingent on the delivery of the service are allocated to equipment revenue. Activation fees are recorded to equipment revenue only to the extent that the aggregate equipment and activation fee proceeds do not exceed the fair value of the equipment. Any activation fees not allocated to the equipment are deferred upon activation and recognized as subscriber revenue on a straight-line basis over the estimated term of a subscriber relationship.

Stock-Based Compensation

Effective January 1, 2006, we adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004), Share-Based Payment (SFAS No. 123R), using the modified prospective transition method. The stock-based compensation cost recognized beginning January 1, 2006 includes compensation cost for all stock-based awards granted to employees and members of our board of directors (i) prior to, but not vested as of,

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January 1, 2006 based on the grant date fair value originally estimated in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, and (ii) subsequent to December 31, 2005 based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 123R.

Compensation cost under SFAS No. 123R is recognized ratably using the straight-line attribution method over the expected vesting period.

SFAS No. 123R requires forfeitures to be estimated on the grant date and revised in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates. Prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 123R we accounted for forfeitures as they occurred.

Pursuant to SFAS No. 123R, we recognized \$15,382 and \$48,157, and \$16,254 and \$56,525 of compensation cost for stock-based awards granted to employees and members of our board of directors for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Total unrecognized compensation related to unvested stock-based awards granted to employees and members of our board of directors at September 30, 2007, net of estimated forfeitures, is \$92,336 and is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of three years.

Effective January 1, 2006, we account for stock-based awards granted to non-employees, other than non-employee members of our board of directors, at fair value in accordance with SFAS No. 123R and SEC guidance contained in Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) No. 107. The fair value of equity instruments granted to non-employees is measured in accordance with EITF No. 96-18, Accounting for Equity Instruments That are Issued to Other Than Employees for Acquiring, or in Conjunction with Selling, Goods or Services. The final measurement date of equity instruments with performance criteria is the date that each performance commitment for such equity instrument is satisfied or there is a significant disincentive for non-performance.

Stock-based awards granted to employees, non-employees and members of our board of directors generally include warrants, stock options, restricted stock and restricted stock units.

We estimate the fair value of stock-based awards using the Black-Scholes option valuation model (Black-Scholes). Black-Scholes was developed to estimate the fair market value of traded options, which have no vesting restrictions and are fully transferable. Option valuation models require the input of highly subjective assumptions. Because our stock-based awards have characteristics significantly different from those of traded options and because changes in the subjective assumptions can materially affect the fair market value estimate, existing option valuation models do not necessarily provide a reliable single measure of the fair value of our stock-based awards.

Fair value determined using Black-Scholes varies based on assumptions used for the expected life, expected stock price volatility and risk-free interest rates. For stock-based awards granted prior to 2006, we used historical volatility of our stock over a period equal to the expected life of such awards to estimate their fair value. We estimated the fair value of awards granted since January 1, 2006 using the implied volatility of actively traded options on our stock. We believe that implied volatility is more representative of future stock price trends than historical volatility. The expected life assumption represents the weighted-average period stock-based awards are expected to remain outstanding. These expected life assumptions are established through a review of historical exercise behavior of stock-based award grants with similar vesting periods. Where historical patterns do not exist contractual terms are used. The risk-free interest rate represents the daily treasury yield curve rate at the reporting date based on the closing market bid yields on actively traded U.S. treasury securities in the over-the-counter market for the expected term. Our assumptions may change in future periods.

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The following table summarizes the weighted-average assumptions used to compute reported stock-based compensation to employees and members of our board of directors for the periods set forth below:

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	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Risk-free interest rate	4.5%	4.8%	4.8%	4.2%
Expected life of options - years	4.45	4.45	4.45	4.45
Expected stock price volatility	60%	60%	60%	60%
Expected dividend yield	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

The following table summarizes the range of assumptions used to compute reported stock-based compensation to third parties, other than non-employee members of our board of directors, for the periods set forth below:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Risk-free interest rate	4.0-4.8%	4.6-5.0%	4.0-5.0%	4.3-5.2%
Expected life of options - years	2.50-8.91	2.50-9.73	2.50-8.91	1.67-10.00
Expected stock price volatility	60%	60%	60%	60%
Expected dividend yield	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

SFAS No. 123R changes the presentation of realized excess tax benefits associated with the exercise of stock options in the statements of cash flows. Excess tax benefits are realized tax benefits from tax deductions for the exercise of stock options in excess of the deferred tax asset attributable to stock-based compensation expense for such options. Prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 123R, such realized tax benefits were required to be presented as operating cash flows. SFAS No. 123R requires such realized tax benefits to be presented as part of cash flows from financing activities. No income tax benefits have been realized from stock option exercises during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 because a valuation allowance was maintained for all net deferred tax assets.

Subscriber Acquisition Costs

Subscriber acquisition costs include hardware subsidies paid to radio manufacturers, distributors and automakers, including subsidies paid to automakers who include a SIRIUS radio and a prepaid subscription to our service in the sale or lease price of a new vehicle; subsidies paid for chip sets and certain other components used in manufacturing radios; device royalties for certain SIRIUS radios; commissions paid to retailers and automakers as incentives to purchase, install and activate SIRIUS radios; product warranty obligations; provisions for inventory allowance; and compensation costs associated with stock-based awards granted in connection with certain distribution agreements. The majority of subscriber acquisition costs are incurred in advance of acquiring a subscriber. Subscriber acquisition costs do not include advertising, loyalty payments to distributors and dealers of SIRIUS radios and revenue share payments to automakers and retailers of SIRIUS radios. Subscriber acquisition costs also do not include amounts capitalized in connection with our agreement with Hertz, as we retain ownership of certain SIRIUS radios used by Hertz.

Subsidies paid to radio manufacturers and automakers are expensed upon shipment or installation. Commissions paid to retailers and automakers are expensed either upon activation or sale of the SIRIUS radio. Chip sets that are shipped to radio manufacturers and held on consignment are recorded as inventory and expensed as subscriber acquisition costs when placed into production by radio manufacturers. Costs for chip sets not held on consignment are expensed as subscriber acquisition costs when the chip sets are shipped to radio manufacturers.

We record product warranty obligations in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation (FIN) No. 45, Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including

Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others, an interpretation of FASB Statements No. 5, 57, and 107 and rescission of FASB Interpretation No. 34. FIN No. 45 requires a guarantor to recognize, at the inception of a guarantee, a liability for the fair value of the obligation undertaken by issuing the guarantee. We warrant that certain products sold through our retail and direct to consumer distribution channels will perform in all material respects in accordance with specifications in effect at the time of the purchase of the products by the customer. We provide a 12-month warranty on our products from purchase date for repair or replacement of components and/or products that contain defects of material or workmanship. Customers may exchange products directly to the retailer within 30 days of purchase. We record a liability for an estimate of costs that we expect to incur under our warranty when the product is shipped from the manufacturer. Factors affecting our warranty liability include the number of units sold and historical and anticipated rates of claims and costs per claim. We periodically assess the adequacy of our warranty liability based on changes in these factors.

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The following table reconciles the beginning and ending aggregate product warranty liability:

Balance, December 31, 2006	\$ 5,041
Accrual for warranties issued during the period	1,834
Settlements during the period	(4,744)
Balance, September 30, 2007	\$ 2,131

Research and Development Costs

Research and development costs are expensed as incurred. Research and development costs for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 were \$9,487 and \$13,454, respectively, and \$30,019 and \$37,310 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. These costs are included in engineering, design and development expenses in our accompanying unaudited consolidated statements of operations.

Income Taxes

We account for income taxes in accordance with SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes" and FIN No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes." Deferred income taxes are recognized for the tax consequences related to temporary differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for tax purposes at each year-end, based on enacted tax laws and statutory tax rates applicable to the periods in which the differences are expected to affect taxable income. A valuation allowance is established when necessary based on the weight of available evidence, if it is considered more likely than not, that all or some portion of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. Income tax expense is the sum of current income tax plus the change in deferred tax assets and liabilities.

Net (Loss) Income Per Share

We compute net (loss) income per share in accordance with SFAS No. 128, "Earnings Per Share." Basic net (loss) income per share is calculated using the weighted average common shares outstanding during each reporting period. Diluted net (loss) income per share adjusts the weighted average common shares outstanding for the potential dilution that could occur if common stock equivalents (convertible debt, warrants, stock options and restricted stock units) were exercised or converted into common stock. Common stock equivalents of approximately 168,000,000 and 167,000,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, respectively, and 193,000,000 and 197,000,000 for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, were not considered in the calculation of diluted net loss per share as the effect would have been anti-dilutive.

Inventory

Inventory consists of finished goods, chip sets and other raw material components used in manufacturing SIRIUS radios. Included in our finished goods inventory are certain new products not shipped by our distributor to its customers within 90 days of receipt of the goods. Such products are subsequently repurchased by our distributor upon receipt of a customer order.

Inventory is stated at the lower of cost, determined on a first-in, first-out basis, or market. We record an estimated adjustment for inventory that is considered slow moving and obsolete or whose carrying value is in excess of net realizable value. The provision related to product purchased for our direct to consumer distribution channel is recorded to cost of equipment in our unaudited consolidated statements of operations. The remaining provision is recorded to subscriber acquisition costs in our unaudited consolidated statements of operations.

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Inventory, net consists of the following:

	September 30, 2007	December 31, 2006
Raw materials	\$ 14,308	\$ 16,459
Finished goods	22,727	18,043
Total inventory	\$ 37,035	\$ 34,502

Investments

Our investments consist of the following:

	September 30, 2007	December 31, 2006
Marketable securities	\$ 4,658	\$ 15,500
Restricted investments	53,010	77,850
Investment, stated at cost	5,000	5,000
Total investments	\$ 62,668	\$ 98,350

Marketable Securities

We account for marketable securities in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 115, "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities." Marketable securities consist of certificates of deposit and auction rate securities. As of September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, certificates of deposit were \$4,658 and \$4,650, respectively, and auction rate securities were \$0 and \$10,850, respectively. The basic objectives of our investment policy are the preservation of capital, maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet operating requirements and maximizing yield. We classify our marketable securities as available-for-sale securities. Available-for-sale securities are carried at fair market value. Unrealized gains and losses are included in accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income as a separate component of stockholders' equity. Realized gains and losses, dividends and interest income, including amortization of the premium and discount arising at purchase, are included in interest and investment income. The specific-identification method is used to determine the cost of all securities and the basis by which amounts are reclassified from accumulated comprehensive (loss) income into earnings. While the underlying securities of auction rate securities have contractual maturities of more than 20 years, the interest rates on such securities reset at intervals of 28 or 35 days. Auction rate securities are priced and trade as short-term investments because of such interest rate reset feature.

We received proceeds from the sale or maturity of marketable securities of \$10,842, and \$201,340 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. There were no unrealized holding gains or losses on marketable securities as of September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006.

Restricted Investments

As of September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, short-term restricted investments were \$35,310 and \$25,000, respectively, and primarily included certificates of deposit placed in escrow for the benefit of a third party pursuant to a programming agreement.

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As of September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, long-term restricted investments were \$17,700 and \$52,850, respectively, and primarily included certificates of deposit and money market funds deposited in escrow for the benefit of third parties pursuant to programming agreements and certificates of deposit placed in escrow to secure our reimbursement obligations under letters of credit issued for the benefit of lessors of office space.

Investment, stated at cost

In September 2006, we invested in a third party for strategic purposes. We account for this investment under the cost method. The carrying value of our investment was \$5,000 at September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006 and is included in other long-term assets in our accompanying unaudited consolidated balance sheet.

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Equity Method Investment

We have a 49.9% economic interest in SIRIUS Canada. Our investment in SIRIUS Canada is recorded using the equity method since we have significant influence, but less than a controlling voting interest. Under this method, our investment in SIRIUS Canada, originally recorded at cost, is adjusted to recognize our share of net earnings or losses as they occur rather than as dividends or other distributions are received, limited to the extent of our investment in, advances to and commitments to fund SIRIUS Canada. Our share of net earnings or losses of SIRIUS Canada is recorded to equity in net loss of affiliate in our accompanying unaudited consolidated statements of operations. We recorded \$0 for both the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, and \$0 and \$4,445 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, for our share of SIRIUS Canada's net loss.

As of September 30, 2007, our investment in SIRIUS Canada was \$0 as we fully recognized our share of SIRIUS Canada's net loss to the extent we have funded it. We do not expect to recognize future net losses unless we commit to additional funding.

Merger Costs

We incurred approximately \$27,100 in direct costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 in connection with our pending merger with XM Radio. In accordance with SFAS No. 141, "Business Combinations," which specifies that the cost of an entity acquired in a business combination include the direct costs of the business combination, we have capitalized and included such costs in other long-term assets in our accompanying unaudited consolidated balance sheet.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts in the prior period unaudited consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation. Specifically, during the first quarter of 2007, we reclassified both broadcast and webstreaming royalties from programming and content expenses; revenue share from programming and content expenses and sales and marketing expenses; and residuals from sales and marketing expenses to a separate line item, revenue share and royalties. In addition, we reclassified bad debt expense from general and administrative expenses to customer service and billing expenses.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements," which defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands the related disclosure requirements. SFAS No. 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007 and for interim periods within those years. We are currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of SFAS No. 157 will have on our consolidated results of operations and financial position.

In September 2006, the FASB issued EITF No. 06-01, "Accounting for Consideration Given by a Service Provider to Manufacturers or Resellers of Equipment Necessary for an End-Customer to Receive Service from the Service Provider." The EITF concluded that if consideration given by a service provider to a third-party manufacturer or reseller that is not the service provider's customer can be linked contractually to the benefit received by the service provider's customer, a service provider should account for the consideration in accordance with EITF No. 01-09, "Accounting for Consideration Given by a Vendor to a Customer." EITF No. 06-01 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2007. We are currently evaluating the effects that EITF No. 06-01 will have on our consolidated results of operations and financial position.

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In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, "The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities," which permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. The objective of SFAS No. 159 is to provide entities a method to mitigate volatility in reporting earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently without having to apply complex hedge accounting provisions. SFAS No. 159 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after November 15, 2007. We are currently evaluating the effects that SFAS No. 159 will have on our consolidated results of operations and financial position.

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Subscriber revenue consists of subscription fees, revenue derived from our agreement with Hertz, non-refundable activation fees and the effects of mail-in rebates. Revenues received from automakers for prepaid subscriptions included in the sale or lease price of a new vehicle are also included in subscriber revenue over the service period upon activation and sale to the customer.

Subscriber revenue consists of the following:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Subscription fees	\$ 222,136	\$ 153,227	\$ 617,591	\$ 407,241
Activation fees	5,288	3,955	15,456	11,327
Effect of mail-in rebates	(580)	(1,810)	(5,772)	(10,374)
Total subscriber revenue	\$ 226,844	\$ 155,372	\$ 627,275	\$ 408,194

5. Interest Costs

We capitalize a portion of the interest on funds borrowed to finance the construction and launch of our fifth and sixth satellites. The following is a summary of our interest costs:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Interest costs charged to expense	\$ 19,499	\$ 15,921	\$ 50,441	\$ 48,705
Interest costs capitalized	2,365	1,134	5,973	2,532
Total interest costs incurred	\$ 21,864	\$ 17,055	\$ 56,414	\$ 51,237

6. Related Party Transactions

In 2005, we entered into a license and services agreement with SIRIUS Canada. Pursuant to such agreement, we are reimbursed for certain costs incurred by us to provide SIRIUS Canada service, including certain costs we incur for the production and distribution of radios as well as information technology support costs. In consideration for the rights granted pursuant to this license and services agreement, SIRIUS Canada pays us a royalty based on a percentage of its annual gross revenues. Additionally, the initial financing we provided to SIRIUS Canada is by way of subscription to non-voting shares which carry an 8% cumulative dividend.

Total costs reimbursed by SIRIUS Canada for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 were \$2,220 and \$358, respectively, and \$4,862 and \$4,445 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. We recorded \$0 and \$291 in royalty income for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and \$1,159 and \$597 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Such royalty income was recorded to other income in our accompanying unaudited consolidated statements of operations. We also recorded dividend income of \$422 and \$0 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, which was included in interest and investment income in our accompanying unaudited consolidated statements of operations.

The amount due from SIRIUS Canada at September 30, 2007 was \$4,552, of which \$1,316 and \$3,236 are included in other current assets and other long-term assets, respectively, on our accompanying unaudited

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consolidated balance sheet. The amount due from SIRIUS Canada at December 31, 2006 was \$4,157, of which \$2,502 and \$1,655 are included in other current assets and other long-term assets, respectively, on our accompanying unaudited consolidated balance sheet. The amount payable to SIRIUS Canada at September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006 to fund its remaining capital requirements was \$1,148 and is included in accounts payable and accrued expenses in the accompanying unaudited consolidated balance sheet.

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7. Debt

Debt consists of the following:

	Conversion Price (per share)	September 30, 2007	As of December 31, 2006
Senior Secured Term Credit Agreement	N/A	\$ 250,000	\$ -
9 ⁵ / ₈ % Senior Notes due 2013	N/A	500,000	500,000
3 ¹ / ₄ % Convertible Notes due 2011	\$ 5.30	230,000	230,000
2 ¹ / ₂ % Convertible Notes due 2009	4.41	299,998	300,000
3 ¹ / ₂ % Convertible Notes due 2008	1.38	33,597	36,505
8 ³ / ₄ % Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2009	28.4625	1,744	1,744
		1,315,339	1,068,249
Less current maturities		33,597	-
Total long-term debt		\$ 1,281,742	\$ 1,068,249

Senior Secured Term Credit Agreement

In June 2007, we entered into a senior secured Term Credit Agreement (the "Term Credit Agreement") with a syndicate of financial institutions. The Term Credit Agreement provides for a term loan of \$250,000, which has been drawn. Interest under the Term Credit Agreement is based, at our option, on (i) adjusted LIBOR plus 2.25% or (ii) the higher of (a) the prime rate and (b) the Federal Funds Effective Rate plus ½ of 1.00%, plus 1.25%. LIBOR borrowings may be made for interest periods, at our option, of one, two, three or six months (or, if agreed by all of the lenders, nine or twelve months). The loan amortizes in equal quarterly installments of 0.25% of the initial aggregate principal amount for the first four and a half years, with the balance of the loan thereafter being repaid in four equal quarterly installments. The loan matures on December 20, 2012.

The loan is guaranteed by our material wholly owned subsidiaries, including Satellite CD Radio, Inc. (the "Guarantor"). The Term Credit Agreement is secured by a lien on substantially all of our and the Guarantor's assets, including our four satellites and the shares of the Guarantor.

The Term Credit Agreement contains customary affirmative covenants and event of default provisions. The negative covenants contained in the Term Credit Agreement are substantially similar to those contained in the indenture governing our 9⁵/₈ % Senior Notes due 2013.

9⁵/₈% Senior Notes due 2013

In August 2005, we issued \$500,000 in aggregate principal amount of our 9⁵/₈ % Senior Notes due 2013 resulting in net proceeds of \$493,005. Our 9⁵/₈ % Senior Notes due 2013 mature on August 1, 2013 and interest is payable semi-annually on February 1 and August 1 of each year. The obligations under our 9⁵/₈% Senior Notes due 2013 are not secured by any of our assets.

3¹/₄% Convertible Notes due 2011

In October 2004, we issued \$230,000 in aggregate principal amount of our 3¹/₄% Convertible Notes due 2011 resulting in net proceeds of \$224,813. These notes are convertible, at the option of the holder, into shares

of our common stock at any time at a conversion rate of 188.6792 shares of common stock for each \$1,000.00 principal amount, or \$5.30 per share of common stock, subject to certain adjustments. Our 3¼% Convertible Notes due 2011 mature on October 15, 2011 and interest is payable semi-annually on April 15 and October 15 of each year. The obligations under our 3¼% Convertible Notes due 2011 are not secured by any of our assets.

2½% Convertible Notes due 2009

In February 2004, we issued \$250,000 in aggregate principal amount of our 2½% Convertible Notes due 2009 resulting in net proceeds of \$244,625. In March 2004, we issued an additional \$50,000 in aggregate principal amount of our 2½% Convertible Notes due 2009 pursuant to an option granted in connection with the initial offering of the notes, resulting in net proceeds of \$48,975. These notes are convertible, at the option of the holder, into shares of our common stock at any time at a conversion rate of 226.7574 shares of common stock for each \$1,000.00 principal amount, or \$4.41 per share of common stock, subject to certain adjustments. Our 2½% Convertible Notes due 2009 mature on February 15, 2009 and interest is payable semi-annually on February 15 and August 15 of each year. The obligations under our 2½% Convertible Notes due 2009 are not secured by any of our assets.

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During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, holders of \$2 in aggregate principal amount of our 2½% Convertible Notes due 2009 presented such notes for conversion in accordance with the terms of the indenture. We issued 453 shares of our common stock upon conversion of these notes.

3½% Convertible Notes due 2008

In May 2003, we issued \$201,250 in aggregate principal amount of our 3½% Convertible Notes due 2008 resulting in net proceeds of \$194,224. These notes are convertible, at the option of the holder, into shares of our common stock at any time at a conversion rate of 724.6377 shares of common stock for each \$1,000.00 principal amount, or \$1.38 per share of common stock, subject to certain adjustments. Our 3½% Convertible Notes due 2008 mature on June 1, 2008 and interest is payable semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 of each year. The obligations under our 3½% Convertible Notes due 2008 are not secured by any of our assets.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, holders of \$2,908 in aggregate principal amount of our 3½% Convertible Notes due 2008 presented such notes for conversion in accordance with the terms of the indenture. We issued 2,107,245 shares of our common stock upon conversion of these notes. During the nine months ended September 30, 2006, holders of \$508 in aggregate principal amount of our 3½% Convertible Notes due 2008 presented such notes for conversion in accordance with the terms of the indenture. We issued 368,115 shares of our common stock upon conversion of these notes.

Space Systems/Loral Credit Agreement

In July 2007, we amended and restated our existing Credit Agreement with Space Systems/Loral (the "Loral Credit Agreement"). Under the Loral Credit Agreement, Space Systems/Loral has agreed to make loans to us in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$100,000 to finance the purchase of our fifth and sixth satellites. Loans made under the Loral Credit Agreement will be secured by our rights under the Satellite Purchase Agreement with Space Systems/Loral, including our rights to these satellites. The loans are also entitled to the benefits of a subsidiary guarantee from Satellite CD Radio, Inc., our subsidiary that holds our FCC license, and any future material subsidiary that may be formed by us. The maturity date of the loans is the earliest to occur of (i) June 10, 2010, (ii) 90 days after the sixth satellite becomes available for shipment and (iii) 30 days prior to the scheduled launch of the sixth satellite. Any loans made under the Loral Credit Agreement generally will bear interest at a variable rate equal to three-month LIBOR plus 4.75%. The daily unused balance bears interest at a rate per annum equal to 0.50%, payable quarterly on the last day of each March, June, September and December. The Loral Credit Agreement permits us to prepay all or a portion of the loans outstanding without penalty. We have not borrowed under the Loral Credit Agreement as of September 30, 2007.

Covenants and Restrictions

Our 9⁵/₈% Senior Notes due 2013, our Loral Credit Agreement and our Senior Secured Term Loan require us to comply with certain covenants that restrict our ability to, among other things, (i) incur additional indebtedness, (ii) incur liens, (iii) pay dividends or make certain other restricted payments, investments or acquisitions, (iv) enter into certain transactions with affiliates, (v) merge or consolidate with another person, (vi) sell, assign, lease or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets, and (vii) make voluntary prepayments of certain debt, in each case subject to exceptions as provided in the 9⁵/₈% Senior Notes due 2013 indenture, the Loral Credit Agreement and the credit agreement governing our Senior Secured Term Loan. If we fail to comply with these covenants, our 9⁵/₈% Senior Notes due 2013, our Senior Secured Term Loan and any loans outstanding under the Loral Credit Agreement could become immediately payable and the Loral Credit Agreement could be terminated. At September 30, 2007, we were in compliance with all such covenants.

8. Stockholders' Equity

Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share

We are authorized to issue 2,500,000,000 shares of our common stock as of September 30, 2007. As of September 30, 2007, approximately 384,136,000 shares of our common stock were reserved for issuance in connection with outstanding convertible debt, warrants, incentive stock plans and common stock to be granted to third parties upon satisfaction of performance targets. During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, employees exercised 1,304,594 stock options at exercise prices ranging from \$2.79 to \$4.16 per share, resulting in proceeds to us of \$1,502. We also collected \$1,175 in 2007 related to stock option exercises that occurred in 2006.

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In January 2007, Howard Stern and his agent were granted an aggregate of 22,058,824 shares of our common stock as a result of certain performance targets that were satisfied on December 31, 2006. We recognized expense associated with these shares of \$61,875 during the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

In January 2006, Howard Stern and his agent were granted an aggregate of 34,375,000 shares of our common stock as a result of certain performance targets that were satisfied in January 2006. We recognized expense associated with these shares of \$224,813 during the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

In January 2004, we signed a seven-year agreement with the NFL. We delivered to the NFL 15,173,070 shares of our common stock valued at \$40,967 upon execution of this agreement. These shares of common stock are subject to transfer restrictions which lapse over time. We recognized expense associated with these shares of \$1,641 during each of the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, and \$3,501 during each of the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006. Of the remaining \$21,476 in common stock value, \$5,852 and \$15,624 are included in other current assets and other long-term assets, respectively, on our accompanying unaudited consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2007.

Warrants

We have issued warrants to purchase shares of our common stock in connection with distribution and programming agreements and certain debt issuances. As of September 30, 2007, warrants to acquire 88,702,626 shares of our common stock with an average exercise price of \$3.34 were outstanding. These warrants vest over time or upon the achievement of milestones and expire at various times through June 2014. For the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, we recognized expense of \$5,382 and \$4,584, respectively, and \$11,331 and \$45,553 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, in connection with these warrants.

9. Benefit Plans

Stock-Based Awards

In January 2003, our board of directors adopted the Sirius Satellite Radio 2003 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan (the "2003 Plan"), and on March 4, 2003 our stockholders approved this plan. On May 25, 2004, our stockholders approved an amendment to the 2003 Plan to include members of our board of directors as eligible participants. Employees, consultants and members of our board of directors are eligible to receive awards under the 2003 Plan. The 2003 Plan provides for the grant of stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units and other stock-based awards that the compensation committee of our board of directors may deem appropriate.

Vesting and other terms of stock-based awards are set forth in the agreements with the individuals receiving the awards. Stock-based awards granted under the 2003 Plan are generally subject to a vesting requirement that includes one or all of the following: (1) over time, generally three to five years from the date of grant; (2) on a specific date in future periods, with acceleration to earlier periods if performance criteria are satisfied; or (3) as certain performance targets set at the time of grant are achieved. Stock-based awards generally expire ten years from the date of grant. Each restricted stock unit entitles the holder to receive one share of our common stock upon vesting.

As of September 30, 2007, approximately 85,858,000 stock options, shares of restricted stock and restricted stock units were outstanding. As of September 30, 2007, approximately 72,952,000 shares of our common stock were available for grant under the 2003 Plan.

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The following table summarizes stock option activity under our stock incentive plans for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 (shares in thousands):

	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)	Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at December 31, 2006	71,793	\$ 5.56		
Granted	12,393	3.56		
Exercised	(1,005)	1.50		
Cancelled or expired	(950)	4.61		
Outstanding at September 30, 2007	82,231	5.32	6.67	\$ 22,188
Exercisable at September 30, 2007	45,603	5.94	5.66	\$ 20,482

The weighted average grant date fair value of options granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 was \$1.88 and \$3.11, respectively. The total intrinsic value of stock options exercised during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 was \$1,792 and \$9,264, respectively.

We recognized stock-compensation expense associated with stock options of \$10,323 and \$10,812 for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and \$31,614 and \$38,514 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

The following table summarizes the non-vested restricted stock unit activity under our stock incentive plans for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 (shares in thousands):

	Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Outstanding at December 31, 2006	4,086	\$ 4.64
Granted	2,188	3.58
Exercised	(2,575)	5.12
Cancelled or expired	(72)	1.96
Outstanding at September 30, 2007	3,627	3.70

The weighted average grant date fair value of restricted stock units granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 was \$3.58 and \$5.57, respectively. The total intrinsic value of restricted stock units that vested during the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006 was \$8,667 and \$97,423, respectively.

We recognized stock compensation expense associated with restricted stock units and shares of restricted stock of \$2,219 and \$3,095 for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and \$8,436 and \$13,272 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007, we also recognized stock compensation expense of \$1,282 and \$3,687 for restricted stock units expected to be granted for services performed in 2007. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, we recognized stock compensation expense of \$21,838 and

\$65,183, respectively, for restricted stock units and common stock granted in 2006 for services performed in 2006 or upon the satisfaction of 2006 performance targets.

401(k) Savings Plan

We sponsor the Sirius Satellite Radio 401(k) Savings Plan (the "Plan") for eligible employees. The Plan allows eligible employees to voluntarily contribute from 1% to 50% of their pre-tax salary subject to certain defined limits. Currently we match 50% of employee voluntary contributions, up to 6% of an employee's pre-tax salary, in the form of shares of our common stock. Our matching contribution vests at a rate of $33\frac{1}{3}\%$ for each year of employment and is fully vested after three years of employment. Expense resulting from our matching contribution to the Plan was \$430 and \$227 for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and \$1,223 and \$977 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

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We may also elect to contribute to the profit sharing portion of the Plan based upon the total compensation of all eligible participants. These additional contributions, referred to as profit-sharing contributions, are determined by the compensation committee of our board of directors. Employees are only eligible to receive profit-sharing contributions during any year in which they are employed on the last day of the year. Profit-sharing contribution expense was \$1,450 and \$1,221 for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and \$4,213 and \$3,480 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

10. Income Taxes

We recorded income tax expense of \$555 and \$578 for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and \$1,665 and \$1,909 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. Such expense represents the recognition of a deferred tax liability related to the difference in accounting for our FCC license, which is amortized over 15 years for tax purposes but not amortized for book purposes.

We adopted the provisions of FIN No. 48 on January 1, 2007. FIN No. 48 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attributes for financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return, as well as criteria on derecognition, measurement, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition. The cumulative effect of applying this interpretation did not result in any adjustment to retained earnings as of January 1, 2007.

We provide a valuation allowance for all of our deferred tax assets. Accordingly, unrecognized federal or state income tax positions should not impact the face of our financial statements, but instead would reduce the gross tax benefit. We did not have any unrecognized tax benefits.

We have elected to record interest accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits as interest expense and penalties as operating expense. As of September 30, 2007, we recorded no interest expense or penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits. As of September 30, 2007, we are subject to examination in the United States federal and various state tax jurisdictions for the 2003 to 2006 tax years.

11. Commitments and Contingencies

The following table summarizes our expected contractual cash commitments as of September 30, 2007:

	Remaining 2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Thereafter	Total
Debt obligations	\$ -	\$ 33,597	\$ 301,742	\$ -	\$ 230,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 1,315,339
Cash interest payments	14,529	83,402	79,169	74,913	74,621	115,800	442,434
Lease obligations	2,463	12,197	12,443	12,049	11,255	33,087	83,494
Satellite and transmission	8,758	159,302	64,268	28,762	7,445	48,727	317,262
Programming and content	32,358	135,625	156,091	152,395	42,072	29,090	547,631
Customer service and billing	135	45	-	-	-	-	180
Marketing and distribution	41,736	34,225	22,809	26,153	18,173	5,500	148,596
Chip set development and production	750	-	-	-	-	-	750
Other	3,295	22,584	650	2	-	-	26,531
Total contractual cash commitments	\$ 104,024	\$ 480,977	\$ 637,172	\$ 294,274	\$ 383,566	\$ 982,204	\$ 2,882,217

Debt Obligations. Debt obligations include principal payments on our outstanding debt.

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Cash Interest Payments. Cash interest payments include interest due on our outstanding debt through maturity.

Lease Obligations. We have entered into operating leases related to our studios, office space, terrestrial repeaters and equipment.

Satellite and Transmission. We have entered into agreements with third parties to operate and maintain our off-site satellite telemetry, tracking and control facilities and certain components of our terrestrial repeater network.

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We have also entered into an agreement with Space Systems/Loral to design and construct two new satellites. Construction of the first new satellite is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2008. We plan to launch this satellite on a Proton rocket under our contract with International Launch Services. Construction of the second new satellite has just begun and is expected to be completed in mid-2010.

Programming and Content. We have entered into agreements with licensors of programming and other content providers and, in certain instances, are obligated to pay license fees and guarantee minimum advertising revenue share.

Customer Service and Billing. We have entered into agreements with third parties to provide billing and subscriber management services.

Marketing and Distribution. We have entered into various marketing, sponsorship and distribution agreements to promote our brand and are obligated to make payments to sponsors, retailers, automakers and radio manufacturers under these agreements. Certain programming and content agreements also require us to purchase advertising on properties owned or controlled by the licensors. We also reimburse automakers for certain engineering and development costs associated with the incorporation of SIRIUS radios into vehicles they manufacture. In addition, in the event that certain new products are not shipped by our distributor to its customers within 90 days of their receipt of the goods, we have agreed to purchase and take title to the product.

Chip Set Development and Production. We have entered into agreements with third parties to develop, produce and supply chip sets; to develop products; and in certain instances to license intellectual property related to chip sets.

Other. We have entered into various agreements with third parties for general operating and strategic purposes.

In addition to the contractual cash commitments described above, we have entered into agreements with automakers, radio manufacturers and others that include per-radio, per-subscriber, per-show and other variable cost arrangements. These future costs are dependent upon many factors including our subscriber growth and are difficult to anticipate; however, these costs may be substantial. We may enter into additional programming, distribution, marketing and other agreements that contain similar provisions.

Under the terms of a joint development agreement with XM Radio, the other holder of a FCC satellite radio license, each party is obligated to fund one half of the development cost for a unified standard for satellite radios. The costs related to the joint development agreement are being expensed as incurred to engineering, design and development expense in the accompanying unaudited consolidated statements of operations. We are currently unable to determine the expenditures necessary to complete this process, but we do not expect that these expenditures will be material.

We are required under the terms of certain agreements to provide letters of credit and deposit monies in escrow, which place restrictions on our cash and cash equivalents. As of September 30, 2007 and December 31, 2006, \$53,010 and \$77,850, respectively, was classified as restricted investments as a result of our reimbursement obligations under these letters of credit and escrow deposits.

As of September 30, 2007, we have not entered into any off-balance sheet arrangements or transactions.

Legal Proceedings

FCC Inquiry. In April 2006, we learned that XM Radio and two manufacturers of SIRIUS radios had received inquiries from the FCC as to whether the FM transmitters in their products complied with the FCC's emissions and frequency rules. We promptly began an internal review of the compliance of the FM transmitters in a number of our radios. In June 2006, we learned that a third manufacturer of SIRIUS radios had received an inquiry from the FCC as to whether the FM transmitters in its products complied with the FCC's emissions and frequency rules. In June 2006, we received a letter from the FCC making similar inquiries. In July 2006, we responded to the letter from the FCC in respect of the preliminary results of our review. In August 2006, we received a follow-up letter of inquiry from the FCC and responded to the FCC's further inquiry. We continue to cooperate with the FCC's inquiry.

During our internal review, we determined that certain of our radios with FM transmitters were not compliant with FCC rules. We have taken a series of actions to correct the problem.

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In connection with our internal review, we discovered that certain SIRIUS personnel requested manufacturers to produce SIRIUS radios that were not consistent with the FCC's rules. As a result of this review, we are taking significant steps to ensure that this situation does not happen again, including the adoption of a compliance plan, approved by our board of directors, to ensure that in the future our products comply with all applicable FCC rules.

The FCC's laboratory has tested a number of our products and found them to be compliant with the FCC's rules. We believe SIRIUS radios that are currently in production comply with applicable FCC's rules. No health or safety issues are involved with these SIRIUS radios and radios which are factory-installed in new vehicles are not affected.

We have retained an engineering compliance officer to report to our Vice President of Internal Audit, who reports to our Audit Committee.

In October 2006, we ceased operating 11 of our terrestrial repeaters which we discovered had been operating at variance to the specifications and applied to the FCC for new authority to resume operating these repeaters.

Copyright Royalty Board Proceeding. We are a party to a proceeding before the Copyright Royalty Board of the Library of Congress to establish the royalty rates and terms for the sound recordings we use on our satellite radio service for the period from 2007 through 2012. A trial in this matter was held by the Copyright Royalty Board throughout the summer and concluded in October 2007.

As part of this proceeding, we have filed a rate proposal requesting the Copyright Royalty Board to establish a royalty rate for calendar year 2007 of \$1.60 for each feature performance we make of a copyrighted sound recording that is not otherwise licensed. We have also proposed that this royalty rate be adjusted each subsequent year by a percentage equal to the percentage change in aggregate satellite radio subscribers during the preceding year. SoundExchange, a collection and distribution organization representing record labels and performing artists, has proposed a royalty rate consisting of the greater of a specified percentage of revenue or a per-subscriber fee. The SoundExchange proposed fees would increase as our number of subscribers increase, in seven steps that start at the greater of 8% of total revenues or \$0.85 per subscriber per month, if we have fewer than 9 million subscribers, and end at the greater of 23% of total revenue or \$3.00 per subscriber per month, if we have 19 million or more subscribers. SoundExchange has also proposed, as an alternative that it describes as less-preferred, a monthly per-broadcast, per-subscriber fee structure, which it claims is calculated to reach similar fee levels if we continue with our current level of music performances.

The Copyright Royalty Board must set a rate that is calculated to achieve four statutory objectives:

To maximize the availability of creative works to the public;

to afford the copyright owner a fair return for his creative work and the copyright user a fair income under existing economic conditions;

to reflect the relative roles of the copyright owner and the copyright user in the product made available to the public with respect to relative creative contribution, technological contribution, capital investment, cost, risk and contribution to the opening of new markets for creative expression and media for their communication; and

to minimize any disruptive impact on the structure of the industries involved and on generally prevailing industry practices.

We believe that the fee we proposed achieves these objectives. We expect the Copyright Royalty Board to render a decision establishing a rate for the sound recordings we use on our satellite radio service by the end of the year.

U.S. Electronics Arbitration. In May 2006, U.S. Electronics Inc., a licensed distributor and a former licensed manufacturer of SIRIUS radios, commenced an arbitration proceeding against us. U.S. Electronics alleges that we breached our contract; failed to pay monies owed under the contract; tortiously interfered with U.S. Electronics' relationships with retailers and manufacturers; withheld information relating to the FCC's inquiring into SIRIUS radios that include FM modulators; and otherwise acted in bad faith. U.S. Electronics is seeking at least \$48,000 in damages. We believe that a substantial portion of these damages are barred by the limitation of liability provisions contained in the contract between us and U.S. Electronics. U.S. Electronics contends, and will be permitted to try to prove in the arbitration, that these provisions do not bar its damages because of, among other reasons, our alleged bad faith and tortious conduct. We are vigorously defending this action. A hearing in this arbitration is scheduled to commence in March 2008.

Other Matters. In the ordinary course of business, we are a defendant in various lawsuits and arbitration proceedings, including actions filed by former employees, parties to contracts or leases and owners of patents, trademarks, copyrights or other intellectual property. None of these actions are, in our opinion, likely to have a material adverse effect on our business or financial position and statements of operation.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations (All dollar amounts are in thousands, unless otherwise stated)
Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

The following cautionary statements identify important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those projected in forward-looking statements made in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and in other reports and documents published by us from time to time. Any statements about our beliefs, plans, objectives, expectations, assumptions, future events or performance are not historical facts and may be forward-looking. These statements are often, but not always, made through the use of words or phrases such as "will likely result," "are expected to," "will continue," "is anticipated," "estimated," "intend," "plan," "projection" and "may." Any forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by reference to the factors discussed throughout our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 (the "Form 10-K") and in other reports and documents published by us from time to time, particularly the risk factors described under "Business Risk Factors" in Item 1A of the Form 10-K.

Among the significant factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed in the forward-looking statements are:

our pending merger with XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. ("XM Radio"), including related uncertainties and risks and the impact on our business if the merger is not completed;

the useful life of our satellites, which have experienced circuit failures on their solar arrays and other component failures and are not insured;

our dependence upon third parties, including manufacturers of SIRIUS radios, retailers, automakers and programming providers; and

our competitive position versus other forms of audio and video entertainment, including terrestrial radio, HD radio, internet radio, digital music recorders, XM Radio and emerging next generation networks and technologies.

Because the risk factors referred to above could cause actual results or outcomes to differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements made by us or on our behalf, you should not place undue reliance on any of these forward-looking statements. In addition, any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it is made, and we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statement or statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date on which the statement is made, to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events or otherwise. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict which will arise or to assess with any precision the impact of each factor on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements.

Executive Summary

On February 19, 2007, we and XM Radio entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement"), pursuant to which we and XM Radio will combine our businesses through a merger of XM Radio and a newly formed, wholly owned subsidiary of us (the "Merger"). Our Board of Directors and the Board of Directors of XM Radio have approved the Merger and the Merger Agreement.

The completion of the Merger is subject to various closing conditions, including obtaining the approval of our stockholders and XM Radio's stockholders and receiving certain regulatory and antitrust approvals (including from the FCC and under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended). The information presented in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q does not give effect to the Merger.

We are a satellite radio provider in the United States. We currently broadcast over 130 channels of programming to listeners across the country. We offer 69 channels of 100% commercial-free music and feature 65 channels of sports, news, talk, entertainment, traffic, video and weather for a monthly subscription fee of \$12.95.

We broadcast through our proprietary satellite radio system, which currently consists of three orbiting satellites, 124 terrestrial repeaters that receive and retransmit our signal, a satellite uplink facility and our studios. Subscribers receive our service through SIRIUS radios, which are sold by automakers, consumer electronics retailers and mobile audio dealers and through our website. Subscribers can also receive our music channels and certain other channels over the Internet.

In 2005, SIRIUS Canada Inc., a Canadian corporation owned by us, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and Standard Broadcasting Corporation, received a license from the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission to offer a satellite radio service in Canada. SIRIUS Canada offers 110 channels of commercial-free music and news, sports, talk and entertainment programming, including 11 channels of Canadian content. Subscribers to the SIRIUS Canada service are not included in our subscriber count.

SIRIUS radios are primarily distributed through retailers; automakers, or OEMs; and through our website. SIRIUS radios can be purchased at major retailers, including Best Buy; Circuit City; Crutchfield; Costco; Target; Wal-Mart; and on an exclusive basis through RadioShack. On September 30, 2007, SIRIUS radios were available at more than 20,000 retail locations. We have exclusive agreements with Chrysler LLC, Daimler, Ford, Kia, Mitsubishi, BMW, Rolls-Royce, Volkswagen and Bentley to offer SIRIUS radios as factory or dealer-installed equipment. We also have relationships with Nissan, Infiniti, Toyota, Lexus, Scion and Subaru to offer SIRIUS radios as factory or dealer-installed equipment. As of September 30, 2007, SIRIUS radios were available as a factory-installed option in 117 vehicle models and as a dealer-installed option in 37 vehicle models. SIRIUS radios are also offered to renters of Hertz vehicles at airport locations nationwide.

As of September 30, 2007, we had 7,667,476 subscribers compared with 6,024,555 subscribers as of December 31, 2006 and 5,119,308 subscribers as of September 30, 2006. Our subscriber totals include subscribers under our regular pricing plans; subscribers that have prepaid, including payments received from automakers for prepaid subscriptions included in the sale or lease price of a new vehicle; active SIRIUS radios under our agreement with Hertz; and subscribers to SIRIUS Internet Radio, our Internet service.

We believe our ability to attract and retain subscribers depends in large part on creating and sustaining distribution channels for SIRIUS radios, the strength of the SIRIUS brand, and on the quality and entertainment value of our programming. We expect to concentrate our future efforts on enhancing and refining our programming, whether through additional agreements with third parties or our own creative efforts; introducing SIRIUS radios with new features and functions; and expanding the distribution of SIRIUS radios through arrangements with automakers and through additional retail points-of-sale.

Our primary source of revenue is subscription fees, with most of our customers subscribing to SIRIUS on either an annual or a monthly basis. We offer discounts for prepaid and long-term subscriptions as well as discounts for multiple subscriptions. Currently we receive an average of approximately eight months of prepaid

revenue per subscriber upon activation. We also derive revenue from activation fees, the sale of advertising on our non-music channels and the direct sale of SIRIUS radios and accessories.

In certain cases, automakers include a subscription to our radio service in the sale or lease price of vehicles. The length of these prepaid subscriptions varies, but is typically six months to one year. In many cases, we receive subscription payments from automakers in advance of the activation of our service. We also reimburse various automakers for certain costs associated with SIRIUS radios installed in their vehicles.

Costs associated with acquiring subscribers are generally incurred and expensed in advance of acquiring a subscriber and are recognized as subscriber acquisition costs, or SAC. A higher percentage of our annual gross subscriber additions are acquired in the fourth quarter in connection with holiday sales as compared to other quarters. As a result, our SAC, as adjusted, per gross subscriber addition, a key operating metric for our business, is generally higher in the first three quarters of our fiscal year and declines in the fourth quarter as we experience higher activation rates.

Pending Merger with XM Radio

On February 19, 2007, we entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with XM Radio Holdings Inc. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, we and XM Radio will combine our businesses through a merger of XM Radio and a newly formed, wholly owned subsidiary of ours.

Each of SIRIUS and XM has made customary representations and warranties and covenants in the Merger Agreement. The completion of the Merger is subject to various closing conditions, including obtaining approvals of certain of our and XM Radio's stockholders and receiving certain regulatory and antitrust approvals (including from the FCC and under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended). The Merger is intended to qualify as a reorganization for federal income tax purposes.

At the effective time of the Merger (the "Effective Time"), by virtue of the Merger and without any action on the part of any stockholder, each share of common stock of XM Radio (the "XM Common Stock") issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time will generally be converted into the right to receive 4.6 shares of our common stock. Each share of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock of XM Radio issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time will be similarly converted at the Effective Time into the right to receive 4.6 shares of a newly-designated series of our preferred stock having substantially the same powers, designations, preferences, rights and qualifications, limitations and restrictions as the stock so converted.

Mel Karmazin, our chief executive officer, will become chief executive officer of the combined company and Gary M. Parsons, chairman of the board of directors of XM Radio, will become chairman of the board of directors of the combined company. The combined company's board of directors will consist of 12 directors, including Messrs. Karmazin and Parsons, four independent members designated by each of SIRIUS and XM Radio, as well as one representative of each of General Motors and American Honda.

The Merger Agreement contains certain termination rights for both us and XM Radio. If the Merger Agreement is terminated under certain circumstances specified in the Merger Agreement, we or XM Radio, as the case may be, will be required to pay the other a termination fee of \$175,000.

Our Board of Directors and the Board of Directors of XM Radio have approved the Merger and the Merger Agreement.

This description of the Merger Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Merger Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 2.1 to our Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 21, 2007.

A special meeting of our stockholders is scheduled to be held in The Auditorium at the Equitable Center, 787 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York 10019, on November 13, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. The pending merger with XM Radio cannot be completed unless SIRIUS stockholders approve the amendment to our certificate of incorporation and the issuance of our capital stock. Information about the meeting, the merger and other business to be considered by our stockholders is contained in the Proxy Statement mailed to stockholders on or about October 9, 2007.

Results of Operations

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Our discussion of our results of operations, along with the selected financial information in the tables that follow, includes the following non-GAAP financial measures: average monthly churn; average monthly revenue per subscriber, or ARPU; SAC, as adjusted, per gross subscriber addition; customer service and billing expenses, as adjusted, per average subscriber; free cash flow; and adjusted loss from operations. We believe these non-GAAP financial measures provide meaningful supplemental information regarding our operating performance and are used for internal management purposes, when publicly providing the business outlook, and as a means to evaluate period-to-period comparisons. Please refer to the footnotes following our discussion of results of operations for the definitions and further discussion of usefulness of such non-GAAP financial measures.

Certain amounts in the prior unaudited consolidated financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation. Specifically, during the first quarter 2007, we reclassified both broadcast and webstreaming royalties from programming and

content expenses; revenue share from programming and content expenses and sales and marketing expenses; and residuals from sales and marketing expenses to a separate line item, revenue share and royalties. In addition, we reclassified bad debt expense from general and administrative expenses to customer service and billing expenses.

Subscribers and Key Operating Metrics:

The following table contains a breakdown of our subscribers for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Beginning subscribers	7,142,538	4,678,207	6,024,555	3,316,560
Net additions	524,938	441,101	1,642,921	1,802,748
Ending subscribers	7,667,476	5,119,308	7,667,476	5,119,308
Retail	4,428,747	3,482,514	4,428,747	3,482,514
OEM	3,221,388	1,610,074	3,221,388	1,610,074
Hertz	17,341	26,720	17,341	26,720
Ending subscribers	7,667,476	5,119,308	7,667,476	5,119,308
Retail	64,101	205,899	386,922	1,017,151
OEM	462,749	236,464	1,262,378	786,381
Hertz	(1,912)	(1,262)	(6,379)	(784)
Net additions	524,938	441,101	1,642,921	1,802,748

Subscribers. We ended the third quarter of 2007 with 7,667,476 subscribers, an increase of 50% from the 5,119,308 subscribers as of September 30, 2006. Since September 30, 2006, we added 946,233 net subscribers from our retail channel and 1,601,935 net subscribers from our OEM channel, resulting in a 27% and 98% increase in our retail and OEM subscriber base, respectively.

The following table presents our key operating metrics for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Gross subscriber additions	999,284	732,406	2,989,887	2,523,587
Deactivated subscribers	474,346	291,305	1,346,966	720,839
Average monthly churn (1)(6)	2.1%	2.0%	2.2%	1.8%
ARPU (2)(6)	\$ 10.71	\$ 11.17	\$ 10.63	\$ 11.05
SAC, as adjusted, per gross subscriber addition (3)(6)	\$ 103	\$ 114	\$ 105	\$ 119
Customer service and billing expenses, as adjusted, per average subscriber (4)(6)	\$ 0.95	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.04	\$ 1.28
Total revenue	\$ 241,786	\$ 167,113	\$ 672,250	\$ 443,855
Free cash flow (5)(6)	\$ (67,799)	\$ (232,356)	\$ (294,545)	\$ (531,124)
Adjusted loss from operations (7)	\$ (56,892)	\$ (83,153)	\$ (220,190)	\$ (346,331)
Net loss	\$ (120,137)	\$ (162,898)	\$ (399,029)	\$ (859,270)

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ARPU. Total ARPU for the three months ended September 30, 2007 was \$10.71 compared to \$11.17 for the three months ended September 30, 2006. The decrease was driven by an increase in the mix of prepaid subscriptions for vehicles that have not been sold to a consumer; a decline in net advertising revenue per average subscriber as subscriber growth exceeded the growth in ad revenues; and the impact of plan mix due in part to the increase in subscribers under multi-unit subscription plans, offset by the effects of mail-in rebates. At September 30, 2007, approximately 60% of our subscribers were on an annual or longer subscription plan and approximately 15% were paying \$6.99 per month under a multi-unit subscriber plan, as compared to 14% at September 30, 2006.

We expect ARPU to fluctuate based on the growth of our subscriber base, promotions, mail-in rebates offered to subscribers and corresponding take-rates, plan mix (including the mix of prepaid subscriptions for vehicles that have not been sold to a consumer), subscription prices, advertising sales and the identification of additional revenue streams from subscribers.

SAC, As Adjusted, Per Gross Subscriber Addition. SAC, as adjusted, per gross subscriber addition was \$103 and \$114 for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The decline was primarily attributable to lower product costs offset by a higher mix of OEM gross additions.

We expect SAC, as adjusted, per gross subscriber addition to decline as the costs of subsidized components of SIRIUS radios decrease in the future. If competitive forces or changes in retailer promotional strategies, including the elimination of mail-in rebates by retailers, require us to increase hardware subsidies or promotions, SAC, as adjusted, per gross subscriber addition may increase. Our SAC, as adjusted, per gross subscriber addition is generally higher in the first three quarters of our fiscal year and declines in the fourth quarter as we experience higher activation rates. Our SAC, as adjusted, per gross subscriber addition will continue to be impacted by our increasing mix of OEM gross subscriber addition.

Customer Service and Billing Expenses, As Adjusted, Per Average Subscriber Per Month. Customer service and billing expenses, as adjusted, per average subscriber per month declined 17% to \$0.95 for the third quarter of 2007 compared with \$1.14 for the third quarter of 2006.

We expect customer service and billing expenses, as adjusted, per average subscriber to decrease on an annual basis as our subscriber base grows due to scale efficiencies in call center and other customer care and billing operations. Our customer service and billing expenses, as adjusted, per average subscriber are generally lower in the first three quarters of our fiscal year and increase in the fourth quarter due to the holiday selling season.

Adjusted Loss from Operations. Adjusted loss from operations is net loss before taxes, other income (expense) □ including interest and investment income, interest expense, equity in net loss of affiliate, depreciation, impairment charges, and stock-based compensation expense.

Three Months: For the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, adjusted loss from operations was \$56,892 and \$83,153, respectively, a decrease of \$26,261. The decrease was primarily driven by an increase in total revenue of \$74,673 as a result of a 50% increase in our subscriber base, which more than offset increases in expenses of \$48,412.

Nine Months: For the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, adjusted loss from operations was \$220,190 and \$346,331, respectively, a decrease of \$126,141. The decrease was primarily driven by an increase in total revenue of \$228,395 as a result of a 50% increase in our subscriber base, which more than offset increases in expenses of \$102,254.

Net Loss.

Three Months: For the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, net loss was \$120,137 and \$162,898, respectively, a decrease of \$42,761. The decrease was primarily driven by an increase in total revenue of \$74,673 as a result of a 50% increase in our subscriber base and a decrease in stock-based compensation as a result of certain performance targets being satisfied in 2006.

Nine Months: For the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, net loss was \$399,029 and \$859,270, respectively, a decrease of \$460,241. The decrease was primarily driven by an increase in total revenue of \$228,395 as a result of a 50% increase in our subscriber base and a decrease in stock-based compensation as a result of certain performance targets being satisfied in 2006.

Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007 Compared with Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006

Total Revenue

Subscriber Revenue. Subscriber revenue includes subscription fees, activation fees and the effects of mail-in rebates.

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Three Months: For the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, subscriber revenue was \$226,844 and \$155,372, respectively, an increase of 46% or \$71,472. The increase was attributable to the growth of subscribers to our service.

Nine Months: For the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, subscriber revenue was \$627,275 and \$408,194, respectively, an increase of 54% or \$219,081. The increase was attributable to the growth of subscribers to our service.

The following table contains a breakdown of our subscriber revenue for the periods presented:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Subscription fees	\$ 222,136	\$ 153,227	\$ 617,591	\$ 407,241
Activation fees	5,288	3,955	15,456	11,327
Effect of mail-in rebates	(580)	(1,810)	(5,772)	(10,374)
Total subscriber revenue	\$ 226,844	\$ 155,372	\$ 627,275	\$ 408,194

Future subscriber revenue will be dependent upon, among other things, the growth of our subscriber base, promotions, mail-in rebates offered to subscribers and corresponding take-rates, plan mix, subscription prices and the identification of additional revenue streams from subscribers.

Advertising Revenue. Advertising revenue includes the sale of advertising on our non-music channels, net of agency fees. Agency fees are based on a stated percentage per the advertising agreements applied to gross billing revenue.

Three Months: For the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, net advertising revenue was \$8,524 and \$7,130, respectively, an increase of \$1,394. The increase was a result of more spots sold due to new programming and increased advertiser interest as we continue to build brand awareness.

Nine Months: For the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, net advertising revenue was \$24,422 and \$22,593, respectively, an increase of \$1,829. The increase was a result of more spots sold due to new programming and increased advertiser interest as we continue to build brand awareness.

We expect advertising revenue to grow as our subscribers increase, as we continue to improve brand awareness and content, and as we increase the size and effectiveness of our advertising sales force. Advertising revenue is subject to fluctuation based on the overall advertising environment.

Equipment Revenue. Equipment revenue includes revenue from the direct sale of SIRIUS radios and accessories through our direct to consumer distribution channel.

Three Months: For the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, equipment revenue was \$6,290 and \$3,579, respectively, an increase of \$2,711. The increase was the result of higher sales through our direct to consumer distribution channel, offset by the effects of promotional discounts.

Nine Months: For the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, equipment revenue was \$17,216 and \$10,367, respectively, an increase of \$6,849. The increase was the result of higher sales through our direct to consumer distribution channel, offset by the effects of promotional discounts.

We expect equipment revenue to increase as we introduce new products and as sales grow through our direct to consumer distribution channel.

Operating Expenses

Satellite and Transmission. Satellite and transmission expenses consist of costs associated with the operation and maintenance of our satellites; satellite telemetry, tracking and control system; terrestrial repeater network; satellite uplink facility; and broadcast studios.

Three Months: For the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, satellite and transmission expenses were \$7,409 and \$7,580, respectively, a decrease of \$171. Excluding stock-based compensation of \$557 and \$490 for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, satellite and transmission expenses decreased \$238 from \$7,090 to \$6,852. As of September 30, 2007 and 2006, we had 124 and 139 terrestrial repeaters, respectively, in operation.

Nine Months: For the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, satellite and transmission expenses were \$22,732 and \$34,279, respectively, a decrease of \$11,547. Excluding stock-based compensation of \$1,834 and \$2,202 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, satellite and transmission expenses decreased \$11,179 from \$32,077 to \$20,898. The second quarter of 2006 included a \$10,900 non-recurring impairment charge associated with certain satellite long-lead time parts that were no longer needed.

Future increases in satellite and transmission expenses will primarily be attributable to the launch and operation of new satellites, the addition of new terrestrial repeaters and maintenance costs of existing terrestrial repeaters. We expect to deploy additional terrestrial repeaters in 2007 and 2008 if we obtain the necessary regulatory approvals. Such expenses may also increase in future periods if we decide to reinstate our in-orbit satellite insurance.

Programming and Content. Programming and content expenses include costs to acquire, create and produce content and on-air talent costs. We have entered into various agreements with third parties for music

and non-music programming. These agreements require us to pay license fees, share advertising revenue, purchase advertising on media properties owned or controlled by the licensor and pay other guaranteed amounts. Purchased advertising is recorded as a sales and marketing expense in the period the advertising is broadcast. Variable advertising revenue share is recorded to revenue share and royalties also in the period the advertising is broadcast.

Three Months: For the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, programming and content expenses were \$59,015 and \$71,654, respectively, a decrease of \$12,639. Excluding stock-based compensation of \$2,707 and \$23,615 for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, programming and content expenses increased \$8,269 from \$48,039 to \$56,308.

This increase was primarily attributable to license fees associated with new programming and compensation-related costs for additions to headcount. Stock-based compensation decreased \$20,908 as compared to third quarter 2006 primarily due to expense associated with shares of our common stock delivered to Howard Stern and his agent in 2006 upon the satisfaction of performance targets.

Nine Months: For the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, programming and content expenses were \$173,324 and \$440,010, respectively, a decrease of \$266,686. Excluding stock-based compensation of \$6,857 and \$297,139 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, programming and content expenses increased \$23,596 from \$142,871 to \$166,467. This increase of \$23,596 was primarily attributable to license fees associated with new programming and compensation related costs for additions to headcount. Stock-based compensation decreased \$290,282 primarily due to expense associated with shares of our common stock delivered to Howard Stern and his agent in January 2006 upon the satisfaction of performance targets.

Our programming and content expenses, excluding stock-based compensation expense, will increase as we continue to develop and enhance our channels. We regularly evaluate programming opportunities and may choose to acquire and develop new content or renew current programming agreements in the future at substantial costs.

Future expense associated with stock-based compensation is contingent upon a number of factors, including the number of stock-based awards granted, the price of our common stock, assumptions used in estimating the fair value of stock-based awards, estimates for forfeitures, vesting provisions and the timing as to when certain performance criteria are met, and could materially change.

Revenue Share and Royalties. Revenue share and royalties include distribution and content provider revenue share, residuals and broadcast and webstreaming royalties. Residuals are monthly fees paid based upon the number of subscribers using a SIRIUS radio purchased from a retailer. Variable advertising revenue share is recorded to revenue share and royalties in the period the advertising is broadcast.

Three Months: For the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, revenue share and royalties were \$32,978 and \$18,371, respectively, an increase of \$14,607, or 80%. This increase was primarily attributable to the growth in our revenue, increased broadcast royalties, and an increase in our OEM subscriber base.

Nine Months: For the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, revenue share and royalties were \$89,953 and \$48,856, respectively, an increase of \$41,097, or 84%. This increase was primarily attributable to the growth in our revenue, increased broadcast royalties, and an increase in our OEM subscriber base.

We expect revenue share to increase as our revenues grow and we expand our distribution of SIRIUS radios through automakers. In addition, we expect broadcast and webstreaming royalties, which are typically variable in nature, to increase as our subscriber base grows. We are a party to a proceeding before the Copyright Royalty Board of the Library of Congress to establish the royalty rate and terms for the sound recordings we use on our satellite radio service for the period 2007 through 2012. We expect a decision in this proceeding by the end of 2007.

Customer Service and Billing. Customer service and billing expenses include costs associated with the operation of our customer service centers and subscriber management system as well as bad debt expense.

Three Months: For the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, customer service and billing expenses were \$21,058 and \$16,822, respectively, an increase of \$4,236. Excluding stock-based compensation of \$166 and \$197 for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, customer service and billing expenses increased \$4,267 from \$16,625 to \$20,892.

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This increase was primarily due to higher call center operating costs necessary to accommodate the increase in the our subscriber base. Customer service and billing expenses, excluding stock-based compensation, increased 26% compared with an increase in subscribers of 50% year over year.

Nine Months: For the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, customer service and billing expenses were \$64,529 and \$50,550, respectively, an increase of \$13,979. Excluding stock-based compensation of \$543 and \$645 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, customer service and billing expenses increased \$14,081 from \$49,905 to \$63,986.

This increase was primarily due to higher call center operating costs necessary to accommodate the increase in our subscriber base. Customer service and billing expenses, excluding stock-based compensation, increased 28% compared with an increase in subscribers of 50% year over year.

We expect our customer service and billing expenses, excluding stock-based compensation expense, to increase as our subscriber base grows due to increased call center operating costs, transaction fees necessary to serve our subscriber base and bad debt expense.

Cost of Equipment. Cost of equipment includes costs for SIRIUS radios and accessories sold through our direct to consumer distribution channel.

Three Months: For the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, cost of equipment was \$8,460 and \$6,196, respectively, an increase of \$2,264. The increase was primarily attributable to higher sales volume, offset by a decline in per unit costs.

Nine Months: For the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, cost of equipment was \$26,388 and \$13,128, respectively, an increase of \$13,260. The increase was primarily attributable to higher sales volume, offset by a decline in per unit costs. In addition, we recorded a \$2,782 inventory allowance in the nine months ended September 30, 2007 primarily as a result of lower of cost or market adjustments and reserves for slow moving inventory.

We expect cost of equipment to increase in the future as we introduce new products and as sales through our direct to consumer distribution channel grow.

Sales and Marketing. Sales and marketing expenses include costs for advertising, media and production, including promotional events and sponsorships; cooperative marketing; customer retention and compensation. Cooperative marketing costs include fixed and variable payments to reimburse retailers and automakers for the cost of advertising and other product awareness activities.

Three Months: For the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, sales and marketing expenses were \$36,114 and \$38,590, respectively, a decrease of \$2,476. Excluding stock-based compensation of \$6,575 and \$7,609 for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, sales and marketing expenses decreased \$1,442 from \$30,981 to \$29,539. This decrease was primarily attributable to lower consumer marketing and advertising.

Nine Months: For the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, sales and marketing expenses were \$119,890 and \$125,902, respectively, a decrease of \$6,012. Excluding stock-based compensation of \$15,068 and \$14,878 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, sales and marketing expenses decreased \$6,202 from \$111,024 to \$104,822.

This decrease was primarily attributable to lower consumer marketing and advertising and reduced cooperative marketing spend offset by higher compensation-related costs.

We expect sales and marketing expenses, excluding stock-based compensation expense, to increase as we continue to build brand awareness through national advertising and promotional activities and expand our subscriber retention efforts.

Subscriber Acquisition Costs. Subscriber acquisition costs include hardware subsidies paid to radio manufacturers, distributors and automakers, including subsidies paid to automakers who include a SIRIUS radio and a prepaid subscription to our service in the sale or lease price of a new vehicle; subsidies paid for chip sets and certain other components used in manufacturing radios; device royalties for certain SIRIUS radios; commissions paid to retailers and automakers as incentives to purchase, install and activate SIRIUS radios; product warranty obligations; provisions for inventory allowance; and compensation costs associated with stock-based awards granted in connection with certain distribution agreements. The majority of subscriber acquisition costs are incurred and expensed in advance of acquiring a subscriber. Subscriber acquisition costs do not include advertising, loyalty payments to distributors and dealers of SIRIUS radios and revenue share payments to automakers and retailers of SIRIUS radios. Subscriber acquisition costs also do not include amounts capitalized in connection with our agreement with Hertz, as we retain ownership of certain SIRIUS radios used by Hertz.

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Three Months: For the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, subscriber acquisition costs were \$101,798 and \$79,812, respectively, an increase of 28% or \$21,986. Excluding stock-based compensation of \$800 and (\$1,051) for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, subscriber acquisition costs increased 25%, or \$20,135, from \$80,863 to \$100,998. This increase was primarily attributable to higher total hardware and chipset subsidies driven by higher gross subscriber additions.

Nine Months: For the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, subscriber acquisition costs were \$307,580 and \$329,418,

respectively, a decrease of 7% or \$21,838. Excluding stock-based compensation of \$2,687 and \$30,748 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, subscriber acquisition costs increased 2%, or \$6,223, from \$298,670 to \$304,893. This increase was primarily attributable to higher OEM hardware subsidies, offset by reduced manufacturing and chipset costs. Stock-based compensation decreased \$28,061 primarily due to the timing of third parties achieving milestones and changes in the fair market value of such awards.

We expect total subscriber acquisition costs, excluding stock-based compensation expense, to fluctuate based on the number and mix of OEM gross subscriber additions, as well as the retail environment, offset by lower product costs. We intend to continue to offer subsidies, commissions and other incentives to acquire subscribers.

Future expense associated with stock-based compensation is contingent upon a number of factors, including the number of stock-based awards granted, the price of our common stock, assumptions used in estimating the fair value of stock-based awards, estimates for forfeitures, vesting provisions and the timing as to when certain performance criteria are met, and could materially change.

General and Administrative. General and administrative expenses include rent and occupancy, finance, legal, human resources, information technology and investor relations costs.

Three Months: For the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, general and administrative expenses were \$44,837 and \$33,146, respectively, an increase of \$11,691. Excluding stock-based compensation of \$10,953 and \$11,536 for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, general and administrative expenses increased \$12,274 from \$21,610 to \$33,884. This increase was primarily the result of higher legal fees and compensation-related costs to support the growth of our business.

Nine Months: For the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, general and administrative expenses were \$118,651 and \$97,574, respectively, an increase of \$21,077. Excluding stock-based compensation of \$34,056 and \$38,947 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, general and administrative expenses increased \$25,968 from \$58,627 to \$84,595. This increase was primarily a result of higher legal fees and compensation-related costs to support the growth of our business. Stock-based compensation decreased \$4,891 primarily as a result of restricted stock units that vested in 2006.

We expect our general and administrative expenses, excluding stock-based compensation expense, to increase in future periods as a result of higher personnel, information technology, and facilities costs, as well as increased legal fees to support the growth of our business.

Future expense associated with stock-based compensation is contingent upon a number of factors, including the number of stock-based awards granted, the price of our common stock, assumptions used in estimating the fair value of stock-based awards, estimates for forfeitures, vesting provisions and the timing as to when certain performance criteria are met, and could materially change.

Engineering, Design and Development. Engineering, design and development expenses include costs to develop our chip sets and new products and costs associated with the incorporation of SIRIUS radios into vehicles manufactured by automakers.

Three Months: For the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, engineering, design and development expenses were \$9,736 and \$21,513, respectively, a decrease of \$11,777. Excluding stock-based compensation of \$969 and \$1,022 for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, engineering, design and development expenses decreased \$11,724 from \$20,491 to \$8,767. This decrease was primarily attributable to reduced OEM tooling and manufacturing upgrades associated with the factory installation of SIRIUS radios in additional vehicle models.

Nine Months: For the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, engineering, design and development expenses were \$33,397 and \$56,679, respectively, a decrease of \$23,282. Excluding stock-based compensation of \$2,959 and \$10,734 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, engineering, design and development expenses decreased \$15,507 from \$45,945 to \$30,438. This decrease was primarily attributable reduced OEM tooling and manufacturing upgrades associated with the factory installation of SIRIUS radios in additional vehicle models, offset by higher compensation-related costs. Stock-based compensation decreased \$7,775 primarily due to the timing of third parties achieving certain production milestones.

We expect engineering, design and development expenses, excluding stock-based compensation expense, to continue to fluctuate based on the nature and timing of engineering, design and development activities.

Other Income (Expense)

Interest and Investment Income. Interest and investment income includes realized gains and losses, dividends and interest income, including amortization of the premium and discount arising at purchase.

Three Months: For the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, interest and investment income was \$5,604 and \$7,750, respectively, a decrease of \$2,146. The decrease was attributable to a lower average cash balance.

Nine Months: For the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, interest and investment income was \$16,399 and \$26,560, respectively, a decrease of \$10,161. The decrease was attributable to a lower average cash balance.

Interest Expense. Interest expense includes interest on outstanding debt, reduced by interest capitalized in connection with the construction of our new satellites and launch vehicle.

Three Months: For the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, interest expense was \$19,499 and \$15,921, respectively, an increase of \$3,578. Interest expense increased due to the incurrence of the \$250,000 Senior Secured Term Loan in June 2007.

Interest expense was offset by the capitalized interest associated with satellite construction and a related launch vehicle.

Nine Months: For the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, interest expense was \$50,441 and \$48,705, respectively, an increase of \$1,736. The increase was primarily the result the interest expense associated with the new term loan, offset by capitalized interest in 2007 associated with satellite construction and a related launch vehicle.

Equity in Net Loss of Affiliate. Equity in net loss of affiliate includes our share of SIRIUS Canada's net loss. We recorded \$0 and \$4,445 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively, for our share of SIRIUS Canada's net loss.

As of September 30, 2007, our investment in SIRIUS Canada was \$0 as we fully recognized our share of SIRIUS Canada's net loss to the extent we have funded it. We do not expect to recognize future net losses unless we commit to additional funding.

Income Taxes

Income Tax Expense. Income tax expense represents the recognition of a deferred tax liability related to the difference in accounting for our FCC license, which is amortized over 15 years for tax purposes but not amortized for book purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Three Months: We recorded income tax expense of \$555 and \$578 for the three months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Nine Months: We recorded income tax expense of \$1,665 and \$1,909 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Footnotes to Results of Operations

- (1) Average monthly churn represents the number of deactivated subscribers divided by average quarterly subscribers.
- (2) ARPU is derived from total earned subscriber revenue and net advertising revenue divided by the daily weighted average number of subscribers for the period. ARPU is calculated as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Subscriber revenue	\$ 226,844	\$ 155,372	\$ 627,275	\$ 408,194
Net advertising revenue	8,524	7,130	24,422	22,593
Total subscriber and net advertising revenue	\$ 235,368	\$ 162,502	\$ 651,697	\$ 430,787
Daily weighted average number of subscribers	7,326,029	4,848,293	6,814,796	4,332,332
ARPU	\$ 10.71	\$ 11.17	\$ 10.63	\$ 11.05

- (3) SAC, as adjusted, per gross subscriber addition is derived from subscriber acquisition costs, excluding stock-based compensation, and margins from the direct sale of SIRIUS radios and accessories divided by the number of gross subscriber additions for the period. SAC, as adjusted, per gross subscriber addition is calculated as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Subscriber acquisition costs	\$ 101,798	\$ 79,812	\$ 307,580	\$ 329,418
Less: stock-based compensation	(800)	1,051	(2,687)	(30,748)
Add: margin from direct sale of SIRIUS radios and accessories	2,170	2,617	9,172	2,761
SAC, as adjusted	\$ 103,168	\$ 83,480	\$ 314,065	\$ 301,431
Gross subscriber additions	999,284	732,406	2,989,887	2,523,587
SAC, as adjusted, per gross subscriber addition	\$ 103	\$ 114	\$ 105	\$ 119

- (4) Customer service and billing expenses, as adjusted, per average subscriber is derived from total customer service and billing expenses, excluding stock-based compensation, divided by the daily weighted average number of subscribers for the period. Customer service and billing expenses, as adjusted, per average subscriber is calculated as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Customer service and billing expenses	\$ 21,058	\$ 16,822	\$ 64,529	\$ 50,550
Less: stock-based compensation	(166)	(197)	(543)	(645)
Customer service and billing expenses, as adjusted	\$ 20,892	\$ 16,625	\$ 63,986	\$ 49,905
Daily weighted average number of subscribers	7,326,029	4,848,293	6,814,796	4,332,332
Customer service and billing expenses, as adjusted, per average subscriber	\$ 0.95	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.04	\$ 1.28

- (5) Free cash flow is derived from cash flow (used in) provided by operating activities, capital expenditures and restricted and other investment activity. Free cash flow is calculated as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (62,587)	\$ (183,330)	\$ (252,434)	\$ (449,417)
Additions to property and equipment	(30,212)	(66,588)	(66,801)	(94,368)
Restricted and other investment activity	25,000	17,562	24,690	12,661
Free cash flow	\$ (67,799)	\$ (232,356)	\$ (294,545)	\$ (531,124)

- (6) Average monthly churn; ARPU; SAC, as adjusted, per gross subscriber addition; customer service and billing expenses, as adjusted, per average subscriber; and free cash flow are not measures of financial performance under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). We believe these non-GAAP financial measures provide meaningful supplemental information regarding our operating performance and are used by us for budgetary and planning purposes; when publicly providing our business outlook; as a means to evaluate period-to-period comparisons; and to compare our performance to that of our competitors. We also believe that investors also use our current and projected metrics to monitor the performance of our business and make investment decisions.

We believe the exclusion of stock-based compensation expense in our calculations of SAC, as adjusted, per gross subscriber addition and customer service and billing expenses, as adjusted, per average subscriber is useful given the significant variation in expense that can result from changes in the fair market value of our common stock, the effect of which is unrelated to the operational conditions that give rise to variations in the components of our subscriber acquisition costs and customer service and billing expenses. Specifically, the exclusion of stock-based compensation expense in our calculation of SAC, as adjusted, per gross subscriber addition is critical in being able to understand the economic impact of the direct costs incurred to acquire a subscriber and the effect over time as economies of scale are reached.

These non-GAAP financial measures are used in addition to and in conjunction with results presented in accordance with GAAP. These non-GAAP financial measures may be susceptible to varying calculations; may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies; and should not be considered in isolation, as a substitute for, or superior to measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP.

- (7) We refer to net loss before taxes; other income (expense)-including interest and investment income, interest expense, equity in net loss of affiliate; depreciation; impairment charges; and stock-based compensation expense as adjusted loss from operations. Adjusted loss from operations is not a measure of financial performance under U.S. GAAP. We believe adjusted loss from operations is a useful measure of our operating performance. We use adjusted loss from operations for budgetary and planning purposes; to assess the relative profitability and on-going performance of our consolidated operations; to compare our performance from period-to-period; and to compare our performance to that of our competitors.

We also believe adjusted loss from operations is useful to investors to compare our operating performance to the performance of other communications, entertainment and media companies. We believe that investors use current and projected adjusted loss from operations to estimate our current or prospective enterprise value and make investment decisions.

Because we fund and build-out our satellite radio system through the periodic raising and expenditure of large amounts of capital, our results of operations reflect significant charges for interest and depreciation expense. We believe adjusted loss from operations provides useful information about the operating performance of our business apart from the costs associated with our capital structure and physical plant. The exclusion of interest and depreciation expense is useful given fluctuations in interest rates and significant variation in depreciation expense that can result from the amount and timing of capital expenditures and potential variations in estimated useful lives, all of which can vary widely across different industries or among companies within the same industry. We believe the exclusion of taxes is appropriate for comparability purposes as the tax positions of companies can vary because of their differing abilities to take advantage of tax benefits and because of the tax policies of the various jurisdictions in which they operate. We also believe the exclusion of stock-based compensation expense is useful given the significant variation in expense that can result from changes in the fair market value of our common stock. Finally, we believe that the exclusion of our equity in net loss of affiliate (SIRIUS Canada Inc.) is useful to assess the performance of our core consolidated operations in the continental United States. To compensate for the exclusion of taxes, other income (expense), depreciation, impairment charges and stock-based compensation expense, we separately measure and budget for these items.

There are material limitations associated with the use of adjusted loss from operations in evaluating our company compared with net loss, which reflects overall financial performance, including the effects of taxes, other income (expense), depreciation, impairment charges and stock-based compensation expense. We use adjusted loss from operations to supplement GAAP results to provide a more complete understanding of the factors and trends affecting the business than GAAP results alone. Investors that wish to compare and evaluate our operating results after giving effect

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for these costs, should refer to net loss as disclosed in our unaudited consolidated statements of operations. Since adjusted loss from operations is a non-GAAP financial measure, our calculation of adjusted loss from operations may be susceptible to varying calculations; may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies; and should not be considered in isolation, as a substitute for, or superior to measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Adjusted loss from operations is calculated as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Net loss	\$ (120,137)	\$ (162,898)	\$ (399,029)	\$ (859,270)
Impairment loss	-	-	-	10,917
Depreciation	26,072	27,583	79,142	78,254
Stock-based compensation	22,727	43,418	64,004	395,293
Other expense	13,891	8,166	34,028	26,566
Income tax expense	555	578	1,665	1,909
Adjusted loss from operations	\$ (56,892)	\$ (83,153)	\$ (220,190)	\$ (346,331)

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Liquidity and Capital Resources**Cash Flows for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2007 Compared with the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006**

As of September 30, 2007, we had \$357,710 in cash and cash equivalents compared with \$317,876 as of September 30, 2006 and \$393,421 as of December 31, 2006.

The following table presents a summary of our cash flow activity for the periods set forth below:

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2007	2006	Variance
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (252,434)	\$ (449,417)	\$ 196,983
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(31,153)	1,256	(32,409)
Net cash provided by financing activities	247,876	4,030	243,846
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(35,711)	(444,131)	408,420
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	393,421	762,007	(368,586)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 357,710	\$ 317,876	\$ 39,834
<i>Net Cash Used in Operating Activities</i>			

Net cash used in operating activities decreased \$196,983 to \$252,434 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 from \$449,417 for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. Such decrease in the net outflows of cash was attributable to the \$126,141 improvement in our adjusted loss from operations, higher purchase of inventory in 2006 and timing of programming and distribution partner arrangements in 2006.

Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities was \$31,153 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 compared with net cash provided by investing activities of \$1,256 for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The \$32,409 decrease was primarily a result of a decrease in capital expenditures of \$27,567 primarily as a result of costs associated with our satellite construction and launch vehicle as well as a result of sales of auction rate securities in 2006.

We will incur significant capital expenditures to construct and launch our new satellites and to improve our terrestrial repeater network and broadcast and administrative infrastructure. These capital expenditures will support our growth and the resiliency of our operations, and will also support the delivery of future new revenue streams.

Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities

Net cash provided by financing activities increased \$243,846 to \$247,876 for the nine months ended September 30, 2007 from \$4,030 for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The increase was a result of additional debt proceeds, net of related costs, of \$245,199 from the new term loan entered into in June 2007.

Financings and Capital Requirements

We have historically financed our operations through the sale of debt and equity securities.

Future Liquidity and Capital Resource Requirements

Based upon our current plans, we believe that our cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities will be sufficient to cover our estimated funding needs through cash flow breakeven, the point at which our revenues are sufficient to fund expected operating expenses, capital expenditures, working capital requirements, interest and principal payments and taxes. In light of our pending merger with XM Radio, and the uncertainty surrounding the timing and financial impact, we are no longer currently providing cash flow guidance for the year ending December 31, 2007 or beyond. Our financial projections are based on assumptions, which we believe are reasonable but contain significant uncertainties.

Our business is in its early stages, and we regularly evaluate our plans and strategy. These evaluations often result in changes to our plans and strategy, some of which may be material and significantly change our cash requirements or cause us to achieve cash flow breakeven at a later date. These changes in our plans or strategy may include: the acquisition of unique or compelling programming; the introduction of new features or services; significant new or enhanced distribution arrangements; investments in infrastructure, such as satellites, equipment or radio spectrum; and acquisitions of third parties that own programming, distribution, infrastructure, assets, or any combination of the foregoing.

In July 2007, we amended and restated our Credit Agreement with Space Systems/Loral (the "Loral Credit Agreement"). Under the Loral Credit Agreement, Space Systems/Loral has agreed to make loans to us in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$100,000 to finance the purchase of our fifth and sixth satellites. Loans made under the Loral Credit Agreement will be secured by our rights under

the Satellite Purchase Agreement with Space Systems/Loral, including our rights to our new satellites. The loans are also entitled to the benefits of a subsidiary guarantee from Satellite CD Radio, Inc., our subsidiary that holds our FCC license, and any future material subsidiary that may be formed by us. The maturity date of the loans is the earliest to occur of (i) June 10, 2010, (ii) 90 days after our sixth satellite becomes available for shipment, and (iii) 30 days prior to the scheduled launch of the sixth satellite. Any loans made under the Loral Credit Agreement generally will bear interest at a variable rate equal to three-month LIBOR plus 4.75%. The daily unused balance bears interest at a rate per annum equal to 0.50%. The Loral Credit Agreement permits us to prepay all or a portion of the loans outstanding without penalty. We have no current plans to draw under the Loral Credit Agreement.

In June 2007, we entered into a Term Credit Agreement with a syndicate of financial institutions. The Term Credit Agreement provides for a term loan of \$250,000, which has been drawn. Interest under the Term Credit Agreement is based, at our option, on (i) adjusted LIBOR plus 2.25% or (ii) the higher of (a) the prime rate and (b) the Federal Funds Effective Rate plus 1/2 of 1.00%, plus 1.25%. LIBOR borrowings may be made for interest periods, at our option, of one, two, three or six months (or, if agreed by all of the lenders, nine or twelve months). The loan amortizes in equal quarterly installments of 0.25% of the initial aggregate principal amount for the first four and a half years, with the balance of the loan thereafter being repaid in four equal quarterly installments. The loan matures on December 20, 2012. The loan is guaranteed by our material wholly owned subsidiaries, including Satellite CD Radio, Inc. (the "Guarantor"). The Term Credit Agreement is secured by a lien on substantially all of our and the Guarantor's assets, including our four satellites and the shares of the Guarantor. The Term Credit Agreement contains customary affirmative covenants and event of default provisions. The negative covenants contained in the Term Credit Agreement are substantially similar to those contained in the indenture governing our 9⁵/₈ % Senior Notes due 2013.

To fund incremental cash requirements, or as market opportunities arise, we may choose to raise additional funds through the sale of additional debt securities, equity securities or a combination of debt and equity securities. The incurrence of additional indebtedness would result in increased fiscal obligations and could contain restrictive covenants. The sale of additional equity or convertible debt securities may result in dilution to our stockholders. These additional sources of funds may not be available or, if available, may not be available on terms favorable to us. Our merger agreement with XM Radio restricts our ability to incur additional debt financing beyond our existing credit facilities (or equivalent funding) and limits the amount of new equity we can issue, in each case without approval from XM Radio.

2003 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan

In January 2003, our board of directors adopted the Sirius Satellite Radio 2003 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan (the "2003 Plan"), and on March 4, 2003 our stockholders approved this plan. On May 25, 2004, our stockholders approved an amendment to the 2003 Plan to include members of our board of directors as eligible participants. Employees, consultants and members of our board of directors are eligible to receive awards under the 2003 Plan. The 2003 Plan provides for the grant of stock options, restricted stock, restricted stock units and other stock-based awards that the compensation committee of our board of directors may deem appropriate.

Vesting and other terms of stock-based awards are set forth in the agreements with the individuals receiving the awards. Stock-based awards granted under the 2003 Plan are generally subject to a vesting requirement that includes one or all of the following: (1) over time, generally three to five years from the date of grant; (2) on a specific date in future periods, with acceleration to earlier periods if performance criteria are satisfied; or (3) as certain performance targets set at the time of grant are achieved. Stock-based awards generally expire ten years from date of grant. Each restricted stock unit entitles the holder to receive one share of our common stock upon vesting.

As of September 30, 2007, approximately 85,858,000 stock options, shares of restricted stock and restricted stock units were outstanding. As of September 30, 2007, approximately 72,952,000 shares of our common stock were available for grant under the 2003 Plan. During the nine months ended September 30, 2007, employees exercised 1,304,594 stock options at exercise prices ranging from \$2.79 to \$4.16 per share, resulting in proceeds to us of \$1,502. The exercise of the remaining outstanding, vested options could result in an inflow of cash in future periods.

Contractual Cash Commitments

For a discussion of our [Contractual Cash Commitments] refer to Note 11 to the unaudited consolidated financial statements, Commitments and Contingencies, of this Form 10-Q.

Critical Accounting Policies

For a description of our Critical Accounting Policies refer to [Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations] within our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006 and Note 3 to the unaudited consolidated financial statements, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, of this Form 10-Q.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

As of September 30, 2007, we did not have any derivative financial instruments and we do not intend to use derivatives. We do not hold or issue any free-standing derivatives. We hold investments in marketable securities, which consist of certificates of deposit and auction rate securities. We classify our marketable securities as available-for-sale. These securities are consistent with the investment objectives contained within our investment policy. The basic objectives of our investment policy are the preservation of capital, maintaining sufficient liquidity to meet operating requirements and maximizing yield. Despite the underlying long-term maturity of auction rate securities, from the investor's perspective, such securities are priced and trade as short-term investments because of the interest rate reset feature. Interest rates are reset through an auction process at predetermined periods of 28 or 35 days. Failed auctions rarely occur. As of September 30, 2007, we did not hold any auction rate securities.

Our long-term debt includes fixed interest rates and the fair market value of the debt is sensitive to changes in interest rates. Under our current policies, we do not use interest rate derivative instruments to manage our exposure to interest rate fluctuations.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

As of September 30, 2007, an evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including Mel Karmazin, our Chief Executive Officer, and David J. Frear, our Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation, our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2007. There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting or in other factors that could materially affect, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting for the three months ended September 30, 2007.

Part II

Other Information

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

FCC Inquiry. In April 2006, we learned that XM Radio and two manufacturers of SIRIUS radios had received inquiries from the FCC as to whether the FM transmitters in their products complied with the FCC's emissions and frequency rules. We promptly began an internal review of the compliance of the FM transmitters in a number of our radios. In June 2006, we learned that a third manufacturer of SIRIUS radios had received an inquiry from the FCC as to whether the FM transmitters in its products complied with the FCC's emissions and frequency rules. In June 2006, we received a letter from the FCC making similar inquiries. In July 2006, we responded to the letter from the FCC in respect of the preliminary results of our review. In August 2006, we received a follow-up letter of inquiry from the FCC and responded to the FCC's further inquiry. We continue to cooperate with the FCC's inquiry.

During our internal review, we determined that certain of our radios with FM transmitters were not compliant with FCC rules. We have taken a series of actions to correct the problem.

In connection with our internal review, we discovered that certain SIRIUS personnel requested manufacturers to produce SIRIUS radios that were not consistent with the FCC's rules. As a result of this review, we are taking significant steps to ensure that this situation does not happen again, including the adoption of a compliance plan, approved by our board of directors, to ensure that in the future our products comply with all applicable FCC rules.

The FCC's laboratory has tested a number of our products and found them to be compliant with the FCC's rules. We believe SIRIUS radios that are currently in production comply with applicable FCC's rules. No health or safety issues are involved with these SIRIUS radios and radios which are factory-installed in new vehicles are not affected.

We have retained an engineering compliance officer to report to our Vice President of Internal Audit, who reports to our Audit Committee.

In October 2006, we ceased operating 11 of our terrestrial repeaters which we discovered had been operating at variance to the specifications and applied to the FCC for new authority to resume operating these repeaters.

Copyright Royalty Board Proceeding. We are a party to a proceeding before the Copyright Royalty Board of the Library of Congress to establish the royalty rates and terms for the sound recordings we use on our satellite radio service for the period from 2007 through 2012. A trial in this matter was held by the Copyright Royalty Board throughout the summer and concluded in October 2007.

As part of this proceeding, we have filed a rate proposal requesting the Copyright Royalty Board to establish a royalty rate for calendar year 2007 of \$1.60 for each feature performance we make of a copyrighted sound recording that is not otherwise licensed. We have also proposed that this royalty rate be adjusted each subsequent year by a percentage equal to the percentage change in aggregate satellite radio subscribers during the preceding year. SoundExchange, a collection and distribution organization representing record labels and performing artists, has proposed a royalty rate consisting of the greater of a specified percentage of revenue or a per-subscriber fee. The SoundExchange proposed fees would increase as our number of subscribers increase, in seven steps that start at the greater of 8% of total revenues or \$0.85 per subscriber per month, if we have fewer than 9 million subscribers, and end at the greater of 23% of total revenue or \$3.00 per subscriber per month, if we have 19 million or more subscribers. SoundExchange has also proposed, as an alternative that it describes as less-preferred, a monthly per-broadcast, per-subscriber fee structure, which it claims is calculated to reach similar fee levels if we continue with our current level of music performances.

The Copyright Royalty Board must set a rate that is calculated to achieve four statutory objectives:

To maximize the availability of creative works to the public;

to afford the copyright owner a fair return for his creative work and the copyright user a fair income under existing economic conditions;

to reflect the relative roles of the copyright owner and the copyright user in the product made available to the public with respect to relative creative contribution, technological contribution, capital investment, cost, risk and contribution to the opening of new markets for creative expression and media for their communication; and

to minimize any disruptive impact on the structure of the industries involved and on generally prevailing industry practices.

We believe that the fee we proposed achieves these objectives. We expect the Copyright Royalty Board to render a decision establishing a rate for the sound recordings we use on our satellite radio service by the end of the year.

U.S. Electronics Arbitration. In May 2006, U.S. Electronics Inc., a licensed distributor and a former licensed manufacturer of SIRIUS radios, commenced an arbitration proceeding against us. U.S. Electronics alleges that we breached our contract; failed to pay monies owed under the contract; tortiously interfered with U.S. Electronics' relationships with retailers and manufacturers; withheld information relating to the FCC's inquiring into SIRIUS radios that include FM modulators; and otherwise acted in bad faith. U.S. Electronics is seeking at least \$48,000 in damages. We believe that a substantial portion of these damages are barred by the limitation of liability provisions contained in the contract between us and U.S. Electronics. U.S. Electronics contends, and will be permitted to try to prove in the arbitration, that these provisions do not bar its damages because of, among other reasons, our alleged bad faith and tortious conduct. We are vigorously defending this action. A hearing in this arbitration is scheduled to commence in March 2008.

Other Matters. In the ordinary course of business, we are a defendant in various lawsuits and arbitration proceedings, including actions filed by former employees, parties to contracts or leases and owners of patents, trademarks, copyrights or other intellectual property. None of these actions are, in our opinion, likely to have a material adverse effect on our business or financial results.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Reference is made to the Risk Factors set forth in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006. The Risk Factors remain applicable from our Form 10-K.

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

Not applicable.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

Not applicable.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

Not applicable.

Item 6. Exhibits

See Exhibit Index attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

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

SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO INC .

By: /s/ DAVID J. FREAR
David J. Frear
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

November 1, 2007

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
2.1	<input type="checkbox"/> Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of February 19, 2007, by and among Sirius Satellite Radio Inc., Vernon Merger Corporation and XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated February 19, 2007).
3.1	<input type="checkbox"/> Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation dated March 4, 2003 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002).
3.2	<input type="checkbox"/> Amended and Restated By-Laws (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2001).
4.1	<input type="checkbox"/> Form of certificate for shares of Common Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 33-74782)).
4.2	<input type="checkbox"/> Warrant Agreement, dated as of May 15, 1999, between the Company and United States Trust Company of New York, as warrant agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4.4 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-82303)).
4.3	<input type="checkbox"/> Indenture, dated as of September 29, 1999, between the Company and United States Trust Company of Texas, N.A., as trustee, relating to the Company's 8¾% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2009 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 13, 1999).
4.4	<input type="checkbox"/> First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 29, 1999, between the Company and United States Trust Company of Texas, N.A., as trustee, relating to the Company's 8¾% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2009 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.01 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 1, 1999).
4.5	<input type="checkbox"/> Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 4, 2003, among the Company, The Bank of New York (as successor to United States Trust Company of Texas, N.A.), as resigning trustee, and HSBC Bank USA, as successor trustee, relating to the Company's 8¾% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2009 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.16 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002).
4.6	<input type="checkbox"/> Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 7, 2003, between the Company and HSBC Bank USA, as trustee, relating to the Company's 8¾% Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2009 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.17 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002).
4.7	<input type="checkbox"/> Form of 8¾% Convertible Subordinated Note due 2009 (incorporated by reference to Article VII of Exhibit 4.01 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on October 1, 1999).
4.8	<input type="checkbox"/> Indenture, dated as of May 23, 2003, between the Company and The Bank of New York, as trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 30, 2003).
4.9	<input type="checkbox"/> First Supplemental Indenture, dated as of May 23, 2003, between the Company and The Bank of New York, as trustee, relating to the Company's 3½% Convertible Notes due 2008 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 30, 2003).
4.10	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of February 20, 2004, between the Company and The Bank of New York, as trustee, relating to the Company's 2½% Convertible Notes due 2009 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.20 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003).

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<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
4.11	☐ Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of October 13, 2004, between the Company and The Bank of New York, as trustee, relating to the Company's 3¼% Convertible Notes due 2011 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated October 13, 2004).
4.12	☐ Indenture, dated as of August 9, 2005, between the Company and The Bank of New York, as trustee, relating to the Company's 9 % Senior Notes due 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 12, 2005).
4.13	☐ Common Stock Purchase Warrant granted by the Company to Daimler AG dated October 1, 2007 (filed herewith).
4.14	☐ Common Stock Purchase Warrant granted by the Company to Chrysler LLC dated October 1, 2007 (filed herewith).
4.15	☐ Common Stock Purchase Warrant granted by the Company to Ford Motor Company dated October 7, 2002 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.16 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2002).
4.16	☐ Form of Media-Based Incentive Warrant dated February 3, 2004 issued by the Company to NFL Enterprises LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.25 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003).
4.17	☐ Bounty-Based Incentive Warrant dated February 3, 2004 issued by the Company to NFL Enterprises LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.26 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003).
4.18	☐ Amended and Restated Warrant Agreement, dated as of December 27, 2000, between the Company and United States Trust Company of New York, as warrant agent and escrow agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.27 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-65602)).
4.19	☐ Amended and Restated Customer Credit Agreement, dated as of July 30, 2007, between the Company and Space Systems/Loral, Inc. (filed herewith).
4.20	☐ Term Credit Agreement, dated as of June 20, 2007, among the Company., the lenders party thereto, and Morgan Stanley Senior Funding, Inc., as Administrative Agent and Collateral Agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 20, 2007).
10.1.1	☐ Lease Agreement, dated as of March 31, 1998, between Rock-McGraw, Inc. and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1998).
10.1.2	☐ Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 22, 2000, between Rock-McGraw, Inc. and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2000).
*10.2	☐ Employment Agreement dated November 18, 2004 between the Company and Mel Karmazin (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004).
*10.3	☐ Employment Agreement, dated as of June 3, 2003, between the Company and David J. Frear (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2003).

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- *10.4 First Amendment, dated as of August 10, 2005, to the Employment Agreement, dated as of June 3, 2003, between the Company and David Frear (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 12, 2005).
- *10.5 Employment Agreement, dated as of May 5, 2004, between the Company and Scott A. Greenstein (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004).

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<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description</u>
*10.6	<input type="checkbox"/> First Amendment, dated as of August 8, 2005, to the Employment Agreement, dated as of May 5, 2004, between the Company and Scott A. Greenstein (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 12, 2005).
*10.7	<input type="checkbox"/> Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated as of June 6, 2007, between the Company and James E. Meyer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated June 7, 2007).
*10.8	<input type="checkbox"/> Restricted Stock Unit Agreement, dated as of August 9, 2005, between the Company and James E. Meyer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated August 12, 2005).
*10.9	<input type="checkbox"/> Employment Agreement, dated as of November 8, 2004, between the Company and Patrick L. Donnelly (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2004).
*10.10	<input type="checkbox"/> First Amendment, dated as of May 21, 2007, to the Employment Agreement, dated as of November 8, 2004, between Patrick L. Donnelly and the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 22, 2007).
*10.11	<input type="checkbox"/> CD Radio Inc. 401(k) Savings Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-65473)).
*10.12	<input type="checkbox"/> Amended and Restated Sirius Satellite Radio 2003 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004).
*10.13	<input type="checkbox"/> Form of Option Agreement, dated as of December 29, 1997, between the Company and each Optionee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1998).
<input type="checkbox"/> 10.14	<input type="checkbox"/> Joint Development Agreement, dated as of February 16, 2000, between the Company and XM Satellite Radio Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.28 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2000).
31.1	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Mel Karmazin, Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).
31.2	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of David J. Frear, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).
32.1	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Mel Karmazin, Chief Executive Officer, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).
32.2	<input type="checkbox"/> Certificate of David J. Frear, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).

* This document has been identified as a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

Portions of this exhibit have been omitted pursuant to Applications for Confidential treatment filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

