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From the Great Lakes Chapter

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Happy Holidays
and a
Wonderful New Year



Cable broadens its move into mobile



This year saw a small group of cable operators follow the game plan of Comcast, Charter Communications and Altice USA in firing up mobile services that, at their core, are designed to shore up the companies' bread-and-butter home broadband businesses.

Using mobile to retain and gain broadband subs is quickly becoming a critical strategy for cable operators seeking ways to support a core broadband business that is being weakened by both wired and wireless competition and a general slowdown in consumer moves that have reduced new sales opportunities.

Comcast, Charter and, to a lesser degree, Altice USA are the prime examples of how this strategy can be successful with respect to mobile line additions as well as an underlying financial model. Success hasn't occurred overnight, but Comcast and Charter, which power mobile through respective mobile virtual network operator (MVNO) deals with Verizon, added a record 729,000 lines combined in Q3 2022, ending the period with a total of about 9.61 million lines.

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What's next in the cable access network?



The early phases of the pandemic caused cable operators to put plans for upgrading their access networks on the back burner as they instead focused on beefing up capacity on existing hybrid fiber/coax (HFC) networks. But that picture changed dramatically in the second half of 2022 and will likely change even more in 2023 as cable operators push ahead with a wide range of upgrades.

Action is expected to include deployments of a distributed access architecture (DAA), network virtualization, upstream capacity improvements and even some initial deployments of DOCSIS 4.0. Tied in, expect to see an uptick in deployments of remote OLTs (optical line terminals) that enable cable operators to deploy fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) capabilities from the node on a targeted basis.

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See the full chapter training schedule at scte.org.

- [Gateway Chapter High Split Networks](#) on Jan. 26 (replay of Cactus Chapter's event)
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- [Lake Michigan Chapter Becoming a Leader](#) on Feb. 16

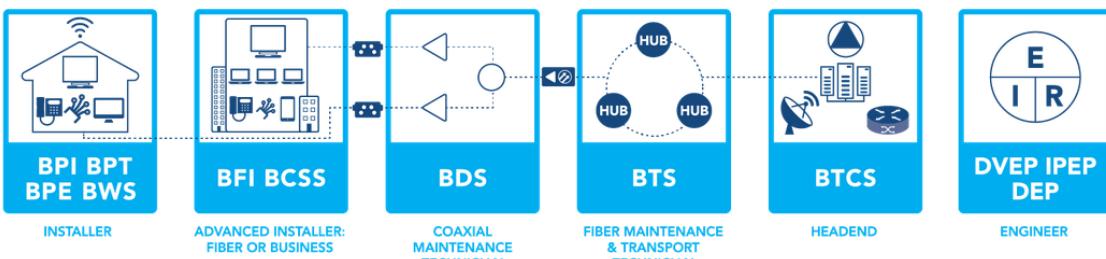
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