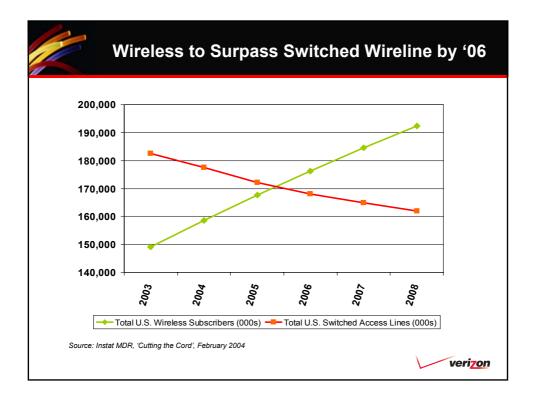


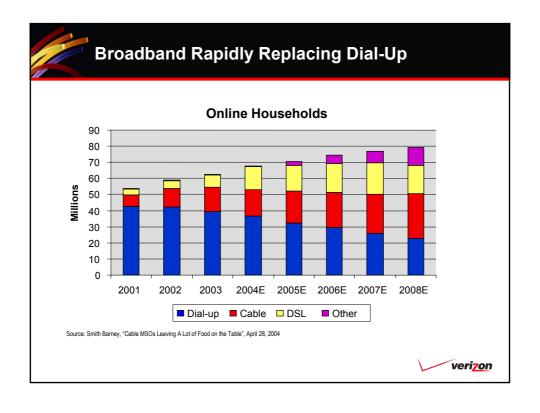


#### The World Really HAS Changed

- Consumers Benefiting from Remarkable Strides in R&D
- Competition Among Telecom Providers
- Competition Among Communications Technologies
- An Unparalleled Range of Choices
  - Voice Telephony
  - E-mail & Instant Messaging
  - · Wireless Voice and Data
  - Broadband
  - VoIP
  - · Cable Telephony
- Demand for Even Greater Innovation from R&D







# Verizo

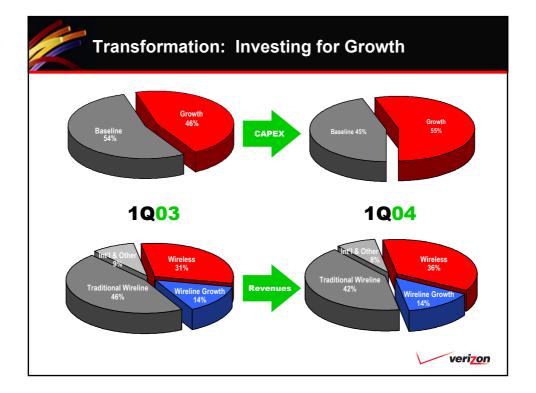
## Verizon has changed, too.

- America's #1 wireline service provider (in 29 states)
- America's #1 wireless brand (nationwide service)
- World's #1 directories publisher
- America's #2 long-distance provider to consumers
- \$68 billion in revenues; \$12+ billion in CAPEX in 2004
- 208,000 employees; Verizon presence in 22 nations

#### And now...

- Leading the industry in fiber-to-the-premises
- Leading the industry in wireless broadband (EV-DO)



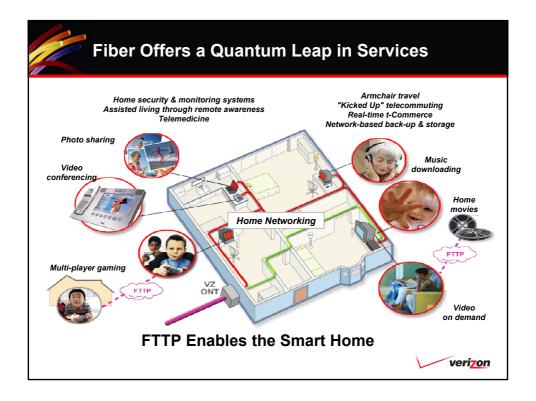




#### Research, Develop, Deploy... and Repeat.

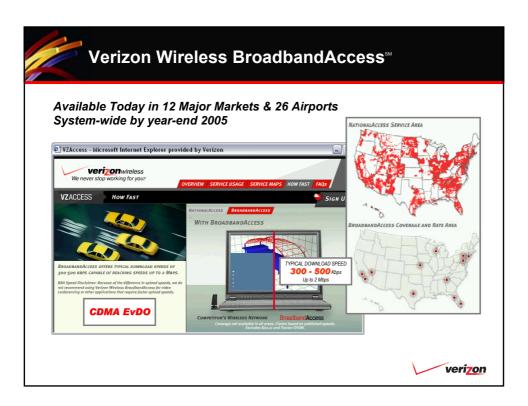
- Verizon Technology Organization and Verizon Labs hold over 1,000 patents, with more pending
- Constant drive to develop innovative applications of network technology
- Spur R & D among supplier companies by demanding fresh new capabilities
- Validate deployment readiness of new technology (FTTP, EV-DO, iobi, etc)
- Apply technical innovation to increase quality, reliability and value

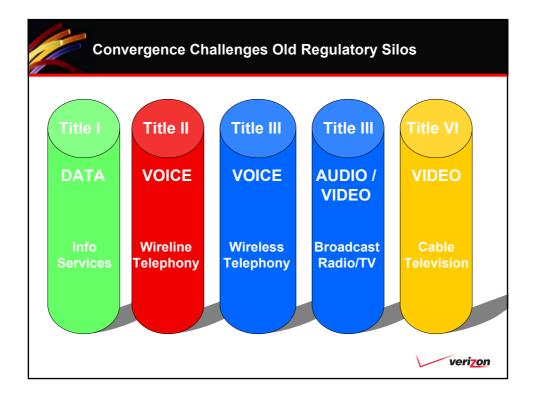














### A New Policy Framework for Broadband

- Objective in the U.S. similar elsewhere
  - Develop a public policy framework to facilitate broadband and the innovation it fosters
- Finish the national broadband policy framework
  - Place all broadband services (including DSL, FTTP and cable modem) in the same lightly regulated category
  - Remove narrowband regulatory burdens (for example, unbundling) from broadband
  - Adopt connectivity principles to preserve the benefits of the open internet without regulation that stifles innovation
  - Strike balance among different levels of regulatory bodies





#### A New Policy Framework for Broadband

- Regulators and lawmakers must lay out a single, clear policy for broadband
  - No economic regulation of broadband networks and services
  - E911, CALEA compliance, universal service support, etc. must be addressed
  - Rules can protect the public interest goals while recognizing the nascent nature and current limitations of the technologies
- We need clear rules on taxes, fees and surcharges imposed at any level of government
- Update remaining regulation of narrowband services critical role for state governments in the U.S.
  - Broadband VoIP and wireless services likely to be mostly unregulated
  - Regulation of narrowband must be relaxed to reflect new competitive environment





#### The High Tech Broadband Coalition Principles

- To encourage maximum investment and innovation, apply only to light regulation to broadband where needed
- All broadband participants should embrace a set of connectivity principles to ensure that consumers can...
  - Gain access to any content on the internet
  - Run the applications they choose
  - Have adequate information regarding their service capabilities
  - Attach any devices to broadband connection that don't harm network
- Regulators retain general statutory authority and can step take action enforce principles and protect public interest



