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Earnings Call Presentation
February 5, 2019*

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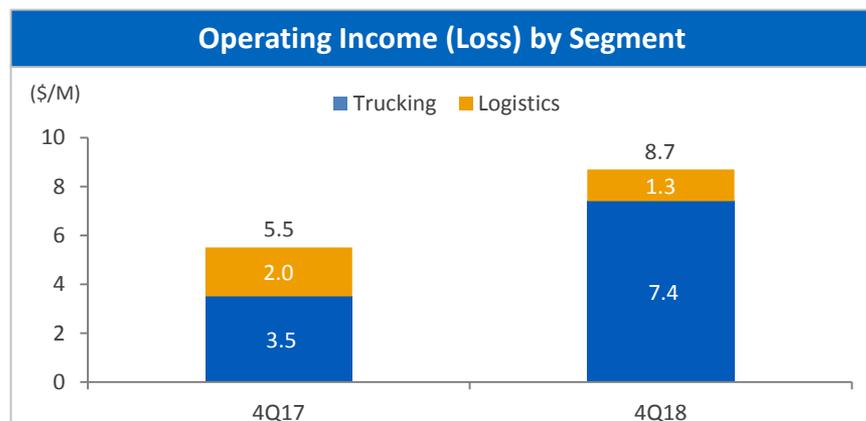
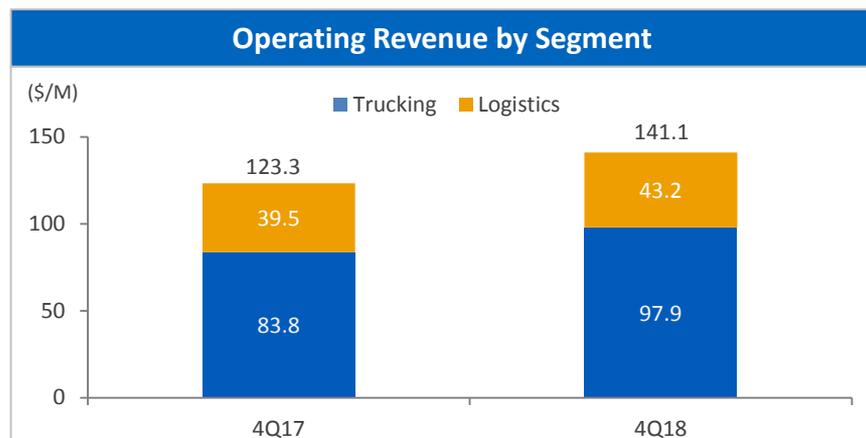
Non-GAAP Financial Data

This presentation includes the use of EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, adjusted operating ratio and Adjusted EPS, financial measures that are not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”). Each such measure is a supplemental non-GAAP financial measure that is used by management and external users of our financial statements, such as industry analysts, investors and lenders. While management believes such measures are useful for investors, they should not be used as a replacement for financial measures that are in accordance with GAAP. Please see the Appendix to this presentation for a reconciliation to the closest GAAP financial measures.

The Company defines EBITDA as net loss, plus interest expense net of interest income, provision for income taxes and depreciation and amortization. It defines Adjusted EBITDA as these items plus non-cash equity compensation, restructuring, impairment and other costs, and severance costs included in salaries, wages and employee benefits. Adjusted operating ratio is calculated as operating expenses less restructuring, impairment (excluding impairment of assets held for sale) and other costs, net of fuel surcharges, as a percentage of operating revenue excluding fuel surcharge revenue. Adjusted EPS is defined as earnings or loss before income taxes plus loss on extinguishment of debt, restructuring, impairment and other costs, and severance costs included in salaries, wages and employee benefits reduced by our statutory income tax rate, divided by weighted average diluted shares outstanding. Because not all companies use identical calculations, the Company's presentation of non-GAAP financial measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

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References to the “Company,” “we,” “us,” “our” and words of similar import refer to USA Truck, Inc. and its subsidiary.

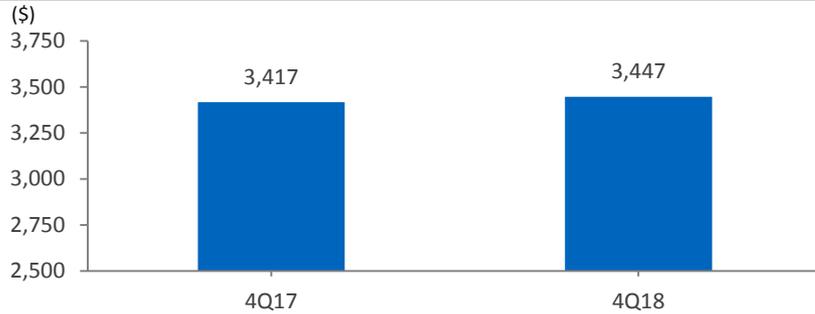


	4Q17	4Q18
Adjusted Diluted EPS (\$/Sh) ⁽¹⁾	0.35	0.68

- ★ Consolidated operating revenues came in at \$141.1 million for the quarter, which represents a 14.5% increase year-over-year
- ★ Consolidated operating income increased \$3.2 million year-over-year
- ★ Consolidated Adjusted Operating Ratio was 92.8% representing 220 basis point improvement year-over-year
- ★ The fourth quarter of 2018 generated the highest quarterly adjusted earnings per diluted share in our Company's history, at \$0.68

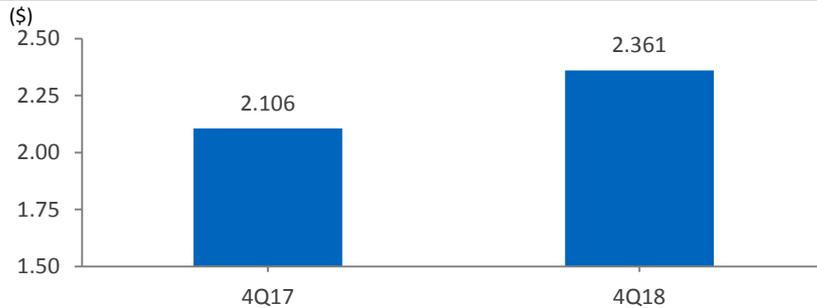
(1) See Appendix for non-GAAP to GAAP reconciliation and calculation of adjusted EPS.

Base Revenue / Available Tractor / Week



★ Base revenue per available tractor per week increased \$30 or 0.9% year-over-year for the fourth quarter

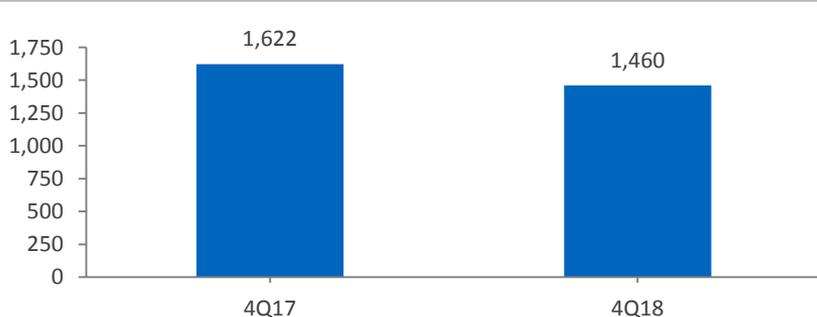
Base Revenue per Loaded Mile



★ Base revenue per loaded mile increased \$0.255, or 12.1%, when compared to the fourth quarter of 2017

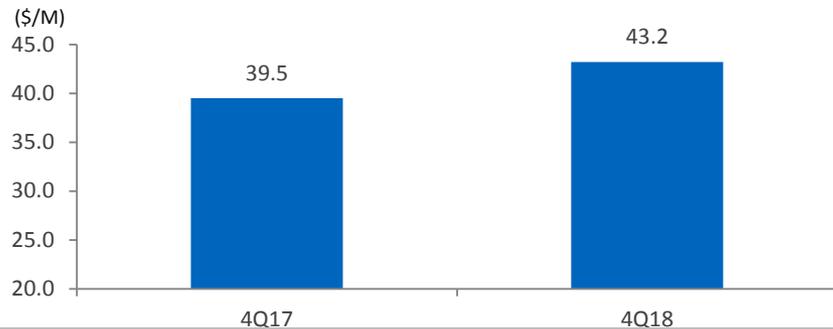
★ Loaded miles per available tractor per week decreased 162 miles, or 10.0%, year-over-year

Loaded Miles / Available Tractor / Week



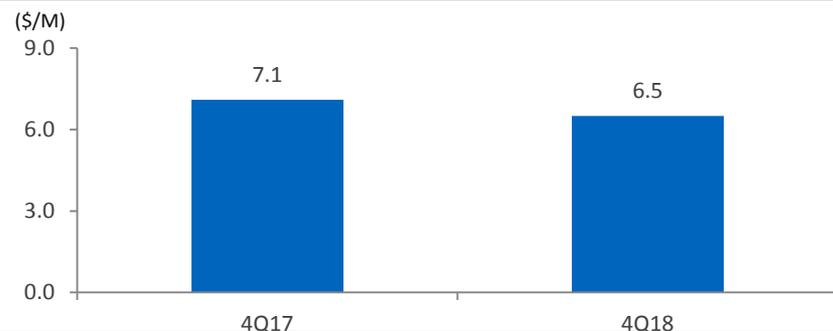
★ Average available tractor count for the fourth quarter 2018 was 1,883, an increase of 15.6% year-over-year

Operating Revenue



★ Operating revenue increased 9.3%, or \$3.7 million year-over-year to \$43.2 million for the fourth quarter of 2018

Gross Margin⁽¹⁾

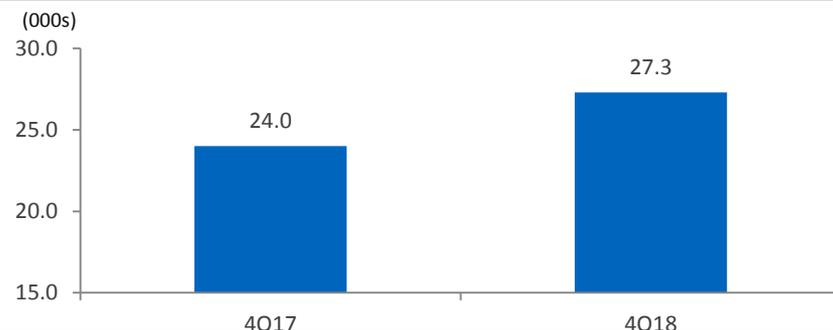


★ Gross margin dollars decreased 8.0%, or \$0.6 million year-over-year, to \$6.5 million for the fourth quarter 2018

★ Gross margin percentage for the fourth quarter of 2018 decreased to 15.0% from 17.9% year-over-year

(1) Gross Margin defined as operating revenue less purchased transportation expense.

Load Count



★ Load count increased 14.0%, or approximately 3,300 loads year-over-year

Key Capitalization Metrics

(\$/M)	12/31/17	12/31/18
Total Debt (\$)	107.5	160.5
Stockholders' Equity	66.5	80.5
Total Capitalization (\$)	174.0	241.0
Net Debt to Adj. EBITDA ⁽¹⁾	3.9x	3.2x

(1) See Appendix for non-GAAP to GAAP reconciliation and calculation of adjusted EBITDA.

- ★ Net Debt to Adjusted EBITDA was 2.7x using actual and pro forma financial information from our Davis acquisition
- ★ Net Debt to Adjusted EBITDA of between 2.0x and 3.0x over the long-term
- ★ Liquidity improved from \$44.3M at Davis closing to \$50.8M at year end

Amended and Restated Credit Facility

	Previous	A&R Facility
Facility Size (\$/M)	170.0	225.0
Accordion (\$/M)	80.0	75.0
Max Pricing Grid	LIBOR +2.00	LIBOR +1.75
Maturity	02/2020	02/2024

- ★ Increased Facility Size
- ★ Extended Maturity
- ★ Improved Pricing
- ★ Financial and other covenants consistent with current facility
- ★ Improvements in various baskets and thresholds due to improved Company performance

Strategic Objectives

- ★ Improve our Safety
- ★ Become a Service Organization
- ★ Enhance Technology become Data Driven Organization
- ★ Compete Commercially
- ★ Invest in our People

Performance Targets

- ★ Continue to reduce CPMM
 - Improved 20% in the last 2 years, we expect another 5%+ improvement in CPMM
- ★ Top 1/3 of Top 10 Customers' Scorecards
 - Customer satisfaction leads to long term business
- ★ Complete TMS rollout in trucking
- ★ Deliver Optimization Solution
- ★ Roll out telematics solution
- ★ Continue to Grow Logistics as a % of Consolidated Revenue
- ★ Continued improvement on Revenue per Truck per Week
- ★ Cost reduction targeting implementation of \$3M-\$4M of annualized cost savings
- ★ Start USAK Leadership Academy

APPENDIX

GAAP TO NON-GAAP RECONCILIATIONS

(UNAUDITED)

(dollar amounts in thousands, except per share amounts)

ADJUSTED EARNINGS BEFORE INTEREST, TAXES, DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION

	Three Months Ended			
	12/31/2018	9/30/2018	6/30/2018	3/31/2018
Net income	\$ 5,325	\$ 3,300	\$ 2,544	\$ 1,035
Add:				
Depreciation and amortization	6,932	6,735	7,477	7,180
Income tax expense	1,862	1,272	821	419
Interest expense, net	1,187	811	833	818
EBITDA	15,306	12,118	11,675	9,452
Add:				
Non-cash equity compensation	559	437	304	(136)
Severance costs included in salaries, wages and employee benefits	—	—	—	711
Restructuring, impairment and other costs (reversal)	—	—	—	(639)
Transaction costs relating to acquisition	239	325	—	—
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 16,104	\$ 12,880	\$ 11,979	\$ 9,388

ADJUSTED NET INCOME (LOSS) RECONCILIATION

	Three Months Ended		Twelve Months Ended	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Net income	\$ 5,325	\$ 14,822	\$ 12,204	\$ 7,497
Adjusted for:				
Severance costs included in salaries, wages and employee benefits	—	—	711	930
Restructuring, impairment and other costs (reversal)	—	—	(639)	—
Amortization of acquisition related intangibles	203	—	203	—
Transaction costs relating to acquisition	239	—	564	—
Income tax effect of above adjustments	(113)	—	(214)	(358)
Tax law reform, net	—	(12,009)	—	(12,009)
Adjusted net income (loss)	\$ 5,654	\$ 2,813	\$ 12,829	\$ (3,940)

ADJUSTED EARNINGS (LOSS) PER DILUTED SHARE RECONCILIATION

	Three Months Ended		Twelve Months Ended	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Earnings per diluted share	\$ 0.64	\$ 1.84	\$ 1.49	0.93
Adjusted for:				
Severance costs included in salaries, wages and employee benefits	—	—	0.09	0.11
Restructuring, impairment and other costs (reversal)	—	—	(0.08)	—
Amortization of acquisition related intangibles	0.02	—	0.02	—
Transaction costs relating to acquisition	0.03	—	0.07	—
Income tax effect of adjustments above	(0.01)	—	(0.03)	(0.04)
Tax law reform, net	—	(1.49)	—	(1.49)
Adjusted earnings (loss) per diluted share	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.35	\$ 1.56	\$ (0.49)

ADJUSTED OPERATING RATIO RECONCILIATION

<i>Consolidated</i>	Three Months Ended		Twelve Months Ended	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Operating revenue	\$ 141,083	\$ 123,270	\$ 534,060	\$ 446,533
Less:				
Fuel surcharge revenue	(16,815)	(13,205)	(63,805)	(48,216)
Base revenue	\$ 124,268	\$ 110,065	\$ 470,255	\$ 398,317
Operating expense	132,370	117,777	512,841	448,601
Adjusted for:				
Severance costs included in salaries, wages and employee benefits	—	—	(711)	(930)
Restructuring, impairment and other costs (reversal)	—	—	639	—
Amortization of acquisition related intangibles	(203)	—	(203)	—
Fuel surcharge revenue	(16,815)	(13,205)	(63,805)	(48,216)
Adjusted operating expense	\$ 115,352	\$ 104,572	\$ 448,761	\$ 399,455
Operating income (loss)	\$ 8,713	\$ 5,493	\$ 21,219	\$ (2,068)
Adjusted operating income (loss)	\$ 8,916	\$ 5,493	\$ 21,494	\$ (1,138)
Operating ratio	93.8 %	95.5 %	96.0 %	100.5 %
Adjusted operating ratio	92.8 %	95.0 %	95.4 %	100.3 %

ADJUSTED OPERATING RATIO RECONCILIATION

<i>Trucking Segment</i>	Three Months Ended		Twelve Months Ended	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Revenue	\$ 99,889	\$ 83,930	\$ 351,222	\$ 302,943
Less: intersegment eliminations	(1,991)	(153)	(3,493)	(891)
Operating revenue	97,898	83,777	347,729	302,052
Less: fuel surcharge revenue	(12,592)	(10,618)	(47,770)	(38,173)
Base revenue	\$ 85,306	\$ 73,159	\$ 299,959	\$ 263,879
Operating expense	90,482	80,279	336,019	311,719
Adjusted for:				
Severance costs included in salaries, wages and employee benefits	—	—	(484)	(665)
Restructuring, impairment and other costs (reversal)	—	—	587	—
Amortization of acquisition related intangibles	(203)	—	(203)	—
Fuel surcharge revenue	(12,592)	(10,618)	(47,770)	(38,173)
Adjusted operating expense	\$ 77,687	\$ 69,661	\$ 288,149	\$ 272,881
Operating income (loss)	\$ 7,416	\$ 3,498	\$ 11,710	\$ (9,667)
Adjusted operating income (loss)	\$ 7,619	\$ 3,498	\$ 11,810	\$ (9,002)
Operating ratio	92.4 %	95.8 %	96.6 %	103.2 %
Adjusted operating ratio	91.1 %	95.2 %	96.1 %	103.4 %

ADJUSTED OPERATING RATIO RECONCILIATION

<i>USAT Logistics Segment</i>	Three Months Ended		Twelve Months Ended	
	December 31,		December 31,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
Revenue	\$ 44,465	\$ 40,702	\$ 190,992	\$ 152,137
Less: intersegment eliminations	(1,280)	(1,209)	(4,661)	(7,656)
Operating revenue	43,185	39,493	186,331	144,481
Less: fuel surcharge revenue	(4,223)	(2,587)	(16,035)	(10,043)
Base revenue	\$ 38,962	\$ 36,906	\$ 170,296	\$ 134,438
Operating expense	41,888	37,498	176,822	136,882
Adjusted for:				
Severance costs included in salaries, wages and employee benefits	—	—	(227)	(265)
Restructuring, impairment and other costs (reversal)	—	—	52	—
Amortization of acquisition related intangibles	—	—	—	—
Fuel surcharge revenue	(4,223)	(2,587)	(16,035)	(10,043)
Adjusted operating expense	\$ 37,665	\$ 34,911	\$ 160,612	\$ 126,574
Operating income (loss)	\$ 1,297	\$ 1,995	\$ 9,509	\$ 7,599
Adjusted operating income (loss)	\$ 1,297	\$ 1,995	\$ 9,684	\$ 7,864
Operating ratio	97.0 %	94.9 %	94.9 %	94.7 %
Adjusted operating ratio	96.7 %	94.6 %	94.3 %	94.2 %