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Well I think, I'm not sure what time frame that quote is from John. Obviously if the transaction would have occurred while Liberty was in — whether it was in a tracker or still held in some other entity, while Liberty still owns a stake in DirecTV that would have been very tax onerous and depending on the price, I don't know, \$3 billion or \$4 billion tax bill, post the spin-merge, split off-merge, we don't have a tax issue — a corporate level tax issue. The question would be, would the acquirer feel comfortable that they are not breaking the Morris Trust rules, and if there had not been substantive dialogue, people have different interpretations about how quickly an acquirer could have a discussion. And that ranges anywhere from the day after you close, to six months, to a year, depending on who was asked. If there had been no substantive dialogue.

And it really becomes what does an acquirer think. But I think all this, we get asked a lot of questions about that. This is mostly saying in the old structure, no deal could have occurred, or it would have been hard to imagine a deal occurring because of the tax issues. Now, I don't think necessarily that the Company will do a deal, may do a deal, who knows? But it's just saying that now, there's a structure where Liberty Entertainment shareholders, Liberty shareholders, are aligned with the DirecTV shareholders, and strategic options become possible. That's the — I think the key point.

Bob Kricheff - Credit Suisse - Analyst

On strategic, you know, combinations and so on, what do you — do you have a view on what the SEC would think of a combination with an RBOC and I guess bigger picture, for a satellite operator of your choosing? Do you think the combination with an RBOC makes a lot of sense from both sides?

Greg Maffei - Liberty Media Corporation - President, CEO

I think on the first question I'm not an anti-trust lawyer, I would just note I think that the video space is a competitive space, and I have lots of big companies playing in various ways. On the second question, I think there could be several synergies that we are in effect pursuing part of now in some of our relationships. If you look at the relationship we have with Verizon, with AT&T, with Qwest, those are all positive aspects of bundling that we work together, reduce churn, reduce marketing costs. One could imagine those relationships being tighter over time, one can imagine 4G being something that you want to integrate into the bundle that is tighter over time, and that is in effect harder because it's a national play. So, there will be tension with the various partners.

And you can imagine the reduction in content costs, reduction in customer service, truck rolls, there are things that one could imagine that would be beneficial to some kind of a combination.

Bob Kricheff - Credit Suisse - Analyst

I know it's relatively recent news, but is there any update at all that you can give us about a successor to Chase Carey?

Greg Maffei - Liberty Media Corporation - President, CEO

No.

Bob Kricheff - Credit Suisse - Analyst

Okay. It's an easy one. Why don't we move on to Starz a little bit, and maybe you can talk about the rationale for the planned tracker there?

Greg Maffei - Liberty Media Corporation - President, CEO

Well, I think it's attract — a residue tracker, it's not a tracker by design in the sense that we have the vast majority of the assets in Liberty Entertainment are being merged into DirecTV. Under the plan we set forth. Left behind is about \$650 million, \$700 million in cash, and Starz Entertainment and our equity stake in WildBlue, which is relatively small. So, it wasn't by design we set out to be this tracker, it's that that's what's left.

Bob Kricheff - Credit Suisse - Analyst

What's your general rationale for doing the tracker stocks? It's not something that you see as much in favor these days.

Greg Maffei - Liberty Media Corporation - President, CEO

I think we're the lone wolf at this point. We like them for a couple of reasons. One is, tax flexibility. They're all in the same tax group but you can have some companies may have — be in a loss generating position, and shield others. We like them because in some cases where you haven't been able to complete a hard spin or there are synergies around assets, when you can't complete a hard spin, you can still show them as separate equities, let transparency be greater for investors, let investors have more choice. And there are cases where we, while we will not dump you, this is common practice, we later prove to be helpful to move things. Example being, we moved the Viacom exchangeable debt which was in Liberty Entertainment, and some cash, over to Liberty Interactive, because that was the only way the spin could occur. And the subsequent merger. So there was benefit in having the flexibility. You couldn't do that with spun companies, a priori

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