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REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

ALAMOSA HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE

(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

75-2890997

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Identification Number)

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Primary and Secondary Offering				
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, issuable upon exercise of warrants	283,493(1)(2)	—	\$16,405,499.11(3)	\$1,931
Secondary Offering				
iPCS Warrants to Purchase Common Stock		—	—(4)	—(4)
Total:				\$1,931

(1)Represents the maximum number of shares of Registrant common stock that may be issued upon the exercise of: (i) 300,000 warrants issued pursuant to the Warrant Agreement, dated as of July 12, 2000, between iPCS, Inc. and ChaseMellon Shareholder Services, L.L.C., as warrant agent (the "iPCS Warrants") and (ii) 8,620 warrants issued pursuant to the Warrant Agreement, dated as of September 30, 1999, between AirGate PCS, Inc. ("AirGate") and Bankers Trust Company, as warrant agent (the "AirGate Warrants" and, together with the iPCS Warrants, the "Warrants"). 272,851 of such shares (issuable upon the exercise of the iPCS Warrants) are also being registered for resale by the holders thereof. The Warrants will be assumed by the Registrant in connection with the proposed merger (the "Merger") of AirGate with and into a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Registrant. Following completion of the Merger, upon exercise of the Warrants, the holders thereof will be entitled to receive from the Registrant an amount of cash and shares of Registrant common stock in the same proportion of cash and shares of Registrant common stock as the aggregate merger consideration received by AirGate common shareholders as a result of the Merger. The number of shares of common stock registered hereunder assumes that all AirGate common shareholders elect to receive Registrant common stock in the Merger such that, following completion of such Merger, all Warrants become exercisable solely for shares of Registrant common stock.

(2)Pursuant to Rule 416, the common stock offered hereby shall be deemed to cover additional securities to be offered or issued to prevent dilution resulting from stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.

(3)Based upon the aggregate exercise price of the Warrants.

(4)No registration fee is required pursuant to Rule 457(f)(5) and (g) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of these Warrants are registered by this registration statement.

THE REGISTRANT HEREBY AMENDS THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON SUCH DATE OR DATES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO DELAY ITS EFFECTIVE DATE UNTIL THE REGISTRANT SHALL FILE A FURTHER AMENDMENT WHICH SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL THEREAFTER BECOME EFFECTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8(A) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OR UNTIL THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON SUCH DATE AS THE COMMISSION, ACTING PURSUANT TO SAID SECTION 8(A), MAY DETERMINE.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. Neither we nor the selling securityholders may sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED FEBRUARY 8, 2005

PROSPECTUS

ALAMOSA HOLDINGS, INC.

Up to 283,493 Shares of Common Stock

300,000 Warrants to Purchase Common Stock

This prospectus relates to the issuance by us from time to time of shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of:

- 8,620 warrants initially sold by AirGate PCS, Inc. in its units offering completed on September 30, 1999. We refer to these warrants as the AirGate warrants; and
- 300,000 warrants initially sold by iPCS, Inc., a former subsidiary of AirGate, in its units offering completed on July 12, 2000. We refer to these warrants as the iPCS warrants.

This prospectus also relates to the resale from time to time by the selling securityholders named herein of: (1) the 300,000 iPCS warrants, and (2) up to 272,851 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of such iPCS warrants.

The warrants will be assumed by us in connection with our proposed acquisition of AirGate pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of December 7, 2004, by and among us, AirGate and A-Co. Merger Sub, Inc., our wholly-owned subsidiary. We currently expect to complete the merger on or about February 15, 2005, subject to obtaining the required approvals of the stockholders of AirGate and Alamosa.

The terms and conditions of the warrants will generally remain unaffected by our assumption thereof. However, upon exercise of a warrant in accordance with its terms, the warrant holders will be entitled to receive from us an amount in cash and shares of our common stock, instead of shares of AirGate common stock, in the same proportion of cash and shares of our common stock as the aggregate merger consideration received by holders of AirGate common stock as a result of the merger. We will determine following completion of the merger the amount of cash to be paid and shares of our common stock to be issued upon the exercise of each warrant and will include such information in a

supplement to this prospectus.

We will pay all expenses of this offering, other than commissions and discounts of broker-dealers and market makers.

We will not receive any cash proceeds from the resale of iPCS warrants and shares of our common stock by the selling securityholders, but we will receive the proceeds from the exercise of the warrants.

Our common stock is listed on The Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "APCS." The last reported sale price of our common stock on February 8, 2005 was \$12.81 per share.

INVESTING IN OUR SECURITIES INVOLVES RISKS. YOU SHOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER THE RISK FACTORS BEGINNING ON PAGE 4 OF THIS PROSPECTUS BEFORE YOU MAKE AN INVESTMENT IN OUR SECURITIES.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Prospectus dated February •, 2005.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement we filed with the SEC using a "shelf" registration process. Under this shelf process, we may issue the shares of our common stock described in this prospectus in one or more offerings as a result of the exercise of the iPCS warrants and the AirGate warrants. The selling securityholders may also sell the iPCS warrants and the shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of the iPCS warrants under this prospectus. We will not receive any proceeds from any sale of iPCS warrants or shares of our common stock by the selling securityholders. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities that we and the selling

securityholders may offer. You should read both this prospectus and the additional information described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information."

Unless the context otherwise requires, in this prospectus the terms "we," "our" or "us" refer to Alamosa Holdings, Inc, "AirGate" refers to AirGate PCS, Inc. and "iPCS" to iPCS, Inc. "Sprint PCS" refers to Sprint Communications Company, L.P., Sprint Spectrum L.P. and WirelessCo, L.P. "Sprint" refers to Sprint Corporation and its affiliates. A "PCS Affiliate of Sprint" is an entity whose sole or predominant business is operating (directly or through one or more subsidiaries) a personal communications service business pursuant to affiliation agreements with Sprint Spectrum, L.P. and/or its affiliates, or their successors. "Sprint PCS products and services" refers to digital wireless personal communication services, including wireless voice and data services, and related retail products, including handsets, in any case, offered under the Sprint brand name. Statements in this document regarding Sprint or Sprint PCS are derived from information contained in AirGate's and Alamosa's affiliation agreements with Sprint PCS, periodic reports and other documents filed by Sprint and Sprint Spectrum L.P. with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or press releases issued by Sprint or Sprint PCS.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We and the selling securityholders are offering shares of our common stock and warrants to purchase common stock, as applicable, and seeking offers to buy such securities only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The information contained in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or of any sale of our common stock or warrants.

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary provides a brief overview of Alamosa. For more complete information on Alamosa and our consolidated financial statements, and a more complete understanding of the terms of the offered securities, before making your investment decision you should carefully read this prospectus, the relevant prospectus supplement, if any, and the documents referred to in "Where You Can Find More Information."

Alamosa Holdings, Inc.

We are the largest PCS Affiliate of Sprint in terms of subscribers and have the exclusive right to provide wireless mobility communications services under the Sprint brand name in our licensed territory, which includes portions of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Illinois, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Washington and Oregon. We launched Sprint PCS products and services in our first market in June 1999 and currently operate in the 88 basic trading areas assigned to us under our affiliation agreements with Sprint PCS.

At September 30, 2004, our territory had a total population, which we refer to as "POPs," of approximately 15.8 million, of which our network covered approximately 12.3 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2004, we generated \$581.4 million in revenue, \$88.4 million in cash flows from operating activities and reported a net loss of approximately \$35.8 million. As of September 30, 2004, we had approximately 866,000 subscribers, representing a market penetration rate of approximately 7.0%.

The principal office of Alamosa is located at 5225 S. Loop 289, Lubbock, TX, telephone number (806) 722-1100.

Merger with AirGate PCS, Inc.

On December 7, 2004, we entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger with AirGate and A-Co. Merger Sub, Inc., our wholly-owned subsidiary, which we refer to as Merger Sub. Pursuant to the merger agreement, AirGate will merge with and into Merger Sub, with Merger Sub surviving the merger. Under the terms of the merger agreement, AirGate shareholders will receive 2.87 shares of our common stock for every share of AirGate common stock they hold. In addition, AirGate shareholders will have the option to elect cash consideration in lieu of our common stock, up to an aggregate amount of \$100 million, with the per share cash consideration based on the average closing price of our common stock during the ten trading days immediately prior to the completion of the transaction multiplied by 2.87. We currently expect to complete the merger on or about February 15, 2005, subject to obtaining the required approvals of the stockholders of AirGate and Alamosa.

The merger will create the largest PCS affiliate of Sprint as measured by total POPs (23.2 million at September 30, 2004), covered POPs (18.4 million at September 30, 2004) and subscribers (1.25 million at September 30, 2004, representing over 40% of total subscribers in the Sprint PCS affiliate program at September 30, 2004). On a pro forma consolidated basis, for the nine months ended September 30, 2004, the combined company would have had approximately \$837 million of total revenues.

Recent Developments.

Sprint/Nextel Merger

On December 15, 2004, Sprint Corporation and Nextel Communications, Inc. announced that their boards of directors unanimously approved a definitive agreement for a merger of equals. Nextel Communications currently operates a wireless mobility communications network in certain territories in which Alamosa and AirGate also provide digital wireless mobility communications network services under the Sprint or affiliated brands.

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Alamosa and Sprint have had only very preliminary communications regarding the potential impact on Alamosa and AirGate of the pending Sprint-Nextel transaction. Alamosa believes that, based on currently available information, and assuming that no changes are effected with respect to Sprint's agreements with Alamosa and AirGate, Sprint could be in violation of the exclusivity provisions of AirGate's agreements with Sprint upon completion of the Sprint-Nextel transaction and Sprint could be in violation of the exclusivity provision of Alamosa's agreements with Sprint at some point following completion of the Sprint-Nextel transaction.

Sprint's agreements with each of Alamosa and AirGate provide for specific remedies in the event of a material violation by Sprint of such agreements. Neither Alamosa nor any of its executives has made any determination as to the impact on the value of Alamosa or AirGate or their respective businesses of any of such remedies or whether any such remedy would be more or less favorable to Alamosa or AirGate or their respective shareholders than are their existing arrangements with Sprint or any renegotiated arrangements with Sprint.

Alamosa is committed to working with Sprint to reach mutually agreeable arrangements with respect to these matters. However, there can be no assurances that Alamosa and Sprint will be able to reach mutually acceptable arrangements or as to the terms of any such arrangements or the likely impact on Alamosa or AirGate of any such arrangements.

Fourth Quarter Operating Results

On January 10, 2005, we announced customer results for the fourth quarter relating to net subscriber additions, total direct subscribers and average monthly customer churn. Net subscriber additions totaled approximately 49,000 for the fourth quarter, which represents a 44 percent increase compared to 34,000 net additions in the fourth quarter of 2003. Gross activations were up over 33 percent from the same period one year before and increased 25 percent on an annual basis. Total direct subscribers were approximately 915,000 at December 31, 2004, an increase of approximately 6 percent from the prior quarter-end and approximately 26 percent from the same date one year before. The customer churn rate was 2.3 percent for the fourth quarter, an improvement from the third quarter rate of 2.4 percent and 2.5 percent in the same period one year before. For the year, the average monthly customer churn rate was 2.3 percent, within previous guidance of customer churn at 2.4 percent or less for the year.

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The Offering.

Securities offered by Alamosa
Securities offered by the selling
securityholders

Up to 283,493 shares of our common stock.

Up to 300,000 iPCS warrants to purchase shares of our common stock and up to 272,851 shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of such iPCS warrants.

Use of Proceeds

We estimate that our net proceeds from the exercise of all the warrants will be approximately \$16.4 million. We intend to use the proceeds for general corporate purposes, which may include:

- providing working capital;
- purchasing or repaying debt; and
- funding capital expenditures, including paying for acquisitions.

We will not receive any proceeds from the resale of the 300,000 iPCS warrants or any shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of such iPCS warrants by the selling securityholders. All such proceeds will be received by the selling securityholders.

The Nasdaq National Market symbol

"APCS"

Risk Factors

Before investing in our common stock or the iPCS warrants, you should carefully read and consider the information set forth in "Risk Factors" beginning on page 4 of this prospectus and all other information appearing elsewhere and incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement.

Summary of Terms of the iPCS Warrants.

Warrants Offered

Up to 300,000 iPCS warrants. Following the completion of the Alamosa-AirGate merger, upon exercise of a warrant in accordance with its terms, the warrant holders will be entitled to receive from us an amount in cash and

Expiration Date

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shares of our common stock, instead of shares of AirGate common stock, in the same proportion of cash and shares of our common stock as the aggregate merger consideration received by holders of AirGate common stock as a result of the merger. We will determine following completion of the merger the amount of cash to be paid and shares of our common stock to be issued upon the exercise of each warrant and will include such information in a supplement to this prospectus. Any iPCS warrant not exercised prior to July 15, 2010 will expire.

RISK FACTORS

Risks Related to the Offering of the iPCS Warrants

Because the iPCS warrants are not listed on a securities exchange and because we can give no assurance that they will be so listed, purchasers of the iPCS warrants may not be able to sell their warrants at the price they desire, if at all.

We cannot assure you that a liquid market will develop for the iPCS warrants, that you will be able to sell the iPCS warrants at a particular time or at all, or that the prices you receive when you sell will be favorable. There is currently no public market for the iPCS warrants. Any market-making activity will be subject to limits imposed by the Securities Act of 1933 and other regulations, and may be limited during the pendency of any shelf registration statement. We do not intend to apply (and are not obligated to apply) for listing of the warrants on any securities exchange or any automated quotation system. Therefore, we cannot make any assurances as to the liquidity of any trading market for the warrants. Future trading prices of the warrants will depend on many factors, including our operating performance and financial condition and the market for similar securities.

You may not receive a return on investment in the iPCS warrants through dividends paid on the shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of the iPCS warrants.

We do not anticipate paying any cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. Instead, we intend to retain future earnings to fund our growth. In addition, our existing indebtedness restricts, and we anticipate our future indebtedness may restrict, our ability to pay dividends. Therefore, you will not receive a return on your investment in the warrants by exercising the warrants and receiving a payment of dividends on the shares of our common stock issuable thereunder.

Risks Related to the AirGate Merger

We may fail to realize the anticipated benefits of the merger.

The success of the merger will depend, in part, on our ability to realize the anticipated growth opportunities, economies of scale and other benefits from combining our business with AirGate's business. To realize the anticipated benefits of this combination, our management team must develop strategies and implement a business plan that will:

- effectively manage the networks and markets of AirGate and Alamosa;
- effectively manage the marketing and sales of the services of AirGate and Alamosa;
- successfully retain and attract key employees of the combined company, including management, during a period of transition and in light of the competitive employment market; and
- maintain adequate focus on existing businesses and operations while working to integrate the two companies.

If we do not realize economies of scale and other anticipated benefits as a result of the merger, the value of our common stock may decline.

The market price of our shares after the merger may be affected by factors different from those affecting the shares of AirGate or Alamosa currently.

Our business and AirGate's business differ in some respects and, accordingly, the results of operations of the combined company and the market price of the combined company's shares of common stock may be affected by factors different from those currently affecting the independent results of operations of each of Alamosa or AirGate.

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Risks Related to our Business, Strategy and Operations

We may not achieve or sustain operating profitability or positive cash flows, which may result in a drop in our stock price.

We have a limited operating history and have incurred significant losses to date. Our future operating profitability and cash flows from operating activities will depend upon many factors, including, among others, our ability to market Sprint PCS products and services, achieve projected market penetration and manage subscriber turnover rates. We will have to dedicate a substantial portion of any future cash flows from operations to make interest and principal payments on our consolidated debt, which will reduce funds available for other purposes. If we do not maintain positive cash flows from operations, or if our operating cash flows are insufficient to cover our debt obligations in the future, we may be unable to conduct our business in an effective or competitive manner. As a result, our stock price could fall and our stockholders could lose all or part of their investment.

If we receive less revenues or incur more fees than we anticipate for PCS roaming from Sprint, our results from operations may be negatively affected.

We are paid a fee from Sprint or a PCS Affiliate of Sprint for every minute that Sprint's or that affiliate's subscribers use our portion of the PCS network of Sprint. Similarly, we pay a fee to Sprint or another PCS Affiliate of Sprint for every minute that our subscribers use the PCS network of Sprint outside our territory. Sprint PCS subscribers based in our territory may spend more time in other PCS coverage areas than we anticipate, and wireless customers from outside our territory may spend less time in our territory or may use our services less than we anticipate. As a result, we may receive less Sprint PCS roaming revenue and/or have to pay more in Sprint PCS roaming fees than we collect in Sprint PCS roaming revenue. Our ratio of inbound to outbound roaming with Sprint PCS was approximately 1.1 to 1 for the nine months ended September 30, 2004. We expect this ratio to decline to approximately 1 to 1 over time.

We are a consumer business and a recession in the United States involving significantly lowered consumer spending could negatively affect our results of operations.

Our primary customer base is individual consumers, and in the event that the economic downturn that the United States and other countries have recently experienced becomes more pronounced or lasts longer than currently expected and spending by individual consumers drops significantly, our business may be negatively affected.

Roaming revenue from subscribers or wireless communications providers other than Sprint PCS and PCS Affiliates of Sprint may decline in the future.

We derive a significant amount of roaming revenue from wireless communications providers other than Sprint PCS and PCS Affiliates of Sprint for permitting their subscribers to roam on our portion of the PCS network of Sprint when they are in our territory. For the nine months ended September 30, 2004, approximately 31% of our roaming revenue was attributable to revenue derived from these other wireless communications providers. We do not have agreements directly with these providers. Instead, we rely on roaming arrangements that Sprint has negotiated. If the rates offered by Sprint are not attractive, these other wireless communications providers may decide to build-out their own networks in our territory or enter into roaming arrangements with our competitors who also already have networks in our territory. The loss of all or a significant portion of this roaming revenue would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and operating results.

Our roaming arrangements may not be competitive with other wireless service providers, which may restrict our ability to attract and retain customers and thus may adversely affect our operations.

We do not have agreements directly with other wireless service providers for roaming coverage outside our territory. Instead, we rely on roaming arrangements that Sprint has negotiated with other wireless service providers for coverage in these areas. Some risks related to these arrangements are as follows:

- the arrangements may not benefit us in the same manner that they benefit Sprint;

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- the quality of the service provided by another provider during a roaming call may not approximate the quality of the service provided by Sprint;
 - the price of a roaming call may not be competitive with prices charged by other wireless companies for roaming calls;
 - customers must end a call in progress and initiate a new call when leaving the PCS network of Sprint and entering another wireless network;
 - Sprint wireless customers may not be able to use advanced PCS features from Sprint, such as PCS Vision, while roaming;
 - Sprint or the carriers providing the service may not be able to provide us with accurate billing information on a timely basis; and
 - if Sprint wireless customers are not able to have a similar wireless experience as when they are on the PCS network of Sprint, we may lose current subscribers and Sprint PCS products and services may be less attractive to potential new customers.

The technology that we use may become obsolete, which would limit our ability to compete effectively within the wireless telecommunications industry.

The wireless telecommunications industry is experiencing significant technological change. We employ CDMA digital technology, the digital wireless communications technology selected by Sprint and certain other carriers for their nationwide networks. Other carriers employ other technologies, such as TDMA, GSM and iDEN, for their nationwide networks. If another technology becomes the preferred industry standard, we would be at a competitive

disadvantage and competitive pressures may require Sprint to change its digital technology, which in turn could require us to make changes to our network at substantial costs. We may be unable to respond to these pressures and implement new technology on a timely basis or at an acceptable cost.

Unauthorized use of, or interference with, our portion of the PCS network of Sprint could disrupt our service and increase our costs.

We may incur costs associated with the unauthorized use of our portion of the PCS network of Sprint, including administrative and capital costs associated with detecting, monitoring and reducing the incidence of fraud. Fraudulent use of our portion of the PCS network of Sprint may impact interconnection costs, capacity costs, administrative costs, fraud prevention costs and payments to other carriers for fraudulent roaming. In addition, some of our border markets are susceptible to uncertainties related to areas not governed by the FCC. For example, unauthorized microwave radio signals near the border in Mexico could disrupt our service in the United States.

Potential acquisitions may require us to incur substantial additional debt and integrate new technologies, operations and services, which may be costly and time consuming.

We intend to continually evaluate opportunities for the acquisition of businesses that are intended to complement or extend our existing operations. If we acquire additional businesses, we may encounter difficulties that may be costly and time-consuming and slow our growth. For example, we may have to:

- assume and/or incur substantial additional debt to finance the acquisitions and fund the ongoing operations of the acquired companies;
- integrate new operations with our existing operations; or
- divert the attention of our management from other business concerns.

If we lose the right to install our equipment on wireless towers or are unable to renew expiring leases for wireless towers on favorable terms or at all, our business and results of operations could be adversely impacted.

Substantially all of our base stations are installed on leased tower facilities that are shared with one or more other wireless service providers. In addition, a large portion of these leased tower sites

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are owned by a few tower companies. If a master agreement with one of these tower companies were to terminate, or if one of these tower companies were unable to support the use of its tower sites by us, we would have to find new sites or may be required to rebuild the affected portion of our network. In addition, the concentration of our tower leases with a limited number of tower companies could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition if any of our operating subsidiaries is unable to renew its expiring leases with these tower companies either on favorable terms or at all. If any of the tower leasing companies that we do business with should experience severe financial difficulties, or file for bankruptcy protection, our ability to use our towers could be adversely affected. That, in turn, would adversely affect our revenues and financial condition if a material number of towers were involved.

The loss of the officers and skilled employees upon whom we depend to operate our business could adversely affect our results of operations.

Our business is managed by a small number of executive officers. We believe that our future success will depend in

part on our continued ability to retain these executive officers and to attract and retain other highly qualified technical and management personnel. We may not be successful in retaining key personnel or in attracting and retaining other highly qualified technical and management personnel. The loss of the officers and skilled employees upon whom we depend to operate our business could adversely affect our results of operations.

Risks Related to the Relationship with Sprint

Our ability to conduct our business would be severely restricted if Sprint PCS terminates our affiliation agreements with it.

Our relationship with Sprint is governed by our affiliation agreements with Sprint PCS. Since we do not own any licenses to operate a wireless network, our business depends on the continued effectiveness of these affiliation agreements. However, Sprint PCS may be able to terminate our affiliation agreements with it if we materially breach the terms of the agreements. These terms include operational and network requirements that are extremely technical and detailed and apply to each retail store, cell site and switch site. Many of these operational and network requirements can be changed by Sprint, in certain cases, with little notice. As a result, we may not always be in compliance with all requirements of our affiliation agreements with Sprint PCS. Sprint conducts periodic audits of compliance with various aspects of its program guidelines and identifies issues it believes need to be addressed. There may be substantial costs associated with remedying any non-compliance, and such costs may adversely affect our operating results and cash flows. If Sprint PCS terminates or fails to renew our affiliation agreements or fails to perform its obligations under those agreements, our ability to conduct business would be severely restricted.

If we materially breach our affiliation agreements with Sprint PCS, Sprint PCS may have the right to purchase our operating assets at a discount to market value.

Our affiliation agreements with Sprint PCS require that we provide network coverage to a minimum network coverage area within specified time frames and that we meet and maintain Sprint PCS' technical and customer service requirements. We believe we are in compliance with our network build-out requirements and Sprint PCS' other program requirements. A failure by us to meet any expanded build-out requirements for any one of the individual markets in our territory, or a failure to complete our current network build-out requirements according to our expected time frame, or to meet Sprint PCS' technical or customer service requirements contained in the affiliation agreements would constitute a material breach of the agreements, which could lead to their termination by Sprint PCS. We may amend our affiliation agreements with Sprint PCS in the future to expand our network coverage. Our affiliation agreements with Sprint PCS provide that upon the occurrence of an event of termination caused by our breach of such agreements, Sprint PCS has the right to, among other things, purchase our operating assets without stockholder approval and for a price equal to 72% of our "entire business value."

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Sprint may make decisions that could increase our expenses and/or our capital expenditure requirements, reduce our revenues or make our affiliate relationships with Sprint less advantageous than expected.

Under our affiliation agreements with Sprint PCS, Sprint has a substantial amount of control over factors that significantly affect the conduct of our business. Accordingly, up to newly established limits set forth in the amendments to our affiliation agreements with Sprint PCS executed in 2003, Sprint may make decisions that adversely affect our business, such as the following:

- Sprint prices its national calling plans based on its own objectives and could set price levels or change other characteristics of its plans in a way that may not be economically sufficient for our business; and
- Sprint may alter its network and technical requirements or request that we build-out additional areas within our territory, which could result in increased equipment and build-out costs or in Sprint building out that area itself or assigning it to another PCS Affiliate of Sprint.

Certain provisions of our affiliation agreements with Sprint PCS may diminish our value and restrict the sale of our business.

Under specific circumstances and without stockholder approval, Sprint PCS may purchase our operating assets or capital stock at a discount. In addition, Sprint PCS must consent to any transaction pursuant to which Alamosa Holdings is no longer the "ultimate parent" of any of our operating subsidiaries party to the affiliation agreements with Sprint PCS and must consent to any assignment by us of our affiliation agreements with it. Sprint PCS also has a right of first refusal if we decide to sell our operating assets to a third party. We are also subject to a number of restrictions on the transfer of our business, including a prohibition on the sale of our operating assets to competitors of Sprint. These restrictions and other restrictions contained in our affiliation agreements with Sprint PCS, restrict our ability to sell our business, may reduce the value a buyer would be willing to pay for our business and may reduce our "entire business value."

Problems experienced by Sprint with its internal support systems could lead to customer dissatisfaction or increase our costs.

We rely on Sprint's internal support systems, including customer care, billing and back office support. As Sprint has expanded, its internal support systems have been subject to increased demand and, in some cases, suffered a degradation in service. We cannot assure you that Sprint will be able to successfully add system capacity or that its internal support systems will be adequate. It is likely that problems with Sprint's internal support systems could cause:

- delays or problems in our operations or services;
- delays or difficulty in gaining access to customer and financial information;
- a loss of customers; and
- an increase in the costs of customer care, billing and back office services after the expiration of our contractually fixed rates on December 31, 2006.

Should Sprint fail to deliver timely and accurate information, this may lead to adverse short-term decisions and inaccurate assumptions in our business plan. It could also adversely affect our cash flow because Sprint collects our receivables and sends us a net amount that is based on the financial information it produces for us.

Our costs for internal support systems may increase if Sprint PCS terminates all or part of our services agreements with it.

The costs for the services provided by Sprint PCS under our service agreements with Sprint PCS related to billing, customer care and other back-office functions for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 was approximately \$51.1 million. Since we incur these costs on a per subscriber basis, we expect the aggregate costs for such services to increase as the number of our subscribers increases.

Sprint may terminate any service provided under such agreements upon nine months' prior written notice, but if we would like to continue receiving such service, Sprint PCS has agreed that it will assist us in developing that function internally or locating a third-party vendor that will provide that service. Although Sprint PCS has agreed in such an event to reimburse us for expenses we incur in transitioning to any service internally or to a third-party, if Sprint terminates a service for which we have not developed or are unable to develop a cost-effective alternative, our operating costs may increase beyond our expectations and our operations may be interrupted or restricted. We do not currently have a contingency plan if Sprint terminates a service we currently receive from it.

If Sprint does not maintain control over its licensed spectrum, the affiliation agreements with Sprint PCS may be terminated.

Sprint, not us, owns the licenses necessary to provide wireless services in our territory. The FCC requires that licensees like Sprint maintain control of their licensed systems and not delegate control to third party operators or managers without the FCC's consent. Our affiliation agreements with Sprint PCS reflect an arrangement that the parties believe meets the FCC requirements for licensee control of licensed spectrum. However, if the FCC were to determine that any of our affiliation agreements with Sprint PCS needs to be modified to increase the level of licensee control, we have agreed with Sprint PCS to use our best efforts to modify the agreements to comply with applicable law. If we cannot agree with Sprint PCS to modify the agreements, those agreements may be terminated. If the agreements are terminated, we would no longer be a part of the PCS network of Sprint and we would not be able to conduct our business.

The FCC may fail to renew the Sprint wireless licenses under certain circumstances, which would prevent us from providing wireless services.

Sprint's wireless licenses are subject to renewal and revocation by the FCC. The Sprint wireless licenses in our territory will expire in 2005 or 2007 but may be renewed for additional ten-year terms. The FCC has adopted specific standards that apply to wireless personal communications services license renewals. Any failure by Sprint or us to comply with these standards could result in the nonrenewal of the Sprint licenses for our territory. Additionally, if Sprint does not demonstrate to the FCC that Sprint has met the construction requirements for each of its wireless personal communications services licenses, it can lose those licenses. If Sprint loses its licenses in our territory for any of these reasons, we and our subsidiaries would not be able to provide wireless services without obtaining rights to other licenses. If Sprint loses its licenses in another territory, Sprint or the applicable PCS Affiliate of Sprint would not be able to provide wireless services without obtaining rights to other licenses and our ability to offer nationwide calling plans would be diminished and potentially more costly.

We rely on Sprint for a substantial amount of our financial information. If that information is not accurate, the investment community could lose confidence in us.

Under our affiliation agreements with Sprint PCS, Sprint performs our billing, manages our accounts receivable and provides a substantial amount of financial data that impact our accounts. We use that information to record our financial results and to prepare our financial statements. If we later find errors in that information, we may be required to restate our financial statements. If that occurs with respect to us or any other PCS Affiliate of Sprint, investors and securities analysts may lose confidence in us.

If Sprint does not succeed, our business may not succeed.

If Sprint has a significant disruption to its business plan or network, fails to operate its business in an efficient manner, or suffers a weakening of its brand name, our operations and profitability would likely be negatively impacted. If Sprint should have significant financial problems, including bankruptcy, our business would suffer material adverse consequences, which could include termination or revision of our affiliation agreements with Sprint PCS. We currently have no reason to believe that Sprint will have significant financial problems, including bankruptcy.

If other PCS Affiliates of Sprint have financial difficulties, the PCS network of Sprint could be disrupted.

The national PCS network of Sprint is a combination of networks. The large metropolitan areas are owned and operated by Sprint, and the areas in between them are operated by PCS Affiliates of Sprint, all of which are independent companies like us. We believe that most, if not all, of these companies have incurred substantial debt to pay the large cost of building out their networks. If other PCS Affiliates of Sprint experience financial difficulties, the PCS network of Sprint could be disrupted in the territories of those PCS Affiliates of Sprint. Material disruptions in the PCS network of Sprint could have a material adverse effect on our ability to attract and retain subscribers. If the affiliation agreements of those PCS Affiliates of Sprint are like ours, Sprint would have the right to step in and operate the affected territory. However, this right could be delayed or hindered by legal proceedings, including any bankruptcy proceeding related to the affected PCS Affiliate of Sprint. Certain Affiliates of Sprint have declared bankruptcy, some alleging that Sprint violated its agreements with the PCS Affiliate, and others have experienced financial difficulties. In each case, we believe that there has been no material disruption of the PCS network of Sprint to date.

We may have difficulty in obtaining an adequate supply of certain handsets from Sprint, which could adversely affect our results of operations.

We depend on our relationship with Sprint to obtain handsets and other wireless devices. Sprint orders handsets and other wireless devices from various manufacturers. We could have difficulty obtaining specific types of handsets in a timely manner if:

- Sprint does not adequately project the need for handsets for itself, its PCS Affiliates and its other third party distribution channels, particularly in transition to new technologies such as 3G technology;
- Sprint gives preference to other distribution channels;
- We do not adequately project our need for handsets or other wireless devices;
- Sprint modifies its handset logistics and delivery plan in a manner that restricts or delays our access to handsets; or
- There is an adverse development in the relationship between Sprint and its suppliers or vendors.

The occurrence of any of the foregoing could disrupt our customer service and/or result in a decrease in our subscribers, which could adversely affect our results of operations.

Risks Related to Our Indebtedness

Our substantial leverage could adversely affect our financial health.

We are highly leveraged. As of September 30, 2004, our total outstanding debt, including capital lease obligations, was approximately \$733.7 million. In addition, we had 479,849 shares of mandatorily redeemable preferred stock outstanding with a liquidation preference of \$250 per share or \$120.0 million in the aggregate that would be required to be redeemed by us on July 31, 2013 assuming the shares were not converted into common stock prior to that date. As of September 30, 2004, such indebtedness and preferred stock redemption obligations represent approximately 86% of our total capitalization, which includes total outstanding debt, mandatorily redeemable preferred stock and stockholders' equity as presented in our consolidated balance sheet at September 30, 2004. The indentures governing

our existing senior notes permit us and our subsidiaries to incur additional indebtedness subject to certain limitations. Our substantial indebtedness could adversely affect our financial health by, among other things:

- increasing our vulnerability to adverse economic conditions;
- limiting our ability to obtain any additional financing we may need to operate, develop and expand our business;

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- requiring us to dedicate a substantial portion of any cash flows from operations to service our debt, which reduces the funds available for operations and future business opportunities; and
 - potentially making us more highly leveraged than our competitors, which could potentially decrease our ability to compete in our industry.

The ability to make payments on our debt will depend upon our future operating performance, which is subject to general economic and competitive conditions and to financial, business and other factors, many of which we cannot control. If the cash flows from our operating activities is insufficient to service our debt obligations, we may take actions, such as delaying or reducing capital expenditures, attempting to restructure or refinance our debt, selling assets or operations or seeking additional equity capital.

The terms of our debt place restrictions on us and our subsidiaries, which may limit our operating flexibility.

The indentures governing our senior notes impose material operating and financial restrictions on us and our subsidiaries. These restrictions, subject in certain cases to ordinary course of business and other exceptions, may limit our ability and the ability of our subsidiaries to engage in some transactions, including the following:

- incurring additional debt or in the case of our guarantor subsidiaries, issuing capital stock to a third party;
- paying dividends, redeeming capital stock or making other restricted payments or investments;
- creating liens on assets;
- merging, consolidating or disposing of assets;
- repurchasing our common stock;
- entering into transactions with affiliates;
- placing restrictions on the ability of guarantor subsidiaries to pay dividends or make other payments to Alamosa Delaware, which is the issuer of our publicly traded debt; and
- changing lines of business.

These restrictions could limit our ability to obtain debt financing, repurchase stock, refinance or pay principal or interest on our outstanding debt, complete acquisitions for cash or debt, or react to changes in our operating environment. Any future debt that we incur may contain similar or more restrictive covenants.

Risks Related to Our Common Stock

Future sales or the possibility of future sales of a substantial amount of our common stock may depress the market price of our common stock.

Future sales of substantial amounts of shares of our common stock in the public market could adversely affect prevailing market prices and the market price of our common stock and could impair our ability to raise capital through future sales of our equity securities. We have in the past issued shares of our common stock in connection with acquisitions and may issue shares of our common stock from time to time as consideration for future acquisitions

and investments. In the event any such acquisition or investment is significant, the number of shares that we may issue may in turn be significant. In addition, we may also grant registration rights covering those shares in connection with any such acquisitions and investments.

In connection with the debt exchange completed in November 2003, we issued 679,495 shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock to noteholders who tendered their notes in the exchange. The Series B Convertible Preferred Stock is convertible into approximately 50 million shares of common stock at the option of the holder. These preferred shares can be converted at any time prior to July 31, 2013 at which point we will be required to redeem all outstanding shares of Series B Convertible

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Preferred stock for \$250 per share. As of September 30, 2004, we had 479,849 shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock outstanding. Shares of common stock issued in connection with the conversion of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock could adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws include provisions that may discourage a change of control transaction or make removal of members of the Board of Directors more difficult.

Some provisions of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws could have the effect of delaying, discouraging or preventing a change in control of us or making removal of members of the Board of Directors more difficult. These provisions include the following:

- a classified board, with each board member serving a three-year term;
- no authorization for stockholders to call a special meeting;
- no ability of stockholders to remove directors without cause;
- prohibition of action by written consent of stockholders; and
- advance notice for nomination of directors and for stockholder proposals.

These provisions, among others, may have the effect of discouraging a third party from making a tender offer or otherwise attempting to obtain control of us, even though a change in ownership might be economically beneficial to us and our stockholders.

The price of our common stock may be volatile, and this may adversely affect our stockholders.

The market price of telecommunications and technology stocks recently have experienced volatility. The market price of our common stock is likely to be highly volatile and could be subject to wide fluctuations in response to factors such as the following, some of which are beyond our control:

- quarterly variations in our operating results;
- operating results that vary from the expectations of securities analysts and investors;
- changes in expectations as to our future financial performance, including financial estimates by securities analysts and investors;
- changes in our relationship with Sprint;
- changes in laws and regulations;
- announcements by third parties of significant claims or proceedings against us;
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changes in market valuations of telecommunications and other PCS companies, including Sprint and PCS Affiliates of Sprint;

- announcements of technological innovations or new services by us or our competitors;
- announcements by us or our competitors of significant contracts, acquisitions, strategic partnerships, joint ventures or capital commitments;
- announcements by Sprint concerning developments or changes in its business, financial condition or results of operations, or in its expectations as to future financial performance;
- actual or potential defaults by us under any of our agreements;
- actual or potential defaults in bank covenants by Sprint or PCS Affiliates of Sprint, which may result in a perception that we are unable to comply with our bank covenants;
- changes in results of operations, market valuations and investor perceptions of Sprint, PCS Affiliates of Sprint or of other companies in the telecommunications industry in general and the wireless industry in particular, including our competitors;
- additions or departures of key personnel;
- release of transfer restrictions on our outstanding shares of common stock or sales of additional shares of our common stock; and

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- general stock market price and volume fluctuations.

Risks Related to the Wireless Personal Communications Services Industry

We may continue to experience a high rate of subscriber turnover, which would adversely affect our financial performance.

The wireless personal communications services industry in general, and Sprint and its PCS Affiliates in particular, have experienced a higher rate of subscriber turnover, commonly known as churn. We believe this higher churn rate has resulted from Sprint's programs for marketing its services to sub-prime credit quality subscribers, Sprint's relatively less established subscriber base and Sprint's focus on adding subscribers from the consumer segment of industry rather than business subscribers.

Due to, among other things, significant competition in our industry and general economic conditions, our future churn rate may be higher than our historical rate. Factors that may contribute to higher churn include:

- inability or unwillingness of subscribers to pay, which results in involuntary deactivations, which accounted for approximately 32% of our deactivations in the nine months ended September 30, 2004;
- subscriber mix and credit class, particularly sub-prime credit subscribers, which accounted for approximately 36% of our gross subscriber additions for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 and account for approximately 26% of our subscriber base as of September 30, 2004;
- The number of Sprint PCS subscribers based in our territory that receive our services under a contract, consisting of approximately 82% of Sprint PCS subscribers based in our territory as of September 30, 2004. Of these subscribers under contracts, approximately 84% were under contracts with original contract terms of two years or longer;
- the attractiveness of our competitors' products, services and pricing;
- network performance and coverage relative to our competitors;
- customer service;
- any increased prices for services in the future; and

- any future changes by us in the products and services we offer, especially to the Clear Pay program.

An additional factor that may contribute to a higher churn rate is the implementation of the FCC's wireless local number portability ("WLNP") requirement. The FCC regulations relating to WLNP enable wireless subscribers to keep their telephone numbers when switching to another carrier. As of May 24, 2004, all covered commercial mobile radio services ("CMRS") providers, including broadband PCS, cellular and certain specialized mobile radio ("SMR") licensees, must allow customers to retain, subject to certain geographic limitations, their existing telephone number when switching from one telecommunications carrier to another. The overall impact of this mandate is uncertain. We anticipate that the WLNP mandate will impose increased operating costs on all CMRS providers, including us, and may result in higher churn rates and subscriber acquisition and retention costs.

A high rate of subscriber turnover could adversely affect our competitive position, liquidity, financial position, results of operations and our costs of, or losses incurred in, obtaining new subscribers, especially because we subsidize some of the costs of initial purchases of handsets by subscribers.

Regulation by government agencies and taxing authorities may increase our costs of providing service or require us to change our services.

Our operations and those of Sprint may be subject to varying degrees of regulation by the FCC, the Federal Trade Commission, the Federal Aviation Administration, the Environmental Protection

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Agency, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and state and local regulatory agencies and legislative bodies. Adverse decisions or regulations of these regulatory bodies could negatively impact Sprint's operations and our costs of doing business. For example, changes in tax laws or the interpretation of existing tax laws by state and local authorities could subject us to increased income, sales, gross receipts or other tax costs or require us to alter the structure of our current relationship with Sprint.

Concerns over health risks posed by the use of wireless handsets may reduce the consumer demand for our services.

Media reports have suggested that radio frequency emissions from wireless handsets may:

- be linked to various health problems resulting from continued or excessive use, including cancer;
- interfere with various electronic medical devices, including hearing aids and pacemakers; and
- cause explosions if used while fueling an automobile.

Widespread concerns over radio frequency emissions may expose us to potential litigation, discourage the use of wireless handsets or result in additional regulation imposing restrictions or increasing requirements on the location and operation of cell sites or the use or design of wireless handsets. Any resulting decrease in demand for these services or increase in the cost of complying with additional regulations could impair our ability to profitably operate our business.

Significant competition in the wireless communications services industry may result in our competitors offering new services or lower prices, which could prevent us from operating profitably and may cause prices for our services to continue to decline in the future.

Competition in the wireless telecommunications industry is intense. Competition has caused, and we anticipate that competition will continue to cause the market prices for two-way wireless products and services to decline. Our ability to compete will depend, in part, on our ability to anticipate and respond to various competitive factors affecting the wireless telecommunications industry. While we try to maintain and grow our ARPU, we cannot assure you that we will be able to do so. If prices for our services continue to decline, it could adversely affect our ability to grow revenue, which would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and our results of operations.

Our dependence on Sprint to develop competitive products and services and the requirement that we obtain Sprint's consent for our subsidiaries to sell non-Sprint approved equipment may limit our ability to keep pace with our competitors on the introduction of new products, services and equipment. Some of our competitors are larger than us, possess greater resources and more extensive coverage areas, and may market other services, such as landline telephone service, cable television and Internet access, along with their wireless communications services. In addition, we may be at a competitive disadvantage since we may be more highly leveraged than some of our competitors.

Market saturation could limit or decrease our rate of new subscriber additions.

Intense competition in the wireless communications industry could cause prices for wireless products and services to continue to decline. If prices drop, then our rate of net subscriber additions will take on greater significance in improving our financial condition and results of operations. However, as our and our competitors' penetration rates in our markets increase over time, our rate of adding net subscribers could decrease. If this decrease were to happen, it could materially adversely affect our liquidity, financial condition and results of operations.

Alternative technologies and current uncertainties in the wireless market may reduce demand for PCS products and services.

The wireless communications industry is experiencing significant technological change, as evidenced by the increasing pace of digital upgrades in existing analog wireless systems, evolving industry standards, ongoing improvements in the capacity and quality of digital technology, shorter development cycles for new products and enhancements and changes in end-user requirements and

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preferences. Technological advances and industry changes could cause the technology used on our network to become obsolete. We rely on Sprint for research and development efforts with respect to Sprint PCS products and services and with respect to the technology used on our portion of the PCS network of Sprint. Sprint may not be able to respond to such changes and implement new technology on a timely basis, or at an acceptable cost.

If Sprint is unable to keep pace with these technological changes or changes in the wireless communications market, the technology used on our network or our business strategy may become obsolete. In addition, other carriers are in the process of completing, or have completed, upgrades to 1xRTT, or other 3G technologies. 3G technology provides high-speed, always-on Internet connectivity and high-quality video and audio.

We also face competition from paging, dispatch and conventional mobile radio operations, enhanced specialized mobile radio, called ESMR, and mobile satellite service. In addition, future FCC regulation or Congressional legislation may create additional spectrum allocations that would have the effect of adding new entrants (and thus additional competitors) into the mobile telecommunications market.

Regulation by government or potential litigation relating to the use of wireless phones while driving could adversely affect our results of operations.

Some studies have indicated that some aspects of using wireless phones while driving may impair drivers' attention in certain circumstances, making accidents more likely. These concerns could lead to litigation relating to accidents, deaths or serious bodily injuries, or to new restrictions or regulations on wireless phone use, any of which also could have material adverse effects on our results of operations. A number of U.S. states and local governments are considering or have recently enacted legislation that would restrict or prohibit the use of a wireless handset while driving a vehicle or, alternatively, require the use of a hands-free telephone. Legislation and new restrictions or government regulations that restrict or prohibit wireless phone use could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This document, and the documents incorporated herein by reference, contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements include, but are not limited to, (1) statements about the benefits of the proposed merger with AirGate, including future financial and operating results; (2) statements with respect to Alamosa's and AirGate's plans, objectives, expectations and intentions and other statements that are not historical facts; and (3) other statements identified by words such as "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "estimates," "intends," "plans," "targets," "projects" and similar expressions. Such statements are based upon the current beliefs and expectations of Alamosa's and AirGate's management and are subject to significant risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ from those set forth in the forward-looking statements.

The following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ from those set forth in the forward-looking statements: (1) the businesses of Alamosa and AirGate may not be integrated successfully or such integration may be more difficult, time-consuming or costly than expected; (2) expected combination benefits from the merger may not be fully realized or realized within the expected time frame; (3) the failure of AirGate and Alamosa stockholders to approve the merger and/or the failure to obtain approvals from regulators or other groups; (4) disruption from the merger making it more difficult to maintain relationships with clients, employees or suppliers; (5) Alamosa's and AirGate's dependence on their affiliation with Sprint; (6) shifts in populations or network focus; (7) changes or advances in technology; (8) changes in Sprint's national service plans or fee structure with Alamosa or AirGate; (9) change in population; (10) difficulties in network construction; (11) increased competition in Alamosa's and AirGate's markets; and (12) adverse changes in financial position, condition or results of operations. Additional factors that could cause Alamosa's and AirGate's results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements can be found in the 2004 Annual Report on Form 10-K of AirGate and in the 2003 Annual Report on Form 10-K and in the Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q of Alamosa filed with the Commission and available at the Commission's internet site (<http://www.sec.gov>). The forward-looking statements in this prospectus speak only as of the date of this prospectus or the date of any prospectus incorporated by reference in this document. Alamosa and AirGate assume no obligation to update the forward-looking statements or to update the reasons why actual results could differ from those contained in the forward-looking statements.

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USE OF PROCEEDS

The proceeds to be received from the exercise of the warrants described in this prospectus, assuming all warrants are exercised, will be approximately \$16.4 million. We intend to use such proceeds for general corporate purposes, including the purchase or repayment of indebtedness outstanding at a particular time, acquisitions, capital expenditures, working capital and investments. Pending such uses, we intend to invest such funds in short-term, investment-grade, interest-bearing instruments.

We will not receive any proceeds from the resale of the iPCS warrants or our common stock by the selling securityholders.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE iPCS WARRANTS

iPCS, Inc., a former subsidiary of AirGate, issued the 300,000 iPCS warrants pursuant to a warrant agreement dated as of July 12, 2000, with Mellon Investor Services LLC (formerly known as ChaseMellon Shareholder Services, L.L.C.), as warrant agent. AirGate assumed all of iPCS' obligations pursuant to the warrant agreement upon the effectiveness of AirGate's acquisition of iPCS in November 2001. We will assume all of the AirGate's obligations pursuant to the warrant agreement upon the completion of the merger. As of the date of this prospectus there were 300,000 iPCS warrants outstanding.

The following description is a summary of certain of the material provisions of the warrant agreement. The summary assumes that we have completed the merger with AirGate. We urge you to read the relevant warrant agreement because it defines your rights as a holder of these warrants.

General

The terms and conditions of the warrants will generally remain unaffected by our assumption thereof. However, upon exercise of an iPCS warrant in accordance with its terms, the warrant holders will be entitled to receive from us an amount in cash and shares of our common stock, instead of shares of AirGate common stock, in the same proportion of cash and shares of our common stock as the aggregate merger consideration received by holders of AirGate common stock as a result of the AirGate merger. We will determine the amount of cash to be paid and shares of our common stock to be issued upon the exercise of each warrant following completion of the merger and will include such information in a supplement to this prospectus. The actual number of shares of common stock offered under this prospectus may be subject to adjustment to prevent dilution of the warrant value. This prospectus includes such additional shares of common stock, which as of this date is indeterminable, that we may have to issue and sell to avoid dilution of the warrants. The iPCS warrants will automatically expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on July 15, 2010.

The iPCS warrants may be exercised by surrendering the warrant certificates with the accompanying form of election to purchase, together with payment of the exercise price. Payment of the exercise price may be made in cash, by wire transfer or by certified or official bank check to the order of Alamosa Holdings, Inc.

Upon surrender of the warrant certificate and payment of the exercise price, we will deliver stock certificates representing the number of whole warrant shares to which the holder is entitled and a check for the cash portion of the warrant exercise. If less than all of the iPCS warrants represented by a warrant certificate are exercised, such certificate shall be surrendered and a new warrant certificate of the same tenor and for the number of warrants, which were not exercised, shall be executed. Holders of iPCS warrants will be able to exercise their warrants only if a registration statement relating to the common stock underlying the iPCS warrants is then in effect, or the exercise of such iPCS warrants is exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and the securities laws of the states in which the various holders of the iPCS warrants reside.

No fractional shares will be issued upon exercise of the iPCS warrants. Instead, we will pay to the holder of the warrant an amount in cash equal to the current market value of any such fractional shares less a corresponding fraction of the exercise price.

In the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of the warrants will not be entitled to share in our assets. If a bankruptcy or reorganization is commenced by or against us, a bankruptcy court may hold that unexercised iPCS warrants are executory contracts which may be subject to rejection by us and the holders of the iPCS warrants may, even if sufficient funds are available, receive nothing or less than they would be entitled to if they had exercised their iPCS warrants prior to the commencement of any such proceeding.

In the event of a taxable distribution to holders of our common stock that results in an adjustment to the number of warrant shares, the holders of the iPCS warrants may, in certain circumstances, be deemed to have received a dividend subject to United States federal income tax. See "Certain United States Federal Income Tax Considerations."

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No Rights As Stockholders

The holders of unexercised iPCS warrants will have no right to vote on matters submitted to our stockholders and will have no right to receive dividends.

Adjustments

The number of warrant shares purchasable upon exercise of iPCS warrants is subject to adjustment in several circumstances including, among others, the following:

- the payment by us of dividends or other distributions;
- changes in our capitalization;
- the issuance of common stock or securities convertible into common stock at a price which is less than the then fair market value based upon the sale price to a party not related to us or a determination by the members of our board of directors who do not have an interest in the transaction, subject to limited exceptions; and
- other events that could have the effect of depriving holders of the iPCS warrants of the benefit of all or a portion of the purchase rights evidenced by these warrants.

No adjustment need be made for any of the above transactions if holders of iPCS warrants participate in the transaction on a basis the board of directors determines to be fair and appropriate. In addition, no adjustment need be made for the adoption of a shareholder's rights plan or the issuance of rights under such a plan.

In the case of a consolidation or merger of us, or the sale of all or substantially all of our assets to another corporation, each warrant will represent the right to receive the kind and amount of shares of stock or other securities or property to which the warrant holder would have been entitled had the warrant been exercised immediately prior to such transaction. If we do not survive in any transaction, the surviving entity must assume our obligations under the warrant agreement.

Reservation of Shares

We have authorized, and will at all times reserve and keep available, such number of shares of our common stock as will be issuable upon the exercise of all outstanding iPCS warrants.

Amendment

From time to time, we and the warrant agent, without the consent of the holders of the iPCS warrants, may amend or supplement the warrant agreement for several purposes, including curing defects or inconsistencies or making changes that do not adversely affect the legal rights of any warrant holder. Any amendment or supplement that adversely affects the legal rights of the warrant holders requires the written consent of a majority of the holders of the then outstanding iPCS warrants, excluding any iPCS warrants held by us or any of our affiliates.

Reports

So long as any of the iPCS warrants remain outstanding, we will, upon request, furnish to the registered holders of those warrants, all quarterly and annual financial information that we are required to file on Forms 10-K and 10-Q and all other financial information required to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Form 8-K.

Registration of the Warrant Shares/Liquidated Damages

Under the terms of a registration rights agreement entered into by iPCS in connection with the issuance of the iPCS warrants, which AirGate assumed through the acquisition of iPCS and we will assume in our merger with AirGate, we are required to keep effective the shelf registration statement of which this prospectus is a part covering the resale of the iPCS warrants and the resale of the shares

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of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of these warrants until the date on which all of the iPCS warrants or shares of our common stock issuable thereunder have been sold pursuant to the shelf registration statement or the iPCS warrants have expired. If we fail to maintain the effectiveness of the shelf registration statement, a registration default will occur and we will be required to pay liquidated damages to each holder of an iPCS warrant. The liquidated damages will be in an amount equal to \$0.03 per week per iPCS warrant held by such holder for each week or portion thereof that the registration default continues for the first 90-day period immediately following the occurrence of such registration default. This amount will increase by an additional \$0.02 per week per iPCS warrant with respect to each subsequent 90-day period, up to a maximum of \$0.07 per week per iPCS warrant. The provision for liquidated damages will continue until the registration default has been cured. We are not required to pay liquidated damages for more than one registration default at any given time.

Without triggering a registration default, we may suspend the effectiveness of any shelf registration statement or amendment to the shelf registration statement, suspend the use of any prospectus and are not required to amend or

supplement the shelf registration statement, any related prospectus or any document incorporated by reference other than an effective registration statement being used for an underwritten offering in the event that, and for periods not to exceed 60 consecutive days and no more than two times in any calendar year if:

- an event or circumstance occurs and is continuing, as a result of which the shelf registration statement, any related prospectus or any document incorporated by reference or proposed to be filed would, in our good faith judgment, contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading; and
- we determine in our good faith judgment that the disclosure of such event at such time would have a material adverse effect on our business, operations, or prospects; or
- the disclosure otherwise relates to a material business transaction or development which has not yet been publicly disclosed.

Each holder of the iPCS warrants or warrant shares that sells pursuant to this shelf registration statement of which this prospectus is a part generally will:

- be required to be named as a selling securityholder in this related prospectus and to deliver a prospectus to the purchaser;
- be subject to the civil liability provisions under the Securities Act in connection with such shares;
- be bound by the provisions of the warrant agreement which are applicable to such holder; and
- be required to deliver information to be used in connection with this shelf registration statement.

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DESCRIPTION OF OUR CAPITAL STOCK

General

Our authorized capital stock consists of 290 million shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and 10 million shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share. As of February •, 2005, • shares of common stock were issued and outstanding and • shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock were issued and outstanding. The preferred stock may be issued in one or more series with such terms and at such times and for such consideration as our board of directors determines.

The following summary of the terms of our capital stock is not intended to be complete and is subject in all respects to the applicable provisions of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, or DGCL, and is qualified by reference to our certificate of incorporation and bylaws. To obtain copies of these documents, see "Where You Can Find More Information" on page 38.

Common Stock

The outstanding shares of our common stock are fully paid and nonassessable. Holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters submitted to a vote of the stockholders. Holders of our common stock do not have pre-emptive rights and are not entitled to cumulative voting rights with respect to the election of directors. Our common stock is neither redeemable nor convertible into other securities, and there are no sinking fund provisions.

Subject to the preferences applicable to any shares of our preferred stock outstanding at the time, holders of our common stock are entitled to dividends when and as declared by our board of directors from funds legally available therefor and are entitled, in the event of liquidation, to share ratably in all assets remaining after payment of liabilities.

Preferred Stock

Our board of directors may, without further action by our stockholders, issue one or more series of our preferred stock and fix the rights and preferences of these shares, including the dividend rights, dividend dates, conversion rights, exchange rights, voting rights, terms of redemption, redemption price or prices, liquidation preferences, the number of shares constituting any series and the designation of such series.

We have outstanding • shares of Series B Preferred Stock as of •, 2005. The Series B Preferred Stock is senior to our common stock with respect to the payment of dividends and upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up. Holders of Series B Preferred Stock are entitled to receive, when and as declared by our board of directors, dividends at the annual rate of 7.5% of the \$250 liquidation preference per share. Dividend payments can be made in cash, shares of Series C preferred stock, shares of our common stock, or in any combination thereof.

The Series B Preferred Stock may be redeemed by us, in whole or in part, at any time on or after the third anniversary of the date of the original issuance at a redemption price of 125% of the \$250 liquidation preference, reduced by 5% annually thereafter until 2011, after which time the redemption price remains at 100%. All outstanding Series B Preferred Stock must be redeemed by us on July 31, 2013.

Each share of Series B Preferred Stock carries one vote on all matters submitted generally to our shareholders, and votes together as a single class with our common stock. Shares of Series B Preferred Stock can be converted at any time into shares of our common stock at a conversion price of \$3.40, subject to adjustment.

We have no outstanding shares of Series C Preferred Stock as of •, 2005. The Series C Preferred Stock has the same terms as those of the Series B Preferred Stock described above, except that the conversion price is \$4.25, subject to adjustment.

Anti-Takeover Provisions

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws provide that our board of directors is to be divided into three classes as nearly equal in number as possible. Directors are elected by classes to three year

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terms, so that approximately one-third of our directors is elected at each annual meeting of the stockholders. In addition, our bylaws provide that the power to fill vacancies is vested in our board of directors. The overall effect of these provisions may be to prevent a person or entity from seeking to acquire control of us through an increase in the number of directors on our board and the election of designated nominees to fill newly created vacancies.

Shareholder Rights Plan

On February 14, 2001, our board of directors adopted a stockholder rights plan. The rights plan provides that one right will be issued with each share of common stock issued. Each right, when exercisable, will entitle the holder to purchase from us one one-thousandth of a share of Series A preferred stock at a purchase price of \$84 per one

one-thousandth of a share, subject to adjustment. Each such fractional share of the Series A preferred stock will essentially be the economic equivalent of one share of our common stock.

A stockholder rights plan is designed to deter coercive takeover tactics and to encourage third parties interested in acquiring us to negotiate with our board. The stockholder rights plan achieves these goals by significantly diluting the ownership interest of a person who acquires a specified percentage of our common stock without first obtaining approval of the board.

Initially, the rights will be attached to all certificates representing outstanding shares of our common stock and will be transferred with and only with such certificates. The rights will separate from our common stock and become exercisable upon the earlier to occur of:

- the close of business on the tenth business day after the public announcement that a person or group of persons has acquired 20% or more of our outstanding common stock, except in connection with an offer approved by our board; or
- the close of business on the tenth business day after the commencement of, or announcement of an intention to commence, a tender offer or exchange offer that would result in a person or group of persons acquiring 20% or more of our outstanding common stock.

A person or group of persons will be considered to have acquired beneficial ownership of our common stock if they have the power to vote or direct the voting of our common stock. Certain stockholders named in our amended and restated certificate of incorporation may enter into voting agreements with each other only, at any time, without being deemed the beneficial owner of securities owned by the other parties to the voting agreements, if the voting agreements:

- were approved by our board prior to the time they were entered into;
- do not govern the voting of our common stock regarding matters other than the election of members of our board of directors; and
- do not govern the voting of our common stock held by persons other than persons who were our stockholders before the date of our initial public offering.

The rights will expire at the close of business on the tenth anniversary of the date of issuance, unless we redeem or exchange the rights before that date or amend the stockholder rights plan to extend the term of the rights.

Flip-in Right. If any person or group of persons acquires 20% or more of our outstanding common stock, each holder of a right, other than the acquiring person, will have the right to receive, upon exercise thereof, the number of shares of common stock, or in certain circumstances, cash, property or other securities of ours, having a value equal to two times the purchase price of the right. The acquiring person's rights will automatically become null and void in that event. In other words, the stockholders other than the acquiring person will be able to buy common stock at half price.

Flip-over Right. If at any time after a person or group of persons acquires 20% or more of our outstanding common stock and the following occurs:

- we effect a merger or other business combination in which we are not the surviving corporation;

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- we are the surviving corporation in a consolidation, merger or similar transaction in which our shares of common stock are changed into or exchanged for other securities; or
 - we sell or otherwise transfer more than 50% of our assets, cash flow or earning power;

then each holder of a right, except a person who has acquired beneficial ownership of 20% or more of the outstanding common stock, may purchase, upon the exercise of each right at the then-current purchase price, that number of shares of common stock of the acquiring company with a market value equal to two times the purchase price of the right. In other words, the stockholders other than the acquiring person will be able to buy common stock of the acquiring company at half price.

Adjustments. The purchase price and the number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock or other securities issuable upon exercise of the rights may be adjusted to prevent dilution upon:

- stock dividends, subdivisions, combinations or reclassifications of our common stock or the Series A Preferred Stock;
- below market issuances of rights or warrants to subscribe for or convert into Series A preferred stock; or
- distributions to holders of the Series A preferred stock of evidence of indebtedness, cash, excluding regular quarterly cash dividends, assets, excluding dividends payable in Series A preferred stock, or subscription rights or warrants.

Exchange of Rights. After a person or group of persons acquires 20% of our outstanding common stock but before that person or group beneficially owns 50% or more of our common stock, we may, at our option, exchange the rights at an exchange ratio of one-half the number of shares of common stock, Series A preferred stock, or other property for which a right is exercisable immediately prior to our decision to exchange the rights, subject to adjustment. Rights held by an acquiring person are not entitled to these exchange rights. In that event, the stockholders other than the acquiring person would receive common stock in exchange for their rights.

Redemption of Right. At any time before a person or group of persons acquires 20% or more of our outstanding common stock, we may redeem the rights at a price of \$0.001 per right. Upon the effective date of the redemption of the rights, the rights will terminate and the rights holders will only be entitled to receive the \$0.001 redemption price.

Rights as Stockholder. Until a right is exercised, the rights will not entitle the holder to the rights as our stockholder, including, without limitation, the right to vote or to receive dividends.

The rights may have certain anti-takeover effects. The rights may cause substantial dilution to any person or group that attempts to acquire us without the approval of its board. As a result, the overall effect of the rights and other provisions described above may be to make more difficult a merger, tender offer, other business combination or proxy contest involving us, even if such event would be favorable to the interest of our stockholders.

Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is Mellon Investor Services LLC.

Listing

Our common stock has been approved for quotation and is traded in the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "APCS."

CERTAIN UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

General

The following discussion addresses the material United States federal income tax consequences of the exercise, ownership and disposition of the warrants. This discussion is based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), Treasury regulations, administrative rulings and judicial decisions, all as currently in effect and all of which are subject to change (possibly with retroactive effect) and to differing interpretations. This discussion applies only to warrant holders that hold their warrants as a capital asset within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code (each referred to as a "holder"). Further, this discussion does not address all aspects of United States federal taxation that may be relevant to a particular holder in light of its personal circumstances or to holders subject to special treatment under the United States federal income tax laws, including:

- banks or trusts,
- tax-exempt organizations,
- insurance companies,
- dealers in securities or foreign currency,
- traders in securities who elect to apply a mark-to-market method of accounting,
- pass-through entities and investors in such entities, and
- foreign persons.

In addition, the discussion does not address any alternative minimum tax or any state, local or foreign tax consequences of exercise of the warrants. For purposes of this discussion, "United States person" means a holder which is, for United States federal income tax purposes, (i) a citizen or resident of the United States, (ii) a corporation, partnership or other entity created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any State or political subdivision thereof, (iii) an estate the income of which is subject to United States federal income taxation regardless of source or (iv) a trust if a United States court is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of such trust and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of such trust. Non-United States persons should consult their tax advisors regarding the United States federal income tax consequences and any applicable foreign tax consequences of the exercise of warrants.

The tax laws concerning the consequences to a holder upon exercise of warrants for a combination of cash and stock of the issuer are unclear, and there is no authority directly addressing the tax consequences to a holder that exercises such warrants.

Exercise of Warrants

Since there is no direct authority on the tax consequences of the exercise of warrants for a combination of cash and stock of the issuer, it is possible that such exercise could be treated in a number of different ways. Although other treatments are possible, the cash received on exercise might be first applied against the holder's tax basis in the warrants. In that case a holder that exercises warrants would generally recognize gain (but not loss) in an amount equal to the difference between (i) the amount of cash received and (ii) the sum of (A) the price the holder paid for the warrants and (B) the amount of cash paid upon exercise of the iPCS warrants. Any recognized gain would generally be long-term capital gain if the holder's holding period with respect to the warrants were more than one year at the time the warrants were exercised. If a holder's adjusted basis in the warrants exceeded the sum of (A) the price the holder paid for the warrants and (B) the amount of cash paid upon exercise of the iPCS warrants, a holder would be permitted to claim the difference as its aggregate basis in the Alamosa common stock received; in all other cases, the holder's aggregate basis in the Alamosa common stock received would be zero. The holding period of the Alamosa common stock received would include the holding period of the warrants exercised.

Another possible treatment is that the holder's tax basis in the warrants plus the exercise price is bifurcated between the stock and the cash received upon exercise based upon the relative values of

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such stock and cash. In that case a holder would, with respect to the cash portion, recognize gain or loss equal to the difference between the cash received and the basis of the warrant and exercise price allocated to such cash portion. With respect to the stock portion, the holder would not recognize gain or loss and would hold the stock with a basis equal to the basis and exercise price allocated to it and with a holding period that includes the holding period of such warrant. A holder of warrants is urged to consult its own tax advisor as to these and other possible tax treatments of an exercise of warrants.

Sale of Warrants

The sale of a warrant will generally result in the recognition of capital gain or loss to the holder in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized and such holder's tax basis in such warrant.

Expiration of Unexercised Warrants

If a warrant expires unexercised, the holder will recognize a capital loss equal to such holder's tax basis in such warrant.

Under Section 305 of the Code, adjustments to the exercise price or conversion ratio of the iPCS warrants which may occur under certain circumstances, or the failure to make such adjustments, may result in the receipt of taxable constructive dividends by a holder to the extent of Alamosa's current or accumulated earnings and profits, regardless of whether there is a distribution of cash or property.

THE FOREGOING DISCUSSION IS INCLUDED FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ONLY, AND EACH HOLDER IS URGED TO CONSULT ITS TAX ADVISOR WITH RESPECT TO THE PARTICULAR CONSEQUENCES TO THE HOLDER OF OWNERSHIP, EXERCISE AND DISPOSITION OF THE WARRANTS.

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SELLING SECURITYHOLDERS

Set forth below is information with respect to the number of the iPCS warrants and shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of the iPCS warrants owned by each of the selling securityholders. The iPCS warrants are being registered to permit the resale by the selling securityholders of such warrants. We are also registering the resale by the selling securityholders of the shares of our common stock to be issued upon the exercise of these warrants. See "Plan of Distribution."

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We have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement, of which this prospectus forms a part, with respect to the resale of the iPCS warrants and the resale of the shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of iPCS warrants from time to time, under Rule 415 under the Securities Act, in the over-the-counter market, in privately negotiated transactions, in underwritten offerings or by a combination of these methods for sale. We are required to keep this registration statement effective until the earlier of:

- July 15, 2010;
- the date on which all of the iPCS warrants have been exercised; or
- the date on which all of the iPCS warrants and shares of our common stock issued upon exercise of iPCS warrants can be sold without registration under the Securities Act and without restriction as to the manner, timing or volume of any such sale.

The iPCS warrants and the shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of such warrants offered by this prospectus may be offered from time to time by the persons or entities named below.

Name and Address of Selling Securityholder	Number of iPCS warrants Owned Prior to the Offering	Shares of Alamosa Common Stock Beneficially Owned Prior to the Offering	Number of Shares Issuable Upon Exercise of iPCS warrants	Shares of Alamosa Common Stock Beneficially Owned After the Offering
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Because the selling securityholders may, under this prospectus, offer all or some portion of the iPCS warrants or the common stock issuable upon exercise of such warrants, no estimate can be given as to the number of the warrants or shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of iPCS warrants that will be held by the selling securityholders upon termination of any sales. In addition, the selling

securityholders above may have sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of all or any portion of their warrants, since the date on which they provided the information regarding their warrants, in transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act. See "Plan of Distribution."

Only selling securityholders identified above who beneficially own the securities set forth opposite each selling securityholder's name in the table above on the effective date of the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part may sell those securities under the registration statement. Prior to any use of this prospectus in connection with an offering of the iPCS warrants and/or the shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of the iPCS warrants by any holder not identified above, this prospectus will be supplemented to set forth the name and number of the warrants and/or shares of our common stock beneficially owned by the selling securityholder intending to sell such warrants and/or shares of our common stock, and the number of warrants and/or shares of our common stock to be offered. The prospectus supplement will also disclose whether any selling securityholder selling in connection with the prospectus supplement has held any position or office with, been employed by or otherwise has had a material relationship with us or any of our subsidiaries or affiliates during the three years prior to the date of the prospectus supplement if this information had not been disclosed in this prospectus.

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UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information presents the effects of the proposed merger of AirGate with and into A-Co Merger Sub, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Alamosa. The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information is prepared using the purchase method of accounting with Alamosa treated as the acquiror and as if the transaction had been completed as of January 1, 2003 for statements of operations purposes and on September 30, 2004 for balance sheet purposes.

The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information presents the combination of historical financial statements of Alamosa and AirGate adjusted to (1) give effect to the October 2004 issuance of senior secured floating rate notes by AirGate and related termination of the AirGate senior credit facility and redemption of AirGate's remaining 13.5% senior subordinated discount notes with a portion of the proceeds therefrom and (2) give effect to the merger. Two pro forma transaction scenarios are presented. The maximum cash scenario assumes that a sufficient number of AirGate stockholders receive cash in the transaction such that all of the \$100 million in potential cash consideration is paid thereby reducing the number of Alamosa shares issued in the transaction. The all stock scenario assumes that all AirGate stockholders elect to receive stock in the transaction and that all consideration is paid in the form of Alamosa stock. The actual number of shares of Alamosa stock issued will depend on the number of AirGate stockholders that receive their merger consideration in the form of cash. The pro forma adjustments for each transaction scenario are described in the accompanying notes presented on the following pages.

The pro forma statements were prepared using (1) the audited consolidated financial statements of Alamosa contained in Alamosa's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 as filed on March 15, 2004, which are incorporated herein by reference, (2) the audited consolidated financial statements of AirGate contained in AirGate's annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2004 as filed on December 14, 2004, which are incorporated herein by reference, (3) the unaudited consolidated financial statements of Alamosa contained in

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Alamosa's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2004 as filed on November 9, 2004, which are incorporated herein by reference, and (4) the unaudited consolidated financial statements of AirGate contained in AirGate's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, which have been used to present the AirGate fiscal year pro forma financial information on a calendar basis consistent with the Alamosa calendar year.

Under the purchase method of accounting, the purchase price will be allocated to the underlying tangible and intangible assets and liabilities acquired based on their respective fair market values, with any excess purchase price allocated to goodwill. The pro forma purchase price allocation is based on an estimate of the fair market value of the tangible and intangible assets and liabilities of AirGate. Certain assumptions have been made with respect to the fair market value of identifiable intangible assets as more fully described in the accompanying notes to the unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information. As of the date of this filing, Alamosa has not completed the external valuation studies necessary to arrive at the fair market value of the assets and liabilities to be acquired and the related allocations of purchase price. Once Alamosa has received the external valuation studies necessary to finalize the required purchase price allocation after the consummation of the merger, the final allocation of purchase price will be determined. The final purchase price allocation based on third party appraisals may be different than that reflected in the pro forma purchase price allocation and this difference may be material.

The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information is provided for illustrative purposes only and does not purport to represent what the actual consolidated results of operations or the consolidated financial position of Alamosa would have been had the transaction occurred on the dates assumed, nor is it necessarily indicative of future consolidated results of operations or financial position.

The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information does not include the realization of any cost savings from operating efficiencies, synergies or other restructurings resulting from the transaction. The unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information should be read in conjunction with the separate historical consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes of Alamosa and AirGate that are incorporated by reference in this registration statement.

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ALAMOSA HOLDINGS, INC.
 UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
 September 30, 2004
 (dollars in thousands)

	Alamosa Holdings, Inc. September 30, 2004	AirGate PCS, Inc. September 30, 2004	Pro Forma Adjustments	AirGate PCS, Inc. Adjusted	Maximum Cash Scenario Pro Forma Adjustments	Pro Forma Consolidated	All Stock Scenario Pro Forma Adjustments	Pro Forma Consolidated
Cash equivalents	\$ 109,269	\$ 13,453	\$ 26,576(a)(c)	\$ 40,029	\$(112,000)(d)	\$ 37,298	\$ (12,000)(e)	\$

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investments	50,342	55,000		55,000		105,342	
accounts							
net	45,164	20,329		20,329		65,493	
from Sprint	18,531	23,601		23,601		42,132	
	6,778	3,052		3,052		9,830	
expenses and other	10,816	1,006		1,006		11,822	
customer							
costs	6,884	—		—		6,884	
tax asset	4,572	—		—		4,572	
net assets	252,356	116,441	26,576	143,017	(112,000)	283,373	(12,000)
and equipment, net	431,363	144,324		144,324		575,687	
ance costs, net	9,286	3,071	1,700(a)(b)	4,771		14,057	
ption option on							
stock	23,637	—		—		23,637	
assets, net	424,283	—		—	334,588(d)	758,871	334,588(e)
	—	—	—	—	330,994(d)	330,994	330,994(e)
current assets	4,700	2,811		2,811		7,511	
as	\$ 1,145,625	\$ 266,647	\$ 28,276	\$ 294,923	\$ 553,582	\$ 1,994,130	\$ 653,582

LIABILITIES, REDEEMABLE CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK AND STOCKHOLDERS'

liabilities:							
payable	\$ 25,880	\$ 2,128		\$ 2,128		\$ 28,008	\$
expenses	43,272	18,967		18,967		62,239	
Sprint	26,729	40,879		40,879		67,608	
payable	8,423	—		—		8,423	
revenue	23,284	9,107		9,107		32,391	
maturities of debt	—	21,200	(21,200)(a)	—		—	
installments of							
ases	168	—		—		168	
net liabilities	127,756	92,281	(21,200)	71,081	—	198,837	—
liabilities							
se obligations	777	—		—		777	
current liabilities	6,225	6,262		6,262		12,487	
tax liability	15,963	—		—	121,325(f)	137,288	121,325(f)
dit facility	—	110,000	(110,000)(a)	—		—	
es	732,722	138,396	173,084(a)	311,480		1,044,202	1
ilities	883,443	346,939	41,884	388,823	121,325	1,393,591	121,325
ents and							
cies	—	—		—		—	
le convertible							
stock	161,438	—		—		161,438	
er's equity							
stock	—	—		—		—	
stock	1,142	118		118	143(d)	1,403	220(e)
paid-in capital	860,512	1,046,551		1,046,551	(708,455)(d)	1,198,608	(608,532)(e)

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Accumulated deficit	(760,652)	(1,126,961)	(13,608)(b)(c)	(1,140,569)	1,140,569(d)	(760,652)	1,140,569(e)	(760,652)
Compensation	(258)	—	—	—	—	(258)	—	—
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shareholders' equity	100,744	(80,292)	(13,608)	(93,900)	432,257	439,101	532,257	—
Liabilities, redeemable preferred stock	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shareholders' equity	\$1,145,625	\$ 266,647	\$ 28,276	\$ 294,923	\$ 553,582	\$1,994,130	\$ 653,582	\$2,000,000

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ALAMOSA HOLDINGS, INC.
 UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
 Year ended December 31, 2003
 (dollars in thousands)

	Alamosa Holdings, Inc.		AirGate PCS, Inc.		Maximum Cash Scenario		All Stock Scenario	
	Year ended December 31, 2003	Year ended December 31, 2003 (i)	Year ended December 31, 2003	Year ended December 31, 2003	Pro Forma Adjustments	Pro Forma Consolidated Year ended December 31, 2003	Pro Forma Adjustments	Pro Forma Consolidated Year ended December 31, 2003
Revenues:								
Subscriber revenues	\$ 452,396	\$ 253,721				\$ 706,117		\$ 706,117
Advertising revenues	150,772	65,795				216,567		216,567
Service revenues	603,168	319,516			—	922,684	—	922,684
Product sales	27,882	11,470				39,352		39,352
Other revenues	631,050	330,986			—	962,036	—	962,036
Expenses:								
Cost of service and operations	317,215	178,292				495,507		495,507
Cost of products sold	59,651	21,261				80,912		80,912
Selling and marketing	112,626	49,008				161,634		161,634
General and administrative expenses	16,257	25,270			(5,402)(m)	36,125	(5,402)(m)	36,125
Depreciation and amortization	110,495	46,642			58,196 (g)	215,333	58,196 (g)	215,333
Impairment of property and equipment	2,243	318				2,561		2,561
Non-cash compensation	536	580				1,116		1,116
Other costs and expenses	619,023	321,371			52,794	993,188	52,794	993,188
Income (loss) from operations	12,027	9,615			(52,794)	(31,152)	(52,794)	(31,152)
Gain on derivative instrument	2,858	—				2,858		2,858
Net exchange expenses	(8,694)	—			(5,402)(m)	(14,096)	(5,402)(m)	(14,096)

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Interest and other income	948	344	(875)(l)	417		1,292
Interest expense	(99,914)	(43,828)	(995)(l)	(144,737)		(143,742)
Income before income taxes	(92,775)	(33,869)	(60,066)	(186,710)	(58,196)	(184,840)
Income tax benefit	17,929	—		17,929		17,929
Income from continuing operations	(74,846)	(33,869)	(60,066)	(168,781)	(58,196)	(166,911)
Preferred stock dividends	(1,770)	—		(1,770)		(1,770)
Loss from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders	\$ (76,616)	\$ (33,869)	\$ (60,066)	\$ (170,551)	\$ (58,196)	\$ (168,681)
Basic and diluted net loss from continuing operations per share	(0.81)	(6.53)		(1.42)		(1.32)
Weighted average shares outstanding	94,088,853	5,188,593		120,158,481(k)		127,863,179

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ALAMOSA HOLDINGS, INC.
UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
Nine months ended September 30, 2004
(dollars in thousands)

	Alamosa Holdings, Inc. Nine months ended September 30, 2004	AirGate PCS, Inc. Nine months ended September 30, 2004 (j)	Maximum Cash Scenario Pro Forma Consolidated Pro Forma Adjustments	Pro Forma Consolidated September 30, 2004	All Stock Scenario Pro Forma Adjustments	Pro Forma Consolidated September 2004
Revenues:						
Subscriber revenues	\$ 401,938	\$ 192,315		\$ 594,253		\$ 594,253
Advertising revenues	153,964	53,225		207,189		207,189
Service revenues	555,902	245,540	—	801,442	—	801,442
Product sales	25,483	10,065		35,548		35,548
Other revenues	581,385	255,605	—	836,990	—	836,990
Expenses:						
Cost of service and operations	276,528	118,812		395,340		395,340
Cost of products sold	56,427	22,523		78,950		78,950
Selling and marketing	102,922	36,604		139,526		139,526
General and administrative expenses	17,284	15,640	(871)(m)	32,053	(871)(m)	32,053
Depreciation and amortization	78,793	36,062	43,647 (h)	158,502	43,647 (h)	158,502
Impairment of property and equipment	3,082	50		3,132		3,132
Share-based compensation	81	560		641		641
Restructuring costs and expenses	535,117	230,251	42,776	808,144	42,776	808,144
Income from operations	46,268	25,354	(42,776)	28,846	(42,776)	28,846
Gain on derivative instrument	1,946	—		1,946		1,946
Transaction exchange expenses	—	—	(871)(m)	(871)	(871)(m)	(871)

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on debt extinguishment	(13,101)	—		(13,101)		(13,101)	
est and other income	751	590	(663)(1)	678		1,349	
est expense	(56,393)	(24,969)	(5)(1)	(81,367)		(81,367)	
ne (loss) before income taxes	(20,529)	975	(44,315)	(63,869)	(43,647)	(63,200)	
ne tax expense	(557)	—		(557)		(557)	
ncome (loss) from continuing tions	(21,086)	975	(44,315)	(64,426)	(43,647)	(63,753)	
rred stock dividends	(8,078)	—		(8,078)		(8,078)	
rred stock conversion premium	(6,600)	—		(6,600)		(6,600)	
ncome (loss) from continuing tions attributable to common holders	\$ (35,764)	\$ 975	\$ (44,315)	\$ (79,104)	\$ (43,647)	\$ (78,437)	
ncome (loss) from continuing tions per share:							
	(0.35)	0.09		(0.61)		(0.52)	
ed	(0.35)	0.09		(0.61)		(0.52)	
ghted average shares outstanding:							
	103,441,770	10,568,083		129,511,398(k)		137,216,091	
ed	103,441,770	10,622,616		129,511,398(k)		137,216,091	

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NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

(dollars in thousands)

- (a) The pro forma adjustment represents the impact of the issuance of senior secured floating rate notes by AirGate in October 2004 as if such transaction took place on September 30, 2004. In connection with this adjustment, the notes were issued in the amount of \$175,000 with \$131,200 used to terminate the existing senior credit facility, \$4,500 used for debt issuance costs and \$1,916 used to retire the remaining portion of AirGate's 13.5% senior subordinated discount notes. The remaining proceeds of \$37,384 are reflected as an increase in cash and cash equivalents. The interest rate on the senior secured floating rate notes is LIBOR plus 3.75% which is identical to the rate on the senior credit facility. As such, no interest expense adjustment in the pro forma statements of operations is needed.
- (b) In connection with the termination of the AirGate senior credit facility in October 2004, and the prepayment of the senior subordinated discount notes in December 2004, remaining unamortized debt issuance costs and a prepayment premium on the subordinated notes were charged to expense. The pro forma adjustment includes \$2,800 related to the write off of these unamortized costs.
- (c) In accordance with the terms of the merger agreement, immediately prior to the consummation of the transaction, AirGate will be required to make a cash payment to retire all outstanding AirGate stock options and performance restricted stock awards. The pro forma adjustment of \$10,808 is the amount of cash that would be paid to option holders and holders of the performance restricted stock unit awards based on the 10 day trailing average of Alamosa's stock price through January 27, 2005 and a conversion ratio of 2.87 and is reflected as a

reduction of cash and cash equivalents and stockholders' equity of AirGate.

- (d) The pro forma adjustment represents the purchase price allocation as of September 30, 2004 assuming the minimum number of Alamosa shares are issued due to AirGate stockholders receiving cash up to the maximum of \$100,000. For purposes of determining the purchase price allocation, the fair market value of all tangible and intangible assets and liabilities are estimated at September 30, 2004. The allocation of purchase price under this scenario is as follows:

Consideration issued	\$ 338,357
Cash (including direct transaction costs)	112,000
Total	450,357
Identifiable intangible assets	143,017
Tangible noncurrent assets	151,906
Identifiable intangible assets	334,588
Liabilities acquired (including deferred taxes)	(510,148)
Goodwill	\$ 330,994

The value of Alamosa stock issued is based on 26,069,628 shares issued to AirGate stockholders who receive Alamosa stock in the merger. The number of Alamosa shares issued is calculated on the basis of (1) 11,768,058 AirGate shares outstanding at September 30, 2004, (2) the payment of \$100,000 in cash to AirGate stockholders receiving cash in the merger, and (3) the calculation of the per share cash consideration received by these stockholders on the basis of (a) the exchange ratio of 2.87 and (b) the ten day trailing average closing price of Alamosa common stock through January 27, 2005 of \$12.98. Alamosa shares issued to AirGate stockholders are valued at \$12.98 per share. The actual valuation of shares issued will be based on a measurement date to be determined when the actual number of shares to be issued has been fixed.

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The identifiable intangibles consist of (1) value assigned to the AirGate subscriber base as of September 30, 2004 of \$134,588 and (2) value assigned to the agreements between AirGate and Sprint as of September 30, 2004 of \$200,000. The allocation of value to intangible assets was based on assumptions as to the value of subscribers and the value of the Sprint agreements and does not necessarily represent the ultimate fair value of such assets that will be determined by an independent valuation firm subsequent to the consummation of the merger.

The cash consideration consists of \$100,000 in cash payment to AirGate stockholders and \$12,000 in direct cash costs of the transaction, the direct cash costs consist of estimates for professional fees (including banking fees) and other direct costs of the transaction.

- (e) The pro forma adjustment represents the purchase price allocation as of September 30, 2004 assuming the maximum number of Alamosa shares are issued due to all AirGate stockholders electing to receive stock. For purposes of determining the purchase price allocation, the fair market value of all tangible and intangible assets and liabilities are estimated at September 30, 2004. The allocation of purchase price under this scenario is as follows:

Consideration issued	\$ 438,357
Cash (including direct transaction costs)	12,000
Total	450,357

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Current assets	143,017
Tangible noncurrent assets	151,906
Identifiable intangible assets	334,588
Liabilities acquired (including deferred taxes)	(510,148)
Goodwill	\$ 330,994

The value of Alamosa stock issued is based on 33,774,326 shares issued to AirGate stockholders. The number of Alamosa shares issued is based on 11,768,058 AirGate shares outstanding at September 30, 2004 converted at a ratio of 2.87 Alamosa shares for each AirGate share. These shares are valued at \$12.98 per share which represents the ten day trailing average closing price of Alamosa stock through January 27, 2005. The actual valuation of shares issued will be based on a measurement date to be determined when the actual number of shares to be issued has been fixed.

The identifiable intangibles consist of (1) value assigned to the AirGate subscriber base as of September 30, 2004 of \$134,588 and (2) value assigned to the agreements between AirGate and Sprint as of September 30, 2004 of \$200,000. The allocation of value to intangible assets was based on assumptions as to the value of subscribers and the value of the Sprint agreements and does not necessarily represent the ultimate fair value of such assets that will be determined by an independent valuation firm subsequent to the consummation of the merger.

The cash consideration consists solely of \$12,000 in direct cash costs of the transaction. The direct cash costs consist of estimates for professional fees (including banking fees) and other direct costs of the transaction.

- (f) The pro forma purchase price allocation results in no differences between the carrying value and the fair value of the tangible assets and liabilities of AirGate as of September 30, 2004. As a result, no additional deferred income tax assets or liabilities are estimated in connection with those tangible assets and liabilities. With respect to the intangible assets associated with the purchase price allocation, such assets would have no tax basis at the time of the transaction and a deferred tax liability would be recognized in connection with this difference in book and tax basis as it relates to the identifiable subscriber base intangible and the intangible associated with the Sprint agreements. This pro forma adjustment is based on an effective tax rate of 38 percent and is reflected as an increase in deferred tax liabilities. The increase of \$127,143 in deferred tax liabilities has been reduced by \$5,818 as an estimate

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of the decrease in AirGate's valuation allowance against deferred tax assets that would be recorded in the pro forma transaction.

- (g) The pro forma adjustment represents the amortization of identifiable intangible assets that would be recorded for the year ended December 31, 2003 assuming the transaction had been consummated on January 1, 2003. For purposes of determining this amount, the estimated life of the subscriber base intangible asset is assumed to be 3 years and the estimated life of the Sprint agreement intangible asset is assumed to be 15 years as of January 1, 2003.
- (h) The pro forma adjustment represents the amortization of identifiable intangible assets that would be recorded for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 assuming the transaction had been consummated on January 1, 2003. For purposes of determining this amount, the estimated life of the subscriber base intangible asset is assumed to be 3 years and the estimated life of the Sprint agreement intangible asset is assumed to be 15 years as of January 1, 2003.
- (i) The consolidated statement of operations of AirGate for the year ended December 31, 2003 was determined by taking the fiscal year ended September 30, 2003 statement of operations less the activity reported for the quarter ended December 31, 2002 plus the activity reported for

the quarter ended December 31, 2003. Certain reclassifications have been made to the historical AirGate presentation to conform to the Alamosa presentation.

- (j) The consolidated statement of operations of AirGate for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 was determined by taking the fiscal year ended September 30, 2004 statement of operations less the activity reported for the quarter ended December 31, 2003. Certain reclassifications have been made to the historical AirGate presentation to conform to the Alamosa presentation.
- (k) Weighted average shares outstanding is based on Alamosa's historical weighted average shares outstanding and the additional shares issued in the merger of 26,069,628 shares in the maximum cash scenario and 33,774,326 shares in the all stock scenario.
- (l) The pro forma adjustments to interest income and interest expense in the maximum cash scenario represent the cost associated with the \$100,000 paid to AirGate stockholders. The adjustment is a combination of a reduction in interest income and an increase in interest expense based on the assumed sources of the \$100,000 being part cash and part borrowed funds as of January 1, 2003. The reduction in interest income is based on Alamosa's historic yield during the respective periods and the increase in interest expense is based on the effective interest rate on Alamosa's senior secured credit facility which was 5.65%.
- (m) The pro forma adjustment represents expenses incurred in connection with the evaluation of financing alternatives, and the implementation of the recapitalization plan, including the issuance of debt. The expenses were included in general & administrative expense in AirGate's historical statements of operations. The adjustment conforms the presentation to be consistent with Alamosa's classification of such expenses.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

Distributions by Us

This prospectus relates, in part, to the issuance by us from time to time of shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of (1) 8,620 warrants initially sold by AirGate in its units offering completed on September 30, 1999, which we refer to as the AirGate warrants, and (2) 300,000 warrants initially sold by iPCS in its units offering completed on July 12, 2000, which we refer to as the iPCS warrants. The costs of registering, issuing and maintaining an effective registration statement for the shares of common stock underlying these warrants have been and will be borne by us.

Under the terms of the warrant agreement governing the AirGate warrants, we are required to keep a shelf registration statement related to the issuance of shares of our common stock underlying the AirGate warrants continuously effective until the later of the date on which (a) all of the AirGate warrants have been exercised or (b) the AirGate warrants have expired. The warrant agreement provides that if we fail to keep the shelf registration statement continuously effective until such date, then we will be required to pay liquidated damages to each holder of an AirGate warrant which shall accrue from the first such registration default. The liquidated damages paid to each holder of a warrant will be in an amount equal to \$0.03 per week per warrant held by such holder for each week or portion thereof that the registration default continues for the first 90-day period immediately following the occurrence of such registration default. This amount will increase by an additional \$0.02 per week per warrant with respect to each subsequent 90-day period, up to a maximum amount equal to \$0.07 per week per warrant. The provision for liquidated damages will continue until such registration default has been cured. We will not be required to pay

liquidated damages for more than one registration default at any given time. Liquidated damages accrued as of April 1 or October 1 of each year will be payable on such date. All accrued liquidated damages shall be paid by us to holders entitled to liquidated damages in accordance with the warrant agreement.

Distributions by the Selling Securityholders

The iPCS warrants and the shares of our common stock issued upon the exercise of iPCS warrants offered hereby may be sold by the selling securityholders from time to time in:

- transactions in the over-the-counter market;
- negotiated transactions;
- underwritten offerings; or
- a combination of such methods of sale.

The selling securityholders may sell their warrants and the shares of our common stock issued upon the exercise of the warrants at:

- fixed prices which may be changed;
- market prices prevailing at the time of sale;
- prices related to prevailing market prices; or
- negotiated prices.

The selling securityholders may effect these transactions by selling their warrants and shares of our common stock issued upon the exercise of such warrants to or through broker-dealers, and these broker-dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the selling securityholders and/or the purchasers of the warrants for whom such broker-dealers may act as agents or to whom they sell as principals, or both (which compensation as to a particular broker-dealer might be in excess of customary commissions).

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We are required to keep this registration statement effective until the earlier of:

- July 15, 2010;
- the date on which all of the warrants have been exercised; or
- the date on which all of the warrants and shares of our common stock issued upon exercise of the iPCS warrants can be sold without registration under the Securities Act and without restriction as to the manner, timing or volume of any such sale.

However, as long as any affiliate of ours holds any iPCS warrants or shares of our common stock issued upon exercise of iPCS warrants, we will be required to keep this registration statement effective.

In order to comply with the applicable securities laws of particular states, if applicable, the iPCS warrants, and shares of our common stock will be sold in the jurisdictions only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. In addition, in particular states, the warrants and shares of our common stock may not be sold unless they have been registered or qualified for sale in the applicable state or an exemption from the registration or qualification requirement is available and is complied with.

The selling securityholders and any broker-dealers or agents that participate with the selling securityholders in the distribution of the iPCS warrants or the shares of our common stock issued upon the exercise of iPCS warrants may be

deemed to be "underwriters" within the meaning of the Securities Act, and any commissions received by them and any profit on the resale of the warrants or the shares of our common stock issued upon the exercise of iPCS warrants purchased by them may be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts under the Securities Act.

Each selling securityholder will be subject to applicable provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the rules and regulations thereunder, which provisions may limit the timing of purchases and sales of shares of our common stock by the selling securityholders.

We will pay for all costs of the registration of the iPCS warrants, including, without limitation, the Securities and Exchange Commission's filing fees and expenses of compliance with state securities or "blue sky" laws; except that, the selling securityholders will pay all underwriting discounts and selling commissions, if any. We have agreed to indemnify the selling securityholders against particular civil liabilities, including some liabilities under the Securities Act, or we will compensate them for some of these liabilities incurred in connection therewith.

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LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the securities offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, New York, New York.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Alamosa and its subsidiaries incorporated in this prospectus by reference to Alamosa's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements and schedule of AirGate PCS, Inc. and subsidiaries as of September 30, 2004 and 2003, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended September 30, 2004, have been incorporated by reference herein and in the registration statement in reliance upon the reports of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

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WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are currently subject to the information and reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, and in accordance therewith file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC. Those reports and other information so filed with the SEC may be inspected and copied at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC at Room 1024, Judiciary Plaza, 450 Fifth Street, N.W. ,

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Washington, D.C. 20549. Copies of those materials can be obtained from the Public Reference Section of the SEC at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549 at prescribed rates. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room is available by calling the Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains a site on the World Wide Web at <http://www.sec.gov>, which contains reports and other information regarding registrants. You can also inspect reports, proxy statements and other information pertaining to us at the offices of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc., Investor Relations, One Liberty Plaza, 50th Floor, New York, NY 10006.

We filed a registration statement on Form S-3 to register with the SEC the securities offered by this prospectus. This prospectus is a part of that registration statement. As allowed by the rules of the SEC, this prospectus does not contain all of the information you can find in our registration statement or the exhibits to the registration statement.

You should rely only on the information or representations provided in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different information. Our selling securityholders may not make an offer of our securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. The delivery of this prospectus does not, under any circumstances, mean that there has not been a change in our affairs since the date of this prospectus. It also does not mean that the information in this prospectus is correct after this date.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The following documents, which have been filed by us with the Commission, are incorporated by reference into this prospectus:

Alamosa SEC Filings	Period or Date Filed
Annual Report on Form 10-K	Year ended December 31, 2003
Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q	Quarter ended March 31, 2004, June 30, 2004, September 30, 2004
Current Reports of Form 8-K	Filed on January 5, 2004, January 5, 2004, January 16, 2004, November 4, 2004, November 5, 2004, November 22, 2004, December 8, 2004, December 9, 2004, December 30, 2004, January 6, 2005, January 28, 2005, February 9, 2005
Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A for the 2004 annual meeting of stockholders	
The description of Alamosa common stock set forth in Alamosa's registration statements filed by Alamosa pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, including any amendment or report filed for purposes of updating any such description	

All documents filed by us under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act on or after the date of this prospectus and prior to the date of the completion of the offering of the securities described in this prospectus shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this

prospectus and to be a part of this prospectus from the date of filing of those documents. Any statement contained in this prospectus or in a previously filed document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus shall be deemed to be modified or superceded for purposes of this prospectus the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus or in any other subsequently filed document that also is or was deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus modifies or supercedes that statement. Any statement so modified or superceded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus.

The information relating to us contained in this prospectus should be read together with the information in the documents incorporated by reference.

You can obtain any of the documents incorporated by reference in this document from us, or from the SEC through the SEC's Internet World Wide Web site at the address described above. Documents incorporated by reference are available from us without charge, excluding any exhibits to those documents, unless the exhibit is specifically incorporated by reference as an exhibit in this document. You can obtain documents incorporated by reference in this document, at no cost, by requesting them in writing or by telephone from us at the following address or telephone number:

Alamosa Holdings, Inc.
5225 S. Loop 289
Lubbock, Texas 79424
Attention: Jon D. Drake
(806) 722-1100

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PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN THE PROSPECTUS

All capitalized terms used and not defined in Part II of this registration statement shall have the meaning assigned to them in the prospectus which forms a part of this registration statement.

ITEM 14. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION.

The following table sets forth the estimated costs and expenses, other than underwriting discounts and commissions, payable by the registrant in connection with the sale of the securities being registered. All the amounts shown are estimates except the Securities and Exchange Commission registration fee.

Registration fee – Securities and Exchange Commission	\$ 1,931
Blue Sky Fees	\$ 2,000
Accounting fees and expenses	\$ 15,000
Printing	\$ 5,000
Legal fees and expenses	\$ 20,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 5,000
Total	\$ 48,931

ITEM 15. INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.

Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL") generally provides that a corporation may indemnify directors, officers, employees or agents against liabilities they may incur in such capacities provided certain standards are met, including good faith and the reasonable belief that the particular action was in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation.

Subsection (a) of Section 145 of the DGCL ("Section 145") empowers a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation), by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

Subsection (b) of Section 145 empowers a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor, by reason of the fact that such person acted in any of the capacities set forth above, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he acted under standards similar to those set forth above, except that no indemnification may be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation, unless and only to the extent that the Delaware Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to be indemnified for such expenses which the court shall deem proper.

Section 145 further provides that, among other things, to the extent that a present or former director or officer of a corporation has been successful in the defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in Subsections (a) and (b) of Section 145, or in the defense of any claim, issue or matter

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therein, he shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith; that indemnification provided for by Section 145 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the indemnified party may be entitled; and that a corporation is empowered to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of a director or officer of the corporation against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify against such liability under Section 145.

Indemnification as described above shall be granted in a specific case only upon a determination that indemnification is proper under the circumstances using the applicable standard of conduct which is made by (a) a majority of directors who were not parties to such proceeding, (b) by a committee of such directors designated by a majority of such directors, (c) independent legal counsel in a written opinion if there are no such disinterested directors or if such disinterested directors so direct, or (d) the stockholders.

The Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Alamosa Holdings, Inc. ("Alamosa") provides that the liability of the directors of Alamosa to Alamosa or any of its stockholders for monetary damages arising from acts or omissions occurring in their capacity as directors will be limited to the fullest extent permitted by the laws of Delaware or any other applicable law. This limitation does not apply with respect to any action in which a director would be liable under Section 174 of the DGCL nor does it apply with respect to any liability in which a director (1) breached his duty of loyalty to Alamosa or its stockholders; (2) did not act in good faith or, in failing to act, did not act in good faith; (3) acted in a manner involving intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law or, in failing to act, shall have acted in a manner involving intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; or (4) derived an improper personal benefit.

Alamosa's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation provides that Alamosa will indemnify its directors, officers and employees and former directors, officers and employees to the fullest extent permitted by the laws of Delaware or any other applicable law.

Alamosa has directors' and officers' liability insurance covering its directors and officers.

ITEM 16. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES.

A. EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Description
2.1	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of December 7, 2004, by and among Alamosa Holdings, Inc., A-Co Merger Sub, Inc. and AirGate PCS, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Appendix A to Alamosa Holdings, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4, dated December 22, 2004, as amended on January 14, 2005).
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Alamosa Holdings, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.1 to the Registration Statement on Form 8-A, dated February 14, 2001).
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Alamosa Holdings, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.2 to the Registration Statement on Form 8-A, dated February 14, 2001).
4.1	Certificate of Designations, Powers, Preferences and Rights of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Alamosa Holdings, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2003).
4.2	Certificate of Designations, Powers, Preferences and Rights of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Alamosa Holdings, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2003).

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Exhibit Number	Description
4.3	Warrant Agreement dated as of July 12, 2000 by and between iPCS, Inc. and ChaseMellon Shareholder Services, L.L.C., as warrant agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.23 to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed by iPCS, Inc. on October 10, 2000, as amended

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- on December 1, 2001 (SEC File No. 333-47688)).
- 4.4 Warrant Agreement dated as of September 30, 1999 by and between AirGate PCS, Inc. and Bankers Trust Company, as warrant agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.15 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed by AirGate PCS, Inc. on November 29, 1999 (SEC File No. 333-91749)).
- 4.5 Warrant Registration Rights Agreement dated as of July 12, 2000 by and between iPCS, Inc. and Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corporation and TD Securities (USA) Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22 to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed by iPCS, Inc. on October 10, 2000, as amended on December 1, 2000 (SEC File No. 333-47688)).
- 5.1 Opinion of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.*
- 23.1 Consent of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.*
- 23.2 Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.
- 23.3 Consent of KPMG LLP.
- 24.1 Power of Attorney (see the signature page to this Form S-3 Registration Statement).

*To be filed by amendment.

ITEM 17. UNDERTAKINGS.

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(a)(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933.

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement.

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that clauses (1)(i) and (1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those clauses is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

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(b) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

Insofar as indemnification by the registrant for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that, in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Lubbock, State of Texas, on February 8, 2005.

ALAMOSA HOLDINGS, INC.

By: /s/ David Sharbutt

Name: David Sharbutt

Title: Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned officers and directors of Alamosa Holdings, Inc. hereby severally and individually constitute and appoint David E. Sharbutt, the true and lawful attorney and agent (with full power of substitution and resubstitution in each case) of each of us to execute in the name, place and stead of each of us (individually and in any capacity stated below) any and all amendments to this registration statement and all instruments necessary or advisable in connection therewith and to file the same with the Securities and Exchange Commission, said attorney and agent to have power to act and to have full power and authority to do and perform in the name and on behalf of each of the undersigned every act whatsoever necessary or advisable to be done in the premises as fully and to all intents and purposes as any of the undersigned might or could do in person and we hereby ratify and confirm our signatures as they may be signed by

our said attorney and agent to any and all such amendments and instruments.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated and on February 8, 2005.

Name	Title
<u>/s/ David E. Sharbutt</u> David E. Sharbutt	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board (Principal Executive Officer)
<u>/s/ Kendall W. Cowan</u> Kendall W. Cowan	Director and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
<u>/s/ Ray M. Clapp, Jr.</u> Ray M. Clapp, Jr.	Director
<u>/s/ Scotty Hart</u> Scotty Hart	Director
<u>/s/ Dr. Allen T. McInnes</u> Dr. Allen T. McInnes	Director
<u>/s/ Schuyler B. Marshall</u> Schuyler B. Marshall	Director
<u>/s/ John F. Otto, Jr.</u> John F. Otto, Jr.	Director
<u>/s/ Thomas F. Riley, Jr.</u> Thomas F. Riley, Jr.	Director
<u>/s/ Michael V. Roberts</u> Michael V. Roberts	Director
<u>/s/ Steven C. Roberts</u> Steven C. Roberts	Director
<u>/s/ Jimmy R. White</u> Jimmy R. White	Director

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LIST OF EXHIBITS

Description

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- 2.1 Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of December 7, 2004, by and among Alamosa Holdings, Inc., A-Co Merger Sub, Inc. and AirGate PCS, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Appendix A to Alamosa Holdings, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4, dated December 22, 2004, as amended on January 14, 2005).
- 3.1 Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Alamosa Holdings, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.1 to the Registration Statement on Form 8-A, dated February 14, 2001).
- 3.2 Amended and Restated Bylaws of Alamosa Holdings, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.2 to the Registration Statement on Form 8-A, dated February 14, 2001).
- 4.1 Certificate of Designations, Powers, Preferences and Rights of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Alamosa Holdings, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2003).
- 4.2 Certificate of Designations, Powers, Preferences and Rights of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Alamosa Holdings, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2003).
- 4.3 Warrant Agreement dated as of July 12, 2000 by and between iPCS, Inc. and ChaseMellon Shareholder Services, L.L.C., as warrant agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.23 to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed by iPCS, Inc. on October 10, 2000, as amended on December 1, 2001 (SEC File No. 333-47688)).
- 4.4 Warrant Agreement dated as of September 30, 1999 by and between AirGate PCS, Inc. and Bankers Trust Company, as warrant agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.15 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed by AirGate PCS, Inc. on November 29, 1999 (SEC File No. 333-91749)).
- 4.5 Warrant Registration Rights Agreement dated as of July 12, 2000 by and between iPCS, Inc. and Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corporation and TD Securities (USA) Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22 to the Registration Statement on Form S-4 filed by iPCS, Inc. on October 10, 2000, as amended on December 1, 2000 (SEC File No. 333-47688)).
- 5.1 Opinion of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.*
- 23.1 Consent of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.*
- 23.2 Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.
- 23.3 Consent of KPMG LLP.
- 24.1 Power of Attorney (see the signature page to this Form S-3 Registration Statement).

*To be filed by amendment.
