

**COMPANY** 

Rating: BUY

Target: \$8.75

**SURG** 

\$2.68

(from \$8.50)

Ticker:

Price:

**UPDATE** 

## SurgePays, Inc.

Q4 weak, but strong 2025 guidance. Despite near term loss of ACP, we expect high growth potential with Lifeline and new products over the long term. Raising P/T to \$8.75.

**Q4 weak:** SurgePays recently (on March 25) reported its fiscal Q4 2024 (ending December) results. Revenue was \$10 million (-70% y-o-y), compared to our estimates of \$7 million and consensus of \$8 million. EPS was \$(1.00), compared to our estimates of (0.27) and consensus of (0.25). There was no Q4 guidance.

**Lower revenue due to end of ACP:** The company was significantly negatively affected by the end of the ACP program in May 2024.

ACP program has now stopped: In 2024, the company had ~250,000 subscribers to its mobile wireless program (Affordable Connectivity Program ("ACP")). Each subscriber is \$30/month of revenue. However, funding for ACP has now ran out and it is uncertain when it will be reinstated.

ACP uncertainty but likely to return: The ACP stopped accepting new applications for enrollment in February and announced on June 1, 2024 that the ACP has ended due to running out of funding. We believe this important program will be extended but have modeled for significantly uncertainty for when it will be reinstated or for delays.

**Strong 2025 guidance:** The company provided strong 2025 revenue guidance of \$200 million.

**Adjusting 2025 estimates:** We are adjusting our 2025 estimates for revenue to \$180 million, from \$75 million, and for EPS to \$(0.24) from \$(0.16).

**Focused on large growth opportunities:** The company is targeting the underserved markets by offering financial technology, telecommunications, and retail products for customers at local retailers in their communities. It offers prepaid wireless and underbanked financial products and services, along with popular consumer goods, to retail merchants (mainly operators of convenience stores (C-stores)) for the needs of store customers nationwide.

**Now offering Lifeline:** In October 2024, SurgePays announced that it has signed a Master Services Agreement (MSA) with TerraCom, Inc. to provide Lifeline services. The company believes its Lifeline program can exceed its ACP subscribers over time.

Strong growth potential in wireless: The company plans to focus on its LinkUp Mobile prepaid wireless brand which benefits from its convenience store distribution partners which should improve growth, profitability, and customer loyalty. The company recently signed a major agreement with AT&T to offer a full range of mobile wireless, voice, data and messaging services on the nation's largest wireless network.

Large market potential: There are ~100 million adults in the U.S. that are underbanked. Many of these adults are conveniently located near C-stores where they can shop and acquire telecom and fintech products. This represents a significant market opportunity for SurgePays's products.

**Positive risks versus rewards:** We believe the demand for SurgePays's retail and fintech products and services will grow fueled by continued strong industry growth and increased product offerings. We believe the stock is significantly undervalued especially when ACP returns as we expect.

Valuation attractive: We are maintaining our BUY rating, but raising our 12-month price target to \$8.75 from \$8.50, which is ~12x our 2027 EPS estimate of \$0.75 and is based on its long term earnings growth rate. This represents significant upside from the current share price and we believe this valuation appropriately balances out the company's risks with the company's high growth prospects and large upside opportunities.

#### **Company Description**

SurgePays, based in Bartlett, TN, is a technology company that offers retail, telecom, and fintech products for retailers in the underbanked community.

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# Stock Data

Exchange:	NasdaqCIVI
52-week Range:	1.05 - 4.38
Shares Outstanding (million):	20
Market cap (\$million):	\$54
EV (\$million):	\$46
Debt (\$million):	\$4
Cash (\$million):	\$12
Avg. Daily Trading Vol. (\$million):	\$5
Float (million shares):	14
Short Interest (million shares):	1
Dividend, annual (yield):	\$0 (NA%)

#### Revenues (US\$ million)

	2025E	2025E	2026E	2026E
	(Cur.)	(Old)	(Cur.)	(Old)
1 Mar	10E	11E	38E	
2 Jun	20E		40E	
3 Sep	35E	19E	41E	
4 Dec	<u>115E</u>	<u>25E</u>	<u>81E</u>	
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#### Earnings per Share (pro forma)

	<u>2025E</u> (Cur.)	2025E (Old)	<u>2026E</u> (Cur.)	2026E (Old)
Q1 Mar	(0.44)E	(0.21)E	(0.04)E	
Q2 Jun	(0.30)E	(0.00)E	(0.00)E	
Q3 Sep	(0.35)E	(0.02)E	(0.00)E	
Q4 Dec	<u>0.82E</u>	<u>0.06E</u>	<u>0.56E</u>	
Total	(0.24)E	(0.16)E	0.52E	
P/E	N/A		5x	

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#### **OVERVIEW**

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- Revenue was \$10 million (-70% y-o-y), compared to our estimates of \$7 million and consensus of \$8 million.
- EPS was \$(1.00), compared to our estimates of \$(0.27) and consensus of \$(0.25).
- There was no Q4 guidance.
- The company provided strong 2025 revenue guidance of \$200 million.
- We are adjusting our 2025 estimates for revenue to \$180 million, from \$75 million, and for EPS to \$(0.24) from \$(0.16).
- We are initiating our 2026 estimates for revenue of \$200 million, and for EPS of \$0.52.

## **ADDITIONAL DETAILS**

- Gross profit for the quarter was \$(11) million, compared with our estimate of ~\$0 million.
- Gross margin for the quarter was -117%, versus our expectation of 1% and 23% last year.
- Operating expenses were \$7 million, versus our expectation of \$7 million.
- Operating loss was \$(18) million, versus our expectation of a loss of \$(6.7) million.
- Net loss was \$(19.8) million, versus our expectation of a loss of \$(5.5) million.
- In February 2021, the company filed a Form S-1 registration statement with the SEC for the planned sale of ~25% of LogicsIQ shares to the public (IPO). LogicsIQ will remain a majority-owned subsidiary of SurgePays. The exact details and timing of the spinoff/IPO, capital structure, and management teams will be determined later. In November 2023, the company announced that it was winding down (closing) LogicsIQ but has recently announced that it is currently reevaluating its options.
- In April 2022, the company announced the acquisition of Torch Wireless, a provider of wireless broadband with the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) in a cash and limited royalties deal. The purchase price was ~\$800,000.
- In January 2024, the company announced the acquisition of the software development and point-of-sale ("POS") equipment and operations of DNR Business Solutions Inc. d/b/a ClearLine Mobile for \$2.5 million in cash and notes.
- In October 2024, SurgePays announced that it has signed a Master Services Agreement (MSA) with TerraCom, Inc., a wireless
  service provider and licensed Lifeline provider, to provide Lifeline services. SurgePays and TerraCom have agreed to finalize a
  stock purchase agreement to acquire the majority of TerraCom stock, subject to regulatory approval. Terms were not
  disclosed.
- In November 2024, SurgePays signed a major agreement with AT&T enabling SurgePays to offer mobile wireless, voice, data and messaging services.

The company's balance sheet had \$12 million in cash and \$4 million in debt, compared with \$24 million in cash and \$4 million in debt at the end of September.



## Exhibit 1: SurgePays Overview (as of 2024)

SurgePays is a technology and telecom company focused on underbanked and underserved communities





## SurgePhone & Torch Wireless

Wireless subsidiaries providing subsidized service to 250k+ subscribers nationwide.



#### Prepaid Top-ups

Financial empowerment for those without checking accounts or credit cards. Technology-layered platform enables clerks at 1,000s of convenience stores to process payment "topups" for every prepaid wireless company, load prepaid debit cards, and activate gift cards.



#### LinkUp Mobile

Lowest cost prepaid wireless brand in the industry launched in 2024.

Nasdaq: SURG

250k+ Subscribers 8,000+
Locations Nationwide

100+ Years
Management Experience

170+ Team Members Bartlett, Tennessee
Headquarters

**SurgePays** 

Source: Company reports.

Exhibit 2: SurgePays's Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) (as of 2024)

SurgePhone + Torch Wireless





SurgePhone and Torch Wireless are Mobile Virtual Network Operators (MVNOs) licensed by the FCC to provide subsidized wireless services (Talk, Text & Data) to over 250,000 subscribers.

Any household receiving government benefits such as SNAP/Food Stamps, Medicaid, Veterans Pension, etc. is eligible for free wireless service.



- ACP is a government benefit program supported by the FCC
- Ensures affordability for qualified participants
- Supports connectivity for work, school, healthcare, etc.

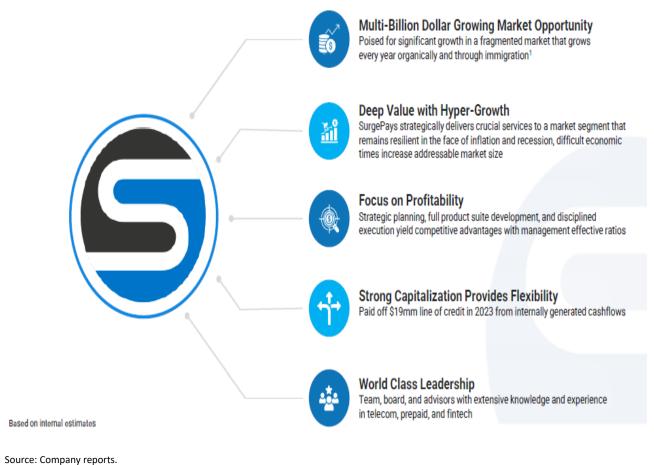


**SurgePays** 



**Exhibit 3: SurgePays Investment Highlights** 

# **Investment Highlights**





**Exhibit 4: SurgePays Market Opportunity** 

# **Market Opportunity**



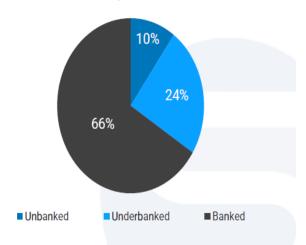
## 100+ Million Adults in the U.S. are Prepaid Customers1

The underbanked conduct the majority of financial transactions at their trusted local convenience store closest to their home. SurgePays utilizes these stores as the points of distribution into these communities.

As we onboard stores to our fintech software platform, we enable store clerks to perform transactions such as prepaid wireless activation and payments, along with reloading debit cards and other financially enabling services to improve the daily lives of those without traditional access to banks, credit and checking accounts.

SurgePays revenue is directly tied to how many essential services we provide to those who need them most

Over 1/3 of the U.S. Population is Under or Unbanked<sup>2</sup>



# Addressable

Market

## 68 Million Adults in the U.S. are Underbanked

- Residents of low-income neighborhoods visit c-stores five or more times per week due to proximity, convenience, and a lack of other stores in the neighborhood<sup>2</sup>
- Underbanked generally rely on local retailers to fill the financial services gap that leaves many families operating on a cash basis
- There are over 74,000,000 prepaid wireless subscribers in the U.S. with most paying for service (top-up) in person<sup>3</sup>
- Many c-store distributors have been doing business the same way for over 100 years and additionally do not serve Hispanic stores = primed for disruption
- Hispanic population has increased to more than 63.6 million representing over \$2 trillion in consumer spending power<sup>4</sup>
- Enabling independently owned stores to provide underbanked financial services to their community creates opportunities for upselling wholesale products











## **Exhibit 5: SurgePays FinTech Suite**

# FinTech Suite

SurgePays fintech platform utilizes a suite of financial and prepaid products to convert corner stores and bodegas into tech-hubs for underbanked neighborhoods.

## **Dynamic Processing Solution Enables:**













Web based Portal or Verifone Terminal

Wireless Plan **Payments** 

Wholesale e-Commerce Platform

Sell Bitcoin

Gift Cards

**Debit Card** Reload



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**Utility Bill** 



Load Toll & **Transit** 

Check Cashing Software

Load Amazon Cash

Load iGaming Apps

**Activate Prepaid** Wireless SIMs

**Payment** 

# **Complementary Services Drive Revenue**

## **Services Flywheel Powers Growth**





## **Drive Wireless Subscriber Base**

- ▶ Estimated 20% of transactions at C-stores are on Benefit Cards (EBT/WIC) in lower-income areas1
- Seamless lead generation when customers utilize their EBT cards
- ► Effortless enrollment is facilitated through the 'Surge Point of Sale' tablet
- Create loyalty with the store and community = upsell LinkUp Mobile

## Prepaid Top-ups = Underbanked Tech Hub

- Process prepaid top-ups for every wireless company in the country
- Gather data on competitor plans and payment trends regionally to better
- Load debit cards and activate gift cards for cash consumers desiring digital purchasing power

# **Expanded Products & Services**

- Leveraging our distinct competitive edge, compelling owner-operated stores to embrace our platform
- We are the only Prepaid wireless company that owns its own prepaid platform. We are the only prepaid top-up platform that owns its own prepaid wireless company

HSA Consulting. https://www.wsj.com/articles/food-stamps-are-about-to-spoil-grocery-stores-outlook-2d8851d0



Exhibit 6: SurgePays Growth Strategy (as of 2024)

# 2024 Growth Strategies

## **Services Flywheel Powers Growth**

## Organic

- Successfully launch prepaid brand Linkup Mobile
- Upsell ACP customers (limit 1 per household) to prepaid wireless family plan
- Build national sales team to increase store count
- Partner with distribution companies with existing networks
- While less than 50% of Hispanic immigrants have bank accounts, those crossing the border are not banked with credit<sup>1</sup>



## **Opportunistic Expansion**

- Add complementary services such as Telehealth, Digital Payments & Streaming acquisitions
- Acquire distributor networks with existing footprint of independently owned stores
- Pursue additional synergistic acquisitions that achieve cost savings and increased efficiencies

# **Growth Strategies**

## **Organic**

- Enable stores to provide a full suite of financial services to the underbanked and underserved
- Increase mobile broadband subscriber base
- Improve cash to digital conversion accessibility
- Build national sales team to grow number of stores

## Acquisitions

- Acquire distributor networks with an existing footprint of independently owned stores to add to our national network of community stores
- Acquire companies with complimentary products to add to our suite of underbanked financial or prepaid products



Over 8,000 Stores on the SurgePays Network



**Exhibit 7: LinkUp Mobile** 

## LinkUp Mobile

## **Prepaid Wireless Brand**



Newly launched, lowest cost prepaid wireless brand



Substantial market of over 100 million prepaid customers in the U.S., predominantly using cash for their service payments



We are the only wireless company that owns our payment platform at convenience stores. This competitive advantage allows us to offer the lowest cost prepaid wireless service while paying the highest commissions to store owners – the ultimate influencers to these communities



Source: Company reports.

Exhibit 8: End of ACP Program (May 31, 2024)

## FCC BRINGS AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM TO A CLOSE

Absent Additional Congressional Funding, Chairwoman Rosenworcel Pens Letter to Congress Highlighting Progress That Will be Lost in Closing the Digital Divide

WASHINGTON, May 31, 2024—Federal Communications Commission Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel today announced that due to a lack of additional Congressional funding, the agency will officially end the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) on June 1, 2024. The agency had already imposed an enrollment freeze in early February to help with the accurate forecasting of funding exhaustion and to smooth the administration of the ACP's end. During the ACP wind-down process, Chairwoman Rosenworcel sent monthly letters to Congress stressing the importance of the program and the need for additional funding to keep the program going. In a new letter to Congress, Chairwoman Rosenworcel highlighted the nationwide need to support low-income families who struggle to pay for high-speed internet service and outlined the steps the Commission has taken to soften the impact that the conclusion of the ACP will have on enrolled households.

"The Affordable Connectivity Program filled an important gap that provider low-income programs, state and local affordability programs, and the Lifeline program cannot fully address," **said Chairwoman Rosenworcel**. "The Commission is available to provide any assistance Congress may need to support funding the ACP in the future and stands ready to resume the program if additional funding is provided."

Source: Federal Communications Commission.



Exhibit 9: Q4 2024 Results and Recent Highlights (as of March 25, 2025)

## SurgePays Reports 2024 Financial Results and Issues Revenue Guidance of Over \$200 Million in Next 12 Months



NEWS PROVIDED BY SurgePays → Mar 25, 2025, 16:05 ET

> Completed AT&T integration positions company for its most aggressive growth phase to date with projected positive cash flow from operations in 2025

BARTLETT, Tenn., March 25, 2025 /PRNewswire/ — **SurgePays, Inc. (Nasdaq: SURG) ("SurgePays" or the "Company")**, a wireless and point of sale technology company, today announced its financial results for the year ended December 31, 2024, and is issuing guidance of over \$200 million in revenue over the next 12 months and positive cash flow from operations before the end of 2025, following the successful integration and official launch with AT&T

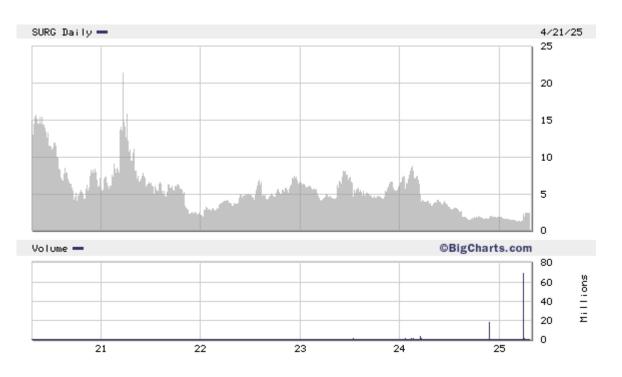
Brian Cox, Chairman and CEO, commented, "We built the infrastructure. Now we are scaling. With AT&T integration complete and LinkUp Mobile launching nationally, SurgePays is positioned for the most aggressive revenue growth phase in our history."

### 2024 Operational Highlights:

- Nationwide Launch of LinkUp Mobile: SurgePays has begun its national rollout of its retail prepaid
  wireless brand, LinkUp Mobile. The Company expects monthly SIM card shipments of 250,000—
  300,000, driven by robust demand from its retail distribution network of nearly 9,000 convenience
  and community stores.
- AT&T Integration Complete: In November 2024, SurgePays signed a multi-year strategic agreement with AT&T to deliver full access to 4G LTE and 5G wireless services across North America. As of April 1, 2025, the integration is complete and live.
- MVNE Wholesale Business Launch: SurgePays now offers wireless infrastructure services, including SIM provisioning and billing, to other wireless companies as a Mobile Virtual Network Enabler (MVNE). This high-margin revenue channel is expected to scale rapidly.
- Lifeline Subscriber Retention: Following the end of ACP funding, SurgePays retained a portion of its
  wireless subscriber base and is transitioning eligible customers to the federally supported Lifeline
  program. Daily Lifeline enrollments are ongoing through the Company's Torch Wireless brand.
- POS Platform Growth: SurgePays' point-of-sale software platform, used in thousands of retail locations, grew prepaid wireless top-up revenue over 400% from Q1 to Q2 2024. The POS platform is a critical distribution and activation tool for both LinkUp Mobile and third-party services.
- Leadership Expansion: The Company strengthened its leadership team with the promotion of Mark
   Garner to Executive Vice President, and Allison Seyler to VP of Sales.



Exhibit 10: SurgePays, Inc. Stock Price (5-Years)



Source: https://bigcharts.marketwatch.com/

Exhibit 11: Consensus Expectations (as of March 25, 2025)

	Revenue (mils)				EPS	
	<u>2024E</u>	<u>2025E</u>			<u>2024E</u>	<u>2025E</u>
Q1 Mar	\$31A	\$13E	Q	1 Mar	\$0.07A	\$(0.14)E
Q2 Jun	\$15A		Q	2 Jun	\$(0.66)A	
Q3 Sep	\$5A		Q	3 Sep	\$(0.73)A	
Q4 Dec	\$8E		Q	4 Dec	\$(0.25)E	
Total	\$60E	\$95E	To	otal	\$(1.59)E	\$(0.16)E

<sup>\*</sup>Quarterly estimates may not add to annual estimates due to variations in contributing estimates and rounding.

Source: Company report, LSEG, and Ascendiant Capital Markets estimates



## **FINANCIAL MODEL**

SurgePays Inc.

ncome Statement (\$ mils)	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	2023	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24	2024	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25	2025	Mar-26	Jun-26	Sep-26	Dec-26	202
Fiscal Year End: December 31	Q1A	Q2A	Q3A	Q4A	FY-A	Q1A	Q2A	Q3A	Q4A	FY-A	Q1E	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E	FY-E	Q1E	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E	FY-
Total Revenue	34.8	35.9	34.2	32.3	137.1	31.4	15.1	4.8	9.6	60.9	9.6	20.1	35.2	115.2	180.0	38.3	40.1	41.1	80.6	200
Cost of Revenues	27.1	25.9	23.7	24.9	101.5	23.2	18.5	12.6	20.8	75.2	14.4	20.1	33.4	86.4	154.2	28.8	30.1	28.8	56.4	144
Gross Profit	7.7	10.0	10.5	7.4	35.6	8.2	(3.4)	(7.8)	(11.2)	(14.3)	(4.8)	0.0	1.8	28.8	25.8	9.6	10.0	12.3	24.2	56
Depreciation and amortization	l n				0.0					0.0					0.0					(
Selling, general and administr	3.0	3.8	3.4	6.6	16.8	6.4	7.4	6.4	7.1	27.5	7.2	8.0	11.2	11.5	38.0	10.4	10.0	12.3	12.1	4
Restructuring and other					0.0					0.0					0.0					
Total operating expenses	3.0	3.8	3.4	6.6	16.8	6.4	7.4	6.4	7.1	27.5	7.2	8.0	11.2	11.5	38.0	10.4	10.0	12.3	12.1	4
Operating income (loss)	4.7	6.2	7.1	0.9	18.9	1.8	(10.9)	(14.3)	(18.4)	(41.8)	(12.0)	(8.0)	(9.5)	17.3	(12.2)	(0.8)	0.0	0.0	12.1	1
Interest income (expense)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.6)	(0.1)	(0.1)	0.1	(0.3)	(0.4)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	۱,
Other income (expense)	0.0	(0.1)	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.7	(0.1)	(1.3)	(0.6)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Income before income taxes	4.5	6.0	7.1	0.8	18.4	1.6	(10.3)	(14.3)	(19.9)	(42.9)	(12.0)	(8.1)	(9.5)	17.2	(12.4)	(8.0)	(0.1)	(0.1)	12.0	1
Income taxes				(2.3)	(2.3)	0.4	2.5		(0.1)	2.9	(3.0)	(2.0)	(2.4)	0.0	(7.4)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Net income (loss)	4.5	6.0	7.1	3.0	20.6	1.2	(12.9)	(14.3)	(19.8)	(45.7)	(9.0)	(6.1)	(7.2)	17.2	(5.0)	(8.0)	(0.1)	(0.1)	12.0	1
Nonrecurring/noncash adjustme	_				0.0					0.0					0.0					
Net income (pro forma)	4.5	6.0	7.1	3.0	20.6	1.2	(12.9)	(14.3)	(19.8)	(45.7)	(9.0)	(6.1)	(7.2)	17.2	(5.0)	(8.0)	(0.1)	(0.1)	12.0	1
EBITDA	5.0	6.4	7.5	3.4	22.3	4.0	(7.6)	(12.2)	(15.9)	(31.7)	(9.8)	(5.8)	(7.3)	19.5	(3.4)	1.5	2.2	2.2	14.3	2
Shares, Basic	14.1	14.2	14.3	14.4	14.3	17.7	19.4	19.7	19.8	19.1	20.4	20.5	20.7	20.9	20.6	21.0	21.1	21.3	21.5	2
Shares, Diluted	14.5	15.1	15.1	15.0	14.9	18.7	19.4	19.7	19.8	19.1	20.4	20.5	20.7	20.9	20.6	21.0	21.1	21.3	21.5	2
EPS Basic (pro forma)	\$0.32	\$0.42	\$0.50	\$0.21	\$1.45	\$0.07	(\$0.66)	(\$0.73)	(\$1.00)	(\$2.39)	(\$0.44)	(\$0.30)	(\$0.35)	\$0.82	(\$0.24)	(\$0.04)	(\$0.00)	(\$0.00)	\$0.56	\$(
EPS Diluted (pro forma)	\$0.31	\$0.40	\$0.47	\$0.20	\$1.38	\$0.07	(\$0.66)	(\$0.73)	(\$1.00)	(\$2.39)	(\$0.44)	(\$0.30)	(\$0.35)	\$0.82	(\$0.24)	(\$0.04)	(\$0.00)	(\$0.00)	\$0.56	\$0
Margins																				T
Gross margin	22%	28%	31%	23%	26%	26%	-23%	-164%	-117%	-24%	-50%	0%	5%	25%	14%	25%	25%	30%	30%	
Selling, general and administr	9%	11%	10%	20%	12%	20%	49%	135%	74%	45%	75%	40%	32%	10%	21%	27%	25%	30%	15%	
Operating margin	14%	17%	21%	3%	14%	6%	-72%	-299%	-191%	-69%	-125%	-40%	-27%	15%	-7%	-2%	0%	0%	15%	
Tax rate, GAAP	0%	0%	0%	-299%	-12%	26%	-25%	0%	1%	-7%	25%	25%	25%	0%	60%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Net margin	13%	17%	21%	9%	15%	4%	-85%	-299%	-206%	-75%	-94%	-30%	-20%	15%	-3%	-2%	0%	0%	15%	
Y/Y % change																				
Total Revenue	64%	28%	-6%	-11%	13%	-10%	-58%	-86%	-70%	-56%	-70%	33%	637%		196%	300%	100%	17%	-30%	1
Gross margin	192%	358%	446%	11%	165%	6%	-134%		-251%	-140%	-159%		-122%		-280%			602%	-16%	1
Selling, general and administr	-19%	26%	17%	104%	31%	115%	94%	90%	9%	64%	12%	8%	74%	61%	38%	44%	25%	10%	5%	١.
Operating income (loss)	-548%	-832%	-835%	-75%	2877%	-63%	-275%	-301%		-321%	-784%	-26%	-34%	-194%	-71%	-94%	-100%	-100%	-30%	-1
Net income (loss)	-475%	-713%	-575%	1%	-3129%	-73%	-316%	-302%	-756%	-322%	-837%	-53%	-50%	-187%	-89%	-91%	-99%	-99%	-30%	-3
EPS Diluted (pro forma)	-411%	-632%	-492%	-14%	-2859%	-79%	-267%	-254%	-598%	-273%	-775%	-55%	-52%	-182%	-90%	-91%	-99%	-99%	-32%	-3

Source: Company reports and Ascendiant Capital Markets estimates.



SurgePays Inc.

Assets Cash and cash equivalents Short term investments Accounts receivable, net Lifeline revenue due from USAC Inventory Deferred income taxes	9.7 15.5	5.2 10.3 18.1	12.7 9.8	14.6	<b>Q1A</b> 42.9	<b>Q2A</b> 38.4	Q3A	Q4A	Q1E	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E	Q1E	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E
Cash and cash equivalents Short term investments Accounts receivable, net Lifeline revenue due from USAC Inventory	9.7 15.5	10.3			42.9	39.4							1			
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Accounts receivable, net Lifeline revenue due from USAC Inventory	15.5		9.8	0.5		30.4	13.7	11.8	5.7	2.0	(2.8)	16.9	17.6	19.2	20.4	35.0
Lifeline revenue due from USAC Inventory	15.5		9.8				10.1		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Inventory		18 1		9.5	8.3	1.4	1.5	3.0	2.9	6.0	10.5	34.5	11.5	12.0	12.3	24.2
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Deferred income taxes		10.1	14.5	9.0	7.3	8.4	8.4	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
									0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prepaid expenses and other	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	<u>0.5</u>	0.5	0.3	<u>1.3</u>	<u>0.1</u>	0.2	0.4	<u>1.2</u>	0.4	<u>0.4</u>	<u>0.4</u>	<u>0.8</u>
Total current assets	34.2	33.7	37.3	33.4	59.1	48.7	33.9	17.9	10.5	10.0	9.9	54.4	31.2	33.5	34.9	61.8
Property and equipment, net	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.6	1.0	0.9	0.8	1.2	1.1	1.5	2.5	2.4
Note receivable	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Intangibles, net	3.1	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.4	2.2	2.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Goodwill	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	4.2	4.2	4.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Investment in Centercom	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Deferred income tax				2.8	2.5				0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Total assets	40.6	39.9	43.2	41.9	69.6	56.4	41.5	24.0	17.0	16.4	16.2	61.2	37.9	40.5	42.9	69.7
Liabilities and stockholders' equity																
Accounts payable and accrued expe	20.7	16.8	12.8	6.4	6.5	4.3	3.2	3.9	2.8	5.8	10.2	33.4	11.1	11.6	11.9	23.4
Accounts payable and accrued expe	1	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.6	1.1	3.5	1.2	1.2	1.2	2.4
Credit card liability		0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Deferred revenue	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.0					0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Deferred income tax	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.7	0.1	0.1		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Warrant liabilities				0.0	0.7	0.1	0.1		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Short term debt	2.3	1.2	0.6	4.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Total current liabilities	25.7	18.5	14.5	12.7	9.4	6.6	5.4	6.1	5.0	8.4	13.2	38.8	14.2	14.8	15.1	27.7
Total our on habilities						0.0	•	•••	0.0	٠		00.0				
Deferred income taxes									0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Warrant liabilities									0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other long term liabilities	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Deferred revenue									0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Long term debt	4.5	4.5	4.5	0.5	3.6	3.2	2.8	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Total other liabilities	4.9	4.9	4.9	0.8	4.0	3.5	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
Preferred stock	0.0	0.0							0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Common stock	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	4.3	6.4	8.5	10.6	12.7	14.8	17.0
Additional paid-in capital	41.1	41.6	41.9	43.4	70.0	73.0	74.2	76.2	76.2	76.2	76.2	76.2	76.2	76.2	76.2	76.2
Retained earnings	(31.3)	(25.3)	(18.2)	(15.2)	(14.0)	(26.8)	(41.1)	(60.9)	(69.9)	(76.0)	(83.2)	(65.9)	(66.7)	(66.8)	(66.8)	(54.8
Minority Interest	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1
Accumulated other comprehensive in					•			()	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Total stockholders' equity	10.0	16.6	23.8	28.4	56.2	46.3	33.3	15.3	9.4	5.4	0.4	19.7	21.0	23.1	25.2	39.3
Total stockholders' equity and liabi	li 40.6	39.9	43.2	41.9	69.6	56.4	41.5	24.0	17.0	16.4	16.2	61.2	37.9	40.5	42.9	69.7

## **Balance Sheet Drivers**

Dalatice Officer Differs																
	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	Mar-24	Jun-24	Sep-24	Dec-24	Mar-25	Jun-25	Sep-25	Dec-25	Mar-26	Jun-26	Sep-26	Dec-26
	Q1A	Q2A	Q3A	Q4A	Q1A	Q2A	Q3A	Q4A	Q1E	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E	Q1E	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E
Prepaid as % of total rev	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	3%	7%	14%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
A/P and accrued exp as % of total rev	59%	47%	37%	20%	21%	28%	67%	41%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%	29%
A/P and accrued exp related as % of total	6%	1%	3%	3%	2%	3%	10%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Activity Ratios																
A/R Days Sales Outstanding	25	26	26	27	24	8	29	28	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27
Book & Cash Value (per share)																
Book Value per Share (diluted)	\$0.69	\$1.10	\$1.58	\$1.89	\$3.01	\$2.38	\$1.69	\$0.77	\$0.46	\$0.26	\$0.02	\$0.94	\$1.00	\$1.09	\$1.18	\$1.83
Cash per Share (diluted)	\$0.61	\$0.34	\$0.84	\$0.97	\$2.30	\$1.98	\$1.20	\$0.60	\$0.28	\$0.10	-\$0.13	\$0.81	\$0.84	\$0.91	\$0.96	\$1.63
Net cash per Share (diluted)	\$0.14	-\$0.03	\$0.51	\$0.64	\$2.02	\$1.73	\$0.98	\$0.39	\$0.08	-\$0.10	-\$0.33	\$0.62	\$0.65	\$0.72	\$0.77	\$1.44

Source: Company reports and Ascendiant Capital Markets estimates



SurgePays Inc.

Cash Flow Statement (\$ mils)		Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	2023			Sep-24		2024			Sep-25			Mar-26				
iscal Year End: December 31	Q1A	Q2A	Q3A	Q4A	FY-A	Q1A	Q2A	Q3A	Q4A	FY-A	Q1E	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E	FY-E	Q1E	Q2E	Q3E	Q4E	FY
	ļ																			
Cash flow from operating activi																				١
Net income	4.5	6.1	7.0	3.0	20.6	1.2	(12.9)	(14.3)	(20.0)	(45.9)	(9.0)	(6.1)	(7.2)	17.2	(5.0)	(8.0)	(0.1)	(0.1)	12.0	11
Depreciation	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0
Amortization	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.3					0.0					0
Debt related amortization expen	ise				0.0	0.0				0.0					0.0					0
Dividend					0.0					0.0					0.0					0
Stock comp	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.5	2.4	1.9	3.0	1.8	2.1	8.8	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	8.5	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	8
Deferred rent					0.0					0.0					0.0					1
A/R and inventory reserves				0.1	0.1					0.0					0.0					(
Deferred income taxes					0.0	0.3	(0.3)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
Change in fair value of warrant I	liability				0.0					0.0					0.0					1
Writedowns and impairments					0.0				1.7	1.7					0.0					1
Other gains/losses	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.1)	(0.0)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	0.3	0.1					0.0					1
Other					0.0				(0.5)	(0.5)					0.0					
Changes in operating assets and	liabilities:																			
Accounts receivable	(0.4)	(0.6)	0.5	0.1	(0.4)	1.3	6.9	(0.1)	(1.5)	6.5	0.1	(3.1)	(4.5)	(24.0)	####	23.0	(0.5)	(0.3)	(11.8)	) 1
Lifeline revenue due from USAC	:				0.0					0.0					0.0					
Inventory	(4.3)	(2.6)	3.5	5.5	2.1	1.7	(1.0)	0.0	6.6	7.3					0.0					
Prepaid expenses & other curre	(0.1)	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.1)	(0.3)	(0.0)	0.2	0.0	(0.1)	1.2	(0.1)	(0.2)	(8.0)	0.1	0.8	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.4)	)
Income tax					0.0		2.8			2.8					0.0					
Other assets				(2.8)	(2.8)					0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1
Accounts payable	1.4	(3.0)	1.9	(0.3)	(0.0)	(2.4)	(2.3)	(1.1)	3.3	(2.5)	(1.1)	3.0	4.4	23.2	29.5	(22.3)	0.5	0.3	11.5	#
Accrued expenses	(1.3)	(0.3)	(5.4)	(5.4)	(12.4)	` ′		(0.6)	(0.4)	(0.9)	0.1	0.3	0.5	2.4	3.3	(2.3)	0.1	0.0	1.2	10
Deferred revenue	0.5	(0.7)	0.1	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.0)			` '	(0.0)					0.0					10
Other liabilities	2.0	(2.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	0.2	(0.6)	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Net cash (used in) provided by	2.9	(2.6)	8.1	2.0	10.3	4.0	(4.1)		(7.9)	(21.3)	(6.5)	(3.7)	(4.8)	20.2	5.2	0.6	2.2	2.2	14.7	19
Cash flow from investing activit	ies																			
Purchases of property and equip	pment				0.0			(0.5)		(0.5)	(0.5)	0.0	0.0	(0.5)	(1.0)	0.0	(0.5)	(1.0)	0.0	(
Purchases of short-term investr	nents				0.0			(10.1)	10.1	0.0					0.0					
Acquisitions					0.0				(2.5)	(2.5)					0.0					Т
Other	(0.2)	(0.1)			(0.3)					0.0					0.0					1
Net cash used in investing activ	(0.2)	(0.1)	0.0	0.0	(0.3)	0.0	0.0	(10.6)	7.6	(3.0)	(0.5)	0.0	0.0	(0.5)	(1.0)	0.0	(0.5)	(1.0)	0.0	(1
0																				
Cash flow from financing activit	1162				0.0					0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	١,
Issuance of debt	(0.0)	(4.4)	(0.0)	(0.4)		(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.4)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Repayment of debt	(0.9)	(1.1)	(0.6)	(0.1)	(2.6)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.4)	(1.5)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Ľ
Issuance of stock	!	0.0			0.0	15.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Ľ
Proceeds from stock option exe	rcises	0.2			0.2	8.8				8.8					0.0					
Other					0.0			(0.5)	(0.1)	(0.6)					0.0					
Dividends and distributions					0.0					0.0					0.0					1
Cash provided by (used in) fina	(0.9)	(0.9)	(0.6)	(0.1)	(2.4)	24.3	(0.4)	(0.9)	(0.5)	22.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	'
Effect of exchange rate on cash					0.0					0.0					0.0					
Net increase (decrease) in cash	1.8	(3.7)	7.5	1.9	7.6	28.3	(4.5)	(24.8)	(0.9)	(1.8)	(7.1)	(3.7)	(4.8)	19.7	4.1	0.6	1.7	1.1	14.7	1
Beginning cash and equivalents		8.9	5.2	12.7	7.0	14.6	42.9	38.4	13.7	14.6	12.8	5.7	2.0	(2.8)	12.8	16.9	17.6	19.2	20.4	1
Ending cash and equivalents	8.9	5.2	12.7	14.6	14.6	42.9	38.4	13.7	12.8	12.8	5.7	2.0	(2.8)	16.9	16.9	17.6	19.2	20.4	35.0	

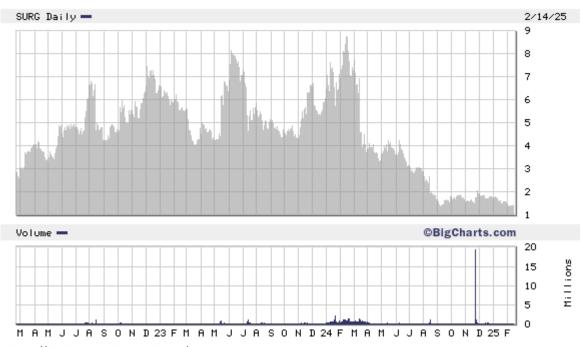
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	Report Date		Price
Report	Date	Rating	Target
1	1/24/2022	Buy	7.00
2	4/10/2022	Buy	8.00
3	5/29/2022	Buy	8.50
4	8/31/2022	Buy	8.75
5	11/20/2022	Buy	9.00
6	4/2/2023	Buy	9.50
7	5/30/2023	Buy	10.50
8	8/26/2023	Buy	11.00
9	12/5/2023	Buy	11.50
10	3/31/2024	Buy	10.00
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12	9/10/2024	Buy	9.00
13	12/14/2024	Buy	8.50

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