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**I. Introduction**

Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission’s (“CPUC”) Rules of Practice and Procedure, the National Diversity Coalition<sup>1</sup> (“NDC”) hereby submits this notice of the following *ex parte* communication. The oral communication occurred on Monday, March 28, 2016, from approximately 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm by telephone.

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<sup>1</sup> National Diversity Coalition members include the National Asian American Coalition (NAAC), African American Economic Justice Organization, Asian Journal, Chinese American Institute for Empowerment, Christ Our Redeemer AME Church, COR Community Development Corporation, Ecumenical Center for Black Church Studies, Jesse Miranda Center for Hispanic Leadership, Los Angeles Latino Chamber of Commerce, Latino Coalition for Community Leadership, Macedonia Community Development Corporation, MAAC Project, National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference, OASIS Center International, Orange County Interdenominational Alliance, Templo Calvario CDC, and West Bay Pilipino Multi-Service Center. Please note, in prior proceedings before this Commission, NDC members have appeared under the name “Joint Minority Parties”.

Robert Gnaizda, General Counsel of the NDC, initiated the communication with Jessica Hecht, from the office of Commissioner Mike Florio. Also present from the NDC were Faith Bautista, President and CEO, and Richard Ramos.

During the meeting, the representatives of the NDC discussed reasons for supporting the merger. The key point made was that Time Warner was among the worst cable companies in the nation and could only be regulated and compelled to effectively serve low-income families if Charter were allowed to acquire Time Warner.

The NDC also raised the issue of diversity at the Board of Directors level and below, the issue of diverse programming, including the importance of serving the dominant and growing Latino English-speaking audience and the unique benefits of their low-income broadband commitments that would provide high-speed first class service at an affordable rate of \$14.99 a month.

The NDC also raised the issue that this settlement might be the most effective mechanism for moving the U.S. from second-class to leadership in high-speed broadband service. That is, mergers might very well be the most efficient and effective mechanism for moving the U.S. over the next few years into the position of world leader in high-speed broadband access to all communities.

The NDC members offered to personally meet with Commissioner Florio prior to the PD being issued, with a preference for a meeting in Los Angeles where most of the members of the NDC are headquartered, with a particular emphasis on discussing, at the meeting with Commissioner Florio, why the most effective mechanism to regulate and oversee Time Warner was through the proposed merger.

Respectfully Submitted,

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