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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 Wednesday, March 30, 2016, from approximately 2:00 pm to 2:20 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”.

Lester Wong, Advisor for Communications, Safety, and Water, spoke with Robert Gnaizda, General Counsel of the National Diversity Coalition and National Asian American Coalition, and Faith Bautista, President and CEO of the National Asian American Coalition and CEO of the National Diversity Coalition.

During the meeting, we discussed why, in part, we opposed the Comcast merger and why California's 25 million minorities, particularly among Time Warner customers, would benefit from the proposed merger. The main points we raised were that:

1. unlike Comcast, the CEO has made a commitment to regularly meet with the minority community;
2. Charter has committed to a highly affordable full-service lifeline program at just \$3.66/month and to a \$14.99/month high-speed broadband internet service which could benefit up to a million low/moderate-income Californians
3. Time Warner had a poor record of serving the minority community and low/moderate-income communities, and the most effective, expeditious, and least-costly mechanisms for improving Time Warner's policies was to have it taken over by a new company that was committed to the low/moderate-income community and public interest CPUC policies.
4. Unlike Time Warner, Charter is committed to major and often specific programs and programming dedicated to serving the diversity of the state, including all elements of the Asian American community, Black community, and Latino community.
5. Charter committed over time to fully complying with all the goals of GO-156 relating to diversity and would, for the first time, actively participate in the Commission's GO-156 en banc hearings.

We also discussed California lagging well behind other developed nations as to high-speed and accessible broadband internet service, particularly among the 70% of Americans who live from paycheck to paycheck. We stated that one of our goals in the agreement with Charter, that will go into effect if the merger is approved, is for the U.S. within a decade or less to become the worldwide leader in speed and availability of broadband service to all communities.

Respectfully Submitted,

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