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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Joint Application of Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, and Cox Enterprises, Inc. for Approval Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 854 of the Indirect Transfer of Control of Cox California Telcom, LLC (U-5684-C)

Application 25-07-016

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S FOURTH RULING DIRECTING FILING OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WITHIN 2 DAYS**

This ruling directs Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, and Cox Enterprises, Inc. (CEI), to file and serve a response within 2 days of the date of this ruling. Additionally, information regarding the upcoming status conference is shared.

**1. Background**

On July 30, 2025, Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, and CEI (collectively, Joint Applicants), filed the *Joint Application of Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, and Cox Enterprises, Inc. for Approval Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 854 of the Indirect Transfer of Control of Cox California Telcom, LLC (U-5684-C)* (Application) with the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission). Joint Applicants requested an indirect transfer of control, under Public Utilities Code Section 854, of CEI subsidiary Cox's subsidiaries, "that operate its residential cable, voice, mobile, and enterprise businesses, as well as Segra and Unite Private Networks

commercial fiber businesses operating under the Segra brand and the RapidScale managed IT and cloud business.”<sup>1</sup>

## **2. Discussion**

The Commission requires additional information to review this Application. Joint Applicants shall individually file the following information, providing additional details about Joint Applicants’ Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) filings:

1. Please provide a detailed timeline for the US Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission merger review for this proposed transaction. Include the following information in the timeline:
  - a. The date(s) of any and all HSR filings with the US Department of Justice (DOJ) or Federal Trade Commission (FTC). Identify the date(s) of any upcoming filings/refilings.
  - b. How long is the DOJ/FTC “waiting period?” What is the end date of the merger transaction DOJ/FTC “waiting period?”
  - c. How long is the DOJ/FTC “clearing period? What is the date of the merger transaction DOJ/FTC “clearing period?”
2. Define and describe the meaning of the U.S. DOJ/FTC “clearance period” in a merger.
3. Are all U.S. states regulatory approvals a prerequisite for U.S. DOJ and/or FTC approval of Joint Applicants’ merger?
4. Detail the impacts should a U.S. states conclude its state regulatory review after the federal DOJ and/or FTC clearing period end date.
5. Explain whether merging corporations that have filed an HSR with DOJ/FTC are required to close the deal within

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<sup>1</sup> Application at 5 and 8.

one year after the 30-day U.S.DOJ/FTC waiting period expires. Detail the impacts should the deal close after the one-year date.

6. If a U.S. state issues its regulatory review of the merger after the date of the federal DOJ and/or FTC clearing period has expired, detail the impacts: for example, must merging entities refile their HSR documents with the federal DOJ and/or FTC?
  - a. If the answer to the above question is "Yes", does a new 30-day DOJ/FTC waiting period start?

**3. Status Conference Scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 9:30 am**

A virtual status conference shall be held in this proceeding on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 9:30 am. Applicants shall be prepared to present their responses to the above indicated questions.

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**4. Conclusion**

To ensure an efficient disposition of this proceeding, within 2 days of the date of this ruling, the Joint Applicants shall individually provide the additional information as directed herein. Failure to provide the additional information may result in dismissal of A.25-07-016 for failure to prosecute. Applicant's filing must be titled "Response to Administrative Law Judge Inquiry," otherwise a new protest period will be triggered.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated February 13, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JAMIE ORMOND

Jamie Ormond  
Administrative Law Judge