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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 RULING PROVIDING LOG-IN INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS

This Ruling provides log-in information and instructions for the upcoming evidentiary hearings. Evidentiary hearings for this proceeding are scheduled for April 20-24, 2026. The hearings will be conducted remotely via the WebEx platform. In addition to providing WebEx log-ins, this ruling provides instructions about exhibits, requires parties to meet and confer to prepare a proposed witness schedule and exhibit list, revises the briefing schedule, and sets a deadline for prehearing motions.

1. Public Log-In Information

The below Webex links and phone numbers provide the public with the opportunity to watch and listen to the hearings. Audio for the hearings will be provided through WebEx. The toll-free numbers are provided for the convenience of anyone who needs to connect to WebEx via telephone (versus a computer).

i. April 20, 2026

- **Date and time:** Monday, April 20, 2026, 10:00 a.m. PDT

- **Join link:** <https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=m1dce4e0af7023276033ccc7a95c30d9d>
- **Webinar number:** 2497 796 2741
- **Webinar password:** 2026 (2026 when dialing from a phone or video system)
- **Join by phone:** 1-855-282-6330 United States Toll Free
- **Access code:** 2497 796 2741

ii. April 21, 2026

- **Date and time:** Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 10:00 a.m. PDT
- **Join link:** <https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=m3fa8c559248fe010efdf75f24212060e>
- **Webinar number:** 2481 991 1269
- **Webinar password:** 2026 (2026 when dialing from a phone or video system)
- **Join by phone:** 1-855-282-6330 United States Toll Free
- **Access code:** 2481 991 1269

iii. April 22, 2026

- **Date and time:** Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 10:00 a.m. PDT
- **Join link:** <https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=m0dd7b6d52727a745c7a485b73241001e>
- **Webinar number:** 2491 441 8433
- **Webinar password:** 2026 (2026 from phones and video systems)
- **Join by phone:** 1-855-282-6330 United States Toll Free
- **Access code:** 2491 441 8433

iv. April 23, 2026

- **Date and time:** Thursday, April 23, 2026, 10:00 a.m. PDT
- **Join link:** <https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=meacaf9151ef4a3c7a4a9d31c82156678>
- **Webinar number:** 2494 639 9347

- **Webinar password:** 2026 (2026 from phones and video systems)
- **Join by phone:** 1-855-282-6330 United States Toll Free
- **Access code:** 2494 639 9347
- v. April 24, 2026
- **Date and time:** Friday, April 24, 2026, 10:00 a.m. PDT
- **Join link:** <https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=m513f225337dc70ffc486de5e5bcb346d>
- **Webinar number:** 2484 157 8238
- **Webinar password:** 2026 (2026 from phones and video systems)
- **Join by phone:** 1-855-282-6330 United States Toll Free
- **Access code:** 2484 157 8238

2. Participant Log-In Information

The log-in information for party participants is different than the log-in information for the public. Each party that will actively participate in the evidentiary hearings shall provide the following information via e-mail to Proceeding Analyst (PA) Marianne Divina (Marianne.Divina@cpuc.ca.gov) by 5:00 p.m. on April 13, 2026, to receive WebEx participant links and phone numbers:

- a. Name of Party;
- b. Party's expected number of attendees at the evidentiary hearing (should include all participating witnesses and attorneys);
- c. Lead Representative/Primary Speaker for the party:
 - i. Name;
 - ii. Role: (e.g. lead attorney);
 - iii. E-mail address;
 - iv. Telephone number;

For each additional person expected to actively participate during the evidentiary hearing:

- a. Name;
- b. Role: (*e.g.*, witness, attorney, etc.);
- c. E-mail address;
- d. Telephone number.

There is a strong technical preference for computer-based WebEx participation at the Evidentiary Hearing. Participants should ensure prior to the hearings that they have the necessary audio and visual equipment, sufficient power or battery, and sufficient connectivity. Participants should plan to log into the hearing at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the hearing each day to address technical issues and housekeeping matters.

For technical issues with Webex or the telephone line during the hearings or with any general logistics questions regarding the hearings, parties may e-mail PA Marianne Divina (Marianne.Divina@cpuc.ca.gov).

3. Remote Evidentiary Hearing Basic Information

Ground Rules for Remote Evidentiary Hearings:

- a. Ensure that your audio/visual equipment has sufficient power/battery, sufficient connectivity, and onsite support, as needed.
- b. Please log into the Webex link 30 minutes prior to the hearing time each day.
- c. For speakers, the video must be on during the hearing and remain visible on the screen.
- d. Non-speaking attendees should use the Webex link above to watch the video of the hearing, but they will not appear on the video screen.

Instructions when Speaking:

- a. Speakers must identify themselves before speaking each time.
- b. Speakers must speak slowly, clearly, and one at a time.
- c. Please remember to mute your audio when not speaking.
- d. When statements are garbled or indecipherable, the court reporter will interrupt the speakers when it is possible to do so or may insert the word "inaudible" in the transcript. Please remember that cross-talking should be avoided when dialog is being transcribed. In the case of any cross-talking, the court reporter may insert the words "cross-talking" in the transcript.
- e. If someone else is speaking, do not interrupt. If you wish to speak and/or otherwise assert objections, please do so by raising your hand and speaking only when called upon by the ALJ.
- f. When objecting, the attorney should first state their name and then state the legal grounds for objection. If such an objection is made, the witness is reminded to pause before responding to provide time for the ALJ to address the pending objection.

Communicating with Witness on Stand

The Commission prohibits communications (via telephone, text, e-mail, or any other medium) relevant to the subject matter of the proceeding with a witness while the witness is being examined. Both the witness and the relevant attorneys will affirm on the record that they will not engage in any such communications relevant to the subject matter of the proceeding during the examination of the witness. Witnesses should be prepared to describe their surroundings for the record and explain what steps have been taken to ensure that they are not able to communicate with others while being examined.

4. Updated Proceeding Schedule

Briefs and Submission of the Proceeding

Parties shall submit opening and reply briefs after the evidentiary hearings. Briefs shall have a page limit of 50 pages, not including attachments.

The case will be submitted upon the filing of reply briefs, unless the assigned Commissioner or the ALJ directs further evidence or argument.

This ruling revises the dates for the filing of briefs and reply briefs:

ITEM	REVISED DUE DATE
Opening Briefs	May 22, 2026
Reply Briefs	June 5, 2026

Lingering or continued discovery disputes may necessitate additional recalibration of the proceeding schedule.

5. Proposed Witness Schedule

Prior to the hearings, the parties should work together to prepare a list of all cross witnesses, the approximate cross and redirect times, the volume(s) of testimony that will be the subject of the cross examination, and a proposed cross witness schedule. The hearings will start each day at 10:00 am and conclude around 3:30 p.m. There will be approximately forty-five minutes for lunch and approximately 10-15-minute breaks during each morning and afternoon session. Parties should plan for approximately 4 hours of time on the record each day.

Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (Charter), shall coordinate and assemble the final proposed evidentiary hearing schedule. Charter shall e-mail the final proposed schedule to the assigned administrative law judge (ALJ) and PA no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2026. Attached as Attachment 2 is a Microsoft Excel template

of a cross estimate schedule that the parties can use. The cross-estimate schedule should highlight any requested dates and times that have restrictions, *e.g.*, witness is only available between 2:00 and 3:00 pm on Thursday.

6. Exhibits and a Joint Exhibit List

Prior to the hearings, the parties should work together to prepare a list of previously served exhibits that includes a proposed exhibit number, sponsoring witness, brief description of each exhibit, indication whether parties stipulate to the admission of the exhibit, and link to the uploaded exhibit (for non-confidential exhibits only) on the Commission's Supporting Documents Platform.¹

The attached blank excel spreadsheet exhibit list labeled as Attachment 1 to this Ruling can be used for this purpose (parties need only fill out the first five columns). Charter should coordinate and assemble a joint exhibit list that will be used by all parties and served on the entire service list.

Charter shall e-mail the joint exhibit list to the assigned ALJ no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2026. Charter shall update the joint exhibit list throughout the hearings and e-mail an updated joint exhibit list to the ALJ, PA, and service list by 5:00 p.m. each day of the hearings.

Exhibits must include a cover page and be labeled using the following framework: a short acronym for the sponsoring party followed by sequential numbering (*e.g.*, ChC- 01). All pages of all exhibits shall be numbered for ease of identification. When there is a Confidential exhibit, the parties shall submit two versions of the exhibit with the Confidential exhibit labeled with the same number as the public version of the exhibit followed by the letter "C."

¹ See Rule 13.7 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Errata should be labeled with the number of the exhibit being corrected followed by the letter "E."

Final Cross-examination Exhibits shall be served on the service list and uploaded to the Supporting Documents Platform not later than 5:00 pm two days before their first expected use, based on the approved hearing schedule, unless otherwise approved by the ALJ in advance.

Cross-examination Exhibits intended for use as impeachment exhibits must be sent not later than 8:30 am on the day they are expected to be used; if this deadline is missed and a party still wants to use the impeachment exhibit on a given day, the party will be required to show good cause on why they could not have met the 8:30 am deadline. Such requests may still be denied at the ALJ's discretion if the delay is deemed prejudicial.

If corrections to an exhibit are needed, the corrected exhibit and redline exhibit should be served on the service list immediately following identification of the need for correction. The corrected exhibit and the redline version showing the corrections should be uploaded to Supporting Documents. The Exhibit List should link to the final version of the exhibit (not to a previous version) and to the redline version.

Partial documents or excerpts from documents must include a title page or first page from the source document; excerpts from lengthy documents should include a table of contents page covering the excerpted material. It may be helpful to include language before and after the excerpt to provide clarity or context.

7. Confidential Materials

If any party anticipates referring to confidential materials during the hearing, the party shall e-mail a notice to the PA at least one business day in

advance to ensure the necessary arrangements can be made for a confidential session, including ensuring that confidential materials are accessible. The requesting party shall consult with other parties to compile a list of the names and e-mail addresses of persons who wish to participate in the confidential session and are authorized access to the confidential materials to be referenced and shall include the list in its notice. The requesting party shall e-mail PA Marianne Divina (Marianne.Divina@cpuc.ca.gov) the list of names and e-mail addresses of participants for any confidential sessions that occurs during the hearings.

To ensure smooth evidentiary hearing management, all confidential exhibits must be sent in advance of use to the ALJ's PA.²

8. Pre-hearing Motions

Any pre-hearing motions, including motions to strike prepared testimony, shall be filed by April 1, 2026. Any response to a pre-hearing motion shall be due within 5 days of the date the motion is filed. If a pre-hearing motion is filed after this date, the moving party must demonstrate that there is good cause for filing the motion after the deadline.

Attachments included:

1. Attachment 1 - Blank Exhibit List Form - Excel Spreadsheet
(Due on April 13, 2026)
2. Attachment 2 - Sample Cross-Estimates and Schedule (Due on April 13, 2026)

IT IS RULED that:

² As a member of the Administrative Law Judge Division, PAs abide by all Commission confidentiality rules. Parties may deliver confidential documents via Kiteworks, or by other means, determined in advance of delivery.

1. Parties shall comply with the procedural instructions for evidentiary hearings set forth in this ruling.

2. The proceeding schedule is revised as per Section 4.

Dated March 2, 2026, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ JAMIE ORMOND
Jamie Ormond
Administrative Law Judge

