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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 (U5684C).

Application 25-07-016

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE’S RULING GRANTING MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY AND ADMONISHING EXCESSIVE USE OF THE SERVICE LIST

This ruling grants the Motions to Compel Responses to the first data request filed by the Center for Accessible Technology (CforAT), and directs Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (Charter), and Cox Enterprises Inc. (Cox), to produce full, complete, and unredacted responses to CforAT’s discovery requests within five business days. This ruling also provides guidance to recalibrate future service list usage.

1. Background

On February 9, 2026, CforAT filed Motions to Compel Discovery (Motions), requesting a ruling ordering Charter and Cox to produce documents responsive to CforAT’s first data request propounded in Application (A.) 25-07-016 (Application).¹ CforAT filed its Motions after meeting the requirement of California Rules of Practice and Procedure 11.3.

¹ CforAT’s data request was provided to Charter and Cox on January 28, 2026, and were included in the Motions as Attachment A.

On February 19, 2026, Charter and Cox responded, asserting that the Motions should be denied for procedural deficiencies and substantive errors, and that CforAT's discovery requests necessitated responding to many detailed questions.

Subsequently, Charter, Cox, and parties have engaged in excessive interparty communications via the service list. Parties will take note of the service list usage guidance provided below, to be followed going forward.

2. Discovery

CforAT's data requests seek information to inform their testimony in this instant proceeding. As a party to the proceeding, discovery rights are delineated under Article 10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.² CforAT is afforded broad discovery rights as a result of its party status and seeks agreements, communications, and related documents regarding commercial operations and business enterprises, an inquiry into Charter and Cox and potential impacts of the proposed transaction on California customers. CforAT's questions are lengthy and detailed.

Charter, Cox, and CforAT met and conferred, as required. To efficiently and expeditiously adjudicate this Application, as requested by Charter and Cox, parties must respond to reasonable discovery requests in the shortest possible timeframe. Accordingly, CforATs Motions are granted and Charter and Cox

² Article 10.1, parties to a Commission proceeding may obtain discovery from any other party regarding any matter that is relevant to the subject matter involved in the pending proceeding, if the matter is itself admissible or reasonably calculated to lead to admissible evidence.

must produce full, complete, and unredacted responses to CforAT's January 28, 2026, data requests within five business days of this Ruling.³

3. Service List Usage

Since CforAT's Motions to Compel, and as recently as March 12, 2026, parties have engaged in considerable interparty communication about discovery issues via the service list.

Parties may discuss discovery issues and other disputes through meetings, direct emails, telephone calls, or other informal communications. However, it is inappropriate to include decision makers, and all members of the service list, in these extra-record discussions. To protect the integrity of the procedural record and ensure that it reflects all the information parties presented to decision makers, parties shall refrain from interparty communications that include the entire service list moving forward.

In anticipation of the upcoming Evidentiary Hearings, another status conference is scheduled for April 7, 2026, at 1:00 pm. Parties may file a joint motion requesting that certain topics be scheduled for discussion. Parties may use the following information to join the status conference:

<https://cpuc.webex.com/cpuc/j.php?MTID=m05433f8264902750e896854e0d109332>

Access code: 2484 059 2658

Meeting password: aiE2EVYn28v

³ As additional guidance, a five-day turn around for delivery of any final discovery requests would be in accord with Charter and Cox's continued advocacy for a speedy review of their application.

IT IS SO RULED.

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

/s/ JAMIE ORMOND

Jamie Ormond
Administrative Law Judge