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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).

**CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR DIGITAL EQUITY (CADE) MOTION REQUESTING
PERMISSION TO QUESTION WITNESSES**

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I. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with Rule 11.1 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure and the instructions provided by the Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) at the first day of evidentiary hearings in this proceeding, California Alliance for Digital Equity (“CADE”) respectfully requests the opportunity to question witnesses before the hearing is adjourned.

II. DISCUSSION

On April 20, 2026, an evidentiary hearing to consider Application A.25-07-016 was called into session. Prior to any witnesses being called to the stand, Administrative Law Judge Jamie Ormand addressed various pending motions, including CADE’s Motion for Party Status.¹ The ALJ determined that the concerns raised by CADE are reasonable and pertinent to the issues already presented, consistent with Rule 1.4(b)(2) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure and thus granted the motion for party status. The ALJ stated that CADE is not eligible to participate at the evidentiary hearing, but invited CADE to submit a formal request for an opportunity to be allowed to ask questions at the end of the hearing. The deadline for submission of such a formal request was set for close of business on Wednesday, April 22, 2026. The ALJ also determined that CADE may participate in briefing following the close of evidentiary hearings, as well as any further activity that may take place.²

As set forth in CADE’s Motion for Party Status, CADE intends to address how the proposed transaction could have statewide impacts on broadband access, quality, and prices. CADE also intends to advocate for enforceable consumer protections and commitments that enhance digital equity. While other active parties may ask questions at hearing that touch on

¹ At the time this motion was drafted, no transcript of the first day of hearings was yet available. The discussion of the instructions provided by the ALJ are based on notes from parties.

² CADE understands this to include the opportunity to comment on the expected settlement motion or motions between Joint Applicants, Cal Advocates, and CETF.

these issues, the overall record would benefit if CADE is allowed the opportunity to ask relevant questions directly. By eliciting additional information on these relevant issues, CADE expects to assist the Commission in its consideration of whether the proposed transaction will benefit the public interest.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, CADE respectfully requests the opportunity to ask questions at the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing currently underway.

Respectfully submitted,

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