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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 Telecom, LLC (U-5684-C)

Application 25-07-016

(Filed April 22, 2026)

**FORMAL REQUEST TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS FOR THE RECORD OF
WISPA – *The Association for Broadband Without Boundaries***

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I. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with Rule 11.1 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure and the ruling from the bench by the Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) on April 20, 2026, during the first day of evidentiary hearings in this proceeding, WISPA formally requests the opportunity to ask questions for the record of Charter Communications, Inc., Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (collectively “Charter”), and Cox Enterprises, Inc. (“Cox”) (collectively, “Applicants”) in this proceeding and that the ALJ direct the appropriate parties regarding appropriate responses.

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, ALJ Jamie Ormond addressed various pending motions, including WISPA’s Motion for Party Status.¹ The ALJ determined that the concerns raised by WISPA in that motion are reasonably 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 invited WISPA to submit a formal request for an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the evidentiary 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 WISPA 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 WISPA’s Motion for Party Status, WISPA members in California are

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

parties to agreements with Charter “for Charter’s upstream wholesale middle mile services to backhaul their traffic . . . to reach customers in rural, suburban, and urban areas across the state.” However, as WISPA further explained, Charter has stopped renewing these agreements with California WISPA members and instead appears to have recently adopted an internal policy to not renew contracts or sign new contracts for upstream wholesale services with wireless ISPs (“WISPs”). WISPA is including as an Exhibit to this motion a one-page document that one of our members obtained from Charter showing this policy. WISPA has attempted to resolve this issue directly with Charter, but those attempts have not been successful.

Accordingly, WISPA intends to address Charter’s refusal to offer upstream wholesale middle mile services to backhaul WISPs traffic to the broader internet's Border Gateway Protocol (“BGP”) and how these business practices may impact and incentivize or disincentivize (1) network reliability and end-user broadband quality, (2) consumer pricing (e.g.,) monthly plan costs, (3) competition, and (4) public safety infrastructure for Californians in this proceeding. Additionally, WISPA intends to ask whether the combined company (should the transaction be approved) intends to continue to refuse to offer these upstream wholesale middle mile services to WISPA’s California members to the detriment of California businesses and consumers. While other active parties may ask questions at hearing that touch on these issues, the overall record would benefit if WISPA is afforded the opportunity to ask relevant questions directly. By eliciting additional information on these relevant issues, WISPA 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, WISPA respectfully requests the opportunity to ask questions for the record at the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing currently underway.

Respectfully submitted,
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