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Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the California Public Utilities Commission's Commission Rules of Practice and Procedures, The Utility Reform Network (TURN) hereby provides notice of two *ex parte* meetings held in the above-captioned proceeding.

On August 5, 2026, from 1:30 PM to 2:00 PM, Alexandra Green and Ryan Johnston, Telecommunications Regulatory Attorneys of TURN, met with the offices of President Reynolds and Commissioner Baker. Michael Mullaney, Senior Advisor, represented President Reynolds' office. Stephen Neal, Advisor, represented Commissioner Baker's office. This meeting took place over WebEx.

TURN explained that TURN supports the Proposed Decision of Judge Ormond (Ormond PD) over the Alternate Proposed Decision of Commissioner Baker (Baker Alternate PD), though TURN recommends that the Commission modify the Ormond PD to turn the modifications and additions to the Joint Settlement in that proposed decision into conditions or mitigation measures. TURN emphasized that the commitments by Charter and the terms of the two settlements submitted in the proceeding were not enough on their own to ensure that the

proposed transaction is in the public interest. TURN highlighted the strengths of the Ormond PD, including its mitigation measures regarding employment diversity at Charter, its protections and benefits for the Tribes Charter and Cox serve, the long-term benefits it establishes for low-income customers, the way it addresses Charter's discriminatory practices in promotional pricing, and how the Ormond PD recommended modifications to the settlements to ensure that post-transaction Charter would deploy infrastructure to unserved and underserved locations. TURN discussed the public safety mitigation measures in both the Ormond PD and Baker Alternate PD and how the Commission could expand them to further protect and benefit California consumers.

TURN then discussed the Baker Alternate PD and how, if adopted, the Commission would need to build on its mitigation measures to address issues the party settlements did not cover or did not adequately address. Finally, TURN recommended the Commission reject other parties' recommendations to weaken the existing mitigation measures in either proposed decision.

Dated: August 6, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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