

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



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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

**CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. AND CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS
HOLDINGS, LLC'S NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION**

Pursuant to Rule 8.4(a) of the California Public Utilities Commission's ("Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure, Charter Communications, Inc. and Charter Communications Holdings, LLC (collectively, "Charter") hereby provide notice of an ex parte communication in the above-captioned proceeding.

The meeting was held with Commissioner Darcie Houck and Victor Smith, Deputy Chief of Staff to Commissioner Darcie Houck, by videoconference on August 7, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. and lasted approximately 27 minutes. No written materials were presented or provided. The non-Commission attendees in the meeting from Charter were Adam Falk, Senior Vice President, State Government Affairs; Dan Gonzalez, Group Vice President, State Government Affairs; Torry Somers, Vice President, State Government Affairs; and Alex Damato, Vice President, State Policy. Also in attendance was Marybel Batjer, Partner, California Strategies.

During the meeting, Charter discussed the substantial public benefits associated with the settlements reached with Public Advocates Office ("Cal Advocates") and the California Emerging Technology Fund ("CETF"), including benefits to Environmental and Social Justice ("ESJ") and Tribal communities, promotional pricing, employees, and network investments. Charter discussed

Cal Advocates’ estimated beneficial impacts of the settlement, as detailed in its blogpost.¹ Beyond these savings, Charter detailed its commitments to other investment of hundreds of millions of dollars that will deliver significant added benefits, including to ESJ communities, such as the \$30 million to digital inclusion and adoption programs under the CETF settlement. These substantial public benefits are reflected in Section I of the “Joint Applicants’ Opening Comments on Alternate Proposed Decision of Commissioner Matthew Baker” (“Opening Comments”) as well as Sections I of the “Joint Applicants’ Reply Comments on Alternate Proposed Decision of Commissioner Matthew Baker” that Charter served and filed with the Commission on July 29, 2026, and August 3, 2026, respectively.

Charter also summarized its request for targeted clarifications and changes to the APD. These requests, reflected in Section III of the Opening Comments, include the following:

- The APD’s mitigation measures should have a five-year duration;
- The battery backup and certain other conditions should include a reasonable phase-in period; and
- The customer-credit conditions should be clarified and conformed to the Commission’s recently adopted regulations.

¹ See Ernesto Falcon & Catherine Blake, *Cox/Charter Settlement Would Protect Californians from Higher Broadband Prices*, Public Advocates Office (Aug. 4, 2026), available at <https://publicadvocatesa.cpuc.ca.gov/press-room/commentary/260804-cox-charter-settlement-would-protect-californians-from-higher-broadband-prices>.

Respectfully submitted on this 12th day of August, 2026, in San Francisco, California.

Respectfully submitted,

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