



January 8, 2018

VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: In re Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WC Docket No. 17-84; Accelerating Wireless Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment, WT Docket No. 17-79

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 4, 2018, Adam Falk, Suzanne Curtis, Elizabeth Andrion, Colleen King and Christianna Barnhart of Charter Communications, Inc. met with Travis Litman and Umair Javed from Commissioner Rosenworcel's office; Jamie Susskind from Commissioner Carr's office; Louis Peraetz and Claude Aiken from Commissioner Clyburn's office; and Erin McGrath and Amy Bender from Commissioner O'Reilly's office. In addition, Adam Falk, Elizabeth Andrion, Colleen King and Christianna Barnhart met with Jay Schwarz from Chairman Pai's office and those individuals and Audrey Connors met with the FCC staff copied below.

In the meetings, we discussed Charter's high speed broadband offerings, including last year's increase in its flagship offering to 100 mbps across virtually its entire footprint and 200 mbps in some markets. We explained that, as part of Charter's efforts to continue to provide faster speeds to improve the customer experience, Charter also started offering 1 Gbps connections to its customers' homes in eight markets – with this Spectrum Internet Gig offering slated to roll out to more markets this year. Finally, we described the mobile wireless service that Charter will begin offering to its customers this year, first using Charter's extensive WiFi infrastructure, its MVNO agreement, and, in the future, any licensed spectrum it might potentially obtain.

Charter discussed the numerous requirements that cable providers have historically been subject to in order to access the public rights-of-way to construct and operate their networks. In particular, Adam Falk and Suzanne Curtis, both of whom have decades of experience working with localities on franchising issues, described the extensive requirements cable operators face to obtain and renew state and local franchises. These requirements, which include the payment of franchise fees up to 5% of their gross revenues, as well as numerous other financial and non-financial obligations, impose significant burdens on a cable provider's investment and ability to buildout its network.

Charter asked the Commission to consider these requirements – and their impact on the cable industry's costs of providing services to consumers – in crafting any reforms in the separate Wireless and Wireline Infrastructure proceedings. We also urged the Commission to enact its reforms holistically, in one combined proceeding, to avoid inadvertently exacerbating competitive disparities among different classes of providers in a way that adversely impacts the deployment of high speed broadband.

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Please contact me if you have any questions regarding these matters.

Sincerely,

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