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*Before the*  
**Federal Communications Commission**  
**Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of: )  
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Applications of CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, )  
INC., TIME WARNER CABLE INC., and ) WC Dkt. No. 16-197  
BRIGHT HOUSE NETWORKS, LLC for Consent To )  
Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and )  
Authorizations )

**INDEPENDENT COMPLIANCE OFFICER’S REPORT ON CHARTER’S  
INTERCONNECTION PARTIES AND DATA FILING FOR FOURTH QUARTER 2017**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

The Independent Compliance Officer (“ICO”) hereby submits this report pursuant to the Settlement-Free Interconnection Condition (the “Interconnection Condition”) of the order (the “Merger Order”) issued on May 10, 2016 by the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission”) approving the merger of Charter Communications, Inc. (“Legacy Charter”), Time Warner Cable Inc. (“Legacy TWC”), and Advance/Newhouse Partnership (“Legacy Bright House”) (as a combined entity, “Charter” or the “Company”). This report addresses Charter’s January 12, 2018 quarterly interconnection report (the “Q4 2017 Report”). *See* Mem. Op. & Order, MB Dkt. No. 15-149, FCC 16-59, May 10, 2016; App’x B § IX(3)(e).

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

For the reasons set forth below, the ICO believes that the Q4 2017 Report complies with the terms of the Interconnection Condition.

## **OBSERVATIONS**

The ICO’s description and assessment of the Q4 2017 Report are set forth below.

### **I. Description of the Q4 2017 Report**

The Q4 2017 Report includes all the information required by the Interconnection Condition. *See* App’x B § III(3)(a), (b), and (c). The counterparties corresponding to each Interconnect Exchange Point are listed on both the “Summary” and “Utilization” sheets of the Q4 2017 Report. “Aggregate link capacity between the Company and each Interconnection Party at that Interconnect Exchange Point” is listed next to the name of each Interconnection Party on the Summary sheet. The Summary sheet also provides the aggregate traffic exchanged in each direction (upstream and downstream), measured by the 95th percentile method. Finally,

the Utilization sheet displays the percentage of time within the reporting period that each port was over 75% capacity in the dominant direction.

**II. Assessment of the Q4 2017 Report**

**A. Reliability of the Process**

The ICO has confirmed with Charter that its process for generating the Q4 2017 Report is the same as the process used for generating prior reports. As a result, the ICO remains confident in the reliability of the process used to generate the Q4 2017 Report for the reasons she has set forth in previous reports.

**B. The Data**

**[BEGIN HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION]**

**[END HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION]**

The ICO also notes that in connection with the Q4 2017 Report Charter provided the ICO with a document setting forth and explaining variances that Charter became aware of and corrected as part of its quality control process throughout the quarter. The ICO found this document to be extremely helpful in reviewing the Q4 2017 Report and resolving identified variances. Accordingly, the ICO recommends that Charter continue to provide the ICO with a similar document for future reports.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The ICO recommends that with each quarterly interconnection report, Charter continue to provide the ICO with a document setting forth and explaining any variances.