

July 25, 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

Notice of Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On July 24, 2018, the undersigned of Charter Communications, Inc. (“Charter”) met with Jay Schwarz from Chairman Pai’s office (via phone) regarding the *Draft Order* in the above-referenced proceeding.¹

Charter is uniquely positioned to discuss pole attachment reform as both an existing attacher and a new attacher. With significant investments at stake in our current facilities, as well as plans for significant additional buildout of our facilities, we understand well the challenges of balancing the interests of new attachers seeking to deploy broadband networks against the interests of property owners. Accordingly, during the meeting on July 24, we discussed the Commission’s proposed one-touch make ready (“OTMR”) process established in the *Draft Order* and how the Commission could amend the item to better protect existing attachers’ investment while still speeding up the make-ready timeline. Specifically, Charter explained why the Commission should give existing attachers the opportunity to move their own equipment before allowing a new attacher to do so,² how the Commission could amend the proposed rules to better prevent damage to existing attachers’ facilities,³ and revisions to the proposed rules that would make it easier for existing attachers to seek indemnification after any damage has

¹ *In re Accelerating Wireline Broadband Deployment by Removing Barriers to Infrastructure Investment*, WC Docket No. 17-84, Draft Third Report and Order and Declaratory Ruling, FCC-CIRC1808-03 (July 12, 2018) (“*Draft Order*”).

² See Letter from Steven F. Morris, NCTA – The Internet & Television Association, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 17-84, at 2 (July 23, 2018) (“NCTA Jul. 23 Letter”).

³ *Id.* at 2-3.

occurred.⁴ Charter also noted that the Commission should amend the proposed OTMR process to include additional time for larger pole attachment orders.⁵

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Christianna Barnhart

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cc: Jay Schwarz

⁴ *See id.* at 3.

⁵ *See* Letter from Jennifer K. McKee, NCTA – The Internet & Television Association, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, WC Docket No. 17-84, at 2 (July 25, 2018).