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Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Proceeding No. 15-149

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Public Media Network (PMN), an inter-governmental agency created by a consortium of Local Franchising Authorities (LFA's) to operate Public, Education, and Government (PEG) cable access channels and services in Kalamazoo County, Michigan, I'd like to submit comments related to Proceeding No. 15-149 (Charter Communications Inc., Time Warner Cable Inc., Bright House Networks LLC merger/acquisition).

We are confident that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) will act diligently in its review of this proposed merger/acquisition, with plenty of scrutiny applied to key dynamics such as broadband penetration and management, infrastructure deployment, programming acquisition, customer service commitments, and the potential impact of the merger/acquisition in existing and created markets. However, I would like to focus my comments on a specific public interest component: the impact of the merger/acquisition on existing (and future) Public, Education, and Government community media organizations in the markets served by these three corporate entities.

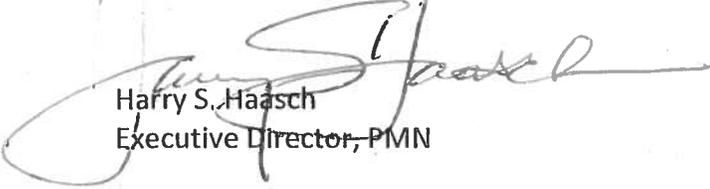
First and foremost, we would expect the FCC to require that the resulting entity of this merger/acquisition proposal completely and efficiently fulfill all PEG-related cable franchise obligations in the markets served by the new entity. This expectation should be applied regardless of whether the new entities are operating directly under "federal – local" or "federal – state – local" regulatory structures.

Our experience with Charter Communications Inc. on PEG issues has been decidedly positive. PMN operates five (5) community channels on the Charter system serving the greater Kalamazoo, MI market, thus we have one of the largest community channel "footprints" in any existing Charter system. This has presented significant challenges as the system has evolved.

We have been pleased with both the technical and administrative response from Charter management when dealing with a myriad of issues. Specifically, we have cooperatively managed multiple channel migrations, a transition to the existing all digital platform, distribution of PMN's channels onto the Western Michigan University campus cable system, and the inclusion of PMN programming into the electronic channel guide system. In each instance, Charter approached us proactively and with a willingness to find appropriate solutions. I would expect that approach to continue in our system, and extend to the systems managed by the new entity.

Thank you for considering our comments. We look forward to following the FCC's proceeding on this matter very closely.

Sincerely,



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