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VIA ELECTRONIC COMMENT FILING SYSTEM

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

Re: Ex Parte Meeting, *Applications of Charter Communications, Inc., Time Warner Cable Inc., and Advance/Newhouse Partnership For Consent To Assign or Transfer Control of Licenses and Authorizations*, MB Docket No. 15-149

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 12, 2016, on behalf of Discovery Communications, Inc. (“Discovery”), David Leavy, Eric Phillips, Jeff Cross, Stephanie Marks, and Catherine Carroll of Discovery, together with Tara Corvo of Mintz Levin, met with the following Commission staff: Owen Kendler, Jim Bird, Joel Rabinovitz, Bill Dever, Kiley Naas, and Elizabeth Cuttner of the Office of General Counsel; Susan Singer, Hillary DeNigro, Ali Zayas, Julie Saulnier, Jessica Campbell, and Eugene Kiselev of the Media Bureau; Elizabeth McIntyre of the Wireline Competition Bureau; Karen Schroeder of the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau; and Katherine LoPiccolo and Omar Nayeem of the Office of Strategic Planning. At the meeting, Discovery discussed why suggestions by a few commenters that the Commission should impose conditions on Discovery in connection with any approval of the merger are misguided.

Discovery discussed certain commenters’ speculation that post-transaction, Dr. John Malone would cause Discovery to withhold programming from Charter competitors or raise its costs. They explained that Dr. Malone has no such ability or incentive to do so. For example, Dr. Malone holds no executive offices in Discovery, he does not have a controlling economic interest in Discovery, and although a Board member, he holds only one of ten Board seats with no greater voting power than any other Director. Moreover, none of Discovery’s owners has any incentive to cause Discovery to favor New Charter, because doing so would cause each economic harm.

Discovery also provided detail on its arms’ length relationship with Charter and Time Warner Cable. Despite having had a common owner in John Malone for a number of years, Charter and Discovery are both structurally and operationally independent of each other. Charter does not favor Discovery, nor is it favored by Discovery. Similarly, Discovery has never had anything other than an arms’ length relationship with Time Warner Cable.

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Finally, Discovery described its approach to online video distributors and over-the-top content distribution. Far from holding back from such efforts in an attempt to benefit Charter, Discovery has evaluated a wide range of alternative distribution opportunities, and entered into distribution agreements when it makes business sense to do so.

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically with the Office of the Secretary and served electronically on the Commission participants in the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

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