May 2, 2016

Via ECFS

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

RE: Proposed Transfer of Control of Time Warner Cable, Inc. and Charter Communications Inc. and Proposed Transfer of Control of Bright House Networks from Advance/Newhouse Partnership to Charter Communications Inc.
Docket 15-149

Proposed Assignment or Transfer of Control of Licenses and Authorizations from Cablevision Service Corporation to Altice N.V.
Docket 15-257

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 27, 2016 on behalf of Zoom Telephonics, Inc., Andrew Jay Schwartzman, counsel for Zoom Telephonics, Inc. (Zoom) spoke very briefly by telephone with Philip Verveer, Senior Counselor to the Chairman, with respect to the pending Charter/Time Warner Cable/Bright House Networks.

This letter was prepared for submission on April 29, 2016, but through oversight of counsel was not actually filed in a timely fashion. Counsel regrets the error.

Zoom did not discuss any specific issues relating to Zoom’s Petition to Deny in Docket 15-257. However, because similar issues have been raised in that docket, out of an abundance of caution, this notice is being filed in that docket as well.
In the conversation, Mr. Schwartzman discussed why Zoom believes that Section 629 of the Communications Act requires that prices for cable modem leases be separately stated and how, in any event, it would be contrary to the public interest not to require that separate billing of an unsubsidized price for cable modem leases. He pointed out that, unlike set-top boxes, there is currently a robust retail market for cable modems, but that if Charter extends its current practice of bundling cable modem leases with Internet service to Time Warner Cable and Bright House Network customers, this market will be jeopardized.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc. Philip Verveer