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### [X] QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2004

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## [ ] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_

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# CC V Holdings, LLC\* CC V Holdings Finance, Inc.\*

(Exact names of registrants as specified in their charters)

Delaware 13-4029965
Delaware 13-4029969

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

12405 Powerscourt Drive St. Louis, Missouri 63131

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrants: (1) have filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrants were required to file such reports), and (2) have been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes [X] No [ ]

(Registrants' telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrants are accelerated filers (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes [ ] No [X]

The aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity securities held by non-affiliates as of June 30, 2003 was \$0. All of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of CC V Holdings Finance, Inc. are held by CC V Holdings, LLC. All of the limited liability company membership interests of CC V Holdings, LLC are held indirectly by Charter Communications Holdings, LLC, a reporting company under the Exchange Act. There is no public trading market for any of the aforementioned limited liability company membership interests or shares of capital stock.

\*Registrants meet the conditions set forth in General Instruction (H)(1)(a) and (b) to the Form 10-Q and are therefore filing with the reduced disclosure format.

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Note: Separate financial statements of CC V Holdings Finance, Inc. have not been presented as this entity had no operations and substantially no assets or equity during the periods reported. Accordingly, management has determined that such financial statements are not material.

This quarterly report on Form 10-Q is for the three months ended March 31, 2004. The Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") allows us to "incorporate by reference" information that we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you directly to those documents. Information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this quarterly report. In addition, information that we file with the SEC in the future will automatically update and supersede information contained in this quarterly report. In this quarterly report, "we," "us" and "our" refer to CC V Holdings, LLC and its subsidiaries.

#### CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS:

This quarterly report includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), regarding, among other things, our plans, strategies and prospects, both business and financial including, without limitation, the forward-looking statements set forth in the "Results of Operations" and "Liquidity and Capital Resources" sections under Part I, Item 2. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in this quarterly report. Although we believe that our plans, intentions and expectations reflected in or suggested by these forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot assure you that we will achieve or realize these plans, intentions or expectations. Forward-looking statements are inherently subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions including, without limitation, the factors described under "Certain Trends and Uncertainties" under Part I, Item 2. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in this quarterly report. Many of the forward-looking statements contained in this quarterly report may be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "should," "planned," "will," "may," "intend," "estimated" and "potential," among others. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements we make in this quarterly report are set forth in this quarterly report and in other reports or documents that we file from time to time with the SEC, and include, but are not limited to:

- our ability to sustain and grow revenues and cash flows from operating activities by offering video, high-speed data and other services and to maintain a stable customer base, particularly in the face of increasingly aggressive competition from other service providers;
- our availability of funds to meet interest payment obligations under our and our parent companies' debt and to fund our operations and necessary capital expenditures, either through cash flows from operating activities, further borrowings or other sources;
- any adverse consequences arising out of our restatement of our 2000, 2001 and 2002 financial statements;
- the results of the pending grand jury investigation by the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri, the pending SEC Division of Enforcement investigation, the putative class action, the unconsolidated state action, and derivative shareholders litigation against Charter Communications, Inc., our indirect parent;
- our ability to comply with all covenants in our indentures and credit facilities, any violation of which would result in a violation of the applicable facility or indenture and could trigger a default of other obligations under cross-default provisions;
- our and our affiliates' ability to pay or refinance debt as it becomes due;
- our ability to obtain programming at reasonable prices or to pass cost increases on to our customers;
- · general business conditions, economic uncertainty or slowdown; and
- the effects of governmental regulation, including but not limited to local franchise taxing authorities, on our business.

All forward-looking statements attributable to us or a person acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement. We are under no duty or obligation to update any of the forward-looking statements after the date of this quarterly report.

#### PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### CC V HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS)

	March 31, 2004	December 31, 2003
	(Unaudited)	
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,993	\$ 13,915
Accounts receivable, less allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,623		
and \$2,188, respectively	5,427	10,073
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,723	1,767
Total current assets	13,143	25,755
INVESTMENT IN CABLE PROPERTIES:		
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of		
\$428,041 and \$388,610, respectively	818,343	842,613
Franchises, net of accumulated amortization of \$470,815 and		
\$470,581, respectively	2,123,751	2,124,032
Total investment in cable properties, net	2,942,094	2,966,645
OTHER NONCURRENT ASSETS	6,258	6,603
Total assets	\$2,961,495	\$2,999,003
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 105,710	\$ 120,531
Payables to manager of cable systems - related parties	60,699	49,135
Total current liabilities	166,409	169,666
LONG-TERM DEBT	1,136,593	1,157,662
OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	89,036	84,873
MINORITY INTEREST	696,895	694,243
MEMBER'S EQUITY	872,562	892,559
Total liabilities and member's equity	\$2,961,495	\$2,999,003

See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

## CC V HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

#### (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS) (UNAUDITED)

#### Three Months Ended March 31,

	Marc	ch 31,
	2004	2003
REVENUES	\$168,720	\$158,948
COSTS AND EXPENSES:		·
Operating (excluding depreciation and amortization)	67,893	61,840
Selling, general and administrative	33,936	31,011
Depreciation and amortization	42,281	44,288
Loss on sale of assets, net	448	695
Special charges, net	1,057	(649)
	145,615	137,185
Income from operations	23,105	21,763
OTHER INCOME AND EXPENSE:		·
Interest expense, net	(18,850)	(24,649)
Loss on derivative instruments and hedging activities, net	(6,177)	(232)
Other, net	(4)	23
	(25,031)	(24,858)
Loss before minority interest and income taxes	(1,926)	(3,095)
MINORITY INTEREST	(2,652)	(3,294)
Loss before income taxes	(4,578)	(6,389)
INCOME TAX EXPENSE	(694)	(427)
Net loss	\$ (5,272)	\$ (6,816)

See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Distributions to managers

CASH PAID FOR INTEREST

Net cash flows from financing activities

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period

NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

### CC V HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

#### (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS) (UNAUDITED)

Three Months Ended

(15,000)

(36,069)

(7,922)

13,915

\$ 5,993

\$ 15,325

(6,000)

18,440

15,320

50,069

\$ 65,389

\$ 17,212

March 31. 2003 2004 CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Net loss \$ (5,272) \$ (6,816) Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash flows from operating activities: 3,294 Minority interest 2,652 Depreciation and amortization 42,281 44,288 Noncash interest expense 402 4,886 448 695 Loss on sale of assets, net Deferred income taxes 694 427 Loss on derivative instruments and hedging instruments, net 6,177 232 Other, net 1,709 Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisitions: Accounts receivable 4,647 4,671 Prepaid expenses and other assets (154)158 Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other (17,573)(25,131)Receivables from and payables to manager of cable systems – related party 8,566 (8,675)Net cash flows from operating activities 44,577 18,029 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Purchases of property, plant and equipment (15,736)(9,148)Change in accrued expenses related to capital expenditures (755)(12,001)Proceeds from sale of assets 5 56 Other investing activities Net cash flows from investing activities (21,149)(16,430)CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Borrowings of long-term debt 45,000 Repayments of long-term debt (21,069)(20,411)Payment of deferred financing costs (149)

See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

# CC V HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED) (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT WHERE INDICATED)

#### 1. Organization and Basis of Presentation

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements of CC V Holdings, LLC include the accounts of CC V Holdings, LLC and all of its wholly-owned subsidiaries including CC VIII Operating, LLC (collectively, the "Company"). The Company is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Charter Communications Operating, LLC ("Charter Operating"), which is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Charter Communications Holdings is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Charter Communications Holdings Company, LLC ("Charter Holdco"), which is a subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter"). All significant intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

As of March 31, 2004, the Company owns and operates cable systems serving approximately 929,700 customers. The Company offers its customers traditional cable video programming (analog and digital video) as well as high-speed data services and, in some areas, advanced broadband services such as video on demand. The Company sells its cable video programming, high-speed data and advanced broadband services on a subscription basis. The Company operates primarily in the states of Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin and in the New England area.

Charter Holdco and Charter, the Company's managers and indirect parents, provide management services for the cable systems owned or operated by the Company. The management services include such services as centralized customer billing services, data processing and related support, benefits administration and coordination of insurance coverage and self-insurance programs for medical, dental and workers' compensation claims. Costs associated with providing these services are billed and charged directly to the Company and are included within operating costs in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations.

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Accordingly, certain information and footnote disclosures typically included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K have been condensed or omitted for this quarterly report. The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements are unaudited and are subject to review by regulatory authorities. However, in the opinion of management, such financial statements include all adjustments, which consist of only normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the periods presented. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of results for a full year.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Areas involving significant judgments and estimates include capitalization of labor and overhead costs, depreciation and amortization costs, impairments of property, plant and equipment and franchises, income taxes and contingencies. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Reclassifications. Certain 2003 amounts have been reclassified to conform with the 2004 presentation.

#### 2. Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company recognized income from operations of \$23 million and \$22 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The Company's net cash flows from operating activities were \$45 million and \$18 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The Company has historically required significant cash to fund capital expenditures and debt service costs. Historically, the Company has funded these requirements through cash flows from operating activities, borrowings under the credit facilities of the Company's subsidiary, equity contributions from Charter Holdings, borrowings from related parties and cash on hand. The mix of funding sources changes from period to period, but for the three months ended March 31, 2004, approximately 85% of our funding requirements were satisfied from cash flows from operating activities and 15% was from cash on hand.

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The Company expects that cash on hand and cash flows from operating activities will be adequate to meet its 2004 cash needs. As of March 31, 2004, the Company held \$6 million in cash and cash equivalents.

In April 2004, Charter Operating sold senior second lien notes and amended and restated its own credit facilities and used the additional borrowings under the amended and restated credit facilities, together with proceeds from the sale of the notes, to refinance the credit facilities of its subsidiaries, including the CC VIII Operating credit facilities. The effect of the transaction, among other things, was to substitute Charter Operating as the lender in place of the banks under the CC VIII Operating credit facilities.

In addition, in connection with the amendment and restatement of the Charter Operating credit facilities, a requirement was imposed that the CC V Holdings, LLC senior discount notes be redeemed within 45 days after Charter Holdings' leverage ratio (determined under the indentures governing the senior notes and senior discount notes issued by Charter Holdings) is determined to be below 8.75 to 1.0, provided the ratio then remains below that level.

#### 3. Franchises

On January 1, 2002, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 142, which eliminates the amortization of indefinite lived intangible assets. Accordingly, beginning January 1, 2002, all franchises that qualify for indefinite life treatment under SFAS No. 142 are no longer amortized against earnings but instead are tested for impairment annually, or more frequently as warranted by events or changes in circumstances. Based on the guidance prescribed in Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") Issue No. 02-7, *Unit of Accounting for Testing of Impairment of Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets*, franchises are aggregated into essentially inseparable asset groups to conduct the valuations. The asset groups generally represented geographic clusters of the Company's cable systems, which management believes represents the highest and best use of those assets. Fair value is determined based on estimated discounted future cash flows using assumptions that are consistent with internal forecasts.

The following table presents the Company's indefinite-lived and finite-lived intangible assets as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003 (dollars in thousands):

	March 31, 2004			December 31, 2003		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount
Franchises with indefinite lives	\$2,585,640	\$470,396	\$2,115,244	\$2,568,685	\$462,879	\$2,105,806
Franchises with finite lives	\$ 8,926	\$ 419	\$ 8,507	\$ 25,928	\$ 7,702	\$ 18,226

Approximately \$10 million of franchises that were previously classified as finite-lived were reclassified to indefinite-lived, based on the Company's ability in 2003 to renew these franchise assets. Franchise amortization expense for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 was \$0.2 million and \$0.6 million, respectively, which represents the amortization relating to franchises that did not qualify for indefinite-life treatment under SFAS No. 142, including costs associated with franchise renewals. Franchise renewals are amortized on a straight-line basis over 10 years. The Company expects amortization expense on franchise assets will decrease to approximately \$1 million annually. Actual amortization expense to be reported in future periods could differ from these estimates as a result of new intangible asset acquisitions or divestitures, changes in useful lives and other relevant factors.

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(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT WHERE INDICATED)

#### 4. Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses

Accounts payable and accrued expenses consist of the following as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003:

	March 31, 2004	December 31, 2003
Accounts payable - trade	\$ 8,818	\$ 14,164
Accrued capital expenditures	6,582	7,337
Accrued interest	16,920	13,807
Programming costs	39,218	42,220
Franchise related fees	4,532	8,005
State sales tax	8,041	8,456
Other accrued expenses	21,599	26,542
	\$105,710	\$120,531

#### 5. Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt consists of the following as of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003:

	March 31, 2004	December 31, 2003
CC VIII Operating credit facilities	\$1,023,312	\$1,044,381
CC V Holdings senior discount notes	113,281	113,281
	\$1,136,593	\$1,157,662

As described in note 2 above, Charter Operating engaged in a financing transaction in April 2004, which resulted, among other things, in Charter Operating being substituted as the lender in place of the banks under the CC VIII Operating credit facilities.

#### 6. Comprehensive Loss

The Company reports changes in the fair value of interest rate agreements designated as hedging instruments of the variability of cash flows associated with floating-rate debt obligations, that meet the effectiveness criteria of SFAS No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, in accumulated other comprehensive loss. Comprehensive loss for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 was \$5.3 million and \$7.3 million, respectively.

#### 7. Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

The Company uses interest rate risk management derivative instruments, such as interest rate swap agreements and interest rate collar agreements (collectively referred to herein as interest rate agreements) to manage its interest costs. The Company's policy is to manage interest costs using a mix of fixed and variable rate debt. Using interest rate swap agreements, the Company has agreed to exchange, at specified intervals through 2007, the difference between fixed and variable interest amounts calculated by reference to an agreed-upon notional principal amount. Interest rate collar agreements are used to limit the Company's exposure to and benefits from interest rate fluctuations on variable rate debt to within a certain range of rates.

The Company does not hold or issue derivative instruments for trading purposes. The Company does, however, have certain interest rate derivative instruments that have been designated as cash flow hedging instruments. Such instruments are those that effectively convert variable interest payments on certain debt instruments into fixed payments. For qualifying hedges, SFAS No. 133 allows derivative gains and losses to offset related results on

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hedged items in the condensed consolidated statement of operations. The Company has formally documented, designated and assessed the effectiveness of transactions that receive hedge accounting. For the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, other expense includes a loss of \$1.5 million and \$25, respectively, which represent cash flow hedge ineffectiveness on interest rate hedge agreements arising from differences between the critical terms of the agreements and the related hedged obligations. Changes in the fair value of interest rate agreements designated as hedging instruments of the variability of cash flows associated with floating-rate debt obligations that meet the effectiveness criteria of SFAS No. 133 are reported in accumulated other comprehensive loss. For the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, a loss of \$47 and \$454, respectively, related to derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges was recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss and minority interest. The amounts are subsequently reclassified into interest expense as a yield adjustment in the same period in which the related interest on the floating-rate debt obligations affects earnings (losses).

Certain interest rate derivative instruments are not designated as hedges as they do not meet the effectiveness criteria specified by SFAS No. 133. However, management believes such instruments are closely correlated with the respective debt, thus managing associated risk. Interest rate derivative instruments not designated as hedges are marked to fair value with the impact recorded as a gain or loss on interest rate agreements. For the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, the Company recorded other expense of \$4.7 million and \$207, respectively, for interest rate derivative instruments not designated as hedges.

As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, the Company had outstanding \$700 million in notional amounts of interest rate swaps. The notional amounts of interest rate instruments do not represent amounts exchanged by the parties and, thus, are not a measure of exposure to credit loss. The amounts exchanged are determined by reference to the notional amount and the other terms of the contracts.

#### 8. Special Charges

In the fourth quarter of 2002, the Company recorded a special charge of \$3 million associated with the Company's workforce reduction program and the consolidation of its operations from three divisions and ten regions into five operating divisions, elimination of redundant practices and streamlining its management structure. During the year ended December 31, 2003, additional severance related costs were incurred of \$0.3 million and recorded as a special charge. In the first quarter of 2004, additional employees were identified for termination, and severance costs of \$0.1 million were recorded in special charges. Severance payments are made over a period of up to two years with approximately \$0.3 million paid during the three months ended March 31, 2004 and \$3 million paid during the year ended December 31, 2003. As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, a liability of approximately \$0.1 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, is recorded on the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet related to the realignment activities. For the three months ended March 31, 2004, special charges also include approximately \$0.9 million, which represents the Company's portion of litigation costs related to Charter's tentative settlement of the South Carolina national class action suit, subject to final documentation and court approval (see note 10).

During the three months ended March 31, 2003, severance costs included \$0.3 million settlement from the Internet service provider Excite@Home related to the conversion of approximately 145,000 high-speed data customers to our Charter Pipeline service in 2001.

#### 9. Income Taxes

The Company is a single member limited liability company not subject to income tax. The Company holds all operations through indirect subsidiaries. The majority of these indirect subsidiaries are limited liability companies that are not subject to income tax. However, certain of the Company's indirect subsidiaries are corporations and are subject to income tax.

As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, the Company had net deferred income tax liabilities of approximately \$20 million. These relate to certain of the Company's indirect subsidiaries, which file separate income tax returns.

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During the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, the Company recorded \$694 and \$427 of income tax expense, respectively. The income tax expense recognized relates to increases in the deferred tax liabilities and current state income tax expenses of certain of the Company's indirect corporate subsidiaries.

Charter Holdco is currently under examination by the Internal Revenue Service for the tax years ending December 31, 1999 and 2000. Management does not expect the results of this examination to have a material adverse effect on the Company's condensded consolidated financial position or results of operations.

#### 10. Contingencies

Fourteen putative federal class action lawsuits (the "Federal Class Actions") have been filed against Charter and certain of its former and present officers and directors in various jurisdictions allegedly on behalf of all purchasers of Charter's securities during the period from either November 8 or November 9, 1999 through July 17 or July 18, 2002. Unspecified damages are sought by the plaintiffs. In general, the lawsuits allege that Charter utilized misleading accounting practices and failed to disclose these accounting practices and/or issued false and misleading financial statements and press releases concerning Charter's operations and prospects. The Federal Class Actions were specifically and individually identified in public filings made by Charter prior to the date of this quarterly report.

In October 2002, Charter filed a motion with the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (the "Panel") to transfer the Federal Class Actions to the Eastern District of Missouri. On March 12, 2003, the Panel transferred the six Federal Class Actions not filed in the Eastern District of Missouri to that district for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings with the eight Federal Class Actions already pending there. The Panel's transfer order assigned the Federal Class Actions to Judge Charles A. Shaw. By virtue of a prior court order, StoneRidge Investment Partners LLC became lead plaintiff upon entry of the Panel's transfer order. StoneRidge subsequently filed a Consolidated Amended Complaint. The Court subsequently consolidated the Federal Class Actions into a single consolidated action (the "Consolidated Federal Class Action") for pretrial purposes. On June 19, 2003, following a pretrial conference with the parties, the Court issued a Case Management Order setting forth a schedule for the pretrial phase of the Consolidated Federal Class Action. Motions to dismiss the Consolidated Amended Complaint have been filed. On February 10, 2004, in response to a joint motion made by StoneRidge and defendants, Charter, Vogel and Allen, the court entered an order providing, among other things, that: (1) the parties who filed such motion, engage in a mediation within ninety (90) days; and (2) all proceedings in the Consolidated Federal Class Action were stayed until May 10, 2004. On May 11, 2004, the court extended the stay in the Consolidated Federal Class Action for an additional sixty (60) days.

On September 12, 2002, a shareholders derivative suit (the "State Derivative Action") was filed in the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri (the "Missouri State Court"), against Charter and its then current directors, as well as its former auditors. A substantively identical derivative action was later filed and consolidated into the State Derivative Action. The plaintiffs allege that the individual defendants breached their fiduciary duties by failing to establish and maintain adequate internal controls and procedures. Unspecified damages, allegedly on Charter's behalf, are sought by the plaintiffs.

On March 12, 2004, an action substantively identical to the State Derivative Action was filed in the Missouri State Court, against Charter and certain of its current and former directors, as well as its former auditors. The plaintiffs allege that the individual defendants breached their fiduciary duties by failing to establish and maintain adequate internal controls and procedures. This case has not yet been consolidated with the State Derivative Action, but Charter expects that it will be in the future. Unspecified damages, allegedly on Charter's behalf, are sought by plaintiffs.

Separately, on February 12, 2003, a shareholders derivative suit (the "Federal Derivative Action"), was filed against Charter and its then current directors in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. The plaintiff alleges that the individual defendants breached their fiduciary duties and grossly mismanaged Charter by failing to establish and maintain adequate internal controls and procedures. Unspecified damages, allegedly on Charter's behalf, are sought by the plaintiffs.

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(DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT WHERE INDICATED)

In addition to the Federal Class Actions, the State Derivative Action, the new Missouri State Court derivative action and the Federal Derivative Action, six putative class action lawsuits have been filed against Charter and certain of its then current directors and officers in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware (the "Delaware Class Actions"). The lawsuits were filed after the filing of a Schedule 13D amendment by Mr. Allen indicating that he was exploring a number of possible alternatives with respect to restructuring or expanding his ownership interest in Charter. Charter believes that the plaintiffs speculated that Mr. Allen might have been contemplating an unfair bid for shares of Charter or some other sort of going private transaction on unfair terms and generally alleged that the defendants breached their fiduciary duties by participating in or acquiescing to such a transaction. The lawsuits were brought on behalf of Charter's securities holders as of July 29, 2002, and seek unspecified damages and possible injunctive relief. The Delaware Class Actions are substantively identical. Charter has informed the Company that no such transaction by Mr. Allen has been presented. Orders of dismissal without prejudice have been entered in each of the Delaware Class Actions.

All of the lawsuits discussed above are each in preliminary stages. No reserves have been established for potential losses or related insurance recoveries on these matters because Charter is unable to predict the outcome. Charter has advised the Company that it intends to vigorously defend the lawsuits.

In August 2002, Charter became aware of a grand jury investigation being conducted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri into certain of its accounting and reporting practices, focusing on how Charter reported customer numbers, and its reporting of amounts received from digital settop terminal suppliers for advertising. The U.S. Attorney's Office has publicly stated that Charter is not currently a target of the investigation. Charter has also been advised by the U. S. Attorney's office that no member of its board of directors, including its Chief Executive Officer, is a target of the investigation. On July 24, 2003, a federal grand jury charged four former officers of Charter with conspiracy and mail and wire fraud, alleging improper accounting and reporting practices focusing on revenue from digital set-top terminal suppliers and inflated customer account numbers. On July 25, 2003, one of the former officers who was indicted entered a guilty plea. Charter has advised the Company that it is fully cooperating with the investigation.

On November 4, 2002, Charter received an informal, non-public inquiry from the staff of the SEC. The SEC has subsequently issued a formal order of investigation dated January 23, 2003, and subsequent document and testimony subpoenas. The investigation and subpoenas generally concern Charter's prior reports with respect to its determination of the number of customers, and various of its accounting policies and practices including its capitalization of certain expenses and dealings with certain vendors, including programmers and digital set-top terminal suppliers. Charter has advised the Company that it is fully cooperating with the SEC staff.

Charter is generally required to indemnify each of the named individual defendants in connection with the matters described above pursuant to the terms of its bylaws and (where applicable) such individual defendants' employment agreements. In accordance with these documents, in connection with the pending grand jury investigation, SEC investigation and the above described lawsuits, some of its current and former directors and Charter's current and former officers have been advanced certain costs and expenses incurred in connection with their defense.

Charter has liability insurance coverage that it believes is available for the matters described above, where applicable, subject to the terms, conditions and limitations of the respective policies. There is no assurance that current coverage will be sufficient for all claims described above or any future claims that may arise.

In October 2001, two customers, Nikki Nicholls and Geraldine M. Barber, filed a class action suit against Charter Holdco in South Carolina Court of Common Pleas ("South Carolina Class Action"), purportedly on behalf of a class of Charter Holdco's customers, alleging that Charter Holdco improperly charged them a wire maintenance fee without request or permission. They also claimed that Charter Holdco improperly required them to rent analog and/or digital set-top terminals even though their television sets were "cable ready." Charter Holdco removed this case to the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina in November 2001, and moved to dismiss the suit in December 2001. The federal judge remanded the case to the South Carolina Court of Common Pleas in August 2002 without ruling on the motion to dismiss. The plaintiffs subsequently moved for a default judgment, arguing that upon return to state court, Charter Holdco should have but did not file a new motion to dismiss. The state court judge granted the plaintiff's motion over Charter Holdco's objection in September 2002. Charter Holdco immediately appealed that decision to the South Carolina Court of Appeals and the South Carolina Supreme Court,

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but those courts have ruled that until a final judgment is entered against Charter Holdco, they lack jurisdiction to hear the appeal.

In January 2003, the Court of Common Pleas granted the plaintiffs' motion for class certification. In October and November 2003, Charter Holdco filed motions (a) asking that court to set aside the default judgment, and (b) seeking dismissal of plaintiffs' suit for failure to state a claim. In January 2004, the Court of Common Pleas granted in part and denied in part Charter Holdco's motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim. It also took under advisement Charter Holdco's motion to set aside the default judgment. In April 2004, the parties participated in a mediation with respect to this and related litigation. The mediator made a proposal to the parties. In May 2004, the parties to this and the related litigation accepted the mediator's proposal and reached a tentative settlement. The tentative settlement remains subject to final documentation and court approval. As a result of the tentative settlement, the Company has recorded a special charge of \$0.9 million in its condensed consolidated statement of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2004 related to its portion of the litigation costs (see note 8).

Charter is unable to predict the outcome of the lawsuits and the government investigations described above. An unfavorable outcome in any of these lawsuits or the government investigations could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or its liquidity.

In addition to the matters set forth above, Charter is also party to other lawsuits and claims that arose in the ordinary course of conducting its business. In the opinion of management, after taking into account recorded liabilities, the outcome of these other lawsuits and claims are not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or its liquidity.

#### 11. Minority Interest - Related Party

As part of the acquisition of the cable systems owned by Bresnan Communications Company Limited Partnership in February 2000, CC VIII, LLC ("CC VIII"), CC V Holdings, LLC's indirect limited liability company subsidiary, issued, after adjustments, 24,279,943 Class A preferred membership units (collectively, the "CC VIII interest") with a value and an initial capital account of approximately \$630 million to certain sellers affiliated with AT&T Broadband, subsequently owned by Comcast Corporation (the "Comcast sellers"). While held by the Comcast sellers, the CC VIII interest was entitled to a 2% priority return on its initial capital account and such priority return was entitled to preferential distributions from available cash and upon liquidation of CC VIII. While held by the Comcast sellers, the CC VIII interest generally did not share in the profits and losses of CC VIII. Mr. Allen granted the Comcast sellers the right to sell to him the CC VIII interest for approximately \$630 million plus 4.5% interest annually from February 2000 (the "Comcast put right"). In April 2002, the Comcast sellers exercised the Comcast put right in full, and this transaction was consummated on June 6, 2003. Accordingly, Mr. Allen has become the holder of the CC VIII interest, indirectly through an affiliate. Consequently, subject to the matters referenced in the next paragraph, Mr. Allen generally thereafter will be allocated his pro rata share (based on number of membership interests outstanding) of profits or losses of CC VIII, which is recorded in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements as minority interest. In the event of a liquidation of CC VIII, Mr. Allen would be entitled to a priority distribution with respect to the 2% priority return (which will continue to accrete). Any remaining distributions in liquidation would be distributed to CC V Holdings, LLC and Mr. Allen in proportion to CC V Holdings, LLC's capital account and Mr. Allen's capital account (which will equal the initial capital account of the Comcast sellers of approximately \$630 million, increased or decreased by Mr. Allen's pro rata share of CC VIII's profits or losses (as computed for capital account purposes) after June 6, 2003). The limited liability company agreement of CC VIII does not provide for a mandatory redemption of the CC VIII interest.

An issue has arisen as to whether the documentation for the Bresnan transaction was correct and complete with regard to the ultimate ownership of the CC VIII interest following consummation of the Comcast put right. Specifically, under the terms of the Bresnan transaction documents that were entered into in June 1999, the Comcast sellers originally would have received, after adjustments, 24,273,943 Charter Holdco membership units, but due to an FCC regulatory issue raised by the Comcast sellers shortly before closing, the Bresnan transaction was modified to provide that the Comcast sellers instead would receive the preferred equity interests in CC VIII represented by the CC VIII interest. As part of the last-minute changes to the Bresnan transaction documents, a draft amended version of the Charter Holdco limited liability company agreement was prepared, and contract provisions were drafted for that agreement that would have required an automatic exchange of the CC VIII interest for 24,273,943 Charter

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Holdco membership units if the Comcast sellers exercised the Comcast put right and sold the CC VIII interest to Mr. Allen or his affiliates. However, the provisions that would have required this automatic exchange did not appear in the final version of the Charter Holdco limited liability company agreement that was delivered and executed at the closing of the Bresnan transaction. The law firm that prepared the documents for the Bresnan transaction brought this matter to the attention of Charter and representatives of Mr. Allen in 2002.

Thereafter, the board of directors of Charter formed a Special Committee (currently comprised of Messrs. Tory, Wangberg and Merritt) to investigate the matter and take any other appropriate action on behalf of Charter with respect to this matter. After conducting an investigation of the relevant facts and circumstances, the Special Committee determined that a "scrivener's error" had occurred in February 2000 in connection with the preparation of the lastminute revisions to the Bresnan transaction documents and that, as a result, Charter should seek the reformation of the Charter Holdco limited liability company agreement, or alternative relief, in order to restore and ensure the obligation that the CC VIII interest be automatically exchanged for Charter Holdco units. The Special Committee further determined that, as part of such contract reformation or alternative relief, Mr. Allen should be required to contribute the CC VIII interest to Charter Holdco in exchange for 24,273,943 Charter Holdco membership units. The Special Committee also recommended to the board of directors of Charter that, to the extent the contract reformation is achieved, the board of directors should consider whether the CC VIII interest should ultimately be held by Charter Holdco or Charter Holdings or another entity owned directly or indirectly by them.

Mr. Allen disagrees with the Special Committee's determinations described above and has so notified the Special Committee. Mr. Allen contends that the transaction is accurately reflected in the transaction documentation and contemporaneous and subsequent company public disclosures.

The parties engaged in a process of non-binding mediation to seek to resolve this matter, without success. The Special Committee is evaluating what further actions or processes it may undertake to resolve this dispute. To accommodate further deliberation, each party has agreed to refrain from initiating legal proceedings over this matter until it has given at least ten days' prior notice to the other. In addition, the Special Committee and Mr. Allen have determined to utilize the Delaware Court of Chancery's program for mediation of complex business disputes in an effort to resolve the CC VIII interest dispute. If the Special Committee and Mr. Allen are unable to reach a resolution through that mediation process or to agree on an alternative dispute resolution process, the Special Committee intends to seek resolution of this dispute through judicial proceedings in an action that would be commenced, after appropriate notice, in the Delaware Court of Chancery against Mr. Allen and his affiliates seeking contract reformation, declaratory relief as to the respective rights of the parties regarding this dispute and alternative forms of legal and equitable relief. The ultimate resolution and financial impact of the dispute are not determinable at this time.

#### ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Reference is made to "Certain Trends and Uncertainties" of this section and "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements," which describe important factors that could cause actual results to differ from expectations and non-historical information contained herein. In addition, this section should be read in conjunction with the Annual Reports on Form 10-K of CC V Holdings, LLC ("CC V Holdings") and subsidiaries and Charter Communications Holdings, LLC ("Charter Holdings") for the year ended December 31, 2003

"We", "us" and "our" refer to CC V Holdings and subsidiaries. Our "parent companies" refers collectively to CCO NR Holdings, Charter Communications Operating, LLC ("Charter Operating"), CCO Holdings, LLC ("CCO Holdings"), CCH II, LLC ("CCH II"), CCH I, LLC ("CCH I"), Charter Holdings, Charter Communications Holding Company, LLC ("Charter Holdco") and Charter Communications, Inc. ("Charter").

#### INTRODUCTION

During 2003, we and our managers, Charter and Charter Holdco, undertook a number of transition activities including reorganizing our workforce, adjusting our cable video pricing and packages, completing call center consolidations and implementing billing conversions. Due to the focus on such activities and certain financial constraints, we reduced spending on marketing our products and services. We believe the reduced marketing activities and other necessary operational changes negatively impacted customer retention and acquisition, primarily during the first half of 2003. During the second half of 2003 and the first quarter of 2004, we increased our marketing efforts and implemented promotional campaigns to slow the loss of analog video customers and to accelerate advanced service penetration, particularly in high-speed data.

We are required to pay interest in cash on our public notes each June and December. In addition, our outstanding public notes will mature in 2008. We expect that we will rely on loans and capital contributions from our parent companies to repay our public notes at maturity. However, there can be no assurance that our parent companies will have sufficient liquidity to provide funds to us to satisfy this payment when due.

#### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

For a discussion of our critical accounting policies and the means by which we develop estimates therefor see "Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," in our 2003 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### Three Months Ended March 31, 2004 Compared to Three Months Ended March 31, 2003

The following table sets forth the percentages of revenues that items in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations constituted for the periods presented (dollars in thousands):

Three Months Ended March 31, 2004 2003 \$168,720 100% \$158,948 100% Revenues Costs and expenses: Operating (excluding depreciation and amortization ) 67,893 40% 61,840 39% Selling, general and administrative 33,936 20% 31,011 19% Depreciation and amortization 42,281 25% 44,288 28% Loss on sale of assets, net 448 695 1,057 Special charges, net 1% (649)145,615 86% 137,185 86% 14% 21,763 Operating income 23,105 14% Interest expense, net (18.850)(24.649)Loss on derivative instruments and hedging activities, net (6,177)(232)Other, net (4) 23 (25,031)(24,858)Loss before minority interest and income taxes (1,926)(3.095)(2,652)(3,294)Minority interest Loss before income taxes (4,578)(6,389)(694)Income tax expense (427)Net loss \$ (5,272) \$ (6,816)

**Revenues.** Revenues increased by \$9.8 million, or 6%, to \$168.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 from \$158.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003. This increase is principally the result of an increase in the number of high-speed data customers, as well as price increases for video and high-speed data services, and is offset partially by a decrease in analog video customers. Our goal is to increase revenues by stabilizing our analog video customer base, implementing price increases on certain services and packages and increasing revenues from incremental high-speed data services, digital video and advanced products and services, such as telephony using voice-over-Internet protocol, video on demand ("VOD"), high definition television and digital video recorders, that we provide to our existing customer base and commercial customers.

Revenues by service offering were as follows (dollars in thousands):

Three Mor	nths Ended	March 31,
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	2004	2004		2003		2004 over 2003	
	Revenues	% of Revenues	Revenues	% of Revenues	Change	% Change	
Video	\$112,912	67%	\$111,885	70%	\$1,027	1%	
High-speed data	27,358	16%	20,670	13%	6,688	32%	
Advertising sales	7,781	5%	7,054	5%	727	10%	
Commercial	11,047	6%	9,307	6%	1,740	19%	
Other	9,622	6%	10,032	6%	(410)	(4)%	
	\$168,720	100%	\$158,948	100%	\$9,772	6%	

Video revenues consist primarily of revenues from analog and digital video services provided to our non-commercial customers. Video revenues increased by \$1.0 million, or 1%, to \$112.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 as compared to \$111.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003. The increase was primarily a result of price increases and an increase in digital video customers, offset somewhat by a decrease in analog video customers.

Revenues from high-speed data services provided to our non-commercial customers increased \$6.7 million, or 32%, from \$20.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to \$27.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004. The increase was primarily the result of the addition of high-speed data customers within our existing service areas.

Advertising sales revenues consist primarily of revenues from commercial advertising customers, programmers and other vendors. Advertising sales increased \$0.7 million, or 10%, from \$7.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to \$7.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 primarily as a result of an increase in local advertising sales revenues offset partially by a decrease in advertising revenue from vendors. For the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, we received \$39 and \$431, respectively, in advertising revenue from vendors.

Commercial revenues consist primarily of revenues from cable video and high-speed data services to our commercial customers. Commercial revenues increased \$1.7 million, or 19%, from \$9.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to \$11.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 primarily as a result of an increase in commercial high-speed data revenues.

Other revenues consist of revenues from franchise fees, equipment rental, customer installations, home shopping, dial-up Internet service, late payment fees, wire maintenance fees and other miscellaneous revenues. Other revenues decreased \$0.4 million, or 4%, from \$10.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to \$9.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004. The decrease was primarily the result of a decrease in installation revenue.

*Operating Expenses.* Operating expenses increased \$6.1 million, or 10%, to \$67.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 from \$61.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003. Programming costs included in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of operations were \$45.2 million and \$41.4 million, representing 31% and 30%, of total operating costs and expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. Key expense components as a percentage of revenues were as follows (dollars in thousands):

Three Months Ended March 31,

	2004	2004		2003		2004 over 2003	
	Expenses	% of Revenues	Expenses	% of Revenues	Change	% Change	
Programming	\$45,207	27%	\$41,442	26%	\$3,765	9%	
Advertising sales	3,276	2%	2,993	2%	283	9%	
Service costs	19,410	11%	17,405	11%	2,005	12%	
	\$67,893	40%	\$61,840	39%	\$6,053	10%	

Programming costs consist primarily of costs paid to programmers for the provision of analog, premium and digital channels and pay-per-view programming. The increase in programming costs of \$3.8 million, or 9%, for the three months ended March 31, 2004 over the three months ended March 31, 2003, was the result of price increases, particularly in sports programming, an increased number of channels carried on our systems, and an increase in digital video customers, partially offset by a decrease in analog video customers. Programming costs were offset by the amortization of payments received from programmers in support of launches of new channels of \$1.6 million and \$2.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively.

Our cable programming costs have increased in every year we have operated in excess of customary inflationary and cost-of-living type increases, and we expect them to continue to increase because of a variety of factors, including additional programming being provided to customers as a result of system rebuilds that increase channel capacity, increased costs to produce or purchase programming and inflationary or negotiated annual increases. Our increasing programming costs will result in declining video product margins to the extent we are unable to pass on cost increases to our customers. We expect to partially offset any resulting margin compression from our traditional

video services with revenue from advanced video services, increased incremental high-speed data revenues, advertising revenues and commercial services revenues

Advertising sales expenses consist of costs related to traditional advertising services provided to advertising customers, including salaries and benefits and commissions. Advertising sales expenses increased \$0.3 million primarily as a result of salary and benefit costs and marketing costs. Service costs consist primarily of service personnel salaries and benefits, franchise fees, system utilities, Internet service provider fees, maintenance and pole rent expense. The increase in service costs of \$2.0 million, or 12%, resulted primarily from additional activity associated with ongoing infrastructure maintenance.

*Selling, General and Administrative Expenses.* Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by \$2.9 million, or 9%, from \$31.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004. Key components of expense as a percentage of revenues were as follows (dollars in thousands):

Three	Months	Ended	March 31	
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	2004	2004		2003		2004 over 2003	
	Expenses	% of Revenues	Expenses	% of Revenues	Change	% Change	
General and administrative	\$29,060	17%	\$27,874	17%	\$1,186	4%	
Marketing	4,876	3%	3,137	2%	1,739	55%	
	\$33,936	20%	\$31,011	19%	\$2,925	9%	

General and administrative expenses consist primarily of salaries and benefits, rent expense, billing costs, call center costs, internal network costs, bad debt expense and property taxes. The increase in general and administrative expenses of \$1.2 million, or 4%, resulted primarily from increases in salary and benefit costs, internal network costs and billing costs.

Marketing expenses increased by \$1.7 million, or 55%, as a result of introducing the "Get Hooked" national branding campaign related to our service offerings.

**Depreciation and Amortization.** Depreciation and amortization expense decreased by \$2.0 million, or 5%, from \$44.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to \$42.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004. In the first quarter of 2003 depreciation expense included approximately \$3.4 million attributable to accelerated depreciation related to the completion of our rebuild and upgrade. A corresponding amount is not included in the first quarter of 2004 because our rebuild and upgrade is substantially complete.

Special Charges, Net. Special charges of \$1.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 represents approximately \$0.9 million of litigation costs related to our portion of Charter's tentative settlement of the South Carolina national class action suit, subject to final documentation and court approval and approximately \$0.1 million of severance and related costs of our workforce reduction. Special charges of \$0.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 represents a \$0.3 million reversal in the severance accrual coupled with a \$0.3 million credit from a settlement from the Internet service provider Excite@Home related to the conversion of approximately 145,000 high-speed data customers to our Charter Pipeline service in 2001. We expect to continue to record additional special charges in 2004 related to the reorganization of our operations.

*Interest Expense, Net.* Net interest expense decreased by \$5.8 million, or 24%, to \$18.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 from \$24.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003. The decrease was primarily the result of a decrease in our weighted average debt outstanding to \$1.2 billion during the three months ended March 31, 2004 from \$1.4 billion during the three months ended March 31, 2003 coupled with a decrease in our average borrowing rate from 6.3% during the three months ended March 31, 2004.

Loss on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, Net. Net loss on derivative instruments and hedging activities increased \$6.0 million from \$0.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to \$6.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004. The increase is primarily the result of an increase in losses on interest rate agreements, which do not qualify for hedge accounting under SFAS No. 133, which increased from \$0.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004. This was

coupled with an increase in losses on interest rate agreements, as a result of hedge ineffectiveness, on designated hedges which increased from \$25 thousand for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to \$1.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004.

*Other, Net.* Other expense of \$4 thousand and other income of \$23 thousand for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, represents various miscellaneous expenses and income.

*Minority Interest.* Minority interest represents the 2% accretion of the preferred membership interests in CC VIII, LLC and since June 6, 2003, the pro rata share of the profits of CC VIII allocated to Mr. Allen.

*Income Tax Expense.* Income tax expense of \$0.7 million and \$0.4 million was recognized for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively, which represents increases in the deferred tax liabilities and current state income tax expenses of certain of CC V Holdings indirect corporate subsidiaries.

*Net loss.* Net loss decreased by \$1.5 million from \$6.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2003 to \$5.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 as a result of the combination of factors discussed above.

#### LIOUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

#### Introduction

This section contains a discussion of our liquidity and capital resources, including a discussion of our cash position, sources and uses of cash, access to debt facilities and other financing sources, historical financing activities, cash needs, capital expenditures and outstanding debt.

#### Overview

Our business requires significant cash to fund capital expenditures, debt service costs and ongoing operations. We have historically funded our operating activities and capital requirements through cash flows from operating activities, borrowings under our credit facilities, equity contributions from our parent companies, borrowings from related parties and cash on hand. The mix of funding sources changes from period to period, but for the three months ended March 31, 2004, approximately 85% of our funding requirements were from cash flows from operating activities and 15% was from cash on hand. We expect that our mix of sources of funds will continue to change in the future based on overall needs relative to our ability to generate cash flows from operating activities and our parent companies' abilities to make additional contributions.

In April 2004, our indirect parent, Charter Operating sold notes and amended and restated its own credit facilities, and used the proceeds of those transactions, among other things, to refinance the credit facilities of its subsidiaries, including our credit facilities, all in one concurrent transaction. The transaction resulted, among other things, in Charter Operating being substituted as the lender in place of the banks under the CC VIII Operating credit facility.

As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, long-term debt totaled approximately \$1.1 billion and \$1.2 billion, respectively. This debt was comprised of approximately \$1.0 billion of debt under the CC VIII Operating credit facilities, and \$113 million of high yield debt at March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003. As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, the weighted average interest rate on our bank debt was approximately 5.6%, and the weighted average interest rate on our high yield debt was approximately 11.9%, resulting in a blended weighted average interest rate of 6.2%. Approximately 71% of our debt effectively bore fixed interest rates, including the effects of our interest rate hedge agreements, as of March 31, 2004 as compared to approximately 70% at December 31, 2003. The fair value of our high-yield debt was \$118 million and \$119 million at March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively. The fair value of bank debt was \$1.0 billion at March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003. The fair value of bank debt is based on quoted market prices and the fair value of bank debt is based on dealer quotations.

We expect that we will remain in compliance with the covenants in our indenture. We expect that our cash on hand and cash flows from operating activities should be sufficient to satisfy our liquidity needs through the end of 2004. However, as the principal amounts owing under our debt obligations become due, sustaining our liquidity will become more difficult. Cash interest will accrue on the CC V Holdings notes at the annual rate of 11.875% and will be payable each June and December, commencing June 2004, until the CC V Holdings notes mature in December 2008. In addition, a default under the indenture governing the CC V Holdings notes could result in the acceleration of our payment obligations under that debt and, under certain circumstances, in cross-defaults under our affiliates

other debt obligations. Cash flows from operating activities and other existing sources of funds may not be sufficient, on their own, to permit us to satisfy these obligations. Traditionally, we have relied on our affiliates' ability to access the public debt and equity markets, as well as borrowings under our credit facilities, as a source of capital.

Increased funding requirements from customer demand for digital video, high-speed data or telephony services, or the need to offer other advanced services in certain of our markets in order to compete effectively could make us further reliant on our parent companies' ability to make loans and capital contributions to us. If we are unable to generate or receive adequate financing to fund operations, our financial condition and results of operations could suffer materially.

No assurances can be given that we will not experience liquidity problems because of adverse market conditions, increased competition or other unfavorable events, or if we do not obtain sufficient additional financing on a timely basis as our debt becomes due. If, at any time, additional capital or borrowing capacity is required beyond amounts internally generated or in traditional debt financings by us, we would consider:

- further reducing our expenses and capital expenditures, which would likely impair our ability to increase revenue;
- · selling assets; or
- seeking funding from our parent companies through the issuance of debt or equity by our parent companies, including Charter, Charter Holdings, CCH II, LLC, CCO Holdings, LLC or Charter Communications Operating, LLC, the proceeds of which could be loaned or contributed to us.

If the above strategies are not successful, ultimately, we could be forced to restructure our obligations or seek protection under the bankruptcy laws. In addition, if we need to raise additional capital through the issuance of equity or find it necessary to engage in a recapitalization or other similar transaction, our noteholders might not receive all principal and interest payments to which they are contractually entitled.

Although in the past, Paul G. Allen, Charter's principal shareholder, and his affiliates have purchased equity from Charter and Charter Holdco for the purpose of funding capital contributions to us, there is no obligation for Mr. Allen or his affiliates to purchase equity from or contribute or loan funds to us or to our subsidiaries in the future.

#### Changes to CC VIII Operating Credit Facility

In April 2004, Charter Operating sold senior second lien notes and amended and restated its own credit facilities and used the additional borrowings under the amended and restated credit facilities, together with proceeds from the sale of the notes, to refinance the credit facilities of its subsidiaries, including the CC VIII Operating credit facility. The effect of the transaction was, among other things, to substitute Charter Operating as the lender in place of the banks under the CC VIII Operating credit facility. In connection with the transaction, all principal payments prior to maturity were eliminated from the CC VIII Operating credit facility, and all amounts then outstanding (approximately \$1.0 billion principal amount) will become payable at maturity (extended from June 2007 and February 2008 to October 2011). Outstanding borrowings under the CC VIII Operating credit facility bear interest, at CC VIII Operating's election, at a base rate or the Eurodollar rate, as defined, plus a margin of 3.0% for Eurodollar loans and 2.0% for base rate loans. CC VIII Operating's obligations under the credit facility continue to be guaranteed by its immediate parent company, CC VIII Holdings, LLC, and by the subsidiaries of CC VIII Operating other than immaterial subsidiaries, and to be secured by pledges of equity interests and intercompany notes held by CC VIII Operating and the guarantors under the CC VIII Operating credit facility.

The CC VIII Operating credit facility continues to contain typical representations and warranties, affirmative covenants, reporting requirements, and negative covenants, except that the facility no longer contains financial covenants that measure performance against standards set for leverage, debt service coverage, or operating cash flow coverage of cash interest expense. In addition, the facility now provides that an event of default under the amended and restated Charter Operating credit facilities is a default under the CC VIII Operating credit facility.

#### Requirement that CC V Holdings Notes be Redeemed Under Certain Circumstances

In addition, in connection with the amendment and restatement of the Charter Operating credit facilities, a requirement was imposed that the CC V Holdings, LLC senior discount notes be redeemed within 45 days after Charter Holdings' leverage ratio (determined under the indentures governing the senior notes and senior discount

notes issued by Charter Holdings) is determined to be below 8.75 to 1.0, provided the ratio then remains below that level.

#### Historical Operating, Financing and Investing Activities

We held \$6 million in cash and cash equivalents as of March 31, 2004 compared to \$14 million as of December 31, 2003.

*Operating Activities.* Net cash provided by operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 was \$45 million and \$18 million, respectively. Net cash flows from operating activities provided \$27 million more cash during the three months ended March 31, 2004 compared to the corresponding period in 2003, primarily as a result of changes in operating assets and liabilities that used \$24 million less cash during the three months ended March 31, 2004 compared to the corresponding period in 2003.

*Investing Activities.* Net cash used in investing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 was \$16 million and \$21 million, respectively. Investing activities used \$5 million less cash during the three months ended March 31, 2004 compared to the corresponding period in 2003, primarily as a result of an increase of approximately \$11 million in our liabilities related to capital expenditures, partially offset by an increase in purchases of property, plant and equipment of approximately \$7 million.

*Financing Activities.* Net cash used by financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2004 was \$36 million and net cash provided by financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2003 was \$18 million. Financing activities used more cash during the three months ended March 31, 2004 compared to the corresponding period in 2003, primarily as a result of a decrease in borrowings of long-term debt.

#### Capital Expenditures

We have significant ongoing capital expenditure requirements. Capital expenditures were \$16 million and \$9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The majority of the capital expenditures for the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003 related to our customer premise equipment.

Upgrading our cable systems has enabled us to offer digital television, high-speed data services, VOD, interactive services, additional channels and tiers, and expanded pay-per-view options to a larger customer base. Our capital expenditures are funded primarily from cash flows from operating activities. In addition, during the three months ended March 31, 2004 and 2003, our liabilities related to capital expenditures decreased by \$0.8 million and \$12 million, respectively.

During 2004, we expect to spend a total of \$85 million to \$95 million on capital expenditures. We expect that the nature of these expenditures will continue to shift from upgrade/rebuild costs to customer premise equipment and scalable infrastructure costs. We expect to fund capital expenditures for 2004 primarily from cash on hand and cash flows from operating activities.

#### **CERTAIN TRENDS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The following discussion highlights a number of trends and uncertainties, in addition to those discussed elsewhere in this quarterly report and in the "Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates" section of Item 7. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our 2003 Annual Report on Form 10-K, that could materially impact our business, results of operations and financial condition.

**Restrictive Covenants.** The indenture governing our publicly held notes contain a number of significant covenants that could adversely impact our business. In particular, our indenture restricts our and our subsidiaries' ability to:

- · pay dividends or make other distributions;
- make certain investments or acquisitions;
- · enter into related party transactions;
- dispose of assets or merge;
- incur additional debt;
- · issue equity;
- repurchase or redeem equity interests and debt;
- · grant liens; and

· pledge assets.

The ability to comply with these provisions may be affected by events beyond our control. The breach of any of these covenants will result in a default under the indenture governing our publicly held notes that could result in acceleration of our publicly held notes and in certain cases, could result in cross-defaults under our affiliates' debt obligations. Any default under our indenture might adversely affect our growth, our financial condition and our results of operations and our ability to make payments on our publicly held notes. For more information, see the section above entitled "Liquidity and Capital Resources."

*Liquidity*. Our business requires significant cash to fund capital expenditures, debt service costs and ongoing operations. Our ongoing operations will depend on our ability to generate cash. We have historically funded liquidity and capital requirements through cash flows from operating activities, borrowings under the credit facilities of our subsidiary and capital contributions from our indirect parent companies.

As the principal amounts of our public notes become due in 2008, it is unclear whether we will have access to sufficient capital to satisfy these principal repayment obligations. Cash flows from operating activities and other existing sources of funds may not be sufficient, on their own, to permit us to satisfy these obligations.

If our business does not generate sufficient cash flow from operating activities, and sufficient future contributions are not available to us from other sources of financing, we may not be able to repay our debt, grow our business, respond to competitive challenges, or to fund our other liquidity and capital needs.

Although Mr. Allen and his affiliates have purchased equity from Charter and Charter Holdco in the past, there is no obligation for Mr. Allen or his affiliates to purchase equity or contribute or lend funds to us or to our subsidiaries in the future.

If we or our parent companies are unable to raise needed capital on a timely basis, we could be forced to restructure our obligations or seek protection under the bankruptcy laws. In addition, if we find it necessary to engage in a recapitalization or other similar transaction, our noteholders might not receive all principal and interest payments to which they are contractually entitled.

For more information, see the section above entitled "Liquidity and Capital Resources."

Parent Level Liquidity Concerns. Our indirect parent companies have a substantial amount of debt. Any financial or liquidity problems of our indirect parent companies would likely cause serious disruption to our business and have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations. Any such event would likely adversely impact our credit rating, and our relations with customers and suppliers, which could in turn further impair our ability to obtain financing and operate our business. Further, to the extent that any such event results in a change of control of Charter (whether through a bankruptcy, receivership or other reorganization of Charter and/or Charter Holdco, or otherwise), it could require a change of control repurchase offer under our outstanding notes.

Securities Litigation and Government Investigations. A number of putative federal class action lawsuits have been filed against Charter and certain of its former and present officers and directors alleging violations of securities laws, which have been consolidated for pretrial purposes. In addition, a number of other lawsuits have been filed against Charter in other jurisdictions. A shareholders derivative suit was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, and several class action lawsuits were filed in Delaware state court against Charter and certain of its directors and officers. Finally, two shareholders derivative suits were filed in Missouri state court against Charter, its then current directors and its former independent auditor. These actions were consolidated during the fourth quarter of 2002. Additionally, on March 12, 2004, an action substantively identical to the Missouri State Court derivative suits was filed in the Missouri State Court. This case has not yet be consolidated with the other Missouri state court derivative suits, but Charter expects that it will be in the future. The federal shareholders derivative suit, the Delaware class actions, the consolidated derivative suit and the new Mission State Court derivative action each allege that the defendants breached their fiduciary duties.

In August 2002, Charter became aware of a grand jury investigation being conducted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri into certain of its accounting and reporting practices focusing on how it reported customer numbers, and its reporting of amounts received from digital set-top terminal suppliers for advertising. The U.S. Attorney's Office has publicly stated that Charter is not currently a target of the investigation. Charter has also been advised by the U.S. Attorney's Office that no member of its board of directors, including its Chief Executive Officer, is a target of the investigation. On July 24, 2003, a federal grand jury charged four former officers of Charter with conspiracy and mail and wire fraud, alleging improper accounting and reporting practices focusing on revenue from digital set-top terminal suppliers and inflated customer account numbers. On July 25, 2003, one of the

former officers who was indicted entered a guilty plea. Charter has advised us that it is fully cooperating with the investigation.

On November 4, 2002, Charter received an informal, non-public inquiry from the staff of the SEC. The SEC subsequently issued a formal order of investigation dated January 23, 2003, and subsequent related document and testimony subpoenas. The investigation and subpoenas generally concern Charter's prior reports with respect to its determination of the number of customers and various of its accounting policies and practices including its capitalization of certain expenses and dealings with certain vendors, including programmers and digital set-top terminal suppliers. Charter has advised us that it is fully cooperating with the SEC staff.

Due to the inherent uncertainties of litigation and investigations, Charter cannot predict the ultimate outcome of these proceedings. An unfavorable outcome in the lawsuits or the government investigations described above could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations or our liquidity.

In addition, the restatement of our 2000, 2001 and 2002 financial statements may lead to additional allegations in the pending securities class and shareholders derivative actions against Charter, or to additional claims being filed or to investigations being expanded or commenced. These proceedings, and Charter's actions in response to these proceedings, could result in substantial costs, substantial potential liabilities and the diversion of management's attention, and could adversely affect our ability to execute our business and financial strategies.

**Competition.** The industry in which we operate is highly competitive. In some instances, we compete against companies with fewer regulatory burdens, easier access to financing, greater personnel resources, greater brand name recognition and long-established relationships with regulatory authorities and customers. Increasing consolidation in the cable industry and the repeal of certain ownership rules may provide additional benefits to certain of our competitors, either through access to financing, resources or efficiencies of scale.

Our principal competitor for video services throughout our territory is direct broadcast satellite television services, also known as DBS. Competition from DBS, including intensive marketing efforts, aggressive pricing, and the ability of DBS to provide certain services that we are in the process of developing, has had an adverse impact on our ability to retain customers. Local telephone companies and electric utilities can compete in this area, and they increasingly may do so in the future. The subscription television industry also faces competition from free broadcast television and from other communications and entertainment media. With respect to our Internet access services, we face competition, including intensive marketing efforts and aggressive pricing, from telephone companies and other providers of "dial-up" and digital subscriber line technology, also known as DSL. Further loss of customers to DBS or other alternative video and data services could have a material negative impact on our business.

Mergers, joint ventures and alliances among franchise, wireless or private cable operators, satellite television providers, local exchange carriers and others, and the repeal of certain ownership rules may provide additional benefits to some of our competitors, either through access to financing, resources or efficiencies of scale, or the ability to provide multiple services in direct competition with us.

*Variable Interest Rates.* At March 31, 2004, excluding the effects of hedging, approximately 90% of our debt bears interest at variable rates that are linked to short-term interest rates. In addition, a significant portion of our existing debt, assumed debt or debt we might arrange in the future will bear interest at variable rates. If interest rates rise, our costs relative to those obligations will also rise. As of March 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, the weighted average interest rate on the bank debt was approximately 5.6%, and the weighted average interest rate on the high-yield debt was approximately 11.9%, resulting in a blended weighted average interest rate of 6.2%. Approximately 71% of our debt was effectively fixed, including the effects of our interest rate hedge agreements, as of March 31, 2004 as compared to approximately 70% at December 31, 2003.

**Streamlining of Operations.** In the past, Charter (our manager) experienced rapid growth from acquisitions of a number of smaller cable operators and the rapid rebuild and rollout of advanced services. Our future success will depend in part on our ability to standardize and streamline our operations. The failure to implement a consistent corporate culture and management, operating or financial systems or procedures necessary to standardize and streamline our operations and effectively operate our enterprise could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition. In addition, our ability to properly manage our operations will be impacted by our ability to attract, retain and incentivize experienced, qualified, professional management.

*Services.* We expect that a substantial portion of our near-term growth will be achieved through revenues from high-speed data services, digital video, bundled service packages, and to a lesser extent, various commercial services that

take advantage of cable's broadband capacity. The technology involved in our product and service offerings generally requires that we have permission to use intellectual property and that such property not infringe on rights claimed by others. We may not be able to offer these advanced services successfully to our customers or provide adequate customer service and these advanced services may not generate adequate revenues. Also, if the vendors we use for these services are not financially viable over time, we may experience disruption of service and incur costs to find alternative vendors. In addition, if it is determined that the product being utilized infringes on the rights of others, we may be sued or be precluded from using the technology.

*Increasing Programming Costs.* Programming has been, and is expected to continue to be, our largest operating expense item. In recent years, the cable industry has experienced a rapid escalation in the cost of programming, particularly sports programming. This escalation may continue, and we may not be able to pass programming cost increases on to our customers. The inability to fully pass these programming cost increases on to our customers would have an adverse impact on our cash flow and operating margins.

**Public Notes Price Volatility.** The market price of our publicly traded notes has been and is likely to continue to be highly volatile. We expect that the price of our securities may fluctuate in response to various factors, including the factors described throughout this section and various other factors which may be beyond our control. These factors beyond our control could include: financial forecasts by securities analysts; new conditions or trends in the cable or telecommunications industry; general economic and market conditions and specifically, conditions related to the cable or telecommunications industry; any further downgrade of Charter's (or our) debt ratings; announcement of the development of improved or competitive technologies; the use of new products or promotions by us or our competitors; changes in accounting rules; and new regulatory legislation adopted in the United States.

In addition, the securities market in general, and the market for cable television securities in particular, have experienced significant price fluctuations. Volatility in the market price for companies may often be unrelated or disproportionate to the operating performance of those companies. These broad market and industry factors may seriously harm the market price of our public notes, regardless of our operating performance. In the past, securities litigation has often commenced following periods of volatility in the market price of our securities, and several purported class action lawsuits were filed against Charter in 2001 and 2002, following a decline in its stock price.

Economic Slowdown; Global Conflict. It is difficult to assess the impact that the general economic slowdown and global conflict will have on future operations. However, the economic slowdown has resulted and could continue to result in reduced spending by customers and advertisers, which could reduce our revenues, and also could affect our ability to collect accounts receivable and maintain customers. If we experience reduced operating revenues, it could negatively affect our ability to make expected capital expenditures and could also result in our inability to meet our obligations under our financing agreements. These developments could also have a negative impact on our financing and variable interest rate agreements through disruptions in the market or negative market conditions.

**Long-Term Indebtedness** - **Change of Control Payments**. We may not have the ability to raise the funds necessary to fulfill our obligations under our public notes following a change of control. A change of control under our public notes would require us to make an offer to repurchase our outstanding public notes. However, a failure by us to make or complete a change of control offer would place us in default of these agreements.

**Regulation and Legislation.** Cable system operations are extensively regulated at the federal, state, and local level, including rate regulation of basic service and equipment and municipal approval of franchise agreements and their terms, such as franchise requirements to upgrade cable plant and meet specified customer service standards. Additional legislation and regulation is always possible. For example, there has been considerable legislative interest recently in requiring cable operators to offer historically bundled programming services on an á la carte basis.

Cable operators also face significant regulation of their channel carriage. They currently can be required to devote substantial capacity to the carriage of programming that they would not carry voluntarily, including certain local broadcast signals, local public, educational and government access programming, and unaffiliated commercial leased access programming. This carriage burden could increase in the future, particularly if the FCC were to require cable systems to carry both the analog and digital versions of local broadcast signals or multiple channels added by digital broadcasters. The FCC is currently conducting a proceeding in which it is considering this channel usage possibility, although it previously issued a tentative decision against such dual carriage. In addition, the carriage of new high definition broadcast and satellite programming services over the next few years may consume significant amounts of system capacity without contributing to proportionate increases in system revenue.

There is also uncertainty whether local franchising authorities, state regulators, the FCC, or the U.S. Congress will impose obligations on cable operators to provide unaffiliated Internet service providers with regulated access to cable plant. If they were to do so, and the obligations were found to be lawful, it could complicate our operations in general, and our Internet operations in particular, from a technical and marketing standpoint. These open access obligations could adversely impact our profitability and discourage system upgrades and the introduction of new products and services. The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit recently vacated in part an FCC ruling defining cable modem service as an "information service" and remanded for further proceedings. The Ninth Circuit held that cable modem service is not "cable service" but is part "telecommunications service" and part "information service." The decision will likely be appealed, but it may possibly lead to cable operators having to contribute to the federal government's universal service fund, to open access requirements, and to other common carrier regulations. As we offer other advanced services over our cable system, we are likely to face additional calls for regulation of our capacity and operation. These regulations, if adopted, could adversely affect our operations.

#### **CONTINGENCIES**

Securities Class Actions and Derivative Suits Against Charter. Fourteen putative federal class action lawsuits (the "Federal Class Actions") have been filed against Charter, our manager and indirect parent, and certain of its former and present officers and directors in various jurisdictions allegedly on behalf of all purchasers of Charter's securities during the period from either November 8 or November 9, 1999 through July 17 or July 18, 2002. Unspecified damages are sought by the plaintiffs. In general, the lawsuits allege that Charter utilized misleading accounting practices and failed to disclose these accounting practices and/or issued false and misleading financial statements and press releases concerning Charter's operations and prospects. In October 2002, Charter filed a motion with the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (the "Panel") to transfer the Federal Class Actions to the Eastern District of Missouri. On March 12, 2003, the Panel transferred the six Federal Class Actions not filed in the Eastern District of Missouri to that district for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings with the eight Federal Class Actions already pending there. The Panel's transfer order assigned the Federal Class Actions to Judge Charles A. Shaw. By virtue of a prior court order, StoneRidge Investment Partners LLC became lead plaintiff upon entry of the Panel's transfer order. StoneRidge subsequently filed a Consolidated Amended Complaint. The Court subsequently consolidated the Federal Class Actions into a single consolidated action (the "Consolidated Federal Class Action") for pretrial purposes. On June 19, 2003, following a pretrial conference with the parties, the Court issued a Case Management Order setting forth a schedule for the pretrial phase of the Consolidated Federal Class Action. Motions to dismiss the Consolidated Amended Complaint have been filed. On February 10, 2004, in response to a joint motion made by StoneRidge and defendants, Charter, Vogel and Allen, the court entered an order providing, among other things, that: (1) the parties who filed such motion, engage in a mediation within ninety (90) days; and (2) all proceedings in the Consolidated Federal Class Action were stayed until May 10, 2004. On May 11, 2004, the court extended the stay in the Consolidated Federal Class Action for an additional sixty (60) days.

On September 12, 2002, a shareholders derivative suit (the "State Derivative Action") was filed in the Circuit Court of the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri (the "Missouri State Court"), against Charter and its then current directors, as well as its former auditors. A substantively identical derivative action was later filed and consolidated into the State Derivative Action. The plaintiffs allege that the individual defendants breached their fiduciary duties by failing to establish and maintain adequate internal controls and procedures. Unspecified damages, allegedly on Charter's behalf, are sought by the plaintiffs.

On March 12, 2004, an action substantively identical to the State Derivative Action was filed in the Missouri State Court, against Charter and certain of its current and former directors, as well as its former auditors. The plaintiffs allege that the individual defendants breached their fiduciary duties by failing to establish and maintain adequate internal controls and procedures. This case has not yet been consolidated with the State Derivative Action, but Charter expects that it will be in the future. Unspecified damages, allegedly on Charter's behalf, are sought by plaintiffs.

Separately, on February 12, 2003, a shareholders derivative suit (the "Federal Derivative Action"), was filed against Charter and its then current directors in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri. The plaintiff alleges that the individual defendants breached their fiduciary duties and grossly mismanaged Charter by failing to establish and maintain adequate internal controls and procedures. Unspecified damages, allegedly on Charter's behalf, are sought by the plaintiffs.

In addition to the Federal Class Actions, the State Derivative Action, the new Missouri State Court derivative action and the Federal Derivative Action, six putative class action lawsuits have been filed against Charter and certain of its then current directors and officers in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware (the "Delaware Class").

Actions"). The lawsuits were filed after the filing of a Schedule 13D amendment by Mr. Allen indicating that he was exploring a number of possible alternatives with respect to restructuring or expanding his ownership interest in Charter. Charter believes that the plaintiffs speculated that Mr. Allen might have been contemplating an unfair bid for shares of Charter or some other sort of going private transaction on unfair terms and generally alleged that the defendants breached their fiduciary duties by participating in or acquiescing to such a transaction. The lawsuits were brought on behalf of Charter's securities holders as of July 29, 2002, and seek unspecified damages and possible injunctive relief. The Delaware Class Actions are substantively identical. Charter has informed us that no such transaction by Mr. Allen has been presented. Orders of dismissal without prejudice have been entered in each of the Delaware Class Actions.

All of the lawsuits discussed above are each in preliminary stages. No reserves have been established for potential losses or related insurance recoveries on these matters because Charter is unable to predict the outcome. Charter has advised us that it intends to vigorously defend the lawsuits.

**Government Investigations**. In August 2002, Charter became aware of a grand jury investigation being conducted by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri into certain of its accounting and reporting practices, focusing on how Charter reported customer numbers, and its reporting of amounts received from digital set-top terminal suppliers for advertising. The U.S. Attorney's Office has publicly stated that Charter is not currently a target of the investigation. Charter has also been advised by the U. S. Attorney's office that no member of its board of directors, including its Chief Executive Officer, is a target of the investigation. On July 24, 2003, a federal grand jury charged four former officers of Charter with conspiracy and mail and wire fraud, alleging improper accounting and reporting practices focusing on revenue from digital set-top terminal suppliers and inflated customer account numbers. On July 25, 2003, one of the former officers who was indicted entered a guilty plea. Charter has advised us that it is fully cooperating with the investigation.

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**Indemnification.** Charter is generally required to indemnify each of the named individual defendants in connection with the matters described above pursuant to the terms of its bylaws and (where applicable) such individual defendants' employment agreements. In accordance with these documents, in connection with the pending grand jury investigation, SEC investigation and the above described lawsuits, some of Charter's current and former directors and Charter's current and former officers have been advanced certain costs and expenses incurred in connection with their defense. These amounts have been submitted to Charter's director and officer insurance carrier for reimbursement. The carrier has raised various objections to portions of these amounts, and Charter is in negotiations with the carrier regarding their reimbursement.

**Insurance**. Charter has liability insurance coverage that we believe is available for the matters described above, where applicable, subject to the terms, conditions and limitations of the respective policies. There is no assurance that current coverage will be sufficient for all claims described above or any future claims that may arise.

Other Litigation. In October 2001, two customers, Nikki Nicholls and Geraldine M. Barber, filed a class action suit against Charter Holdco in South Carolina Court of Common Pleas ("South Carolina Class Action"), purportedly on behalf of a class of Charter Holdco's customers, alleging that Charter Holdco improperly charged them a wire maintenance fee without request or permission. They also claimed that Charter Holdco improperly required them to rent analog and/or digital set-top terminals even though their television sets were "cable ready." Charter Holdco removed this case to the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina in November 2001, and moved to dismiss the suit in December 2001. The federal judge remanded the case to the South Carolina Court of Common Pleas in August 2002 without ruling on the motion to dismiss. The plaintiffs subsequently moved for a default judgment, arguing that upon return to state court, Charter Holdco should have but did not file a new motion to dismiss. The state court judge granted the plaintiff's motion over Charter Holdco's objection in September 2002. Charter Holdco immediately appealed that decision to the South Carolina Court of Appeals and the South Carolina Supreme Court, but those courts have ruled that until a final judgment is entered against Charter Holdco, they lack jurisdiction to hear the appeal.

In January 2003, the Court of Common Pleas granted the plaintiffs' motion for class certification. In October and November 2003, Charter Holdco filed motions (a) asking that court to set aside the default judgment, and (b) seeking dismissal of plaintiffs' suit for failure to state a claim. In January 2004, the Court of Common Pleas granted in part and denied in part Charter Holdco's motion to dismiss for failure to state a claim. It also took under advisement Charter Holdco's motion to set aside the default judgment. In April 2004, the parties participated in a mediation with respect to this and related litigation. The mediator made a proposal to the parties. In May 2004, the parties to this and the related litigation accepted the mediator's proposal and reached a tentative settlement. The tentative settlement remains subject to final documentation and court approval. As a result of the tentative settlement, we have recorded a special charge of \$0.9 million in our condensed consolidated statement of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2004 related to our portion of the litigation costs.

**Outcome.** Charter is unable to predict the outcome of the lawsuits and the government investigations described above. An unfavorable outcome in any of these lawsuits or the government investigations could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

In addition to the matters set forth above, Charter is also party to other lawsuits and claims that arose in the ordinary course of conducting its business. In the opinion of management, after taking into account recorded liabilities, the outcome of these other lawsuits and claims are not expected to have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or our liquidity.

#### ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

No material changes in reported market risks have occurred since the filing of our December 31, 2003 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

As of the end of the period covered by this report, management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures with respect to the information generated for use in this quarterly report. The evaluation was based in part upon reports and affidavits provided by a number of executives. Based upon, and as of the date of that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide reasonable assurances that information required to be disclosed in the reports we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms.

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended March 31, 2004 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, our management recognized that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance of achieving the desired control objectives and management necessarily was required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. Based upon the above evaluation, our management believes that our controls do provide such reasonable assurances.

#### PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

#### ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

In addition to those matters disclosed under the heading "Contingencies" of Part I, Item 2. "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations", we are involved from time to time in routine legal matters and other claims incidental to our business. We believe that the resolution of such routine matters and other incidental claims, taking into account established reserves and insurance, will not have a material adverse impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

#### ITEM 6. EXHIBITS AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

#### (a) EXHIBITS

The index to the exhibits begins on page 30 of this quarterly report.

#### (b) REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

None.

Dated: May 17, 2004

Dated: May 17, 2004

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrants have duly caused this quarterly report to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

CC V HOLDINGS, LLC

By: CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.,

Registrants' Manager

By: /s/ Michael P. Huseby

Name: Michael P. Huseby

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial

Officer (Principal Financial Officer) of Charter Communications, Inc. (Manager) and CC V

Holdings, LLC

By: <u>/s/ P</u>aul E. Martin

Name: Paul E. Martin

Title: Senior Vice President and Corporate Controller

(Principal Accounting Officer) of Charter Communications, Inc. (Manager) and CC V

Holdings, LLC

CC V HOLDINGS FINANCE, INC.

By: /s/ Michael P. Huseby

Name: Michael P. Huseby

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial

Officer (Principal Financial Officer) of Charter Communications, Inc. (Manager) and CC V

Holdings Finance, Inc.

By: /s/ Paul E. Martin

Name: Paul E. Martin

Title: Senior Vice President – Corporate Controller

(Principal Accounting Officer) of Charter Communications, Inc. (Manager) and CC  $\,\mathrm{V}$ 

Holdings Finance, Inc.

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description of Document
10.1+	Description of Long-Term Incentive Program to the Charter Communications, Inc. 2001 Stock Incentive Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Charter Communications Holdings, LLC quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed on May 17, 2004 (File No. 333-77499)).
10.2	Amended and Restated Credit Agreement among Charter Communications Operating, LLC, CCO Holdings, LLC and certain lenders and agents named therein dated April 27, 2004 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.25 to Amendment No. 2 to the registration statement on Form S-4 of CCH II, LLC filed on May 5, 2004 (File No. 333-111423)).
10.3	Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of February 2, 1999, as amended and restated as of April 27, 2004, among CC VIII Holdings, LLC, CC VIII Operating, LLC, and Charter Communications Operating, LLC, as sole lender and as administrative agent.
31.1	Certificate of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/Rule 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
31.2	Certificate of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/Rule 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
32.1	Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Chief Executive Officer).
32.2	Certification pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Chief Financial Officer).

<sup>+</sup> Management compensatory plan or arrangement

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## FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT ${\sf CC\ VIII\ OPERATING,\ LLC,}$

as Borrower

CC VIII HOLDINGS, LLC,

as Guarantor

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS OPERATING, LLC as Lender and Administrative Agent

Dated as of February 2, 1999,

as Amended and Restarted as of April 27, 2004

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FOURTH AMENDED AND RESTATED CREDIT AGREEMENT, dated as of February 2, 1999, as amended and restated as of April 27, 2004, among CC VIII HOLDINGS, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Holdings"), CC VIII OPERATING, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Borrower"), and CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS OPERATING, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as sole lender (in such capacity, the "Lender") and as administrative agent (in such capacity, the "Administrative Agent"), with reference to the following facts and circumstances:

#### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Holdings and the Borrower entered into a Credit Agreement, dated as of February 2, 1999, as amended and restated as of January 3, 2002 (the "Existing Credit Agreement"), among the Borrower, Holdings, several banks and other financial institutions or entities from time to time parties thereto as lenders, the syndication agent and documentation agents named therein and Toronto Dominion (Texas), Inc., as administrative agent; and

WHEREAS, either by way of assignment or at the direction of the Borrower, by paying directly all amounts owing the holders thereof, the Lender has acquired all right, title and interest of all the holders of all or any portion of the obligations of Holdings and the Borrower under the Existing Credit Agreement from such holders (such holders being referred to herein collectively as the "Existing Lenders"); and

WHEREAS, the Lender, Holdings and the Borrower have agreed to amend and restate the Existing Credit Agreement as provided in this Agreement, which Agreement shall become effective upon the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set forth in Section 4.1 hereof; and

NOW, THEREFORE, it is the intent of the parties hereto that (i) following the repayment by the Lender of the portion of the obligations under the Existing Credit Agreement not acquired by the Lender pursuant to a written assignment from the holders of such obligations, as between the Borrower, Holdings, on the one hand, and the Lender on the other, such obligations be and remain owing by the Borrower and that the Lender be the holder thereof and of all right, title and interest of the holder of such obligations under the Existing Credit Agreement to which the Lender made payment, together with security for any and all such obligations, and (ii) this Agreement not constitute a novation of the obligations and liabilities existing under the Existing Credit Agreement or evidence repayment of any of such obligations and liabilities and that this Agreement amend and restate in its entirety the Existing Credit Agreement and reevidence the obligations of the Borrower outstanding thereunder:

#### ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

1.1 Defined Terms. As used in this Agreement, the terms listed in this Section 1.1 shall have the respective meanings set forth in this Section 1.1.

"ABR": for any day, a rate per annum (rounded upwards, if necessary, to the next 1/100th of 1%) equal to the greater of (a) the Prime Rate in effect on such day and (b) the

Federal Funds Effective Rate in effect on such day plus 1/2 of 1%. Any change in the ABR due to a change in the Prime Rate or the Federal Funds Effective Rate shall be effective as of the opening of business on the effective day of such change in the Prime Rate or the Federal Funds Effective Rate, respectively.

- "ABR Loan": the portion of the Loan the rate of interest applicable to which is based upon the ABR.
- "Accumulated Benefit Obligations": the actuarial present value of the accumulated benefit obligations under any Plan, calculated in a manner consistent with Statement No. 87 of the Financial Accounting Standards Board.
  - "Administrative Agent": as defined in the preamble hereto.
- "Affiliate": as to any Person, any other Person that, directly or indirectly, is in control of, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Person. For purposes of this definition, "control" of a Person means the power, directly or indirectly, either to (a) vote 10% or more of the securities having ordinary voting power for the election of directors (or persons performing similar functions) of such Person or (b) direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, whether by contract or otherwise.
  - "Agreement": this Fourth Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.
- "Applicable Margin": (a) for the ABR Loan, a per annum rate equal to two percent (2%), and for the Eurodollar Loan, a per annum rate equal to three percent (3%).
- "Asset Sale": any Disposition of property or series of related Dispositions of property (excluding (a) Exchanges pursuant to which no cash consideration is received by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries and (b) any such Disposition permitted by clause (a), (b), (c) or (d) of Section 6.4) that yields gross cash proceeds to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in excess of \$5,000,000, or such greater amount as may be consented to by the Lender.
- "Attributable Debt": in respect of a sale and leaseback transaction entered into by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, at the time of determination, the present value of the obligation of the lessee for net rental payments during the remaining term of the lease included in such sale and leaseback transaction including any period for which such lease has been extended or may, at the sole option of the lessor, be extended. Such present value shall be calculated using a discount rate equal to the rate of interest implicit in such transaction, determined in accordance with GAAP.
- "Authorizations": all filings, recordings and registrations with, and all validations or exemptions, approvals, orders, authorizations, consents, Licenses, certificates and permits from, the FCC, applicable public utilities and other Governmental Authorities, including, without limitation, CATV Franchises, FCC Licenses and Pole Agreements.

"Board": the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States (or any successor).

"Borrower": as defined in the preamble hereto.

"Business": as defined in Section 3.11(b).

"Business Day": a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks in New York City or St. Louis, Missouri, are authorized or required by law to close, provided, that with respect to notices and determinations in connection with, and payments of principal and interest on, Eurodollar Loan, such day is also a day for trading by and between banks in Dollar deposits in the London, England, interbank eurodollar market.

"Capital Lease Obligations": as to any Person, the obligations of such Person to pay rent or other amounts under any lease of (or other arrangement conveying the right to use) real or personal property, or a combination thereof, which obligations are required to be classified and accounted for as capital leases on a balance sheet of such Person under GAAP and, for the purposes of this Agreement, the amount of such obligations at any time shall be the capitalized amount thereof at such time determined in accordance with GAAP.

"Cash Equivalents": (a) marketable direct obligations issued by, or unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States government or issued by any agency thereof and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States, in each case maturing within one year from the date of acquisition; (b) certificates of deposit, time deposits, eurodollar time deposits or overnight bank deposits having maturities of six months or less from the date of acquisition issued by any lender or by any commercial bank organized under the laws of the United States or any state thereof having combined capital and surplus of not less than \$500,000,000; (c) commercial paper of an issuer rated at the time of acquisition at least A-1 by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services ("S&P") or P-1 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), or carrying an equivalent rating by a nationally recognized rating agency, if both of the two named rating agencies cease publishing ratings of commercial paper issuers generally, and maturing within six months from the date of acquisition; (d) repurchase obligations of any lender or of any commercial bank satisfying the requirements of clause (b) of this definition, having a term of not more than 30 days, with respect to securities issued or fully guaranteed or insured by the United States government; (e) securities with maturities of one year or less from the date of acquisition issued or fully guaranteed by any state, commonwealth or territory of the United States, by any political subdivision or taxing authority or foreign government (as the case may be) are rated at the time of acquisition at least A by S&P or A by Moody's; (f) securities with maturities of six months or less from the date of acquisition backed by standby letters of credit issued by any lender or any commercial bank satisfying the requirements of clause (b) of this definition; or (g) shares of money market mutual or similar funds which invest exclusively in assets satisfying the requirements of clauses (a) through (f) of this definition.

"CATV Franchise": collectively, with respect to the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, (a) any franchise, license, permit, wire agreement or easement granted by any political jurisdiction or unit or other local, state or federal franchising authority (other than licenses, permits and easements not material to the operations of a CATV System) pursuant to which

such Person has the right or license to operate a CATV System and (b) any law, regulation, ordinance, agreement or other instrument or document setting forth all or any part of the terms of any franchise, license, permit, wire agreement or easement described in clause (a) of this definition.

"CATV System": any cable distribution system owned or acquired by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries which receives audio, video, digital, other broadcast signals or information or telecommunications by cable, optical, antennae, microwave or satellite transmission and which amplifies and transmits such signals to customers of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries.

"CCO Credit Agreement": the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of March 18, 1999, as amended and restated as of April 27, 2004, among Charter Communications Operating, LLC, as borrower, CCO Holdings, LLC, as guarantor, several banks and financial institutions and other entities from time to time parties thereto as lenders, the syndication agents and documentation agents named therein and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as administrative agent, as amended, modified, restated or supplemented from time to time.

"CCVIII Interest": 100% of the Class A Members' Membership Interests in CC VIII, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, under the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement for CC VIII, LLC, made and entered into effective as of March 31, 2003, as amended and/or restated from time to time, including any modification in the class, number of units, or other attributes associated with such Membership Interests; provided, that the CCVIII Interest shall not include such Membership Interests to the extent that either the "Adjusted Priority Capital" or the "Priority Rate" (as each such term is defined under such agreement) exceeds the Adjusted Priority Capital or the Priority Rate, respectively, as of the Closing Date.

"Closing Date": the date on which the conditions precedent set forth in Section 4.1 shall have been satisfied, which date is April 27, 2004.

"Code": the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

"Collateral": all property of the Loan Parties, now owned or hereafter acquired, upon which a Lien is purported to be created by the Reaffirmed Guarantee and Collateral Agreement.

"Commonly Controlled Entity": an entity, whether or not incorporated, that is under common control with the Borrower within the meaning of Section 4001 of ERISA or is part of a group that includes the Borrower and that is treated as a single employer under Section 414 of the Code.

"Consideration": with respect to any Investment or Disposition, (a) any cash or other property (valued at fair market value in the case of such other property) paid or transferred in connection therewith, (b) the principal amount of any Indebtedness assumed in connection therewith and (c) any letters of credit, surety arrangements or security deposits posted in connection therewith.

"Contractual Obligation": as to any Person, any provision of any debt or equity security issued by such Person or of any agreement, instrument or other undertaking to which such Person is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound.

"Default": any of the events specified in Article VII, whether or not any requirement for the giving of notice, the lapse of time, or both, has been satisfied.

"Disposition": with respect to any property, any sale, lease (other than leases in the ordinary course of business, including leases of excess office space and fiber leases), sale and leaseback, assignment, conveyance, transfer or other disposition thereof, including pursuant to an exchange for other property. The terms "Dispose" and "Disposed of" shall have correlative meanings.

"Dollars" and "\$": dollars in lawful currency of the United States.

"Domestic Subsidiary": any Subsidiary of the Borrower organized under the laws of any jurisdiction within the United States.

"Environmental Laws": any and all foreign, federal, state, local or municipal laws, rules, orders, regulations, statutes, ordinances, codes, decrees, requirements of any Governmental Authority or other Requirements of Law (including common law) regulating, relating to or imposing liability or standards of conduct concerning protection of human health or the environment, as now or may at any time hereafter be in effect.

"Equity Interests": any and all shares, interests, participations or other equivalents (however designated) of capital stock of a corporation, any and all classes of membership interests in a partnership and any and all other equivalent ownership interests in a Person, and any and all warrants, rights or options to purchase any of the foregoing.

"ERISA": the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time.

"Eurodollar Base Rate": with respect to each day during each Interest Period pertaining to a Eurodollar Loan, the rate per annum determined on the basis of the rate for deposits in Dollars for a period equal to such Interest Period commencing on the first day of such Interest Period appearing on Page 3750 of the Dow Jones Markets screen as of 11:00 A.M., London time, two Business Days prior to the beginning of such Interest Period. In the event that such rate does not appear on Page 3750 of the Dow Jones Markets screen (or otherwise on such screen), the "Eurodollar Base Rate" shall be determined by reference to such other comparable publicly available service for displaying eurodollar rates as may be selected by the Administrative Agent.

"Eurodollar Loan": the portion of the Loan for which the applicable rate of interest is based upon the Eurodollar Rate.

"Eurodollar Rate": with respect to each day during each Interest Period pertaining to the Eurodollar Loan, a rate per annum equal to the Eurodollar Base Rate.

"Event of Default": any of the events specified in Article VII, provided that any requirement for the giving of notice, the lapse of time, or both, has been satisfied.

"Exchange": any exchange of operating assets for other operating assets and, subject to the last sentence of this definition, of comparable value and use to those assets being exchanged, including exchanges involving the transfer or acquisition (or both transfer and acquisition) of Equity Interests of a Person so long as 100% of the Equity Interests of such Person are transferred or acquired, as the case may be. It is understood that exchanges of the kind described above as to which a portion of the consideration paid or received is in the form of cash shall nevertheless constitute "Exchanges" for the purposes of this Agreement so long as the aggregate consideration received by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries in connection with such exchange represents fair market value for the assets and cash being transferred by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries.

"Existing Credit Agreement": as defined in the recitals.

"FCC": the Federal Communications Commission and any successor thereto.

"FCC License": any community antenna relay service, broadcast auxiliary license, earth station registration, business radio, microwave or special safety radio service license issued by the FCC pursuant to the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

"Federal Funds Effective Rate": for any day, the weighted average of the rates on overnight federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by federal funds brokers, as published on the next succeeding Business Day by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or, if such rate is not so published for any day that is a Business Day.

"Foreign Subsidiary": any Subsidiary of the Borrower that is not a Domestic Subsidiary.

"GAAP": generally accepted accounting principles in the United States as in effect from time to time.

"Governmental Authority": any nation or government, any state or other political subdivision thereof, any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative functions of or pertaining to government, any securities exchange and any self-regulatory organization (including the National Association of Insurance Commissioners).

"Guarantee Obligation": as to any Person (the "guaranteeing person"), any obligation of (a) the guaranteeing person or (b) another Person (including any bank under any letter of credit) to induce the creation of which the guaranteeing person has issued a reimbursement, counterindemnity or similar obligation, in either case guaranteeing or in effect guaranteeing any Indebtedness, leases, dividends or other obligations (the "primary obligations") of any other third Person (the "primary obligor") in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, including any obligation of the guaranteeing person, whether or not contingent, (i) to purchase any such primary obligation or any property constituting direct or

indirect security therefor, (ii) to advance or supply funds (1) for the purchase or payment of any such primary obligation or (2) to maintain working capital or equity capital of the primary obligor or otherwise to maintain the net worth or solvency of the primary obligor, (iii) to purchase property, securities or services primarily for the purpose of assuring the owner of any such primary obligation of the ability of the primary obligor to make payment of such primary obligation or (iv) otherwise to assure or hold harmless the owner of any such primary obligation against loss in respect thereof, provided, however, that the term "Guarantee Obligation" shall not include endorsements of instruments for deposit or collection in the ordinary course of business. The amount of any Guarantee Obligation of any guaranteeing person shall be deemed to be the lower of (a) an amount equal to the stated or determinable amount of the primary obligation in respect of which such Guarantee Obligation is made and (b) the maximum amount for which such guaranteeing person may be liable pursuant to the terms of the instrument embodying such Guarantee Obligation, unless such primary obligation and the maximum amount for which such guaranteeing person's maximum reasonably anticipated liability in respect thereof as determined by the Borrower in good faith.

"Holdings": as defined in the preamble hereto, together with any successor thereto.

"Indebtedness": of any Person at any date without duplication, (a) all indebtedness of such Person for borrowed money, (b) all obligations of such Person for the deferred purchase price of property or services (other than current trade payables incurred in the ordinary course of such Person's business), (c) all obligations of such Person evidenced by notes, bonds, debentures or other similar instruments, (d) all indebtedness created or arising under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement with respect to property acquired by such Person (even though the rights and remedies of the seller or lender under such agreement in the event of default are limited to repossession or sale of such property), (e) all Capital Lease Obligations of such Person, (f) all obligations of such Person, contingent or otherwise, as an account party under acceptances, letters of credit, surety bonds or similar arrangements, (g) the liquidation value of all redeemable preferred Equity Interests of such Person, (h) all Guarantee Obligations of such Person in respect of obligations of the kind referred to in clauses (a) through (g) above, and (i) all obligations of the kind referred to in clauses (a) through (h) above secured by (or for which the holder of such obligation has an existing right, contingent or otherwise, to be secured by) any Lien on property (including accounts and contract rights) owned by such Person, whether or not such Person has assumed or become liable for the payment of such obligation. The Indebtedness of any Person shall include the Indebtedness of any other entity (including any partnership in which such Person is a general partner) to the extent such Person is liable therefor as a result of such Person is not liable therefor.

"Insolvency": with respect to any Multiemployer Plan, the condition that such Plan is insolvent within the meaning of Section 4245 of ERISA.

"Intellectual Property": the collective reference to all rights, priorities and privileges relating to intellectual property, whether arising under United States, multinational or

foreign laws or otherwise, including copyrights, copyright licenses, patents, patent licenses, trademarks, trademark licenses, technology, know-how and processes, and all rights to sue at law or in equity for any infringement or other impairment thereof, including the right to receive all proceeds and damages therefrom.

"Intercompany Obligations": as defined in the Reaffirmed Guarantee and Collateral Agreement.

"Interest Payment Date": (a) as to the ABR Loan, the last day of each March, June, September and December to occur while such ABR Loan is outstanding and the final maturity date of such ABR Loan, (b) as to any portion of the Eurodollar Loan having an Interest Period of three months or less, the last day of such Interest Period, (c) as to any portion of the Eurodollar Loan having an Interest Period longer than three months, each day that is three months, or a whole multiple thereof, after the first day of such Interest Period and the last day of such Interest Period and (d) as to any portion of the Loan, the date of any repayment or prepayment made in respect thereof.

"Interest Period": as to the Eurodollar Loan, (a) initially, the period commencing on the conversion date with respect to such Eurodollar Loan and ending one, two, three, six or, if consented to by the Lender, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, nine or twelve months thereafter, as selected by the Borrower in its notice of conversion given with respect thereto; and (b) thereafter, each period commencing on the last day of the next preceding Interest Period applicable to such Eurodollar Loan and ending one, two, three, six or, if consented to by the Lender, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, nine or twelve months thereafter, as selected by the Borrower by irrevocable notice to the Administrative Agent not less than three Business Days prior to the last day of the then current Interest Period with respect thereto; provided that, all of the foregoing provisions relating to Interest Periods are subject to the following:

- (i) if any Interest Period would otherwise end on a day that is not a Business Day, such Interest Period shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless the result of such extension would be to carry such Interest Period into another calendar month in which event such Interest Period shall end on the immediately preceding Business Day;
  - (ii) the Borrower may not select an Interest Period that would extend beyond the date final payment is due on the Loan;
- (iii) any Interest Period that begins on the last Business Day of a calendar month (or on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period) shall end on the last Business Day of a calendar month; and
- (iv) the Borrower shall select Interest Periods so as not to require a payment or prepayment of the Eurodollar Loan during an Interest Period for such Eurodollar Loan.

"Investments": as defined in Section 6.6.

"Lender": as defined in the preamble hereto.

"License": as to any Person, any license, permit, certificate of need, authorization, certification, accreditation, franchise, approval, or grant of rights by any Governmental Authority or other Person necessary or appropriate for such Person to own, maintain, or operate its business or property, including FCC Licenses.

"Lien": any mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, deposit arrangement, encumbrance, lien (statutory or other), charge or other security interest or any preference, priority or other security agreement or preferential arrangement of any kind or nature whatsoever (including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement and any capital lease having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing).

"Loan": the loan held by the Lender pursuant to this Agreement as of the Closing Date, together with (a) any amounts up to \$22,651,000 paid by the Lender in connection with any draws on Letters of Credit (as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement) issued under the Existing Credit Agreement and outstanding on the Closing Date, and (b) any obligation evidenced by a promissory note executed by Borrower in favor of the Lender that by its terms is subject to and governed by the terms and provisions of this Agreement and secured by the Collateral.

"Loan Documents": this Agreement, any Note and the Reaffirmed Guarantee and Collateral Agreement and any other agreement, documents or instrument to which any Loan Party is a party and which is designated as a Loan Document therein.

"Loan Parties": Holdings, the Borrower and each Subsidiary of the Borrower that is a party to a Loan Document.

"Material Adverse Effect": a material adverse effect on (a) the business, property, operations or condition (financial or otherwise) of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole or (b) the validity or enforceability of any material provision of this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents or the rights or remedies of the Administrative Agent hereunder or thereunder.

"Materials of Environmental Concern": any gasoline or petroleum (including crude oil or any fraction thereof) or petroleum products or any hazardous or toxic substances, materials or wastes, defined or regulated as such in or under any Environmental Law, including asbestos, polychlorinated biphenyls and urea-formaldehyde insulation.

"Multiemployer Plan": a Plan that is a multiemployer plan as defined in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA.

"Net Cash Proceeds": (a) in connection with any Asset Sale or any Recovery Event, the proceeds thereof in the form of cash and Cash Equivalents (including any such proceeds received by way of deferred payment of principal pursuant to a note or installment receivable or purchase price adjustment receivable or otherwise, but only as and when received) of such Asset Sale or Recovery Event, net of attorneys' fees, accountants' fees, investment banking fees and consultant fees (in each case, including costs and disbursements), amounts required to be applied to the repayment of Indebtedness secured by

a Lien expressly permitted hereunder on any asset that is the subject of such Asset Sale or Recovery Event (other than any Lien pursuant to the Reaffirmed Guarantee and Collateral Agreement) and other customary fees and expenses actually incurred in connection therewith and net of taxes paid or reasonably estimated to be, payable as a result thereof (after taking into account any available tax credits or deductions and any tax sharing arrangements) and (b) in connection with any issuance or sale of Equity Interests or any incurrence of Indebtedness, the cash proceeds received from such issuance or incurrence, net of attorneys' fees, investment banking fees, accountants' fees, underwriting discounts and commissions and other customary fees and expenses actually incurred in connection therewith.

"Non-Recourse Subsidiary": (a) any Subsidiary of the Borrower created, acquired or activated by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in connection with any Investment made pursuant to Section 6.6(g) and designated as such by the Borrower substantially concurrently with such creation, acquisition or activation and (b) any Subsidiary of such designated Subsidiary, provided, that (i) at no time shall any creditor of any such Subsidiary have any claim (whether pursuant to a Guarantee Obligation, by operation of law or otherwise) against the Borrower or any of its other Subsidiaries (other than another Non-Recourse Subsidiary) in respect of any Indebtedness or other obligation of any such Subsidiary (other than in respect of a non-recourse pledge of Equity Interests in such Subsidiary); (ii) neither the Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries (other than another Non-Recourse Subsidiary) shall become a general partner of any such Subsidiary; (iii) no default with respect to any Indebtedness of any such Subsidiary (including any right which the holders thereof may have to take enforcement action against any such Subsidiary) shall permit (upon notice, lapse of time or both) any holder of any Indebtedness of the Borrower or its other Subsidiaries (other than another Non-Recourse Subsidiary) shall own any Equity Interests of, or own or hold any Lien on any property of, the Borrower or any other Subsidiary of the Borrower (other than another Non-Recourse Subsidiary); (v) no Investments may be made in any such Subsidiary by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (other than another Non-Recourse Subsidiary) except pursuant to Section 6.6(g); (vi) the Borrower shall not directly own any Equity Interests in such Subsidiary; and (vii) at the time of such designation, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom. It is understood that Non-Recourse Subsidiaries shall be disregarded for the purposes of any calculation pursuant to this Agreement relating to financial matters with

"Note": the collective reference to any promissory note or notes evidencing all or any portion of the Loan.

"Paul Allen Contributions": any capital contribution made by Paul G. Allen, directly or indirectly, to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries.

"PBGC": the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation established pursuant to Subtitle A of Title IV of ERISA (or any successor).

"Person": an individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, business trust, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated association, joint venture, Governmental Authority or other entity of whatever nature.

"Plan": at a particular time, any employee pension benefit plan subject to the provisions of Title IV of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code or Section 302 of ERISA or any welfare plan providing post-employment healthcare benefits, and in respect of which the Borrower or a Commonly Controlled Entity is (or, if such plan were terminated at such time, would under Section 4069 of ERISA be deemed to be) an "employer" as defined in Section 3(5) of ERISA.

"Pole Agreement": any pole attachment agreement or underground conduit use agreement entered into in connection with the operation of any CATV System.

"Prime Rate": the rate of interest per annum publicly announced from time to time by JPMorgan Chase Bank as its prime rate in effect (the Prime Rate not being intended to be the lowest rate of interest charged by JPMorgan Chase Bank in connection with extensions of credit to debtors).

"Properties": as defined in Section 3.11(a).

"Reaffirmed Guarantee and Collateral Agreement": the Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, dated as of February 14, 2000, made by Holdings, the Borrower and certain of Borrower's Subsidiaries in favor of Toronto Dominion (Texas), Inc., as administrative agent, and reaffirmed by the Reaffirmation Agreement, dated as of April 27, 2004, executed and delivered by Holdings, the Borrower and each Subsidiary Guarantor, as the same may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.

"Recovery Event": any settlement of or payment in respect of any property or casualty insurance claim or any condemnation proceeding relating to any asset of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries.

"Reinvestment Deadline": as defined in the definition of "Reinvestment Notice".

"Reinvestment Deferred Amount": with respect to any Reinvestment Event, the aggregate Net Cash Proceeds received by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in connection therewith that are not applied to prepay the Loan pursuant to Section 2.4(a) as a result of the delivery of a Reinvestment Notice.

"Reinvestment Event": any Asset Sale or Recovery Event in respect of which the Borrower has delivered a Reinvestment Notice.

"Reinvestment Notice": a written notice executed by a Responsible Officer and delivered to the Administrative Agent within twelve months after any Asset Sale or Recovery Event, stating that (a) no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, (b) the Borrower (directly or indirectly through a Subsidiary) intends and expects to use all or a specified portion of the Net Cash Proceeds of such Asset Sale or Recovery Event to acquire assets useful in its business, on or prior to the earlier of (i) the date that is eighteen months from the date of receipt of such Net Cash Proceeds and (ii) the date on which such proceeds

would be required to be applied, or to be offered to be applied, to prepay, redeem or defease any Indebtedness of the Borrower or any of its Affiliates (other than Indebtedness under this Agreement) if not applied as described above (such earlier date, the "Reinvestment Deadline"), and (c) such use will not require redemptions or prepayments (or offers to make redemptions or prepayments) of any other Indebtedness of the Borrower or any of its Affiliates.

"Reinvestment Prepayment Amount": with respect to any Reinvestment Event, the Reinvestment Deferred Amount relating thereto less any amount expended prior to the relevant Reinvestment Prepayment Date to acquire assets useful in the Borrower's business.

"Reinvestment Prepayment Date": with respect to any Reinvestment Event, the earlier of (a) the relevant Reinvestment Deadline and (b) the date on which the Borrower shall have determined not to, or shall have otherwise ceased to, acquire assets useful in the Borrower's business with all or any portion of the relevant Reinvestment Deferred Amount.

"Reorganization": with respect to any Multiemployer Plan, the condition that such plan is in reorganization within the meaning of Section 4241 of ERISA.

"Reportable Event": any of the events set forth in Section 4043(b) of ERISA, other than those events as to which the thirty day notice period is waived under subsections .27, .28, .29, .30, .31, .32, .34 or .35 of PBGC Reg. § 4043.

"Requirement of Law": as to any Person, the Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws or other organizational or governing documents of such Person, and any law, treaty, rule or regulation or determination of an arbitrator or a court or other Governmental Authority, in each case applicable to or binding upon such Person or any of its property or to which such Person or any of its property is subject.

"Responsible Officer": the chief executive officer, president or chief financial officer of the Borrower, but in any event, with respect to financial matters, any of the chief financial officer or any other financial officer of the Borrower.

"Restricted Payments": as defined in Section 6.5.

"SEC": the Securities and Exchange Commission, any successor thereto and any analogous Governmental Authority.

"Shell Subsidiary": any Subsidiary of the Borrower that is a "shell" company having (a) assets (either directly or through any Subsidiary or other Equity Interests) with an aggregate value not exceeding \$100,000 and (b) no operations.

"Specified Long-Term Indebtedness": any Indebtedness incurred pursuant to Section 6.1(f).

"Subsidiary": as to any Person, a corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other entity of which shares of stock or other ownership interests having ordinary voting power (other than stock or such other ownership interests having such power only by reason of the happening of a contingency) to elect a majority of the board of directors or other

managers of such corporation, partnership or other entity are at the time owned, or the management of which is otherwise controlled, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, or both, by such Person; provided, that Non-Recourse Subsidiaries shall be deemed not to constitute "Subsidiaries" for the purposes of this Agreement (other than the definition of "Non-Recourse Subsidiary"). Unless otherwise qualified, all references to a "Subsidiary" or to "Subsidiaries" in this Agreement shall refer to a Subsidiary or Subsidiaries of the Borrower.

"Subsidiary Guarantor": each Subsidiary of the Borrower other than any Foreign Subsidiary.

"United States": the United States of America.

"Wholly Owned Subsidiary": as to any Person, any other Person all of the Equity Interests of which (other than directors' qualifying shares required by law and in case of CC VIII, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, the CCVIII Interest) are owned by such Person directly or through other Wholly Owned Subsidiaries or a combination thereof.

"Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor": any Subsidiary Guarantor that is a Wholly Owned Subsidiary of the Borrower.

- 1.2 Other Definitional Provisions; Pro Forma Calculations.
- (a) Unless otherwise specified therein, all terms defined in this Agreement shall have the defined meanings when used in the other Loan Documents or any certificate or other document made or delivered pursuant hereto or thereto.
- (b) As used herein and in the other Loan Documents, and any certificate or other document made or delivered pursuant hereto or thereto, (i) accounting terms relating to Holdings, the, Borrower and its Subsidiaries not defined in Section 1.1 and accounting terms partly defined in Section 1.1, to the extent not defined, shall have the respective meanings given to them under GAAP, (ii) the words "include", "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation", (iii) the word "incur" shall be construed to mean incur, create, issue, assume, become liable in respect of or suffer to exist (and the words "incurred" and "incurrence" shall have correlative meanings), and (iv) the words "asset" and "property" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties, including cash, Equity Interests, securities, revenues, accounts, leasehold interests, contract rights and any other "assets" as such term is defined under GAAP.
- (c) The words "hereof", "herein" and "hereunder" and words of similar import when used in this Agreement shall refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement, and Section, Schedule and Exhibit references are to this Agreement unless otherwise specified.
  - (d) The meanings given to terms defined herein shall be equally applicable to both the singular and plural forms of such terms.

#### ARTICLE II AMOUNT AND TERMS OF COMMITMENTS

- 2.1 The Loan. Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the Lender agrees to maintain the Loan. As of the Closing Date, the outstanding principal amount of the Loan is \$1,038,312,294. The Borrower hereby promises to reimburse the Lender for all amounts paid by the Lender in connection with a draw under the Letters of Credit issued under the Existing Credit Agreement and outstanding at the Closing Date. Interest shall begin to accrue on Borrower's obligations to reimburse the Lender in connection with draws on such Letters of Credit from and after the date the Lender shall have made payment in connection with such draws at the applicable rate of interest, and that such amount owing by the Borrower hereunder shall from such date until paid in full be and become a part of the principal amount of the Loan, governed by the terms and provisions of the Loan Documents. The Borrower, Holdings and the Lender acknowledge and agree (i) that such principal amount of the Loan on the Closing Date consists of all amounts ("Existing Credit Agreement Obligations") owing to any or all of the Existing Lenders immediately prior to the Closing Date under the Existing Credit Agreement and any other Loan Documents (as defined in the Existing Credit Agreement); (ii) that immediately prior to the Closing Date, the Lender acquired a portion of the Existing Credit Agreement Obligations from the holders thereof by written assignment and at the request of the Borrower paid the holders of the remaining portion of the Existing Credit Agreement Obligations the amount of such portion (the "Repaid Portion"); (iii) that the Lender is subrogated to all right, title and interest of the holders of the Repaid Portion and all security therefor; and (iv) that the Repaid Portion remains an obligation of the Borrower and Holdings, subject to the terms and provisions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents. The Borrower, Holdings and the Lender further acknowledge and agree that the Loan is a term loan, and that the Lender shall have no obligation to readvance any amounts repaid on the Loan after the Closing Date. The Loan may from time to time be a Eurodollar Loan or an ABR Loan or a combination thereof, as determined by the Borrower and notified to the Lender in accordance with Section 2.5. On the Closing Date, the Loan shall be an ABR Loan.
  - 2.2 Repayment of Loan. The Loan shall mature on October 8, 2011.
  - 2.3 No Prepayment. Except as specifically required in this Agreement, the Borrower may not prepay the Loan.
  - 2.4 Mandatory Prepayments.
- (a) Unless the Administrative Agent shall otherwise agree, if on any date the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall receive Net Cash Proceeds from any Asset Sale or Recovery Event then, (i) unless a Reinvestment Notice shall be delivered in respect thereof, such Net Cash Proceeds shall be applied within two Business Days after the deadline by which such Reinvestment Notice is otherwise required to be delivered in respect of such Asset Sale or Recovery Event toward the prepayment of the Loan (provided that the foregoing requirement shall not apply to the first \$10,000,000 of aggregate Net Cash Proceeds received after the Closing Date) and (ii) on each Reinvestment Prepayment Date, an amount equal to the Reinvestment Prepayment Amount with respect to the relevant Reinvestment Event shall be applied toward the prepayment of the Loan.

- (b) Each prepayment of the Loan under this Section 2.4 shall be accompanied by accrued interest to the date of such prepayment on the amount prepaid.
- 2.5 Conversion and Continuation Options.
- (a) The Borrower may elect from time to time to convert any or all portions of the Eurodollar Loan to an ABR Loan by giving the Administrative Agent at least three Business Days prior irrevocable notice of such election, provided that any such conversion of Eurodollar Loan may only be made on the last day of an Interest Period with respect thereto. The Borrower may elect from time to time to convert any or all portions of the ABR Loan to a Eurodollar Loan by giving the Administrative Agent at least three Business Days' prior irrevocable notice of such election (which notice shall specify the length of the initial Interest Period therefor), provided that the ABR Loan (or any portion thereof) may not be converted into a Eurodollar Loan when any Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.
- (b) The Eurodollar Loan may be continued as such upon the expiration of the then current Interest Period with respect thereto by the Borrower giving irrevocable notice to the Administrative Agent, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the term "Interest Period" set forth in Section 1.1, of the length of the next Interest Period to be applicable to such Loan, provided that (i) the Eurodollar Loan may not be continued as such when any Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and (ii) if the Borrower shall fail to give any required notice as described above in this paragraph, the Eurodollar Loan shall be automatically converted to a Eurodollar Loan having a one-month Interest Period on the last day of the then expiring Interest Period.
- 2.6 Limitations on the Eurodollar Loan. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, all conversions and continuations of the Eurodollar Loan hereunder and all selections of Interest Periods hereunder shall be in such amounts and be made pursuant to such elections so that, after giving effect thereto, the aggregate principal amount of the Eurodollar Loan shall be equal to \$10,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof.
  - 2.7 Interest Rates and Payment Dates.
- (a) The Eurodollar Loan shall bear interest for each day during each Interest Period with respect thereto at a rate per annum equal to the Eurodollar Rate determined for such day plus the Applicable Margin.
  - (b) The ABR Loan shall bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the ABR plus the Applicable Margin.
- (c) (i) If all or a portion of the principal amount of the Loan shall not be paid when due (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise), the Loan shall bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the rate that would otherwise be applicable thereto pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section plus 2%, and (ii) if all or a portion of any interest payable on the Loan or other amount payable hereunder shall not be paid when due (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise), such overdue amount shall bear interest at a rate per annum equal to the rate then applicable to the ABR Loan plus

2%, in each case, with respect to clauses (i) and (ii) above, from the date of such non-payment until such amount is paid in full (as well after as before judgment).

- (d) Interest shall be payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date, provided that interest accruing pursuant to paragraph (c) of this Section shall be payable from time to time on demand.
  - 2.8 Computation of Interest and Fees.
- (a) Interest and fees payable pursuant hereto shall be calculated on the basis of a 360-day year for the actual days elapsed, except that, with respect to the ABR Loan the rate of interest on which is calculated on the basis of the Prime Rate, the interest thereon shall be calculated on the basis of a 365- (or 366-, as the case may be) day year for the actual days elapsed. The Administrative Agent shall as soon as practicable notify the Borrower of each determination of a Eurodollar Rate. The Administrative Agent shall as soon as practicable notify the Borrower of the effective date and the amount of each such change in interest rate.
- (b) Each determination of an interest rate by the Administrative Agent pursuant to any provision of this Agreement shall be conclusive and binding on the Borrower and the Lender in the absence of manifest error. The Administrative Agent shall, at the request of the Borrower, deliver to the Borrower a statement showing the quotations used by the Administrative Agent in determining any interest rate pursuant to Section 2.8(a).
- 2.9 Inability to Determine Interest Rate. If prior to the first day of any Interest Period the Administrative Agent shall have determined (which determination shall be conclusive and binding upon the Borrower) that, by reason of circumstances affecting the relevant market, adequate and reasonable means do not exist for ascertaining the Eurodollar Rate for such Interest Period, the Administrative Agent shall notify Borrower as soon as practicable thereafter. If such notice is given (x) the Eurodollar Loan requested to be continued on the first day of such Interest Period shall be continued as an ABR Loan, (y) the ABR Loan that were to have been converted on the first day of such Interest Period to a Eurodollar Loan shall be continued as an ABR Loan and (z) the outstanding Eurodollar Loan shall be converted, on the last day of the then-current Interest Period, to an ABR Loan. Until such notice has been withdrawn by the Administrative Agent, the Eurodollar Loan shall not be continued as such, nor shall the Borrower have the right to convert any portion of the Loan to a Eurodollar Loan.

# 2.10 Payments.

- (a) The amount of each principal prepayment of the Loan shall be applied to reduce the then remaining portion of the Loan in the manner designated by the Borrower. Amounts prepaid on account of the Loan may not be reborrowed.
- (b) All payments (including required prepayments) to be made by the Borrower hereunder, whether on account of principal, interest, fees or otherwise, shall be made without setoff or counterclaim and shall be made prior to 12:00 Noon, St. Louis time, on the due date thereof to the Administrative Agent at its address set forth in Section 9.2, in Dollars and in immediately available funds. If any payment hereunder (other than payments

on the Eurodollar Loan) becomes due and payable on a day other than a Business Day, such payment shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day. If any payment on the Eurodollar Loan becomes due and payable on a day other than a Business Day, the maturity thereof shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless the result of such extension would be to extend such payment into another calendar month, in which event such payment shall be made on the immediately preceding Business Day. In the case of any extension of any payment of principal pursuant to the preceding two sentences, interest thereon shall be payable at the then applicable rate during such extension.

2.11 Indemnity. The Borrower agrees to indemnify the Lender and to hold the Lender harmless from any loss or expense that the Lender may sustain or incur as a consequence of (a) default by the Borrower in making a conversion into or continuation of the Eurodollar Loan after the Borrower has given a notice requesting the same in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, (b) default by the Borrower in making any prepayment of or conversion from the Eurodollar Loan after the Borrower has given a notice thereof in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, or (c) the making of a prepayment of the Eurodollar Loan on a day that is not the last day of an Interest Period with respect thereto. A certificate as to any amounts payable pursuant to this Section submitted to the Borrower by the Lender shall be conclusive in the absence of manifest error. This covenant shall survive the termination of this Agreement and the payment of the Loan and all other amounts payable hereunder.

#### ARTICLE III REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

To induce the Lender to enter into this Agreement and to maintain the Loan on the terms set forth herein, Holdings and the Borrower hereby jointly and severally represent and warrant the Lender that:

- 3.1 Existence; Compliance with Law. Each of Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries (other than Shell Subsidiaries) (a) is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization, (b) has the power and authority, and the legal right, to own and operate its property, to lease the property it operates as lessee and to conduct the business in which it is currently engaged, (c) is duly qualified as a foreign entity and in good standing under the laws of each jurisdiction where its ownership, lease or operation of property or the conduct of its business requires such qualification and (d) is in compliance with all Requirements of Law, in each case with respect to clauses (c) and (d), except as could not, in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- 3.2 Power; Authorization; Enforceable Obligations. Each Loan Party has the power and authority, and the legal right, to make, deliver and perform the Loan Documents to which it is a party. Each Loan Party has taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of the Loan Documents to which it is a party. No consent, or authorization of, filing with, notice to or other act by or in respect of, any Governmental Authority or any other Person is required in connection with the execution, delivery, performance, validity or enforceability of this Agreement or any of the Loan Documents, except the filings contemplated by the Reaffirmed Guarantee and Collateral Agreement. Each Loan Document has been duly executed and delivered on behalf of each Loan Party thereto.

This Agreement constitutes, and each other Loan Document upon execution will constitute, a legal, valid and binding obligation of each Loan Party thereto, enforceable against each such Loan Party in accordance with its terms; except as enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and by general equitable principles (whether enforcement is sought by proceedings in equity or at law).

- 3.3 No Legal Bar. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, will not violate any Requirement of Law or any material Contractual Obligation of Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries and will not result in, or require, the creation or imposition of any Lien on any of their respective properties or revenues pursuant to any Requirement of Law or any such Contractual Obligation (other than the Liens created or continued by the Reaffirmed Guarantee and Collateral Agreement).
- 3.4 Litigation. No litigation, investigation or proceeding of or before any arbitrator or Governmental Authority is pending or, to the knowledge of Holdings or the Borrower, threatened by or against Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or against any of their respective properties or revenues (a) with respect to any of the Loan Documents or any of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, or (b) that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- 3.5 No Default. Neither Holdings, the Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries is in default under or with respect to any of its Contractual Obligations in any respect that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. No Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing.
- 3.6 Ownership of Property; Liens. Each of Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries has good and sufficient legal title to, or a valid leasehold interest in, all its material real property, and none of such property is subject to any Lien except as permitted by Section 6.2.
- 3.7 Intellectual Property. Holdings, the Borrower and each of its Subsidiaries owns, or is licensed to use, all material Intellectual Property necessary for the conduct of its business as currently conducted. No material claim has been asserted and is pending by any Person challenging or questioning the use, validity or effectiveness of any material Intellectual Property owned or licensed by Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, nor does Holdings or the Borrower know of any valid basis for any such claim. The use of Intellectual Property by Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries does not infringe on the rights of any Person in any material respect.
- 3.8 Taxes. Each of Holdings, the Borrower and each of its Subsidiaries has filed or caused to be filed all federal, state and other material tax returns that are required to be filed and has paid all taxes shown to be due and payable on said returns or on any assessments made against it or any of its property and all other taxes, fees or other charges imposed on it or any of its property by any Governmental Authority (other than any the amount or validity of that are currently being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and with respect to which reserves in conformity with GAAP have been provided on the books of Holdings, the Borrower or its Subsidiaries, as the case may be); no material tax Lien has been filed, and, to

the knowledge of Holdings and the Borrower, no claim is being asserted, with respect to any such material tax, fee or other charge.

- 3.9 Labor Matters. Except as, in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect: (a) there are no strikes or other labor disputes against Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries pending or, to the knowledge of Holdings or the Borrower, threatened; (b) hours worked by, and payment made to, employees of Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries have not been in violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act or any other applicable Requirement of Law dealing with such matters; and (c) all payments due from Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries on account of employee health and welfare insurance have been paid or accrued as a liability on the books of Holdings, the Borrower or the relevant Subsidiary.
- 3.10 ERISA. Each Plan is in material compliance with the applicable provisions of ERISA and the Code. No Plan is a Multiemployer Plan or a "defined benefit plan" (as defined in ERISA). Each Commonly Controlled Entity has met all of the funding standards applicable to all Plans, and no condition exists which would permit the institution of proceedings to terminate any Plan under Section 4042 of ERISA.
  - 3.11 Environmental Matters. Except as, in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect:
- (a) the facilities and properties owned, leased or operated by Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (the "Properties") do not contain, and have not previously contained, any Materials of Environmental Concern in amounts or concentrations or under circumstances that constitute or constituted a violation of, or could give rise to liability under, any Environmental Law;
- (b) neither Holdings, the Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries has received or is aware of any notice of violation, alleged violation, non-compliance, liability or potential liability regarding environmental matters or compliance with Environmental Laws with regard to any of the Properties or the business operated by Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (the "Business"), nor does Holdings or the Borrower have knowledge or reason to believe that any such notice will be received or is being threatened;
- (c) Materials of Environmental Concern have not been transported or disposed of from the Properties in violation of, or in a manner or to a location that could give rise to liability under, any Environmental Law, nor have any Materials of Environmental Concern been generated, treated, stored or disposed of at, on or under any of the Properties in violation of, or in a manner that could give rise to liability under, any applicable Environmental Law;
- (d) no judicial proceeding or governmental or administrative action is pending or, to the knowledge of Holdings and the Borrower, threatened, under any Environmental Law to which Holdings, the Borrower or any Subsidiary is or will be named as a party with respect to the Properties or the Business, nor are there any consent decrees or other decrees, consent orders, administrative orders or other orders, or other administrative

or judicial requirements outstanding under any Environmental Law with respect to the Properties or the Business;

- (e) there has been no release or threat of release of Materials of Environmental Concern at or from the Properties, or arising from or related to the operations of Holdings, the Borrower or any Subsidiary in connection with the Properties or otherwise in connection with the Business, in violation of or in amounts or in a manner that could give rise to liability under Environmental Laws;
- (f) the Properties and all operations at the Properties are in compliance, and have in the last five years been in compliance, with all applicable Environmental Laws, and there is no contamination at, under or about the Properties or violation of any Environmental Law with respect to the Properties or the Business; and
  - (g) neither Holdings, the Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries has assumed any liability of any other Person under Environmental Laws.

#### ARTICLE IV CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

- 4.1 Conditions to Restatement Effective Date. The effectiveness of this Agreement is subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions precedent:
- (a) Credit Agreement; Guarantee and Collateral Agreement. The Administrative Agent shall have received (i) this Agreement, executed and delivered by Holdings and the Borrower, (ii) the Reaffirmed Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, executed and delivered by Holdings, the Borrower and each Subsidiary Guarantor.
- (b) Filing, Registrations, Recordings, etc. Each document (including any Uniform Commercial Code financing statement) required by the Reaffirmed Guarantee and Collateral Agreement under law or reasonably requested by the Lender to be filed in order to continue in favor of the Lender, a perfected Lien on the Collateral described therein, prior and superior in right to any other Person, shall be in proper form for filing. The Lender shall have received (i) the certificates that constitute securities within the meaning of Section 8-102(a)(15) of the applicable Uniform Commercial Code, if any, representing the Equity Interests pledged pursuant to the Reaffirmed Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, together with an undated power or assignment in blank for each such certificate executed by the pledgor thereof, and (ii) each promissory note (if any) pledged to the Lender pursuant to the Reaffirmed Guarantee and Collateral Agreement endorsed in blank by the pledgor thereof.
- (c) Representations and Warranties. Each of the representations and warranties made by any Loan Party in or pursuant to the Loan Documents shall be true and correct in all material respects on and as of such date as if made on and as of such date.
  - (d) No Default. No Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing on such date.

#### ARTICLE V AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS

Holdings and the Borrower hereby agree that, so long as the Loan or other amount is owing to the Lender hereunder, each of Holdings and the Borrower shall, and shall cause each Subsidiary of the Borrower to:

- 5.1 Financial Statements. Upon request by the Administrative Agent furnished to the Administrative Agent:
- (a) as soon as available, but in any event within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Borrower, a copy of the unaudited consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its consolidated Subsidiaries as at the end of such year and the related unaudited consolidated statements of income and of cash flows for such year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous year; and
- (b) as soon as available, but in any event not later than 45 days after the end of each of the first three quarterly periods of each fiscal year of the Borrower, the unaudited consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its consolidated Subsidiaries as at the end of such quarter and the related unaudited consolidated statements of income and of cash flows for such quarter and the portion of the fiscal year through the end of such quarter, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous year, certified by a Responsible Officer as being fairly stated in all material respects (subject to normal year-end audit adjustments).

All such financial statements shall be complete and correct in all material respects and shall be prepared in reasonable detail and in accordance with GAAP applied consistently throughout the periods reflected therein and with prior periods (except as approved by such accountants or officer, as the case may be, and disclosed therein).

- 5.2 Certificates; Other Information. At the request of the Administrative Agent, furnish to the Administrative Agent:
  - (a) Intentionally Deleted;
- (b) concurrently with the delivery of any financial statements pursuant to Section 5.1, a certificate of a Responsible Officer stating that, to the best of each such Responsible Officer's knowledge, each Loan Party during such period has observed or performed all of its covenants and other agreements, and satisfied every condition, contained in this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which it is a party to be observed, performed or satisfied by it, and that such Responsible Officer has obtained no knowledge of any Default or Event of Default except as specified in such certificate; and
  - (c) promptly, such additional financial and other information as the Lender may from time to time reasonably request.
- 5.3 Payment of Obligations. Pay, discharge or otherwise satisfy at or before maturity or before they become delinquent, as the case may be, all its material obligations of whatever nature, except where the amount or validity thereof is currently being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and reserves in conformity with GAAP with respect

thereto have been provided on the books of Holdings, the Borrower or its Subsidiaries, as the case may be.

- 5.4 Maintenance of Existence Compliance. (a) (i) Preserve, renew and keep in full force and effect its existence and (ii) take all reasonable action to maintain all rights, privileges and franchises necessary or desirable in the normal conduct of its business, except, in each case, as otherwise permitted by Section 6.4 and except to the extent that failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and (b) comply with all Contractual Obligations and Requirements of Law except to the extent that failure to comply therewith could not, in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- 5.5 Maintenance of Property; Insurance. (a) Keep all material property useful and necessary in its business in good working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted, and (b) maintain with financially sound and reputable insurance companies insurance on all its material property in at least such amounts and against at least such risks (but including in any event public liability, product liability and business interruption) as are usually insured against in the same general area by companies engaged in the same or a similar business.
- 5.6 Inspection of Property: Books and Records; Discussions. (a) Keep proper books of records and account in which full, true and correct entries in conformity with GAAP and all Requirements of Law shall be made of all dealings and transactions in relation to its business and activities and (b) permit representatives of the Lender to visit and inspect any of its properties and examine and make abstracts from any of its books and records at any reasonable time and as often as may reasonably be desired and to discuss the business, operations, properties and financial and other condition of Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries with officers and employees of Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries and with its independent certified public accountants.
- 5.7 Environmental Laws. Except as, in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, comply with, and ensure compliance by all tenants and subtenants, if any, with, all applicable Environmental Laws, and obtain and comply with and maintain, and ensure that all tenants and subtenants obtain and comply with and maintain, any and all licenses, approvals, notifications, registrations or permits required by applicable Environmental Laws.
  - 5.8 ERISA Reports. Furnish to the Administrative Agent as soon as available the following items with respect to any Plan:
    - (a) any request for a waiver of the funding standards or an extension of the amortization period;
    - (b) any reportable event (as defined in Section 4043 of ERISA), unless the notice requirement with respect thereto has been waived by regulation;
- (c) any notice received by any Commonly Controlled Entity that the PBGC has instituted or intends to institute proceedings to terminate any Plan, or that any Multiemployer Plan is insolvent or in reorganization;

- (d) notice of the possibility of the termination of any Plan by its administrator pursuant to Section 4041 of ERISA; and
- (e) notice of the intention of any Commonly Controlled Entity to withdraw, in whole or in part, from any Multiemployer Plan.

5.9 ERISA, etc. Comply in all material respects with the provisions of ERISA and the Code applicable to each Plan. Each of Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries will meet all minimum funding requirements applicable to them with respect to any Plan pursuant to Section 302 of ERISA or Section 412 of the Code, without giving effect to any waivers of such requirements or extensions of the related amortization periods which may be granted. At no time shall the Accumulated Benefit Obligations under any Plan that is not a Multiemployer Plan exceed the fair market value of the assets of such Plan allocable to such benefits by, more than \$10,000,000. After the Closing Date, Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries will not withdraw, in whole or in part, from any Multiemployer Plan so as to give rise to withdrawal liability exceeding \$10,000,000 in the aggregate. At no time shall the actuarial present value of unfunded liabilities for post-employment health care benefits, whether or not provided under a Plan, calculated in a manner consistent with Statement No. 106 of the Financial Accounting Standards Board, exceed \$10,000,000.

#### ARTICLE VI NEGATIVE COVENANTS

Holdings and the Borrower hereby agree that, so long as the Loan or other amount is owing to the Lender hereunder, the Borrower shall not, and shall not permit any Subsidiary of the Borrower to, directly or indirectly:

- 6.1 Indebtedness. Create, issue, incur, assume, become liable in respect of or suffer to exist any Indebtedness, except:
  - (a) Indebtedness of any Loan Party pursuant to any Loan Document;
  - (b) Indebtedness of the Borrower to any Subsidiary and of any Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor to the Borrower or any other Subsidiary;
- (c) Guarantee Obligations incurred in the ordinary course of business by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries of obligations of any Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor:
  - (d) Intentionally Deleted;
- (e) Indebtedness (including, without limitation, Capital Lease Obligations) secured by Liens permitted by Section 6.2(f) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$100,000,000 at any one time outstanding;
- (f) Indebtedness of the Borrower (and Guarantee Obligations of any Subsidiary Guarantor in respect thereof) so long as (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom, (ii) such Indebtedness shall have no scheduled amortization prior to the date that is six months after the final scheduled

installment of principal of the Loan, and (iii) the covenants and default provisions applicable to such Indebtedness shall be no more restrictive than those contained in this Agreement;

- (g) Indebtedness of any Person that becomes a Subsidiary pursuant to an Investment permitted by Section 6.6, so long as (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom, (ii) such Indebtedness existed at the time of such Investment and was not created in anticipation thereof, (iii) the Borrower shall use its best efforts to cause such Indebtedness to be repaid no later than 120 days after the date of such Investment, and (v) the aggregate outstanding principal amount of Indebtedness incurred pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed \$150,000,000;
- (h) letters of credit for the account of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries obtained other than pursuant to this Agreement, so long as the aggregate undrawn face amount thereof, together with any unreimbursed reimbursement obligations in respect thereof, does not exceed \$20,000,000 at any one time;
- (i) additional Indebtedness of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in an aggregate principal amount (for the Borrower and all Subsidiaries) not to exceed \$50,000,000 at any one time outstanding, or any other amount otherwise consented to in writing by the Lender.
  - 6.2 Liens. Create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien upon any of its property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, except:
- (a) Liens for taxes, assessments and other governmental charges not yet due or that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, provided that adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of the Borrower or its Subsidiaries, as the case may be, in conformity with GAAP:
- (b) carriers', warehousemen's, mechanics', materialmen's, repairmen's or other like Liens arising in the ordinary course of business that are not overdue for a period of more than 30 days or that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings;
  - (c) pledges or deposits in connection with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security legislation;
- (d) deposits made to secure the performance of bids, tenders, trade contracts, leases, statutory or regulatory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, bankers acceptances, government contracts, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business, in each case excluding obligations for borrowed money;
- (e) easements, rights-of-way, municipal and zoning ordinances, title defects, restrictions and other similar encumbrances incurred in the ordinary course of business that, in the aggregate, are not substantial in amount and that do not in any case materially detract from the value of the property subject thereto or materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries;

- (f) Liens securing Indebtedness of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries incurred pursuant to Section 6.1(e) to finance the acquisition of fixed or capital assets, provided that (i) such Liens shall be created substantially simultaneously with the acquisition of such fixed or capital assets, (ii) such Liens do not at any time encumber any property other than the property financed by such Indebtedness and (iii) the amount of Indebtedness secured thereby is not increased;
- (g) Liens continued pursuant to the Reaffirmed Guarantee and Collateral Agreement securing obligations of the Loan Parties under the Loan Documents;
- (h) any landlord's Lien or other interest or title of a lessor under any lease or a licensor under a license entered into by Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of its business and covering only the assets so leased or licensed;
  - (i) Liens created under Pole Agreements on cables and other property affixed to transmission poles or contained in underground conduits;
- (j) Liens of or restrictions on the transfer of assets imposed by any franchisors, utilities or other regulatory bodies or any federal, state or local statute, regulation or ordinance, in each case arising in the ordinary course of business in connection with franchise agreements or Pole Agreements;
  - (k) Liens arising from judgments or decrees not constituting an Event of Default under Section 7.1(h); and
  - (l) Liens not otherwise permitted by this Section consented to by the Lender.
- 6.3 Fundamental Changes. Enter into any merger, consolidation or amalgamation, or liquidate, wind up or dissolve itself (or suffer any liquidation or dissolution), or Dispose of all or substantially all of its property or business, except that:
- (a) any Subsidiary of the Borrower may be merged or consolidated with or into any Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor (provided that the Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor shall be the continuing or surviving entity);
- (b) any Subsidiary of the Borrower that is a holding company with no operations may be merged or consolidated with or into the Borrower (provided that the Borrower shall be the continuing or surviving entity);
- (c) any Subsidiary of the Borrower may Dispose of any or all of its assets (upon voluntary liquidation or otherwise) to any Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor; and
  - (d) any Shell Subsidiary may be dissolved, liquidated or cancelled.
- 6.4 Disposition of Property. Dispose of any of its property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, or, in the case of any Subsidiary, issue or sell any Equity Interests to any Person, except:

- (a) the Disposition of obsolete or worn out property in the ordinary course of business;
- (b) the sale of inventory in the ordinary course of business;
- (c) Dispositions expressly permitted by Section 6.3;
- (d) the sale or issuance of any Subsidiary's Equity Interests to the Borrower or any Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor; and
- (e) the Disposition of other property having a fair market value not to exceed \$5,000,000 in the aggregate for any fiscal year of the Borrower, or such greater amount as may be consented to by the Lender.
- 6.5 Restricted Payments. Declare or pay any dividend (other than dividends payable solely in common stock of the Person making such dividend) on, or make any payment on account of, or set apart assets for a sinking or other analogous fund for, the purchase, redemption, defeasance, retirement or other acquisition of, any Equity Interests of Holdings, the Borrower or any Subsidiary, whether now or hereafter outstanding, or make any other distribution in respect thereof, either directly or indirectly, whether in cash or property or in obligations of Holdings, the Borrower or any Subsidiary (collectively, "Restricted Payments"), except that:
  - (a) any Subsidiary may make Restricted Payments to the Borrower or any Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor; and
- (b) so long as no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing or would result therefrom, the Borrower may make distributions to Holdings for any purpose.
- 6.6 Investments. Make any advance, loan, extension of credit (by way of guaranty or otherwise) or capital contribution to, or purchase any Equity Interests, bonds, notes, debentures or other debt securities of, or any assets constituting a significant part of a business unit of, or make any other investment in, any Person (all of the foregoing, "Investments"), except:
  - (a) extensions of trade credit in the ordinary course of business;
  - (b) Investments in Cash Equivalents;
  - (c) Guarantee Obligations permitted by Section 6.1;
- (d) loans and advances to employees of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course of business (including for travel, entertainment and relocation expenses) in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 at any one time outstanding;

- (e) Investments by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in the Borrower or any Person that, prior to such Investment, is a Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor;
- (f) acquisitions by the Borrower or any Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor of operating assets (substantially all of which consist of cable systems), directly through an asset acquisition or indirectly through the acquisition of 100% of the Equity Interests of a Person substantially all of whose assets consist of cable systems, provided, that (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom and (ii) the aggregate Consideration (excluding Consideration paid with the proceeds of Paul Allen Contributions and Consideration consisting of operating assets transferred in connection with Exchanges) paid in connection with such acquisitions, shall not exceed \$300,000,000 during the term of this Agreement, or such greater amount as may be consented to by the Lender;
- (g) the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries may contribute cable systems to any Non-Recourse Subsidiary so long as (i) such Disposition is permitted pursuant to Section 6.4, (ii) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom, and (iii) the Equity Interests received by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in connection therewith shall be pledged as Collateral (either directly or through a holding company parent of such Non-Recourse Subsidiary so long as such parent is a Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor); and
- (h) in addition to Investments otherwise expressly permitted by this Section, Investments by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in an aggregate amount (valued at cost) not to exceed \$200,000,000 during the term of this Agreement, or such greater amount as may be consented to by the Lender.
  - 6.7 Certain Payments and Modifications Relating to Indebtedness and Management Fees.
- (a) Make or offer to make any payment, prepayment, repurchase or redemption in respect of, or otherwise optionally or voluntarily defease or segregate funds with respect to (collectively, "prepayment"), any Specified Long-Term Indebtedness, other than (i) the payment of scheduled interest payments required to be made in cash, (ii) the prepayment of Specified Subordinated Debt with the proceeds of other Specified Long-Term Indebtedness or of Loan and (iii) the prepayment of any such Indebtedness with the proceeds of other Specified Long-Term Indebtedness so long as such new Indebtedness has terms no less favorable to the interests of the Borrower and the Lender than those applicable to the Indebtedness being refinanced.
- (b) Amend, modify, waive or otherwise change, or consent or agree to any amendment, modification, waiver or other change to, any of the terms of the any Specified Long-Term Indebtedness, other than any such amendment, modification, waiver or other change that (i) (x) would extend the maturity or reduce the amount of any payment of principal thereof or reduce the rate or extend any date for payment of interest thereon or (y) is immaterial to the interests of the Lender and (ii) does not involve the payment of a consent fee.

- (c) Make, agree to make or expense any payment in respect of management fees, directly or indirectly, except that the Borrower may pay management fees pursuant to the Management Fee Agreement so long as (i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom, and (ii) the aggregate amount of such payments expensed during any fiscal year of the Borrower shall not exceed 3.50% of consolidated revenues of the Borrower and its consolidated Subsidiaries for such fiscal year.
- (d) Amend, modify, waive or otherwise change, or consent or agree to any amendment, modification, waiver or other change to, any of the terms of the Management Fee Agreement, other than any such amendment, modification, waiver or other change that (i) (x) would extend the due date or reduce the amount of any payment thereunder or (y) does not adversely affect the interests of the Lender and (ii) does not involve the payment of a consent fee.
- 6.8 Transactions with Affiliates. Enter into any transaction, including any purchase, sale, lease or exchange of property, the rendering of any service or the payment of any management, advisory or similar fees, with any Affiliate (other than the Borrower or any Wholly Owned Subsidiary Guarantor) unless such transaction is (a) not prohibited under this Agreement and (b) upon fair and reasonable terms no less favorable to the Borrower or such Subsidiary, as the case may be, than it would obtain in a comparable arm's length transaction with a Person that is not an Affiliate. The foregoing restrictions shall not apply to transactions expressly permitted by Section 6.5 or Section 6.7(c). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 6.8, so long as no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing or would result therefrom, the Borrower shall be permitted to pay (either directly or by way of a distribution to Holdings) amounts not in excess of 1.0% of the aggregate enterprise value of Investments permitted hereby to certain Affiliates of the Borrower.
- 6.9 Sales and Leasebacks. Enter into any arrangement with any Person (other than Subsidiaries of the Borrower) providing for the leasing by the Borrower or any Subsidiary of real or personal property that has been or is to be sold or transferred by the Borrower or such Subsidiary to such Person or to any other Person to whom funds have been or are to be advanced by such Person on the security of such property or rental obligations of the Borrower or such Subsidiary unless, after giving effect thereto, the aggregate outstanding amount of Attributable Debt, does not exceed such amount as may be determined by the Lender in its discretion.
- 6.10 Changes in Fiscal Periods. Permit the fiscal year of the Borrower to end on a day other than December 31 or change the Borrower's method of determining fiscal quarters.
- 6.11 Negative Pledge Clauses. Enter into or suffer to exist or become effective any agreement that prohibits or limits the ability of Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries to create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien upon any of its property or revenues, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, to secure its obligations under the Loan Documents to which it is a party (without regard to the amount of such obligations), other than (a) this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, (b) any agreements governing any purchase money Liens or Capital Lease Obligations otherwise permitted hereby (in which case, any prohibition or limitation shall only be effective against the assets financed thereby),

(c) pursuant to Contractual Obligations assumed in connection with Investments (but not created in contemplation thereof) so long as the maximum aggregate liabilities of Holdings and its Subsidiaries pursuant thereto do not exceed \$4,000,000 at any time, or such greater amount as may be consented by the Lender and (d) the indenture governing the CCV Notes (the "CCV Notes Indenture") and any other document governing Indebtedness permitted hereby so long as such restrictions are no more onerous than those contained in the CCV Notes Indenture.

6.12 Clauses Restricting Subsidiary Distributions. Enter into or suffer to exist or become effective any consensual encumbrance or restriction on the ability of any Subsidiary of the Borrower to (a) make Restricted Payments in respect of any Equity Interests of such Subsidiary held by, or pay any Indebtedness owed to, the Borrower or any other Subsidiary of the Borrower or any other Subsidiary of the Borrower or (c) transfer any of its assets to the Borrower or any other Subsidiary of the Borrower, except for such encumbrances or restrictions existing under or by reason of (i) any restrictions existing under the Loan Documents, (ii) any restrictions with respect to a Subsidiary imposed pursuant to an agreement that has been entered into in connection with the Disposition of all or substantially all of the Equity Interests or assets of such Subsidiary in a transaction otherwise permitted by this Agreement and (iii) any restrictions contained in the CCV Notes Indenture or any other document governing Indebtedness permitted hereby so long as such restrictions are no more onerous than those contained in the CCV Notes Indenture.

## 6.13 Lines of Business Holding Company Status.

- (a) Enter into any business, either directly or through any Subsidiary, except for (i) those businesses in which the Borrower and its Subsidiaries are significantly engaged on the date of this Agreement and (ii) businesses which are reasonably similar or related thereto or reasonable extensions thereof but not, in the case of this clause (ii), in the aggregate, material to the overall business of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries (collectively, "Permitted Lines of Business"), provided, that, in any event, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries will continue to be primarily engaged in the businesses in which they are primarily engaged on the date of this Agreement.
- (b) In the case of the Borrower, (i) conduct, transact or otherwise engage in, or commit to conduct, transact or otherwise engage in, any business or operations other than those incidental to its ownership of the Equity Interests in other Persons or (ii) own, lease, manage or otherwise operate any properties or assets other than Equity Interests in other Persons.

#### ARTICLE VII EVENTS OF DEFAULT

If any of the following events shall occur and be continuing:

(a) the Borrower shall fail to pay any principal of the Loan when due in accordance with the terms hereof; or the Borrower shall fail to pay any interest on the Loan, or any other amount payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document, within five days after any such interest or other amount becomes due in accordance with the terms hereof; or

- (b) any representation or warranty made or deemed made by any Loan Party herein or in any other Loan Document or that is contained in any certificate, document or financial or other statement furnished by it at any time under or in connection with this Agreement or any such other Loan Document shall prove to have been inaccurate in any material respect on or as of the date made or deemed made; or
- (c) any Loan Party shall default in the observance or performance of any agreement contained in clause (i) or (ii) of Section 5.4(a) (with respect to the Borrower only), Section 5.7(a) or Article VI of this Agreement; or
- (d) any Loan Party shall default in the observance or performance of any other agreement contained in this Agreement or any other Loan Document (other than as provided in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this Article), and such default shall continue unremedied for a period of 30 days after notice to the Borrower; or
- (e) Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall (i) default in making any payment of any principal of any Indebtedness on the scheduled or original due date with respect thereto; or (ii) default in making any payment of any interest on any such Indebtedness beyond the period of grace, if any, provided in the instrument or agreement under which such Indebtedness was created; or (iii) default in the observance or performance of any other agreement or condition relating to any such Indebtedness or contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing, securing or relating thereto, or any other event shall occur or condition exist, the effect of which default or other event or condition is to cause, or to permit the holder or beneficiary of such Indebtedness (or a trustee or agent on behalf of such holder or beneficiary) to cause, with the giving of notice if required, such Indebtedness to become due prior to its stated maturity or, in the case of any such Indebtedness constituting a Guarantee Obligation, to become payable; provided, that a default, event or condition described in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) of this paragraph (e) shall not at any time constitute an Event of Default unless, at such time, one or more defaults, events or conditions of the type described in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of this paragraph (e) shall have occurred and be continuing with respect to Indebtedness of Holdings, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries the outstanding principal amount of which exceeds in the aggregate \$25,000,000; or
- (f) (i) Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall commence any case, proceeding or other action (A) under any existing or future law of any jurisdiction, domestic or foreign, relating to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or relief of debtors, seeking to have an order for relief entered with respect to it, or seeking to adjudicate it a bankrupt or insolvent, or seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, winding-up, liquidation, dissolution, composition or other relief with respect to it or its debts, or (B) seeking appointment of a receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator or other similar official for it or for all or any substantial part of its assets, or Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall make a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or (ii) there shall be commenced against Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries any case, proceeding or other action of a nature referred to in clause (i) above that (A) results in the entry of an order for relief or any such adjudication or appointment or (B) remains undismissed, undischarged or unbonded for a period of 60 days; or (iii) there shall be commenced against Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries any case, proceeding

or other action seeking issuance of a warrant of attachment, execution, distraint or similar process against all or any substantial part of its assets that results in the entry of an order for any such relief that shall not have been vacated, discharged, or stayed or bonded pending appeal within 60 days from the entry thereof; or (iv) Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall take any action in furtherance of, or indicating its consent to, approval of, or acquiescence in, any of the acts set forth in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) above; or (v) Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall generally not, or shall be unable to, or shall admit in writing its inability to, pay its debts as they become due; or

- (g) (i) Commonly Controlled Entities shall fail to pay when due amounts (other than amounts being contested in good faith through appropriate proceedings) for which they shall have become liable under Title IV of ERISA to pay to the PBGC or to a Plan, (ii) the PBGC shall institute proceedings under Title IV of ERISA to terminate or to cause a trustee to be appointed to administer any Plan or a proceeding shall be instituted by a fiduciary of any Plan against any Commonly Controlled Entity to enforce Sections 515 or 4219(c)(5) of ERISA and such proceeding shall not have been dismissed within 30 days thereafter, or (iii) a condition shall exist which would require the PBGC to obtain a decree adjudicating that any Plan must be terminated; and in each case in clauses (i) through (iii) above, such event or condition, together with all other such events or conditions, if any, could, in the sole judgment of the Lender, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect; or
- (h) one or more judgments or decrees shall be entered against Holdings, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries involving in the aggregate for all such Persons a liability (to the extent not paid or fully covered by insurance as to which the relevant insurance company has acknowledged coverage) of \$25,000,000 or more, and all such judgments or decrees shall not have been vacated, discharged, stayed or bonded pending appeal within 30 days from the entry thereof; or
- (i) the Reaffirmed Guarantee and Collateral Agreement shall cease, for any reason (other than the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Administrative Agent), to be in full force and effect, or any Loan Party or any Affiliate of any Loan Party shall so assert, or any Lien created by the Reaffirmed Guarantee and Collateral Agreement shall cease to be enforceable and of the same effect and priority purported to be created, thereby (other than in connection with releases in accordance with Section 9.13);
- (j) the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries shall have received a notice of termination or suspension with respect to any of its CATV Franchises or CATV Systems from the FCC or any Governmental Authority or other franchising authority or the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or the grantors of any CATV Franchises or CATV Systems shall fail to renew such CATV Franchises or CATV Systems at the stated expiration thereof unless such termination or suspension or failure to renew is not reasonably expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect;
  - (k) an Event of Default under and as defined in the CCO Credit Agreement shall have occurred and be continuing;

then, and in any such event, (A) if such event is an Event of Default specified in clause (i) or (ii) of paragraph (f) above with respect to the Borrower, automatically the Loan hereunder (with accrued interest thereon) and all other amounts owing under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall immediately become due and payable, and (B) if such event is any other Event of Default, the Lender may, by notice to the Borrower declare the Loan hereunder (with accrued interest thereon) and all other amounts owing under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to be due and payable forthwith, whereupon the same shall immediately become due and payable. Except as expressly provided above in this Section, presentment, demand, protest and all other notices of any kind are hereby expressly waived by the Borrower.

## ARTICLE VIII THE AGENT

8.1 Delegation of Duties. The Administrative Agent may execute any of its duties under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents by or through agents or attorneys-in-fact and shall be entitled to advice of counsel concerning all matters pertaining to such duties. The Administrative Agent shall not be responsible for the negligence or misconduct of any agents or attorneys-in-fact selected by it with reasonable care.

#### ARTICLE IX MISCELLANEOUS

- 9.1 Amendments and Waivers. Neither this Agreement, any other Loan Document, nor any terms hereof or thereof may be amended, supplemented or modified except in accordance with the provisions of this Section 9.1. The Lender and each Loan Party to the relevant Loan Document may from time to time, (a) enter into written amendments, supplements or modifications hereto and to the other Loan Documents for the purpose of adding any provisions to this Agreement or the other Loan Documents or changing in any manner the rights of the Lender or of the Loan Parties hereunder or thereunder or (b) waive, on such terms and conditions as the Lender may specify in such instrument, any of the requirements of this Agreement or the other Loan Documents or any Default or Event of Default and its consequences
- 9.2 Notices. All notices, requests and demands to or upon the respective parties hereto to be effective shall be in writing (including by telecopy), and, unless otherwise expressly provided herein, shall be deemed to have been duly given or made when delivered, or three Business Days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, or, in the case of telecopy notice, when received, addressed as follows in the case of Holdings, the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Lender, or to such other address as may be hereafter notified by the respective parties hereto:

Any Loan Party:

c/o CC VIII Operating, LLC 12405 Powerscourt Drive St. Louis, Missouri 63131 Attention: Eloise E. Schmitz Telecopy: (314) 965-6492 Telephone: (314) 543-2474

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The Administrative Agent/Lender:

c/o Charter Communications Operating, LLC 12405 Powerscourt Drive St. Louise, Missouri 63131 Attention: Eloise E. Schmitz

Telecopy: (314) 965-6492 Telephone: (314) 543-2474

provided that any notice, request or demand to or upon the Administrative Agent or the Lender shall not be effective until received.

9.3 No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies. No failure to exercise and no delay in exercising, on the part of the Lender, any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder or under the other Loan Documents shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege. The rights, remedies, powers and privileges herein provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights, remedies, powers and privileges provided by law.

9.4 Survival of Representations and Warranties. All representations and warranties made hereunder, in the other Loan Documents and in any document, certificate or statement delivered pursuant hereto or in connection herewith shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the extensions of credit hereunder.

9.5 Payment of Expenses and Taxes. The Borrower agrees (a) to pay or reimburse the Administrative Agent for all its reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred in connection with the development, preparation and execution of, and any amendment, supplement or modification to, this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and any other documents prepared in connection herewith or therewith, and the consummation and administration of the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, including the reasonable fees and disbursements of one firm of counsel to the Administrative Agent and filing and recording fees and expenses and from time to time thereafter on a quarterly basis or such other periodic basis as the Administrative Agent shall deem appropriate, (b) to pay or reimburse the Lender for all its costs and expenses incurred in connection with the enforcement or preservation of any rights under this Agreement, the other Loan Documents and any such other documents, including the fees and disbursements of one firm of counsel selected by the Administrative Agent, (c) to pay, indemnify, and hold the Lender harmless from, any and all recording and filing fees and any and all liabilities with respect to, or resulting from any delay in paying, stamp, excise and other taxes, if any, that may be payable or determined to be payable in connection with the execution and delivery of, or consummation or administration of any of the transactions contemplated by, or any amendment, supplement or modification of, or any waiver or consent under or in respect of, this Agreement, the other Loan Documents and any such other documents, and (d) to pay, indemnify, and hold the Lender, its affiliates and its officers, directors, trustees, employees, agents and controlling persons (each, an "Indemnitee") harmless from and against any and all other liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind or nature whatsoever with respect to the execution, delivery

foregoing relating to the use of proceeds of the Loan or the violation of, noncompliance with or liability under, any Environmental Law applicable to the operations of Holdings, the Borrower, any of its Subsidiaries or any of the Properties and the reasonable fees and expenses of legal counsel in connection with claims actions or proceedings by any Indemnitee against any Loan Party under any Loan Document (all the foregoing in this clause (d), collectively, the "Indemnified Liabilities"), provided, that the Borrower shall have no obligation hereunder to any Indemnitee with respect to Indemnified Liabilities to the extent such Indemnified Liabilities are found by a final and nonappealable decision of a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee. Without limiting the foregoing, and to the extent permitted by applicable law, the Borrower agrees not to assert and to cause its Subsidiaries not to assert, and hereby waives and agrees to cause its Subsidiaries to so waive, all rights for contribution or any other rights of recovery with respect to all claims, demands, penalties, fines, liabilities, settlements, damages, costs and expenses of whatever kind or nature, under or related to Environmental Laws, that any of them might have by statute or otherwise against any Indemnitee. All amounts due under this Section 9.5 shall be payable not later than 15 days after written demand therefor. Statements payable by the Borrower pursuant to this Section 9.5 shall be submitted to Eloise E. Schmitz (Telephone No. (314) 965-6492) (Telecopy No. (314) 543-2474), at the address of the Borrower set forth in Section 9.2, or to such other Person or address as may be hereafter designated by the Borrower in a written notice to the Administrative Agent. The agreements in this Section 9.5 shall survive repayment of the Loan and all other amounts payable hereunder.

9.6 Successors and Assigns, Participations and Assignments. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of Holdings, the Borrower, the Lender, all future holders of the Loan and their respective successors (which shall include, in the case of the Lender, any entity resulting from a merger or consolidation) and assigns, except that the Borrower may not assign or transfer any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Lender.

- 9.7 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed by one or more of the parties to this Agreement on any number of separate counterparts, and all of said counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed signature page of this Agreement by facsimile transmission shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart hereof. A set of the copies of this Agreement signed by all the parties shall be lodged with the Borrower and the Lender.
- 9.8 Severability. Any provision of this Agreement that is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.
- 9.9 Integration. This Agreement and the other Loan Documents represent the agreement of Holdings, the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Lender with respect to the subject matter hereof, and there are no promises, undertakings, representations or warranties by the Lender relative to subject matter hereof not expressly set forth or referred to herein or in the other Loan Documents.

# 9.10 GOVERNING LAW. THIS AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED AND INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

- 9.11 Submission To Jurisdiction; Waivers. Each of Holdings and the Borrower hereby irrevocably and unconditionally:
- (a) submits for itself and its property in any legal action or proceeding relating to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents to which it is a party, or for recognition and enforcement of any judgment in respect thereof, to the non-exclusive general jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New York, the courts of the United States for the Southern District of New York, and appellate courts from any thereof;
- (b) consents that any such action or proceeding may be brought in such courts and waives any objection that it may now or hereafter have to the venue of any such action or proceeding in any such court or that such action or proceeding was brought in an inconvenient court and agrees not to plead or claim the same;
- (c) agrees that service of process in any such action or proceeding may be effected by mailing a copy thereof by registered or certified mail (or any substantially similar form of mail), postage prepaid, to Holdings or the Borrower, as the case may be at its address set forth in Section 9.2 or at such other address of which the Administrative Agent shall have been notified pursuant thereto;
- (d) agrees that nothing herein shall affect the right to effect service of process in any other manner permitted by law or shall limit the right to sue in any other jurisdiction; and
- (e) waives, to the maximum extent not prohibited by law any right it may have to claim or recover in any legal action or proceeding referred to in this Section any special, exemplary, punitive or consequential damages.
  - 9.12 Acknowledgments. Each of Holdings and the Borrower hereby acknowledges that:
    - (a) it has been advised by counsel in the negotiation, execution and delivery of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents;
- (b) the Lender has no fiduciary relationship with or duty to Holdings or the Borrower arising out of or in connection with this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents, and the relationship between the Lender, on one hand, and Holdings and the Borrower, on the other hand, in connection herewith or therewith is solely that of debtor and creditor; and
- (c) no joint venture is created hereby or by the other Loan Documents or otherwise exists by virtue of the transactions contemplated hereby among Holdings, the Borrower and the Lender.

9.13 Releases of Guarantees and Liens. At such time as the Loan and the other obligations under the Loan Documents shall have been paid in full, the Collateral shall be released from the Liens created by the Reaffirmed Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, and the Reaffirmed Guarantee and Collateral Agreement and all obligations (other than those expressly stated to survive such termination) of the Lender and each Loan Party under the Reaffirmed Guarantee and Collateral Agreement shall terminate, all without delivery of any instrument or performance of any act by any Person.

9.14 WAIVERS OF JURY TRIAL. HOLDINGS, THE BORROWER AND THE LENDER HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVE TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT AND FOR ANY COUNTERCLAIM THEREIN.

9.15 CCO Guarantee and Collateral Agreement. Each party hereto acknowledges that all right, title and interest of the Administrative Agent and the Lender in respect of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents constitute Collateral under and as defined in the CCO Guarantee and Collateral Agreement (as defined in the CCO Credit Agreement), and accordingly this Agreement and the other Loan Documents are subject to the rights and remedies of JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Administrative Agent under the CCO Guarantee and Collateral Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, each party hereto acknowledges that, as provided in Section 7.9 of the CCO Guarantee and Collateral Agreement, JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Administrative Agent thereunder, shall under the circumstances specified in said Section 7.9 have the right to exercise the rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent and/or the Lender under this Agreement and the Reaffirmed Guarantee and Collateral Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered by their proper and duly authorized officers as of the day and year first above written.

CC VIII HOLDINGS, LLC CC VIII OPERATING, LLC

By: /s/ Eloise E. Schmitz

Name: Eloise E. Schmitz

Title: Vice President

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS OPERATING, LLC, as

Lender

By: /s/ Eloise E. Schmitz

Name: Eloise E. Schmitz

Title: Vice President

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS OPERATING, LLC, as

Administrative Agent

By: /s/ Eloise E. Schmitz

Name: Eloise E. Schmitz

Title: Vice President

- I, Carl E. Vogel, certify that:
- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of CC V Holdings, LLC and CC V Holdings Finance, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrants as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrants' other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrants and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrants, including their consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) [Reserved];
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrants' disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrants' internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrants' most recent fiscal quarter (the registrants' fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrants' internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrants' other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrants' auditors and the audit committee of the registrants' board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrants' ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrants' internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 17, 2004 /s/ Carl E. Vogel

Carl E. Vogel Chief Executive Officer

- I, Michael P. Huseby, certify that:
- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of CC V Holdings, LLC and CC V Holdings Finance, Inc.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrants as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrants' other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrants and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrants, including their consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) [Reserved];
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrants' disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrants' internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrants' most recent fiscal quarter (the registrants' fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrants' internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrants' other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrants' auditors and the audit committee of the registrants' board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrants' ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrants' internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 17, 2004

/s/ Michael P. Huseby

Michael P. Huseby
Chief Financial Officer

## CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

# OFFICER REGARDING PERIODIC REPORT CONTAINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

I, Carl E. Vogel, the Chief Executive Officer of CC V Holdings, LLC and CC V Holdings Finance, Inc. (collectively, the "Company") in compliance with 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, hereby certify that, the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 2004 (the "Report") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission:

- fully complies with the requirements of Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Carl E. Vogel

Carl E. Vogel Chief Executive Officer May 17, 2004

# CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REGARDING PERIODIC REPORT CONTAINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

I, Michael P. Huseby, the Chief Financial Officer of CC V Holdings, LLC and CC V Holdings Finance, Inc. (collectively, the "Company") in compliance with 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, hereby certify that, the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 2004 (the "Report") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission:

- fully complies with the requirements of Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Michael P. Huseby

Michael P. Huseby Chief Financial Officer May 17, 2004