# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

## **Current Report**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 27, 2010



## **Charter Communications, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

## **Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

001-3366443-1857213(Commission File Number)(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

# 12405 Powerscourt Drive St. Louis, Missouri 63131

(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

## (314) 965-0555

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

# Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

## Item 5.02. Departure of Directors; Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

## Craig A. Jacobson

On July 27, 2010, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Charter Communications, Inc. (the "Company") elected Craig A. Jacobson as a member of the Board of the Company. The Board also elected Mr. Jacobson to the Company's Audit Committee. This election fills the remaining vacancy on the Board and brings the total number of directors to eleven. The press release announcing Mr. Jacobson's election is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

# Gregory L. Doody

As of July 27, 2010, Gregory L. Doody, the Company's Executive Vice President and General Counsel entered into an employment agreement with the Company. The following is a brief summary of the agreement. For the complete agreement, see exhibit 10.1, attached hereto. The agreement provides that Mr. Doody shall be employed in an executive capacity as Executive Vice President and General Counsel with such responsibilities, duties and authority as are customary for such role, including, but not limited to, overall management responsibility for the Company's legal affairs including the Company's legal department, at a salary of \$500,000, to be reviewed on an annual basis. He is eligible to participate in the incentive bonus plan with a target bonus of 75% of base salary. He is also eligible to receive such other employee benefits as are generally made available to other senior executives. Mr. Doody's Agreement contains a two-year non-compete provision and a two year non-solicitation clause. The term of the agreement is two years from the effective date of the agreement.

#### Kevin D. Howard

Effective August 1, 2010, the Board elected Kevin D. Howard as Senior Vice President-Finance, Interim Chief Financial Officer, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer. Prior to his election, Mr. Howard was Senior Vice President-Finance, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer. Mr. Howard was promoted to his current position in December 2009, previously serving as Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer since April 2006. Prior to that, he served as Vice President of Finance from April 2003 until April 2006 and as Director of Financial Reporting since joining Charter in April 2002. Mr. Howard began his career at Arthur Andersen LLP in 1993 where he held a number of positions in the audit division prior to leaving in April 2002. #160; Mr. Howard received a bachelor's degree in finance and economics from the University of Missouri-Columbia and is a certified public accountant and certified managerial accountant.

Mr. Howard has previously entered into an amended and restated employment agreement as of March 1, 2010. The following is a brief summary of the agreement. For the complete agreement, see exhibit 10.2, attached hereto. The agreement provides that Mr. Howard shall be employed in an executive capacity as Senior Vice President-Finance, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer, at a current salary of \$305,000 with such responsibilities, duties and authority as are customary for such role, including, but not limited to, overall management responsibility for the Company's financial reporting and accounting. He is eligible to participate in the incentive bonus plan with a target bonus of 65% of base salary. He is also eligible to rec eive such other employee benefits as are generally made available to other senior executives. The agreement contains a two-year non-compete provision and a two year non-solicitation clause. The term of the agreement is two years from the effective date of the agreement, and will automatically renew at the end of the term and on each anniversary thereof, for one year, unless terminated earlier by either party upon 90 days written notice. Upon his election as Interim Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Howard's salary and target bonus have been increased to \$449,000 and 75% of salary, respectively, for the period of time he is serving in that position.

## Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On July 27, 2010, the Company's Board approved, subject to adoption by its stockholders, the amendment and restatement of the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (as amended and restated, the "New Certificate of Incorporation"). On July 28, 2010, the Company's stockholders adopted the New Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to written consent in lieu of a meeting of stockholders, and the New Certificate of Incorporation became effective as of July 29, 2010, upon the filing of the New Certificate of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of Delaware.

The prior Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the "Prior Certificate of Incorporation") provided that the Company's Board could impose restrictions on the trading of the Company's stock if (i) the Company experienced an "owner shift" as determined for purposes of Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, of at least 25 percentage points and (ii) the equity value of the Company decreased by at least 35% (the "Trigger Price") from the equity value of the Company as determined and approved in connection with the joint plan of reorganization filed by the Company, Charter Investment, Inc. and certain of the Company's direct and indirect subsidiaries (the "Plan Value"). These restrictions, which were adopted to seek to assist the preservation of the Company's ability to use its net operating losses, or NOLs, may prohibit any person from acquiring stock of the Company if such person is a "5% shareholder" or would become a "5% shareholder" (as defined under Section 382) as a result of such acquisition. The New Certificate of Incorporation contains these same trading restrictions, but amends the Trigger Price so that it is equal to \$3.2 billion, which is approximately 80% of the Company's overall market equity capitalization on the date of the Company's emergence from bankruptcy. The Company's Board determined that this amendment would permit the Company to more adequately protect its NOLs, principally because of the significant difference between (i) the Plan Value (which value was used to determine the Trigger Price under the Prior Certificate of Incorporation) and (ii) the Company's overall market equity capitalization, or trading value, at the time of the Company's emergence from bankruptcy (which value has been used to determine the Trigger Price under the New Certificate of Incorporation).

The New Certificate of Incorporation also includes a provision that requires the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware to be the sole and exclusive forum for certain intracompany disputes, including derivate actions brought on behalf of the Company; actions related to breach of fiduciary duties by any officer, director or shareholder; actions arising out of the Delaware General Corporation Law or the New Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws; and actions asserting a claim governed by the internal affairs doctrine.

In addition, the New Certificate of Incorporation reflects certain clean-up changes, including the removal of the exhibit containing the terms of the Series A 15% Pay-in-Kind Preferred Stock (as previously disclosed, all outstanding shares of such preferred stock were redeemed by the Company on April 16, 2010, and have been retired by the Board), the removal of references to certain membership interests that have been exchanged and are no longer applicable to the Company's New Certificate of Incorporation and the removal of the reference to the Lock-Up Agreement, dated as of December 30, 2009, by and between Paul G. Allen, Charter Investment, Inc. and the Company, which agreement terminated when the change of control provisions in the Charter Communications Operating, LLC credit facil ity were substantially modified on March 31, 2010.

The description above is qualified in its entirety by the New Certificate of Incorporation, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 3.1 hereto and is hereby incorporated by reference.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit	
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3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Charter Communications, Inc.*
10.1	Employment Agreement of Gregory L. Doody*
10.2	Amended and Restated Employment Agreement of Kevin D. Howard*
99.1	Press Release announcing election of new Director*

\* filed herewith

# **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Charter Communications, Inc. has duly caused this Current Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

C H A R T E R

Registrant

Dated: August 2, 2010

By:/s/ Kevin D. Howard Name: Kevin D. Howard

Title: Interim Chief Financial Officer, Senior Vice President - Finance, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

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# AMENDED AND RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

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#### CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

The undersigned, Richard R. Dykhouse, certifies that he is the Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Charter Communications, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Corporation"), and does hereby further certify as follows:

- (1) The name of the Corporation is Charter Communications, Inc. The original Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation and an Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on July 22, 1999, and November 30, 2009, respectively.
- (2) This Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation amends and, as amended, restates in its entirety the Certificate of Incorporation and has been duly made, executed and acknowledged by the officers of the Corporation in accordance with Sections 242 and 245 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.
  - (3) The text of the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation is hereby amended and restated to read in its entirety as follows:

## FIRST: NAME

The name of the corporation is Charter Communications, Inc. (the "Corporation").

#### SECOND: REGISTERED OFFICE

The registered office of the Corporation is located at 2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400, City of Wilmington, New Castle County, State of Delaware. The name of its registered agent at such address is Corporation Service Company.

## THIRD: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a corporation may be organized under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware as set forth in Title 8 of the Delaware Code (the "GCL").

## FOURTH: CAPITAL STOCK

- (a) AUTHORIZED CAPITAL STOCK.
- (i) The total number of shares of stock that the Corporation shall have authority to issue is 1,175,000,000 shares, consisting of: (1) 900,000,000 shares of Class A

Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share ("Class A Common Stock"); (2) 25,000,000 shares of Class B Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share ("Class B Common Stock"); and (3) 250,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, par value \$.001 per share ("Preferred Stock"), issuable in one or more series as hereinafter provided. Except as otherwise provided in this Certificate of Incorporation, Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock shall be identical in all respects and shall have equal rights and privileges. Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock are herein sometimes collectively or individually referred to as the "Common Stock."

- (ii) The number of authorized shares of Class A Common Stock or Preferred Stock may be increased or decreased (but the number of authorized shares of Class A Common Stock may not be decreased below (1) the number of shares thereof then outstanding plus (2) the number of shares of Class A Common Stock issuable upon the conversion of Class B Common Stock and the exercise of outstanding options, warrants, exchange rights, conversion rights or similar rights for Class A Common Stock, and the number of authorized shares of Preferred Stock may not be decreased below the number of shares thereof then outstanding) by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the voting power of the Common Stock together with any other class of cap ital stock of the Corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors irrespective of the provisions of Section 242(b)(2) of the GCL or any corresponding provision hereinafter enacted.
- (iii) The Corporation shall at all times reserve and keep available out of its authorized but unissued shares of Class A Common Stock, solely for the purposes of issuance upon conversion of the outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock, such number of shares of Class A Common Stock that shall be issuable upon the conversion of all such outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock; provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall be construed to preclude the Corporation from satisfying its obligations in respect of the conversion of the outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock by delivery of shares of Class A Common Stock which are held in the treasury of the Corporation. All shares of Class A Common Stock issued upon conversion of shares of Class B Common Stock shall, upon issue, be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.
- (b) COMMON STOCK VOTING RIGHTS AND DIRECTORS; DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS; SPLITS; OPTIONS; MERGERS; LIQUIDATION; PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS; CONVERSION.
  - (i) Common Stock Voting Rights and Directors.
    - (A) The holders of shares of Common Stock shall have the following voting rights and powers:
  - (1) Each holder of Class A Common Stock shall be entitled, with respect to each share of Class A Common Stock held by such holder on the applicable record date, to one (1) vote in person or by proxy on all matters submitted to a vote of the holders of Class A Common Stock, whether voting separately as a class or otherwise; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the votes attribut able to each share of Class A Common Stock held by any holder (other than an Authorized Class B Holder, as defined in Clause

(b)(viii)(B) of this Article FOURTH) shall be automatically reduced pro rata amongst all shares of Class A Common Stock held by such holder and (if applicable) shares of Class A Common Stock held by any other holder (other than an Authorized Class B Holder) included in any "person" or "group" (as such terms are used in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) with such holder, so that no "person" or "group" (other than an Authorized Class B Holder) is or becomes the holder or "beneficial owner" (as such term is used in Rule 13d-3 and Rule 13d-5 under the Exchange Act, except that in calculating the beneficial ownership of any particular "person" (as such term is used in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act) such "person" shall be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all securities that such "person" has the right to acquire, whether such right is currently exercisable or is exercisable only upon the occurrence of a subsequent condition), directly or indirectly, of more than 34.9% of the combined voting power of the capital stock of the Corporation; provided, further that (i) a majority of the Disinterested Board Members shall have the authority (x) to determine the application of the immediately preceding proviso and make any necessary adjustments to the number of votes attributable to each share of Class A Common Stock pursuant to such proviso, which determination and/or adjustment if made in good faith shall be conclusive and binding on the Corporation and its stockholders, and (y) to waive such proviso with respect to any "person" or "group" (a "Relevant Interested Stockholder") and (ii) in no event shall such proviso continue to be applicable from and after September 15, 2014; provided, further that for purposes of clause (i)(y) of the immediately preceding proviso, reference to an "Interested Stockholder" in the definition of Disinterested Board Members shall instead be deemed to refer to the "Relevant Interested Stockholder" to whom such waiver would

(2) Each holder of Class B Common Stock shall be entitled, with respect to each share of Class B Common Stock held by such holder on the applicable record date, to a number of votes per share in person or by proxy on all matters submitted to a vote of the holders of Class B Common Stock, whether voting separately as a class or otherwise, such that shares of Class B Common Stock, in the aggregate, constitute at all times during which shares of Class B Common Stock are outstanding 35% (determined on a fully diluted basis) of the combined voting power of the capital stock of the Corporation. For purposes of this clause (2), any determination "on a fully diluted basis" shall be determined in the same manner as under the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of March 18, 1999, as amended and restated on March 6, 2007, among Charter Communications Operating, LLC, CCO Holdings, LLC, the several banks and other financial institutions or entities from time to time parties thereto, J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent, J.P. Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. and Bank of America, N.A., as syndication agents, Citicorp North America, Inc., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., General Electric Capital Corporation and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, as revolving facility co-documentation agents, and Citicorp North America, Inc., Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, General Electric Capital Corporation and Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., as term facility co-documentation agents, as the same may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time.

- (B) The number of directors which shall constitute the whole Board of Directors shall be fixed by, or in the manner provided in, the Bylaws of the Corporation.
  - (1) In all elections of directors, the holders of Class B Common Stock voting together as a separate class shall be entitled to elect thirty five percent (35%) of the members of the Board of Directors (rounded up to the next whole number).
  - (2) The holders of Class A Common Stock voting together as a separate class (or if any holders of shares of Preferred Stock are entitled to vote thereon together with the holders of Class A Common Stock, as one class with such holders of shares of Preferred Stock), shall be entitled to elect each other member of the Board of Directors not elected by holders of Class B Common Stock pursuant to Clause (b)(i)(B)(1) of this Article FOURTH (and except for any member of the Board of Directors elected separately by the holders of one or more s eries of Preferred Stock); provided, however, that at such time as all outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock have been converted into shares of Class A Common Stock in accordance with Clause (b)(viii) of this Article FOURTH, the holders of Class A Common Stock (or if any holders of shares of Preferred Stock are entitled to vote thereon together with the holders of Class A Common Stock, as one class with such holders of shares of Preferred Stock) shall be entitled to elect all members of the Board of Directors (other than any member of the Board of Directors elected separately by the holders of one or more series of Preferred Stock).
  - (3) Any vacancies on the Board of Directors resulting from death, resignation, disqualification, removal or other cause of a member of the Board of Directors elected by the holders of Class A Common Stock voting separately as a class (or if any holders of Preferred Stock are entitled to vote thereon together with the holders of Class A Common Stock, as one class with such holders of Preferred Stock) or, if prior to the Company's first annual meeting of stockholders after the Effective Date, appointed by a holder of Class A Common Stock pursuant to the Joint Plan, shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining director or directors so elected or so appointed by the holders of Class A Common Stock, even if less than a quorum, or if there are no such directors or such directors fail to fill such vacancies within thirty (30) days, by the vote of the holders of Class A Common Stock, voting separately as a class (or if any holders of Preferred Stock are entitled to vote thereon together with the holders of Class A Common Stock, as one class with such holders of Preferred Stock). Any vacancies on the Board of Directors resulting from death, resignation, disqualification, removal or other cause of a member of the Board of Directors elected by the holders of Class B Common Stock voting separately as a class or, if prior to the Company's first annual meeting of stockholders after the Effective Date, appointed by the holders of Class B Common Stock pursuant to the Joint Plan, shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining director or directors so elected or so appointed by the holders of Class B Common Stock, even if less than a quorum, or if there are no such directors or such directors fail to fill such vacancies within thirty (30) days, by the vote of the holders of Class B Common Stock voting separately as a class; provided, however, that at such time as all outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock have been converted into shares of Class A Common Stock in accordance with Clause (b)(viii) of this Article FOURT

filled by majority vote of the remaining directors then in office, although less than a quorum, or by a sole remaining director, or if there are no such directors or such directors fail to fill such vacancies within thirty (30) days, by the holders of Class A Common Stock (or if any holders of shares of Preferred Stock are entitled to vote thereon together with the holders of Class A Common Stock, together as one class with such holders of Preferred Stock). The foregoing provisions of this Clause (b)(i)(B)(3) of this Article FOURTH shall not apply to any members of the Board of Directors elected by one or more series of Preferred Stock voting as a separate class. "Joint Plan" shall mean the joint plan of reorganization filed by the Corporation, Charter Investment, Inc. and certain of the Corporation&# 8217;s direct and indirect subsidiaries, which Joint Plan, pursuant to chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), was confirmed by an order, entered November 17, 2009, of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, a court having jurisdiction of a proceeding under the Bankruptcy Code.

- (4) If the number of directors to be appointed to the initial Board of Directors pursuant to Article VI.N. of the Joint Plan yields less than eleven (11) individuals, the remaining directors on the initial Board of Directors (the "Gap Directors") shall be filled on or after the 31st day after the Effective Date by majority vote of the entire Board of Directors. If, prior to the Company's first annual meeting of stockholders after the Effective Date, there are any vacancies on the Board of Directors resulting from death, resignation, disqualification, removal or other cause of a Gap Director, such vacancies shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining members of the entire Board of Directors.
- (C) Except as otherwise required by applicable law, and Clauses (b)(i)(A) and (b)(i)(E) of this Article FOURTH notwithstanding, the Corporation shall not, without the prior affirmative vote of holders of at least a majority of the voting power of the outstanding Class B Common Stock voting as a separate class, amend, modify or repeal, or agree to amend, modify or repeal, in each case including by merger, consolidation or otherwise, Clauses (a)(i), (a)(ii), (b)(i)(A), (b)(i)(B)(3), this (b)(i)(C), (b)(i)(D), (b)(ii), (b)(ii), (b)(v), (b)(v) or (b)(viii) of this Article FOURTH, Clause (a) or (b) of Article FIFTH, Article SIXTH, Article EIGHTH, Article NINTH or Article TENTH.
- (D) Except as otherwise required by applicable law, and Clauses (b)(i)(A) and (b)(i)(E) of this Article FOURTH notwithstanding, the Corporation shall not, without the prior affirmative vote of holders of at least a majority of the voting power of the outstanding Class A Common Stock voting as a separate class, amend, modify or repeal, or agree to amend, modify or repeal, in each case including by merger, consolidation or otherwise, Clauses (a)(i), (a)(ii), (b)(i) (A), (b)(i)(B), (b)(i)(C), this (b)(i)(D), (b)(iii), (b)(iii), (b)(vi) or (b)(viii) of this Article FOURTH, Clause (a) or (c) of Article FIFTH, Article SIXTH, Article EIGHTH, Article NINTH or Article TENTH.
- (E) Except as otherwise provided in this Certificate of Incorporation (including without limitation Clauses (b)(i)(B), (b)(i)(C) and (b)(i) of this Article FOURTH, Article FIFTH and Article EIGHTH of this Certificate of Incorporation) or required by applicable law, the holders of shares of Common Stock shall vote together as one class on all

matters submitted to a vote of stockholders of the Corporation (or if any holders of shares of any series of Preferred Stock are entitled to vote together with the holders of Common Stock, as one class with such holders of such series of Preferred Stock).

### (ii) Dividends and Distributions.

- (A) Subject to the preferences applicable to any series of Preferred Stock outstanding at any time, the holders of shares of Common Stock shall be entitled to receive such dividends and other distributions in cash, property or shares of stock of the Corporation as may be declared thereon by the Board of Directors from time to time out of assets or funds of the Corporation legally available therefor; <u>provided, however</u>, that, subject to the provisions of this Clause (b)(ii) of this Article FOURTH, the Corporation shall not pay dividends or make distributions to any holders of any class of Common Stock unless simultaneously with such dividend or distribution, as the case may be, the Corporation makes the same dividend or distribution with respect to each outstanding share of Common Stock regardless of class.
- (B) In the case of dividends or other distributions on Common Stock payable in Class A Common Stock or Class B Common Stock, including without limitation distributions pursuant to stock splits or divisions of Class A Common Stock or Class B Common Stock, only shares of Class A Common Stock shall be distributed with respect to Class A Common Stock and only shares of Class B Common Stock shall be distributed with respect to Class B Common Stock. In the case of any such dividend or distribution payable in shares of Class A Common Stock or Class B Common Stock, each class of Common Stock shall receive a dividend or distribution in shares of its class of Common Stock and the number of shares of each class of Common Stock payable per share of such class of Common Stock shall be equal in number.

## (iii) Stock Splits.

The Corporation shall not in any manner subdivide (by any stock split, stock dividend, reclassification, recapitalization or otherwise) or combine (by reverse stock split, reclassification, recapitalization or otherwise) the outstanding shares of one class of Common Stock unless the outstanding shares of all classes of Common Stock shall be proportionately subdivided or combined.

## (iv) Options, Rights or Warrants.

The Corporation shall have the power to create and issue, whether or not in connection with the issue and sale of any shares of stock or other securities of the Corporation, options, exchange rights, warrants, convertible rights, and similar rights permitting the holders thereof to purchase from the Corporation any shares of its capital stock of any class or classes at the time authorized, such options, exchange rights, warrants, convertible rights and similar rights to have such terms and conditions, and to be evidenced by or in such instrument or instruments, consistent with the terms and provisions of this Certificate of Incorporation and as shall be approved by the Board of Directors.

## (v) Mergers, Consolidation, Etc.

In the event that the Corporation shall enter into any consolidation, merger, combination or other transaction in which shares of Common Stock are exchanged for or converted into other stock or securities, cash and/or any other property, then, and in such event, the shares of each class of Common Stock shall be exchanged for or converted into the same kind and amount of stock, securities, cash and/or any other property, as the case may be, into which or for which each share of any other class of Common Stock is exchanged or converted; provided, however, that if shares of Common Stock are exchanged for or converted into shares of capital stock, such shares received upon such exchange or conversion may differ, b ut only in a manner substantially similar to the manner in which Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock differ, and, in any event, and without limitation, the conversion rights and obligations of the holders of Class B Common Stock and the other relative rights and treatment accorded to the Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock in this Clause (b) of this Article FOURTH shall be preserved. To the fullest extent permitted by law, any construction, calculation or interpretation made by the Board of Directors in determining the application of the provisions of this Clause (b)(v) of this Article FOURTH in good faith shall be conclusive and binding on the Corporation and its stockholders.

### (vi) Liquidation Rights.

In the event of any dissolution, liquidation or winding-up of the affairs of the Corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, after payment or provision for payment of the debts and other liabilities of the Corporation and after making provision for the holders of any series of Preferred Stock entitled thereto, the remaining assets and funds of the Corporation, if any, shall be divided among and paid ratably to the holders of the shares of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock treated as a single class.

#### (vii) No Preemptive Rights.

The holders of shares of Common Stock are not entitled to any preemptive right to subscribe for, purchase or receive any part of any new or additional issue of stock of any class, whether now or hereafter authorized, or of bonds, debentures or other securities convertible into or exchangeable for stock.

- (viii) Conversion of Class B Common Stock.
- (A) Each holder of a share of Class B Common Stock shall have the right to convert such share into one (1) fully paid and non-assessable share of Class A Common Stock, at any time and from time to time.
- (B) Shares of Class B Common Stock shall at all times be held only by Authorized Class B Holders (as hereinafter defined). In that regard, each share of Class B Common Stock Transferred (as hereinafter defined) to one or more persons or entities other than Authorized Class B Holders shall automatically convert into one (1) fully paid and non-assessable share of Class A Common Stock upon such Transfer. "Authorized Class B Holders"

shall mean any of (1) Mr. Allen, (2) his estate, spouse, immediate family members and heirs and (3) any trust, corporation, partnership or other entity, the beneficiaries, stockholders, partners or other owners of which consist exclusively of Mr. Allen or such other persons or entities referred to in clause (2) above or a combination thereof. "Transfer" shall mean any sale, assignment, gift, pledge, hypothecation, mortgage, exchange or other disposition.

(C) At any time on or after January 1, 2011 and until September 15, 2014, a majority of the Disinterested Board Members (as hereinafter defined) shall have the right to cause each share of Class B Common Stock held by such holder to automatically convert into one (1) fully paid and non-assessable share of Class A Common Stock. At any time on or after September 15, 2014, a majority of the members of the Board of Directors (excluding members of the Board of Directors elected by the holders of Class B Common Stock pursuant to Clause (b)(i)(B)(1) of this Article FOURTH) shall have the right to cause each share of Class B Common Stock held by such holder to automatically convert into one (1) fully paid and non-assessable share of Class A Common Stock. "Disinterested Board Members" shall mean only those members of the Board of Directors that would qualify as "Independent directors" within the meaning of NASDAQ Marketplace Rule 5605(a)(2) (or any successor provision), whether or not applicable, including the requirements in clauses (C) through (G) thereof (or any successor provisions), with respect to the Company and each Interested Stockholder and each Affiliate and each Associate of each Interested Stockholder; provided, that in no event shall a Disinterested Board Member include any member (1) elected by the holders of Class B Common Stock pursuant to Clause (b)(i)(B)(1) of this Article FOURTH or (2) who is an Interested Stockholder or an Affiliate or Associate of an Interested Stockholder (as such terms are defined in Clause (b) of Article EIGHTH).

(D) As promptly as practicable following the surrender by a holder of a certificate representing shares of Class B Common Stock to be converted pursuant to Clause (b)(viii)(A) of this Article FOURTH or a certificate formerly representing shares of Class B Common Stock that have been converted pursuant to Clause (b)(viii)(B) or (C) of this Article FOURTH, and the payment in cash of any amount required by the provisions of Clause (b)(viii)(G) of this Article FOURTH, the Corporation shall deliver or cause to be delivered at the office of the transfer agent a certificate or certificates representing the number of shares of Class A Common Stock issuable upon such conversion, issued in such name or names as such holder may direct. &# 160;Such conversion shall be deemed to have been effected (1) immediately prior to the close of business of the Corporation on the date of the surrender of the certificate or certificates representing shares of Class B Common Stock in the case of a conversion under Clause (b)(viii)(A) of this Article FOURTH, (2) immediately prior to the close of business of the Corporation on the date of the determination by the Board of Directors in the case of conversion under Clause (b)(viii)(B) of this Article FOURTH and (3) immediately prior to the close of business of the Corporation on the date of the determination by the Board of Directors in the case of conversion under Clause (b)(viii)(C) of this Article FOURTH. At the close of business of the Corporation on the date any such conversion is made or deemed to be effected, except as otherwise provided herein all rights of the holder of such shares of Class B Common Stock as a holder thereof shall cease, and the person or persons in whose name or names the certificate or certific ates representing the shares of Class A Common Stock are to be issued shall be treated for all purposes as having become the record holder or holders of such shares of Class A Common Stock as of such date; provided, however, that if any such conversion is made or deemed to

effected on any date when the stock transfer books of the Corporation shall be closed, the person or persons in whose name or names the certificate or certificates representing shares of Class A Common Stock are to be issued shall be deemed the record holder or holders thereof for all purposes upon the opening of business of the Corporation on the next succeeding day on which the stock transfer books are open.

- (E) In the event of a recapitalization, reorganization, reclassification or other event as a result of which the shares of Class A Common Stock are exchanged for or converted into other stock or securities, cash and/or any other property, then a holder of Class B Common Stock shall be entitled to receive upon conversion the same kind and amount of such stock, security, cash and/or other property that such holder would have received if such conversion had occurred immediately prior to the record date or effective date of such event.
- (F) No adjustments in respect of dividends (other than dividends paid in stock or securities of the Corporation) shall be made upon the conversion of any shares of Class B Common Stock except as otherwise provided herein; provided, however, that if a share of Class B Common Stock shall be converted subsequent to the record date for the payment of a dividend or other distribution on shares of Class B Common Stock but prior to such payment, then the registered holder of such share at the close of business on such record date shall be entitled to receive the dividend or other distribution payable on such sha res on such date notwithstanding the conversion thereof or the default in payment of the dividend or distribution due on such date.
- (G) The issuance of certificates for shares of Class A Common Stock upon conversion of Class B Common Stock shall be made without charge to the holders of such shares for any transfer or other similar tax in respect of such issuance; <u>provided, however</u>, that if any such certificate is to be issued in a name other than that of the holder of the share or shares of Class B Common Stock converted, then the person or persons requesting the issuance thereof shall pay to the Corporation the amount of any tax that may be payable in respect of any transfer involved in such issuance or shall establish to the satisfa ction of the Corporation that such tax has been paid or is not payable.
- (H) Shares of Class B Common Stock that are converted into shares of Class A Common Stock as provided herein shall be retired and not available for reissue by the Corporation.

## (c) PREFERRED STOCK.

The Board of Directors is hereby expressly granted authority from time to time to issue Preferred Stock in one or more series and with respect to any such series, subject to the terms and conditions of this Certificate of Incorporation, to fix by resolution or resolutions the numbers of shares, designations, powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights of such series and any qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, including but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following:

(i) entitling the holders thereof to cumulative, non-cumulative or partially cumulative dividends, or to no dividends;

- (ii) entitling the holders thereof to receive dividends payable on a parity with, junior to, or in preference to, the dividends payable on any other class or series of capital stock of the Corporation;
- (iii) entitling the holders thereof to rights upon the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of, or upon any other distribution of the assets of, the Corporation, on a parity with, junior to or in preference to, the rights of any other class or series of capital stock of the Corporation;
- (iv) providing for the conversion or exchange, at the option of the holder or of the Corporation or both, or upon the happening of a specified event, of the shares of Preferred Stock into shares of any other class or classes or series of capital stock of the Corporation or of any series of the same or any other class or classes, including provision for adjustment of the conversion or exchange rate in such events as the Board of Directors shall determine, or providing for no conversion;
- (v) providing for the redemption, in whole or in part, of the shares of Preferred Stock at the option of the Corporation or the holder thereof, or upon the happening of a specified event, in cash, bonds or other property, at such price or prices (which amount may vary under different conditions and at different redemption dates), within such period or periods, and under such conditions as the Board of Directors shall so provide, including provisions for the creation of a sinking fund for the redemption thereof, or providing for no redemption;
  - (vi) providing for voting rights or having limited voting rights or enjoying general, special or multiple voting rights; and
  - (vii) specifying the number of shares constituting that series and the distinctive designation of that series.

#### FIFTH: REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS

## (a) REMOVAL FOR CAUSE.

Any director may be removed from office for cause by the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting power of the outstanding shares of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock (and any series of Preferred Stock then entitled to vote at an election of directors), voting together as one class.

## (b) CLASS B COMMON REMOVAL WITHOUT CAUSE.

Any director elected by the vote of the holders of Class B Common Stock voting separately as a class may be removed from office at any time, without cause, solely by the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting power of the outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock, voting as a separate class.

## (c) CLASS A COMMON REMOVAL WITHOUT CAUSE.

Any director elected by the vote of the holders of Class A Common Stock voting separately as a class (or if any holders of Preferred Stock are entitled to vote thereon together with the holders of Class A Common Stock, as one class with such holders of Preferred Stock) may be removed from office at any time, without cause, solely by the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting power of the outstanding shares of Class A Common Stock, voting separately as a class (or if any holders of Preferred Stock are entitled to vote thereon together with the holders of Class A Common Stock, as one class with such holders of Preferred Stock).

## SIXTH: BYLAWS

The Board of Directors may from time to time adopt, make, amend, supplement or repeal the Bylaws, except as provided in this Certificate of Incorporation or in the Bylaws. Unless and except to the extent that the Bylaws of the Corporation shall so require, the election of directors of the Corporation need not be by written ballot.

#### SEVENTH: DIRECTOR EXCULPATION

No director of the Corporation shall have any personal liability to the Corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except to the extent such exemption from liability or limitation thereof is not permitted under the GCL as the same exists or hereafter may be amended. No amendment, alteration or repeal of this Article SEVENTH shall eliminate or reduce the effect thereof in respect of any matter occurring, or any cause of action, suit or claim that, but for this Article SEVENTH would accrue or arise, prior to such amendment, alteration or repeal.

#### **EIGHTH: CERTAIN BUSINESS COMBINATIONS**

## (a) REQUIREMENTS TO EFFECT CERTAIN BUSINESS COMBINATIONS.

In addition to any affirmative vote required by law or this Certificate of Incorporation or the Bylaws, a Business Combination (as hereinafter defined) involving as a party, or proposed by or on behalf of, an Interested Stockholder (as hereinafter defined) or an Affiliate (as hereinafter defined) or Associate (as hereinafter defined) of an Interested Stockholder or a person who upon consummation of such Business Combination would become an Affiliate or Associate of an Interested Stockholder shall, except as otherwise prohibited by applicable law, as in effect from time to time, require both of the following conditions to be satisfied:

(i) a majority of the Continuing Directors (as hereinafter defined) shall have determined (after consultation with their outside legal and financial advisors) that such Business Combination, including without limitation, the consideration to be received in connection therewith, is fair to the Corporation and its stockholders (other than any stockholder that is an Interested Stockholder in respect of such Business Combination and the Affiliates and Associates (if any) of such Interested Stockholder); and

(ii) holders	of not less than a majority of the votes entitl	led to be cast by the holders of all of the	then outstanding shares of Voting Stock (as hereinafte
defined), voting together as a	ingle class, excluding Voting Stock Beneficia	ally Owned (as hereinafter defined) by a	ny Interested Stockholder or any Affiliate or Associat
of such Interested Stockholder	, shall have approved such transaction. Suc	ch affirmative vote shall be required not	withstanding the fact that no vote may be required, o
that a lesser percentage affirm	ative vote, or the vote of any other class of st	tockholders, may otherwise be required, l	oy law or otherwise.

## (b) CERTAIN DEFINED TERMS.

For purposes of this Article EIGHTH, the following definitions shall apply:

- (i) "Business Combination" shall mean:
- (A) any merger or consolidation of the Corporation or any Subsidiary (as hereinafter defined) with (A) any Interested Stockholder or (B) any other company (whether or not itself an Interested Stockholder) which is or after such merger or consolidation would be an Affiliate or Associate of an Interested Stockholder; or
- (B) any (1) sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge, transfer or other disposition or hypothecation of assets of the Corporation or of any Subsidiary (whether or not in connection with the dissolution of the Corporation) to or for the benefit of, or (2) purchase by the Corporation or any Subsidiary from, or (3) issuance by the Corporation or any Subsidiary of securities to, or (4) investment, loan, advance, guarantee, participation or other extension of credit by the Corporation or any Subsidiary to, from, in or with or (5) establishment of a partnership, joint venture or other joint enterprise with or for the benefit of, in each case, any Interested Stockholder or any Affiliate or Associate of any Interested Stockholder which trans action, alone or taken together with any related transaction or transactions, has an aggregate fair market value and/or involves aggregate commitments of \$50,000,000 or more or any arrangement, whether as employee, consultant or otherwise (other than service as a director), pursuant to which any Interested Stockholder or any Affiliate or Associate thereof shall, directly or indirectly, attain any control over or responsibility for the management of any aspect of the business or affairs of the Corporation or any Subsidiary which involves assets which have an aggregate fair market value of \$50,000,000 or more; or
- (C) any (1) reclassification of securities (including any reverse stock split), or (2) recapitalization of the Corporation (including any change to or exchange of securities of the Corporation), or (3) merger or consolidation of the Corporation with any of its Subsidiaries or (4) other transaction (whether or not with or otherwise involving as a party an Interested Stockholder) that, in each case, has the effect, directly or indirectly, of increasing the proportionate share of any class or series of capital stock, or any securities convertible into or exchangeable for capital stock or other equity securities, of the Corporation or any Subsidiary Beneficially Owned by any Interested Stockholder or any Affiliate or Associate of any In terested Stockholder; or

(D) any agreement, contract or other arrangement providing for any one or more of the actions specified in the foregoing Clauses (b)(i)(A), (b) (i)(B) and (b)(i)(C) of this Article EIGHTH.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Certificate of Incorporation, in no event shall a "Business Combination" include any transaction expressly contemplated by the Joint Plan (including, without limitation, the issuance of any securities pursuant thereto, including securities issued or issuable from time to time upon exercise, conversion or exchange thereof, and the payment of specified fees and expenses, and the assumption and performance of any executory contracts, thereunder) or any conversion of Class B Common Stock into Class A Common Stock under Clause (b)(viii) of Article FOURTH of this Certificate of Incorporation.

- (ii) "Affiliate" in respect of a person shall mean any person (other than an Exempt Person) controlling, controlled by or under common control with such person.
- (iii) "Associate" in respect of an individual shall mean (A) any corporation or other organization of which such person is an officer or partner or otherwise participates in a material way in the management or policy-making thereof or is the Beneficial Owner of ten percent (10%) or more of any class of voting equity security, (B) any trust or other estate in which such person has a substantial beneficial interest or as to which such person serves as a trustee or in a similar fiduciary capacity and (C) any parent or lineal descendant of such person or the spouse of such person or any relative of such person who has the same home as such person or who is a director, officer, partner, limited liability company member, trustee or other fiduciary of any organization of which such person is also a director, officer partner, limited liability company member, trustee or other fiduciary. The term "Associate" in respect of any company means (A) any director, officer or trustee of such company or in the case of a limited liability company any manager or managing member or in the case of a partnership any general partner, (B) any other person who participates in a material way in the management or policy-making of such company and (C) any person who is the Beneficial Owner of ten percent (10%) or more of any class of equity security of such company. In no event shall an "Associate" include an Exempt Person.
- (iv) A person shall be a "Beneficial Owner" of any capital stock or other securities of the Corporation: (A) which such person or any of its Affiliates or Associates owns or has the economic benefit of ownership of, directly or indirectly; (B) which such person or any of its Affiliates or Associates has, directly or indirectly, (1) the right to acquire (whether such right is exercisable immediately or subject only to the passage of time), pursuant to any agreement, arrangement or understanding or upon the exercise of conversion rights, exchange rights, warrants or options, or otherwise, or (2) the right to vote pursuant to any agreement, arrangement or understanding; or (C) which any other person with which such person or any of its Affiliates or Associates has any agreement, arrangement or understanding for the purpose of acquiring, holding, voting or disposing of any shares of capital stock, owns or has the economic benefit of ownership of. For the purposes of determining whether a person is an "Interested Stockholder", the number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation deemed to be outstanding shall include shares deemed beneficially owned by such person through application of this Clause (b)(iv) of this Article EIGHTH, but shall not include any other shares of capital stock that

may be issuable pursuant to any agreement, arrangement or understanding, or upon exercise of conversion rights, warrants or options, or otherwise.

- (v) "Continuing Director" with respect to an Interested Stockholder shall mean any member of the Board of Directors (while such person is a member of the Board of Directors) who is not an Affiliate or Associate or representative of such Interested Stockholder (including any person nominated to the Board of Directors by such Interested Stockholder or an Affiliate or Associate of such Interested Stockholder).
- (vi) "Interested Stockholder" shall mean any person (other than (A) the Corporation or any Subsidiary, (B) any profit-sharing, employee stock ownership or other employee benefit plan of the Corporation or any Subsidiary or (C) any trustee or fiduciary with respect to any such plan or holding Voting Stock for the purpose of funding any such plan or funding other employee benefits for employees of the Corporation or any Subsidiary when acting in such capacity (the persons and entities described in the foregoing clauses (A)-(C) being referred to herein as "Exempt Persons")) who is, or has announced or publicly disclosed a plan or intention to become, the Beneficial Owner of Voting Stock representing ten percent (10%) or more of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of all then outstanding shares of Voting Stock.
- (vii) "Subsidiary" shall mean any corporation, partnership, joint venture or other legal entity of which the Corporation (either alone or through or together with any other Subsidiary), owns, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the stock or other equity interests, has the power to elect a majority of the board of directors or similar governing body, or has the power to direct the business and policies.
- (viii) "Voting Stock" shall mean all shares of capital stock of the Corporation entitled generally to vote on the election of any director of the Corporation (without reference to any terms of any Preferred Stock providing for special voting rights or restrictions with respect to particular matters), including, without limitation, shares of Class A Common Stock and shares of Class B Common Stock.

# (c) CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS.

A majority of the Continuing Directors shall have the power and duty to determine for the purposes of this Article EIGHTH, on the basis of information known to them after reasonable inquiry, all questions arising under this Article EIGHTH, including without limitation, (i) whether a person is an Interested Stockholder, (ii) the number of shares of capital stock or other securities Beneficially Owned by any person, (iii) whether a person is an Affiliate or Associate of another person, (iv) whether a Business Combination is proposed by or on behalf of an Interested Stockholder or an Affiliate or Associate of an Interested Stockholder or a person who upon consummation of such Business Combination would become an Affiliate or Associate of such Interested Stockholder, (v) whether the assets that are the subject of any Business Combination have, or the consideration to be received for the issuance or transfer of securities by the Corporation or any Subsidiary in any Business Combination has, an aggregate fair market value of \$50,000,000 or more, and (vi) the application of any other term used in this Article

EIGHTH. Any such determination made in good faith shall be binding and conclusive on the Corporation, all of its stockholders and all other parties.

#### (d) AMENDMENT OF THIS ARTICLE.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Certificate of Incorporation, and in addition to the requirements of Clauses (b)(i)(C) and (b)(i)(D) of Article FOURTH, any proposal to alter, amend or repeal, or to adopt any provision inconsistent with, this Article EIGHTH, including in each case by merger, consolidation or otherwise, shall require the affirmative vote of the holders of not less than a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of all of the then outstanding shares of Voting Stock, voting together as a single class, excluding Voting Stock beneficially owned by any Interested Stockholder.

#### NINTH: TRADING RESTRICTIONS

# (a) RIGHT TO IMPOSE TRADING RESTRICTIONS

- (i) In the event that both (1) the Corporation's Equity Value has fallen below \$3,200,000,000.00 (the "Trigger Price") and (2) an "owner shift" of at least 25 percentage points has occurred during the relevant "testing period" with respect to the Corporation's equity for purposes of Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury regulations thereunder (collectively, "Section 382"), as reasonably determined by the Corporation (in consultation with outside counsel) in accordance with Section 382 (Clauses (a)(i)(1) and (a)(i)(2) of this Article NINTH are collectively referred to herein as the "Trigger Provisions"), then the Board of D irectors shall meet on an expedited basis to determine whether to impose restrictions on the trading of the Corporation's stock in accordance with this Article NINTH and to determine the specific terms of such restrictions. Unless otherwise defined herein, all terms used in this Article NINTH (including but not limited to "5% shareholder," "testing period," "ownership change," and "owner shift") are intended to have the meanings ascribed to them under Section 382 and shall be construed accordingly.
- (ii) The Board of Directors' ability to impose trading restrictions pursuant to this Article NINTH shall terminate on the fifth anniversary of the Emergence Date (as hereinafter defined); provided, however, that any trading restrictions imposed by the Board of Directors pursuant to this Article NINTH prior to such fifth anniversary shall remain in full force and effect until the Trigger Provisions are no longer satisfied.

## (b) CERTAIN DEFINED TERMS

- (i) "Emergence Date" shall mean November 30, 2009, which is the date the Corporation emerged from chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.
- (ii) "Equity Value" as of any date shall mean the total valuation of the Corporation's equity securities (including preferred stock and common stock and adjusted for any extraordinary dividends, as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors) calculated as follows: (1) for any class of stock that is publicly traded for at least 20 trading days prior to such determination, the value determined using the volume-weighted average trading price of such stock for each trading day during the previous 20 trading days, plus (2) for any class of stock that

is not publicly traded for at least 20 trading days prior to such determination, the fair market value of such stock, as reasonably determined by the Board of Directors after consultation with an investment banking firm of nationally recognized standing.

### (c) PROCEDURE TO IMPOSE TRADING RESTRICTIONS

Except as provided in this Article NINTH, after the Emergence Date, the Corporation shall not impose any trading restrictions on transfers of the Corporation's stock.

If the Board of Directors determines to impose trading restrictions on transfers of the Corporation's stock pursuant to this Article NINTH, which shall require the affirmative vote of at least two thirds (2/3) of all directors, then the Corporation shall promptly announce the imposition and terms of such trading restrictions by means of a press release and the filing of a Current Report on Form 8-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The terms of such restrictions, including the form of any notice or application documentation that may be associated with such restrictions, shall also be described by the Corporation in each quarterly and annual report filed by the Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

# (d) PRINCIPAL TERMS OF TRADING RESTRICTIONS

If the Board of Directors determines to impose trading restrictions on transfers of the Corporation's stock in accordance with this Article NINTH, the principal terms of such trading restrictions shall be the terms set forth in this Clause (d) of Article NINTH. The Board of Directors shall have the authority in its sole discretion to determine and establish the definitive and ancillary terms of such trading restrictions so long as such terms are consistent with the following provisions of this Article NINTH:

- (i) Any acquisition of the Corporation's stock by a person or entity that is not a 5% shareholder of the Corporation will be null and void ab initio as to the purchaser to the extent such acquisition causes such person or entity to become a 5% shareholder of the Corporation unless the acquisition of such stock (1) was previously approved in writing by the Board of Directors, (2) is a Permitted Acquisition or (3) is covered by Clause (d)(v) of this Article NINTH. "Permitted Acquisition" shall mean an acquisition that will not result in an increase in an "owner shift" for purposes of Section 382 in excess of any "owner shift" that would have occurred if the seller had sold the same a mount of stock through general public market transactions (e.g., because the stock is purchased from another 5% shareholder whose stock acquisition had caused an owner shift).
- (ii) Any acquisition of the Corporation's stock by a 5% shareholder of the Corporation will be null and void ab initio as to the purchaser unless the acquisition of such stock (1) was previously approved in writing by the Corporation's Board of Directors, (2) is a Permitted Acquisition or (3) is covered by Clause (d)(v) of this Article NINTH.
- (iii) Any person or entity seeking to use the "Permitted Acquisition" exception in the case of Clause (d)(i) or (d)(ii) of this Article NINTH shall either (1) contemporaneously with such transaction, notify the Corporation in writing of such transaction, represent in writing to the Corporation that such transaction is a Permitted Acquisition, and acknowledge in writing that if such transaction is not a Permitted Acquisition such person or entity will be subject to the

consequences set forth in this Article NINTH or (2) prior to such transaction, notify the Corporation of its intent to engage in a Permitted Acquisition and provide relevant factual information sufficient to establish that the acquisition will qualify as a Permitted Acquisition, and within 10 business days of such notice, the Corporation shall indicate whether such proposed transaction will qualify as a Permitted Acquisition. For the avoidance of doubt, any transaction covered by Clause (d)(v) of this Article NINTH shall not be subject to the restrictions and procedures of this Article NINTH.

- (iv) The Corporation shall announce by press release and the filing of a Current Report on Form 8-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission if its Board of Directors determines that trading restrictions are no longer required or if the Trigger Provisions are no longer satisfied; provided, however, that if trading restrictions shall be imposed following a decline in the Corporation's equity value, any increase in the value of the Corporation's stock shall not result in the lapse of such trading restrictions unless such increase (determined using the same methodology set forth in the definiti on of Equity Value above ) is at least 10% greater than the Trigger Price.
- (v) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Directors shall have no authority pursuant to this Article NINTH to restrict or otherwise limit in any manner (1) the disposition of shares of capital stock of the Corporation by any stockholder of the Corporation, (2) any issuance by the Corporation of Common Stock pursuant to the Exchange Agreement or the CII Settlement Claim Warrants (as defined in the Joint Plan), (3) any conversion of Class B Common Stock into Class A Common Stock, (4) any distributions upon, or adjustments to, any shares of Class B Common Stock or warrants (or any shares issuable upon exchange, conversion, or exercise thereof) to which the holder of such interest is otherwise entitled, or (5) any acquisition of Common Stock pursuant to clause (2), (3), or (4) above.

## (e) REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING SHARE OWNERSHIP

All stockholders of the Corporation that have filed or would be required to file a Schedule 13D or 13G with the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to the Corporation shall be required to provide information to the Corporation regarding such stockholder's ownership of the Corporation's stock, including the dates of the acquisition and disposition of such stock and the amounts of such acquisitions and dispositions, to the extent requested by the Corporation. Such information shall be provided within five business days of the Corporation's request, and, at the stockholder's request, the Corporation shall execute a standard confidentiality agreement with respect to such information.

#### TENTH: AMENDMENT, ETC.

Subject in each instance to Clauses (b)(i)(C), (b)(i)(D) and (b)(i)(E) of Article FOURTH and Article EIGHTH of this Certificate of Incorporation, the Corporation reserves the right at any time, and from time to time, to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in this Certificate of Incorporation in the manner now or hereafter authorized by the laws of the State of Delaware. All rights, preferences and privileges herein conferred are granted subject to this reservation.

# **ELEVENTH: FORUM**

The Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware shall be the sole and exclusive forum for (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of the Corporation, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director or officer of the Corporation to the Corporation or the Corporation's stockholders, (iii) any action asserting a claim against the Corporation arising pursuant to any provision of the GCL or this Certificate of Incorporation or the Corporation's Bylaws or (iv) any action asserting a claim against the Corporation governed by the internal affairs doctrine.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, which restates, integrates and further amends the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation, and which was duly made, executed and acknowledged in accordance with Sections 242 and 245 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, has been signed on July 28, 2010.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: /s/Richard R. Dykhouse

Name: Richard R. Dykhouse

Title: Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

## EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (the "Agreement"), dated and effective on July 27, 2010 (the "Effective Date") is made by and between CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and Gregory L. Doody (the "Executive").

#### **RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Company to assure itself of the services of Executive by engaging Executive as its Executive Vice President and General Counsel and the Executive desires to serve the Company on the terms herein provided;

WHEREAS, Executive's agreement to the terms and conditions of Sections 18, 19 and 20 are a material and essential condition of Executive's employment with the Company hereafter under the terms of this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of the respective covenants and agreements set forth below, the parties hereto agree as follows:

#### 1. Certain Definitions.

- (a) "Allen" shall mean Paul G. Allen (and his heirs or beneficiaries under his will(s), trusts or other instruments of testamentary disposition), and any entity or group over which Paul G. Allen has Control and that constitutes a Person as defined herein. For the purposes of this definition, "Control" means the power to direct the management and policies of an entity or to appoint or elect a majority of its governing board.
  - (b) "Annual Base Salary" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.
  - (c) "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company.
  - (d) "Bonus" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.
  - (e) The Company shall have "Cause" to terminate Executive's employment hereunder upon:
- (i) Executive's breach of a material obligation (which, if curable, is not cured within ten business (10) days after Executive receives written notice of such breach) or representation under this Agreement or breach of any fiduciary duty to the Company which, if curable, is not cured within ten business (10) days after Executive receives written notice of such breach; or any act of fraud or knowing material misrepresentation or concealment upon, to or from the Company or the Board;
- (ii) Executive's failure to adhere in any material respect to (i) the Company's Code of Conduct in effect from time to time and applicable to officers and/or employees generally, or (ii) any written Company policy, if such policy is material to the effective performance by Executive of the Executive's duties under this Agreement, and if Executive has been given a reasonable opportunity to cure this failure to comply within a period of time which is reasonable under the circumstances but not more than the thirty (30) day period after written notice of such failure is provided to Executive; provided that if Executive cures this failure to comply with such a policy and then fails again to comply with the same policy, no further opportunity to cure that failure shall be required;

- (iii) Executive's misappropriation (or attempted misappropriation) of a material amount of the Company's funds or property;
- (iv) Executive's conviction of, the entering of a guilty plea or plea of nolo contendere or no contest (or the equivalent), or entering into any pretrial diversion program or agreement or suspended imposition of sentence, with respect to either a felony or a crime that adversely affects or could reasonably be expected to adversely affect the Company or its business reputation; or the institution of criminal charges against Executive, which are not dismissed within sixty (60) days after institution, for fraud, embezzlement, any felony offense involving dishonesty or constituting a breach of trust or moral turpitude;
- (v) Executive's admission of liability of, or finding of liability, for a knowing and deliberate violation of any "Securities Laws." As used herein, the term "Securities Laws" means any federal or state law, rule or regulation governing generally the issuance or exchange of securities, including without limitation the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;
- (vi) conduct by Executive in connection with Executive's employment that constitutes gross neglect of any material duty or responsibility, willful misconduct, or recklessness which, if curable, is not cured within ten business (10) days after Executive receives written notice of such breach;
- (vii) Executive's illegal possession or use of any controlled substance, or excessive use of alcohol at a work function, in connection with Executive's duties, or on Company premises; "excessive" meaning either repeated unprofessional use or any single event of consumption giving rise to significant intoxication or unprofessional behavior;
- (viii) Executive's willful or grossly negligent commission of any other act or failure to act in connection with the Executive's duties as an executive of the Company which causes or reasonably may be expected (as of the time of such occurrence) to cause substantial economic injury to or substantial injury to the business reputation of the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company, including, without limitation, any material violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, as described herein below.

If Executive commits or is charged with committing any offense of the character or type specified in subparagraphs 1(e)(iv), (v) or (viii) above, then the Company at its option may suspend the Executive with or without pay. If the Executive subsequently is convicted of, pleads guilty or nolo contendere (or equivalent plea) to, or enters into any type of suspended imposition of sentence or pretrial diversion program with respect to, any such offense (or any matter that gave rise to the suspension), the Executive shall immediately repay any compensation paid in cash hereunder from the date of the suspension. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any stock option or equity incentive plan or award agreement, all vesting and all lapsing of restrictions on restricted shares shall be toll ed during the period of suspension and all unvested options and restricted shares for which the restrictions have not lapsed shall terminate and not be exercisable by or issued to Executive if during or after such suspension the Executive is convicted of, pleads guilty or nolo contendere (or equivalent plea) to, or enters into any type of suspended imposition of sentence or pretrial diversion program with respect to, any offense specified in subparagraphs 1(e)(iv), (v) or (viii) above or any matter that gave rise to the suspension.

(f) "Change of Control" shall mean the occurrence of any of the following events:

- (i) an acquisition of any voting securities of the Company by any "Person" or "Group" (as those terms are used for purposes of Section 13(d) or 14(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934, amended (the "Exchange Act")), immediately after which such Person has "Beneficial Ownership" (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of thirty-five percent (35%) or more of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding voting securities; provided, however, that voting securities which are acquired in a "Non-Control Transaction" (as hereinafter defined) assuming that the acquisition of voting securities for this purpose qualifies as Merger (as herei nafter defined) shall not constitute a Change of Control; and provided further that an acquisition of Beneficial Ownership of less than fifty percent (50%) of the Company's then outstanding voting securities by any Equity Backstop Party (as defined in the Joint Plan) or the Allen Entities (as defined in the Joint Plan) shall not be considered to be a Change of Control under this clause (i);
- (ii) the individuals who, as of immediately after the effective date of the Company's Chapter 11 plan of reorganization (the "Emergence Date"), are members of the Board (the "Incumbent Board"), cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the Board; provided, however, that if the election, or nomination for election by the Company's common stockholders, of any new director (excluding any director whose nomination or election to the Board is the result of any actual or threatened proxy contest or settlement thereof) was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of the Incumbent Board, such new director shall, for purposes of this Agreement, be considered as a member of the Incumbent Board;
- (iii) the consummation of a merger, consolidation or reorganization with or into the Company or in which securities of the Company are issued (a "Merger"), unless such Merger is a Non-Control Transaction. A "Non-Control Transaction" shall mean a Merger where: (1) the stockholders of the Company, immediately before such Merger own directly or indirectly immediately following such Merger more than fifty percent (50%) of the combined voting power of the outstanding voting securities of the entity resulting from such Merger or its controlling parent entity (the "Surviving Entity"), (2) the individuals who were members of the Incumbent Board immediately prior to the execution of the agreement providing for such Merger constitute at least a majority of the members of the board of directors (or similar governing body) of the Surviving Entity, and (3) no Person other (X) than the Company, its subsidiaries or affiliates or any of their respective employee benefit plans (or any trust forming a part thereof) that, immediately prior to such Merger was maintained by the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company, or (Y) any Person who, immediately prior to such Merger had Beneficial Ownership of thirty-five percent (35%) or more of the combined voting securities of the Company, has Beneficial Ownership of thirty-five percent (35%) or more of the combined voting power of the outstanding voting securities or common stock of the Surviving Entity; provided that this clause (Y) shall not trigger a Change of Control solely because, after such Merger, any Equity Backstop Party or any Allen Entity has Beneficial Ownership of more than thirty-five percent (35%) but less than fifty percent (50%) of the combined voting power of the outstanding voting securities or common stock of the Surviving Entity;
- (iv) complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company (other than where assets of the Company are transferred to or remain with subsidiaries of the Company); or
- (v) the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and its direct and indirect subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, directly or indirectly, to any Person (other than a transfer to a subsidiary or affiliate of the Company unless, such sale or disposition constitutes a Non-Control Transaction with the disposition

of assets being regarded as a Merger for this purpose or the distribution to the Company's stockholders of the stock of a subsidiary or affiliate of the Company or any other assets).

Notwithstanding the foregoing a Change of Control shall not occur solely based on a filing of a Chapter 11 reorganization proceeding of the Company or the implementation of the "Joint Plan."

- (g) "Code" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.
- (h) "Committee" shall mean either the Compensation and Benefits Committee of the Board, or a Subcommittee of such Committee duly appointed by the Board or the Committee or any successor to the functions thereof.
  - (i) "Company" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble hereto.
- (j) "Company Stock" shall mean the common stock of the Company issued in connection with the Company's emergence from its Chapter 11 reorganization and any stock received in exchange therefor.
- (k) "Date of Termination" shall mean (i) if Executive's employment is terminated by Executive's death, the date of Executive's death and (ii) if Executive's employment is terminated pursuant to Section 15(a)(ii)-(vi), the date of termination of employment, as defined in 409(A) regulations under the Code.
- (l) For purposes of this Agreement, Executive will be deemed to have a "Disability" if, due to illness, injury or a physical or medically recognized mental condition, (a) Executive is unable to perform Executive's duties under this Agreement with reasonable accommodation for 120 consecutive days, or 180 days during any twelve month period, as determined in accordance with this Section, or (b) Executive is considered disabled for purposes of receiving / qualifying for long term disability benefits under any group long term disability insurance plan or policy offered by Company in which Executive participates. The Disability of Executive will be determined by a medical doctor selected by written agreement of Company and Executive upon the request of either party by notice to the other, or (in the case of and with respect to any applicable long term disability insurance policy or plan) will be determined according to the terms of the applicable long term disability insurance policy / plan. If Company and Executive cannot agree on the selection of a medical doctor, each of them will select a medical doctor and the two medical doctors will select a third medical doctor who will determine whether Executive has a Disability. The determination of the medical doctor selected under this Section will be binding on both parties. Executive must submit to a reasonable number of examinations by the medical doctor making the determination of Disability under this Section, and to other specialists designated by such medical doctor, and Executive hereby authorizes the disclosure and release to Company of such determination and all supporting medical records. If Executive is not legally competent, Executive's legal guardian or duly authorized attorney-in-fact will act in Executive's stead under this Section for the purposes of submitting Executive to the examinations, and providing the authorization of disclosure, required under this Section.
  - (m) "Executive" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble hereto.
- (n) "Good Reason" shall mean any of the events described herein that occur without Executive's prior written consent: (i) any reduction in Executive's Annual Base

Salary, Target Bonus Percentage, or title except as permitted hereunder, (ii) any failure to pay Executive's compensation hereunder when due; (iii) any material breach by the Company of a term hereof; (iv) relocation of Executive's primary workplace to a location that is more than fifty (50) miles from the office where Executive is then assigned to work as Executive's principal office; (v) a transfer or reassignment to another executive of material responsibilities that have been assigned to Executive (and were not identified by the Company to be assigned only on an interim basis at the time of assignment or thereafter) and generally are part of the responsibilities and functions assigned to an Executive Vice President and General Counsel of a public corporation unless a Non-renewal Notice has been delivered to Executive at any time within one hundred ninety (190) days prior to the en d of the term of this Agreement or (vi) any change in reporting structure such that Executive no longer reports directly to the "Chief Executive Officer (or equivalent position, if there is no Chief Executive Officer)" unless a Non-renewal Notice has been delivered to Executive at any time within one hundred ninety (190) days prior to the end of the term of this Agreement (in each case "(i)" through "(vi)" only if Executive objects in writing within 30 days after being informed of such events and unless Company retracts and/or rectifies the claimed Good Reason within 30 days following Company's receipt of timely written objection from Executive); (vii) if within six months after a Change of Control, Executive has not received an offer from the surviving company to continue in his or her position immediately prior to such Change of Control under at least the same terms and conditions (except that the value of equity-based compensation after such Change of Control need only be commensurate with the value of equity-based compensation given to executives with equivalent positions in the surviving company, if any) as set herein; or (vi

- (o) "Notice of Termination" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 15(b).
- (p) "Non-renewal Notice" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.
- (q) "Options" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7.
- (r) "Performance Unit" and "Performance Shares" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9 hereof.
- (s) "Person" shall have the meaning set forth in Sections 13(d) and 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- (t) "Plan" shall mean the 2009 Stock Incentive Plan as amended by the Company from time to time.
- (u) "Restricted Shares" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8.
- (v) "Term" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.
- (w) "Voluntary" and "Voluntarily" in connection with Executive's termination of employment shall mean a termination of employment resulting from the initiative of the Executive, excluding a termination of employment attributable to Executive's death or Disability. A resignation by Executive that is in response to a communicated intent by the Company to discharge Executive other than for Cause is not considered to be "Voluntary" and shall be considered to be a termination by the Company for the purposes of this Agreement.

- (x) "Joint Plan" means the joint plan of reorganization of the Company, Charter Investment, Inc. and the Company's direct and indirect subsidiaries filed pursuant to chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532s, on March 27, 2009.
- 2. <u>Employment Term.</u> The Company hereby employs the Executive, and the Executive hereby accepts employment, under the terms and conditions hereof, for the period (the "Term") beginning on the Effective Date hereof and terminating upon the earlier of (i) July 28, 2012 (the "Initial Term") and (ii) the Date of Termination as defined in Section 1(k). The Company may, in its sole disretion, extend the term of this Agreement for additional one-year periods. If the Company fails to provide Executive with at least one hundred eighty (180) days notice prior to the end of the Initial Term or any extension thereof of the Company's intent to not renew this Agreement (the "Non-renewal Notice"), the Initial Term or any previous extension thereof shall be extended one day for each day the Company does not provide the Non-renewal Notice. If the Company fails to provide any Non-renewal Notice and does not extend the term of this Agreement, the Non-renewal Notice shall be deemed to have been given to Executive on the last day of the term of this Agreement.
- 3. <u>Position and Duties.</u> Executive shall serve as Executive Vice President and General Counsel reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, with such responsibilities, duties and authority as are customary for such role, including, but not limited to, overall management responsibility for the legal affairs of the Company including the Company's legal department. Executive shall devote all necessary business time and attention, and employ Executive's reasonable best efforts, toward the fulfillment and execution of all assigned duties, and the satisfaction of defined annual and/or longer-term performance criteria.
- 4. <u>Place of Performance.</u> In connection with Executive's employment during the Term, Executive's initial primary workplace shall be the Company's offices in or near St. Louis, Missouri except for necessary travel on the Company's business.
- 5. <u>Annual Base Salary.</u> During the Term, Executive shall receive a base salary at a rate not less than \$500,000 per annum (the "Annual Base Salary"), less standard deductions, paid in accordance with the Company's general payroll practices for executives, but no less frequently than monthly. The Annual Base Salary shall compensate Executive for any official position or directorship of a subsidiary or affiliate that Executive is asked to hold in the Company or its subsidiaries or affiliates as a part of Executive's employment responsibilities. No less frequently than annually during the Term, the Committee, on advice of the Company's Chief Executive Officer, shall review the rate of Annual Base Salary payable to Executive, and may, in its discretion, increase the rate of Annual Base Salary payable hereunder; provided, however, that any increased rate shall thereafter be the rate of "Annual Base Salary" hereunder.
- 6. <u>Bonus.</u> Except as otherwise provided for herein, for each fiscal year or other period consistent with the Company's then-applicable normal employment practices during which Executive is employed hereunder on the last day (the "Bonus Year"), Executive shall be eligible to receive a bonus in an amount up to 75% of Executive's Annual Base Salary (the "Bonus" and bonuses at such percentage of Annual Base Salary being the "Target Bonus") pursuant to, and as set forth in, the terms of the Executive Bonus Plan as such Plan may be amended from time to time, plus such other bonus payments, if any, as s hall be determined by the Committee in its sole discretion, with such Bonus and other bonuses being paid on or before March 15 of the year next following the Bonus Year.
- 7. <u>Stock Options.</u> The Committee may, in its discretion, grant to Executive options to purchase shares of Company Stock (all of such options, collectively, the "Options") pursuant to

the terms of the Plan, any successor plan and an associated Stock Option Agreement.

- 8. Restricted Shares. The Committee may, in its discretion, grant to Executive restricted shares of Company Stock (collectively, the "Restricted Shares"), which shall be subject to restrictions on their sale as set forth in the Plan and an associated Restricted Shares Grant Letter.
- 9. <u>Performance Share Units.</u> The Committee may, in its discretion, grant to Executive performance share units subject to performance vesting conditions (collectively, the "Performance Units"), which shall be subject to restrictions on their sale as set forth in the Plan and an associated Performance Unit Grant Letter.
- 10. <u>Other Bonus Plans.</u> The Committee may, in its discretion, grant to Executive a right to participate in any other bonus or retention plan that the Committee may decide to establish for executives, but nothing herein shall require the Committee to do so.
- 11. Relocation. (1) Executive will be entitled to relocation assistance with regard to relocation from Executive's current home to the St. Louis, Missouri metropolitan area as and to the extent permitted by Charter's current executive homeowner relocation plan, through Charter's relocation provider, Primacy. These relocation benefits include Primacy's paying or reimbursing Executive for brokerage fees, transfer taxes and moving expenses. A copy of this policy has been provided to Executive. This benefit requires that a repayment agreement be signed which stipulates that relocation expenses must be repaid if Exe cutive departs from the organization within 12 months of the Effective Date of this Agreement for voluntary reasons (other than a permitted termination of employment by Executive for Good Reason.
- (2) For a period of 60 days beginning on the Effective Date (the "Relocation Period"), Executive may live in Charter supplied corporate housing in the St. Louis metropolitan area, or in lieu of corporate supplied housing, then in a mutually agreeable hotel of appropriate quality during the work week. The costs for this temporary housing/hotel will be covered by Charter's homeowner relocation plan until the end of the Relocation Period.
- (3) Until the end of the Relocation Period, Charter will reimburse Executive for all reasonable and necessary costs incurred by Executive to travel to and from Executive's current residence to St. Louis (and, to the extent corporate housing is not provided, then as part of travel costs, the reasonable cost for staying during the week at an agreed hotel of suitable quality for Charter executives) on a not more than weekly basis during this time period. In addition, Charter will pay for the travel costs for up to three (3) house hunting trips for Executive under and per the terms of Charter's relocation policy. This is on the accepted understanding that Executive will act in good faith to make r easonable efforts to minimize the costs associated with such travel. All travel costs incurred will be reimbursed under Charter's normal expense reimbursement policies as soon as administratively practicable after submission of the expenses and associated required documentation. To the extent such expense reimbursements are considered taxable income, Charter will reimburse Executive for those expenses on a "grossed up" basis for such taxes (i.e., including any taxes on such tax reimbursement to the degree it also is deemed income) based on Executive's taxable compensation from Charter in that year, calculated on an annualized basis. Under Charter's current practice, such gross up payments are made at year end.
- 12. <u>Benefits.</u> Executive shall be entitled to receive such benefits and to participate in such employee group benefit plans, including life, health and disability insurance policies, and financial planning services, and other perquisites and plans as are generally provided by the Company to its senior executives of comparable level and responsibility in accordance with the plans, practices and programs of the Company, as amended from time to time; provided that, Executive shall not participate in any severance plan of the Company.

- 13. Expenses. The Company shall reimburse Executive for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by Executive in connection with the performance of Executive's duties as an employee of the Company in accordance with the Company's generally applicable policies and procedures. Such reimbursement is subject to the submission to the Company by Executive of appropriate documentation and/or vouchers in accordance with the customary procedures of the Company for expense reimbursement, as such procedures may be revised by the Company from time to time hereafter. In no event will an expense be reimbursed later than the last day of the calendar year following the calendar in year in which such expense is incurred.
- 14. <u>Vacations.</u> Executive shall be entitled to paid vacation in accordance with the Company's vacation policy as in effect from time to time provided that, in no event shall Executive be entitled to less than three (3) weeks vacation per calendar year. Executive shall also be entitled to paid holidays and personal days in accordance with the Company's practice with respect to same as in effect from time to time.

#### 15. **Termination.**

- (a) Executive's employment hereunder may be terminated by the Company, on the one hand, or Executive, on the other hand, as applicable, without any breach of this Agreement, under the following circumstances:
  - (i) Death. Executive's employment hereunder shall automatically terminate upon Executive's death.
  - (ii) <u>Disability.</u> If Executive has incurred a Disability, the Company may give Executive written notice of its intention to terminate Executive's employment. In such event, Executive's employment with the Company shall terminate effective on the 14th day after delivery of such notice to Executive, provided that within the 14 days after such delivery, Executive shall not have returned to full-time performance of Executive's duties. Executive may provide notice to the Company of Executive's resignation on account of a bona fide Disability at any time.
  - (iii) <u>Cause.</u> The Company may terminate Executive's employment hereunder for Cause effectively immediately upon delivery of notice to Executive, taking into account any procedural requirements set forth under Section 1(e) above.
  - (iv) Good Reason. Executive may terminate Executive's employment herein for Good Reason upon (i) satisfaction of any advance notice and other procedural requirements set forth under Section 1(n) above for any termination pursuant to Section 1(n)(i) through (vi) or (ii) at least 30 days' advance written notice by the Executive for any termination pursuant to Section 1(n)(vii) through (viii).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Good Reason shall not occur solely based on a filing of a Chapter 11 reorganization proceeding of the Company or the implementation of the Joint Plan.

- (v) <u>Without Cause.</u> The Company may terminate Executive's employment hereunder without Cause upon at least 30 days' advance written notice to the Executive.
- (vi) Resignation Without Good Reason. Executive may resign Executive's employment without Good Reason upon at least fourteen (14) days' written notice to the Company.

- (b) Notice of Termination. Any termination of Executive's employment by the Company or by Executive under this Section 15 (other than pursuant to Sections 15(a)(i)) shall be communicated by a written notice (the "Notice of Termination") to the other party hereto, indicating the specific termination provision in this Agreement relied upon, setting forth in reasonable detail any facts and circumstances claimed to provide a basis for termination of Executive's employment under the provision so indicated, and specifying a Date of Termination which notice shall be delivered within the applicable time periods set forth in subsections 15(a)(ii)-(vi) above (the "Notice Period"); provided that, the Company may pay to Executive all Annual Base Salary, benefits and other rights due to Executive during such Notice Period instead of employing Executive during such Notice Period.
- (c) <u>Resignation from Representational Capacities.</u> Executive hereby acknowledges and agrees that upon Executive's termination of employment with the Company for whatever reason, Executive shall be deemed to have, and shall have in fact, effectively resigned from all executive, director, offices, or other positions with the Company or its affiliates at the time of such termination of employment, and shall return all property owned by the Company and in Executive's possession, including all hardware, files and documents, at that time.
- (d) Termination in Connection with Change of Control. If Executive's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause or a Non-renewal Notice has been delivered to Executive either upon or within thirty days before or thirteen (13) months after a Change of Control, or prior to a Change of Control at the request of a prospective purchaser whose proposed purchase would constitute a Change of Control upon its completion, such termination or delivery of a Non-renewal Notice shall be deemed to constitute a termination by the Company without Cause and shall be deemed to have occurred immediately before such Change of Control for purposes of this Agreement and the Plan.

## 16. <u>Termination Pay</u>

- (a) Effective upon the termination of Executive's employment, Company will be obligated to pay Executive (or, in the event of Executive's death, the Executive's designated beneficiary as defined below) only such compensation as is provided in this Section 16, except to the extent otherwise provided for in any Company stock incentive, stock option or cash award plan (including, among others, the Plan), approved by the Board. For purposes of this Section 16, Executive's designated beneficiary will be such individual beneficiary or trust, located at such address, as Executive may designate by notice to Company from time to time or, if Executive fails to give notice to Company of such a beneficiary, ExecutiveR 17;s estate. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, Company will have no duty, in any circumstances, to attempt to open an estate on behalf of Executive, to determine whether any beneficiary designated by Executive is alive or to ascertain the address of any such beneficiary, to determine the existence of any trust, to determine whether any person purporting to act as Executive's personal representative (or the trustee of a trust established by Executive) is duly authorized to act in that capacity, or to locate or attempt to locate any beneficiary, personal representative, or trustee
- (b) <u>Termination by Executive for Good Reason or by Company without Cause.</u> If prior to expiration of the Term, Executive terminates his or her employment for Good Reason, or if the Company terminates Executive's employment other than for Cause or Executive's death or Disability, Executive will be entitled to receive, subject to the conditions of this Agreement, the following:
  - (i) (A) all Annual Base Salary and Bonus duly payable under the applicable plan for performance periods ending prior to the Date of Termination, but unpaid as of the Date of Termination, plus (B) in consideration for Executive's obligations set forth in

Section 19 hereof, an amount equal to two (2) times the Executive's then-current rate of Annual Base Salary and Target Bonus, which total sum shall be payable immediately following the Date of Termination in fifty-two (52) equal bi-weekly installments in accordance with the Company's normal payroll practices commencing with the next payroll date immediately following the 30 day anniversary of the Date of Termination; provided that, if a Change of Control occurs (or is deemed pursuant to Section 15(d) hereof to have occurred after such termination) during such twenty-four (24) month period (and such Change of Control qualifies either as a "change in the ownership or effective control" of the Company or a "change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets" of the Company as such terms are defined under Section 409A of the Code), any amounts remaining payab le to Executive hereunder shall be paid in a single lump sum immediately upon such Change of Control;

- (ii) all reasonable expenses Executive has incurred in the pursuit of Executive's duties under this Agreement through the Date of Termination which are payable under and in accordance with this Agreement, which amount will be paid within thirty (30) days after the submission by Executive of properly completed reimbursement requests on the Company's standard forms, provided that, in no event will an expense be reimbursed later than the last day of the calendar year following the calendar in year in which such expense is incurred;
- (iii) a lump sum payment (net after deduction of taxes and other required withholdings) equal to twenty-four (24) times the monthly cost, at the time Executive's employment terminated, for Executive to receive under COBRA the paid coverage for health, dental and vision benefits then being provided for Executive at the Company's cost at the time Executive's employment terminated. This amount will be paid on the next payroll date immediately following the 30 day anniversary of the Date of Termination and will not take into account future increases in costs during the applicable time period;
  - (iv) vesting of equity awards as provided in the applicable award agreement and plan; and
- (v) pay the cost of up to twelve (12) months, as required, of executive-level outplacement services (which provides as part of the outplacement services the use of an office and secretarial support as near as reasonably practicable to Executive's residence), provided that, in no event will an expense be reimbursed later than the last day of the calendar year following the calendar in year in which such expense is incurred;.
- (c) The Executive shall not be required to mitigate the amount of any payments provided in Section 16, by seeking other employment or otherwise, nor shall the amount of any payment provided for in this Section 16 be reduced by any compensation earned by Executive as a result of employment by another company or business, or by profits earned by Employee from any other source at any time before or after the date of Termination, so long as Executive is not in breach of the Agreement.
- (d) Termination by Executive without Good Reason or by Company for Cause. If prior to the expiration of the Term or thereafter, Executive Voluntarily terminates Executive's employment prior to expiration of the Term without Good Reason or if Company terminates this Agreement for Cause, Executive will be entitled to receive Executive's then-existing Annual Base Salary only through the date such termination is effective in accordance with regular payroll practices and will be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses Executive has incurred in the pursuit of Executive's duties under this Agreement t hrough the date of termination which are payable under and in accordance with this Agreement; any unvested options and shares of restricted stock

shall terminate as of the date of termination unless otherwise provided for in any applicable plan or award agreement, and Executive shall be entitled to no other compensation, bonus, payments or benefits except as expressly provided in this paragraph.

- (e) <u>Termination upon Disability or Death.</u> If Executive's employment shall terminate by reason of Executive's Disability (pursuant to Section 15(a)(i)), the Company shall pay to Executive, in a lump sum cash payment following the Date of Termination, all unpaid Annual Base Salary through the Date of Termination in accordance with regular payroll practices and the Bonus previously earned for a performance period ending prior to the Date of Termination, but unpaid as of the Date of Termination, and the pro rata portion of the Bonus for such year (when and as such Bonuses are paid to other senior executives of the Company) for the Performance Period in which the termination occurred. In the case of Disability, if there is a period of time during which Executive is not being paid Annual Base Salary and not receiving long-term disability insurance payments, the Company shall make interim payments equal to such unpaid disability insurance payments to Executive until commencement of disability insurance payments; provided that, to the extent required to avoid the tax consequences of Section 409A of the Code, as determined by independent tax counsel, the first payment shall cover all payments scheduled to be made to Executive during the first six (6) months after the date Executive's employment terminates, and the first such payment shall be delayed until the day that is six (6) months after the date Executive's employment terminates.
- (f) <u>Benefits.</u> Except as otherwise required by law, Executive's accrual of, and participation in plans providing for, the Benefits will cease at the effective Date of the Termination of employment.
- Conditions To Payments. To be eligible to receive (and continue to receive) and retain the payments and benefits described in Sections 16(b)(i) and 16(e), Executive must comply with the provisions of Sections 18, 19 and 20. In addition, to be eligible to receive (and continue to receive) and retain the payments and benefits described in Sections 16(b) and 16(e) Executive (or Executive's executor and personal representatives in case of death) must execute and deliver to Company, and comply with, an agreement, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Company, effectively releasing and giving up all claims Executive may have against Company or any of its subsi diaries or affiliates (and each of their respective controlling shareholders, employees, directors, officers, plans, fiduciaries, insurers and agents) arising out of or based upon any facts or conduct occurring prior to that date. The agreement will be prepared by Company, will be based upon the standard form (if any) then being utilized by Company for executive separations when severance is being paid, and will be provided to Executive at the time Executive's employment is terminated or as soon as administratively practicable thereafter (not to exceed five (5) business days). The agreement will require Executive to consult with Company representatives, and voluntarily appear as a witness for trial or deposition (and to prepare for any such testimony) in connection with, any claim which may be asserted by or against Company, any investigation or administrative proceeding, any matter relating to a franchise, or any business matter concerning Company or any of its transactions or operations. It is unders tood that the final document may not contain provisions specific to the release of a federal age discrimination claim if Executive is not at least forty (40) years of age, and may be changed as Company's chief legal counsel considers necessary and appropriate to enforce the same, including provisions to comply with changes in applicable laws and recent court decisions. Payments under and/or benefits provided by Section 16 will not continue to be made unless and until Executive executes and delivers that agreement to Company within twenty-one (21) days after delivery of the document (or such lesser time as Company's chief legal counsel may specify in the document) and all conditions to the effectiveness of that agreement and the releases contemplated thereby have been satisfied (including without limitation the expiration of any applicable revocation period without revoking acceptance).

- (h) Termination Following Expiration. Executive shall not be entitled to any severance payment under this Agreement or otherwise upon a termination following the expiration of the term of this Agreement except as may result from a termination by the Company without Cause as provided in Section 15(d).
- (i) <u>Survival.</u> The expiration or termination of the Term shall not impair the rights or obligations of any party hereto which shall have accrued hereunder prior to such expiration, subject to the terms of any agreement containing a general release provided by Executive.
- (j) <u>Definitions.</u> For purposes of this Section 16, the terms "termination of employment" or "terminate" when used in the context of termination of employment shall mean separation from service with the Company and its affiliates as the terms "separation from service" and "affiliate" are defined in Section 409A of the Code or the regulations thereunder.
- (k) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 16, any of the benefits described in this Section 16 that are due to be paid or awarded during the first six-(6) months after the Date of Termination shall, to the extent required to avoid the additional taxes and penalties imposed under Section 409A of the Code (as determined by independent tax counsel), be suspended for six months and paid on the day after the sixth month anniversary of the Date of Termination.

#### 17. Excess Parachute Payment.

- (a) Anything in this Agreement or the Plan to the contrary notwithstanding, to the extent that any payment, distribution or acceleration of vesting to or for the benefit of Executive by the Company (within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code and the regulations thereunder), whether paid or payable or distributed or distributable pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or otherwise (the "Total Payments") is or will be subject to the excise tax imposed under Section 4999 of the Code (the "Excise Tax"), then the Total Payments shall be reduced (but not below zero) to the Safe Harbor Amount (as defined below). For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Safe Harbor Amount" means the largest portion of the Total Payments that would result in no portion of the Total Payments being subject to the Excise Tax. Unless Executive shall have given prior written notice specifying a different order to the Company to effectuate the foregoing, the Company shall reduce or eliminate the Total Payments, by first reducing or eliminating the portion of the Total Payments which are payable in cash and then by reducing or eliminating non-cash payments in such order as Executive shall determine; provided that Executive may not so elect to the extent that, in the determination of the Determining Party (as defined herein), such election would cause Executive to be subject to the Excise Tax. Any notice given by Executive pursuant to the preceding sentence shall take precedence over the provisions of any other plan, arrangement or agreement governing Executive's rights and entitlements to any benefits or compensation.
- (b) The determination of whether the Total Payments shall be reduced as provided in Section 17(a) and the amount of such reduction shall be made at the Company's expense by an accounting firm selected by Company from among the ten largest accounting firms in the United States or by qualified independent tax counsel (the "Determining Party"); provided that, Executive shall be given advance notice of the Determining Party selected by the Company, and shall have the opportunity to reject the selection, within two business days of being notified of the selection, on the basis of that Determining Party's having a conflict of interest or other reasonable basis, in which case the Company shall select an alternative auditing firm among the ten largest accounting firms in the United States or alternative independent qualified tax counsel, which shall become the Determining Party. Such Determining Party shall provide its determination (the "Determination"), together with detailed supporting calculations and documentation to the Company and Executive within ten (10) days of the termination of Executive's employment or at such other time mutually

agreed by the Company and Executive. If the Determining Party determines that no Excise Tax is payable by Executive with respect to the Total Payments, it shall furnish Executive with an opinion reasonably acceptable to Executive that no Excise Tax will be imposed with respect to any such payments and, absent manifest error, such Determination shall be binding, final and conclusive upon the Company and Executive. If the Determining Party determines that an Excise Tax would be payable, the Company shall have the right to accept the Determination as to the extent of the reduction, if any, pursuant to Section 17(a), or to have such Determination reviewed by another accounting firm selected by the Company, at the Company's expense. If the two accounting firms do not agree, a third accounting firm shall be jointly chosen by the Executive Party and the Company, in which case the determination of such third accounting firm shall be binding, final and conclusive upon the Company and Executive.

- (c) If, notwithstanding any reduction described in this Section 17, the IRS determines that Executive is liable for the Excise Tax as a result of the receipt of any of the Total Payments or otherwise, then Executive shall be obligated to pay back to the Company, within thirty (30) days after a final IRS determination or in the event that Executive challenges the final IRS determination, a final judicial determination, a portion of the Total Payments equal to the "Repayment Amount." The Repayment Amount with respect to the payment of benefits shall be the smallest such amount, if any, as shall be required to be paid to the Company so that Executive's net after-tax proceeds with respect to the Total Payments (after taki ng into account the payment of the Excise Tax and all other applicable taxes imposed on the Payment) shall be maximized. The Repayment Amount shall be zero if a Repayment Amount of more than zero would not result in Executive's net after—tax proceeds with respect to the Total Payments being maximized. If the Excise Tax is not eliminated pursuant to this paragraph, the Executive shall pay the Excise Tax.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 17, if (i) there is a reduction in the Total Payments as described in this Section 17, (ii) the IRS later determines that Executive is liable for the Excise Tax, the payment of which would result in the maximization of Executive's net after-tax proceeds (calculated as if Executive's benefits had not previously been reduced), and (iii) Executive pays the Excise Tax, then the Company shall pay to Executive those payments or benefits which were reduced pursuant to this Section 17 as soon as administratively possible after Executive pays the Excise Tax (but not later than March 15 following the calendar year of the IRS determination) so that Executive's net after-tax proceeds with respect to the Total Payments are maximized.

## 18. <u>Competition/Confidentiality.</u>

- (a) Acknowledgments by Executive. Executive acknowledges that (a) during the Term and as a part of Executive's employment, Executive has been and will be afforded access to Confidential Information (as defined below); (b) public disclosure of such Confidential Information could have an adverse effect on the Company and its business; (c) because Executive possesses substantial technical expertise and skill with respect to the Company's business, Company desires to obtain exclusive ownership of each invention by Executive while Executive is employed by the Company, and Company will be at a substantial competitive disadvantage if it fails to acquire ex clusive ownership of each such invention by Executive; and (d) the provisions of this Section 18 are reasonable and necessary to prevent the improper use or disclosure of Confidential Information and to provide Company with exclusive ownership of all inventions and works made or created by Executive.
- (b) <u>Confidential Information.</u> (i) The Executive acknowledges that during the Term Executive will have access to and may obtain, develop, or learn of Confidential Information (as defined below) under and pursuant to a relationship of trust and confidence. The Executive shall hold such Confidential Information in strictest confidence and never at any time, during or after

Executive's employment terminates, directly or indirectly use for Executive's own benefit or otherwise (except in connection with the performance of any duties as an employee hereunder) any Confidential Information, or divulge, reveal, disclose or communicate any Confidential Information to any unauthorized person or entity in any manner whatsoever.

- (ii) As used in this Agreement, the term "Confidential Information" shall include, but not be limited to, any of the following information relating to Company learned by the Executive during the Term or as a result of Executive's employment with Company:
- (A) information regarding the Company's business proposals, manner of the Company's operations, and methods of selling or pricing any products or services;
- (B) the identity of persons or entities actually conducting or considering conducting business with the Company, and any information in any form relating to such persons or entities and their relationship or dealings with the Company or its affiliates;
  - (C) any trade secret or confidential information of or concerning any business operation or business relationship;
- (D) computer databases, software programs and information relating to the nature of the hardware or software and how said hardware or software is used in combination or alone;
- (E) information concerning Company personnel, confidential financial information, customer or customer prospect information, information concerning subscribers, subscriber and customer lists and data, methods and formulas for estimating costs and setting prices, engineering design standards, testing procedures, research results (such as marketing surveys, programming trials or product trials), cost data (such as billing, equipment and programming cost projection models), compensation information and models, business or marketing plans or strategies, deal or business terms, budgets, vendor names, programming operations, product names, information on proposed acquisitions or dispositions, actual performance compared to budgeted perform ance, long-range plans, internal financial information (including but not limited to financial and operating results for certain offices, divisions, departments, and key market areas that are not disclosed to the public in such form), results of internal analyses, computer programs and programming information, techniques and designs, and trade secrets;
  - (F) information concerning the Company's employees, officers, directors and shareholders; and
  - (G) any other trade secret or information of a confidential or proprietary nature.
- (iii) Executive shall not make or use any notes or memoranda relating to any Confidential Information except for uses reasonably expected by Executive to be for the benefit of the Company, and will, at Company's request, return each original and every copy of any and all notes, memoranda, correspondence, diagrams or other records, in written or other form, that Executive may at any time have within his possession or control that contain any Confidential Information.
- (iv) Notwithstanding the foregoing, Confidential Information shall not include information which has come within the public domain through no fault of or action by Executive or which has become rightfully available to Executive on a non-confidential basis from any third party, the disclosure of which to Executive does not violate any contractual or legal obligation

such third party has to the Company or its affiliates with respect to such Confidential Information. None of the foregoing obligations and restrictions applies to any part of the Confidential Information that Executive demonstrates was or became generally available to the public other than as a result of a disclosure by Executive or by any other person bound by a confidentiality obligation to the Company in respect of such Confidential Information.

(v) Executive will not remove from the Company's premises (except to the extent such removal is for purposes of the performance of Executive's duties at home or while traveling, or except as otherwise specifically authorized by Company) any Company document, record, notebook, plan, model, component, device, or computer software or code, whether embodied in a disk or in any other form (collectively, the "Proprietary Items"). Executive recognizes that, as between Company and Executive, all of the Proprietary Items, whether or not developed by Executive, are the exclusive property of the Company. Upon termination of Executive's employment by either party, or upon the request of Company during the Term, Execut ive will return to Company all of the Proprietary Items in Executive's possession or subject to Executive's control, including all equipment (e.g., laptop computers, cell phone, portable e-mail devices, etc.), documents, files and data, and Executive shall not retain any copies, abstracts, sketches, or other physical embodiment of any such Proprietary Items.

#### 19. Proprietary Developments.

- (a) Any and all inventions, products, discoveries, improvements, processes, methods, computer software programs, models, techniques, or formulae (collectively, hereinafter referred to as "Developments"), made, conceived, developed, or created by Executive (alone or in conjunction with others, during regular work hours or otherwise) during Executive's employment which may be directly or indirectly useful in, or relate to, the business conducted or to be conducted by the Company will be promptly disclosed by Executive to Company and shall be Company's exclusive property. The term "Developments" shall not be deemed to include inventions, p roducts, discoveries, improvements, processes, methods, computer software programs, models, techniques, or formulae which were in the possession of Executive prior to the Term. Executive hereby transfers and assigns to Company all proprietary rights which Executive may have or acquire in any Developments and Executive waives any other special right which the Executive may have or accrue therein. Executive will execute any documents and to take any actions that may be required, in the reasonable determination of Company's counsel, to effect and confirm such assignment, transfer and waiver, to direct the issuance of patents, trademarks, or copyrights to Company with respect to such Developments as are to be Company's exclusive property or to vest in Company title to such Developments; provided, however, that the expense of securing any patent, trademark or copyright shall be borne by Company. The parties agree that Developments shall constitute Confidential Information.
- (b) "Work Made for Hire." Any work performed by Executive during Executive's employment with Company shall be considered a "Work Made for Hire" as defined in the U.S. Copyright laws, and shall be owned by and for the express benefit of Company. In the event it should be established that such work does not qualify as a Work Made for Hire, Executive agrees to and does hereby assign to Company all of Executive's right, title, and interest in such work product including, but not limited to, all copyrights and other proprietary rights.

# 20. <u>Non-Competition and Non-Interference.</u>

(a) Acknowledgments by Executive. Executive acknowledges and agrees that: (a) the services to be performed by Executive under this Agreement are of a special, unique, unusual, extraordinary, and intellectual character; (b) the Company competes with other businesses that are or could be located in any part of the United States; and (c) the provisions of this Section 20 are

reasonable and necessary to protect the Company's business and lawful protectable interests, and do not impair Executive's ability to earn a living.

- (b) <u>Covenants of Executive.</u> For purposes of this Section 20, the term "Restricted Period" shall mean the period commencing as of the date of this Agreement and terminating on the second anniversary (or, in the case of Section 20(b)(iii), the first anniversary), of the date Executive's employment terminated provided that the "Restricted Period" also shall encompass any period of time from whichever anniversary date is applicable until and ending on the last date Executive is to be paid any payment under Section 16 hereof. In consideration of the acknowledgments by Executive, and in consideration of the compensation and benefits to be paid or provided to Executive by Company, Executive covenants and agrees that during the Restricted Period, the Executive will not, directly or indirectly, for Executive's own benefit or for the benefit of any other person or entity other than the Company:
- (i) in the United States or any other country or territory where the Company then conducts its business: engage in, operate, finance, control or be employed by a "Competitive Business" (defined below); serve as an officer or director of a Competitive Business (regardless of where Executive then lives or conducts such activities); perform any work as an employee, consultant (other than as a member of a professional consultancy, law firm, accounting firm or similar professional enterprise that has been retained by the Competitive Business and where Executive has no direct role in such professional consultancy and maintains the confidentiality of all information acquired by Executive during his or her employment with the Com pany), contractor, or in any other capacity with, a Competitive Business; directly or indirectly invest or own any interest in a Competitive Business (regardless of where Executive then lives or conducts such activities); or directly or indirectly provide any services or advice to any business, person or entity who or which is engaged in a Competitive Business (other than as a member of a professional consultancy, law firm, accounting firm or similar professional enterprise that has been retained by the Competitive Business and where Executive has no direct role in such professional consultancy and maintains the confidentiality of all information acquired by Executive during his or her employment with the Company). A "Competitive Business" is any business, person or entity who or which, anywhere within that part of the United States, or that part of any other country or territory, where the Company conducts business; owns or operates a cable television system; provides direct television or any sa tellite-based, telephone system-based, internet-based or wireless system for delivering television, music or other entertainment programming (other than as an ancillary service, such as cellular telephone providers); provides telephony services using any wired connection or fixed (as opposed to mobile) wireless application; provides data or internet access services; or offers, provides, markets or sells any service or product of a type that is offered or marketed by or directly competitive with a service or product offered or marketed by the Company at the time Executive's employment terminates; or who or which in any case is preparing or planning to do so. The provisions of this Section 20 shall not be construed or applied (i) so as to prohibit Executive from owning not more than five percent (5%) of any class of securities that is publicly traded on any national or regional securities exchange, as long as Executive's investment is passive and Executive does not lend or provide any services or a dvice to such business or otherwise violate the terms of this Agreement in connection with such investment; or (ii) so as to prohibit Executive from working as an employee in the cable television business for a company/business that owns or operates cable television franchises (by way of current example only, Time Warner, Cablevision, Cox or Comcast), provided that the company/business is not providing cable services in any political subdivision/ geographic area where the Company has a franchise or provides cable services (other than nominal overlaps of service areas) and the company/business is otherwise not engaged in a Competitive Business, and provided Executive does not otherwise violate the terms of this Agreement in connection with that work;

(ii) contact, solicit or provide any service to any person or entity that was a customer franchisee, or prospective customer of the Company at any time
during Executive's employment (a prospective customer being one to whom the Company had made a business proposal within twelve (12) months prior to the time
Executive's employment terminated); or directly solicit or encourage any customer, franchisee or subscriber of the Company to purchase any service or product of a type
offered by or competitive with any product or service provided by the Company, or to reduce the amount or level of business purchased by such customer, franchisee or
subscriber from the Company; or take away or procure for the benefit of any competitor of the Company, any business of a type provided by or competitive with a
product or service offered by the Company; or

(iii) solicit or recruit for employment, any person or persons who are employed by Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates, or who were so employed at any time within a period of six (6) months immediately prior to the date Executive's employment terminated, or otherwise interfere with the relationship between any such person and the Company; nor will the Executive assist anyone else in recruiting any such employee to work for another company or business or discuss with any such person his or her leaving the employ of the Company or engaging in a business activity in competition with the Company. This provision shall not apply to secretarial, clerical, custodial or maintenance employees.

If Executive violates any covenant contained in this Section 20, then the term of the covenants in this Section shall be extended by the period of time Executive was in violation of the same.

- (c) Provisions Pertaining to the Covenants. Executive recognizes that the existing business of the Company extends to various locations and areas throughout the United States and may extend hereafter to other countries and territories and agrees that the scope of Section 20 shall extend to any part of the United States, and any other country or territory, where the Company operates or conducts business, or has concrete plans to do so at the time Executive's employment terminates. It is agreed that the Executive's services hereunder are special, unique, unusual and extraordinary giving them peculiar value, the loss of which cannot be reasonably or adequately co mpensated for by damages, and in the event of the Executive's breach of this Section, Company shall be entitled to equitable relief by way of injunction or otherwise in addition to the cessation of payments and benefits hereunder. If any provision of Sections 18, 19 or 20 of this Agreement is deemed to be unenforceable by a court (whether because of the subject matter of the provision, the duration of a restriction, the geographic or other scope of a restriction or otherwise), that provision shall not be rendered void but the parties instead agree that the court shall amend and alter such provision to such lesser degree, time, scope, extent and/or territory as will grant Company the maximum restriction on Executive's activities permitted by applicable law in such circumstances. Company's failure to exercise its rights to enforce the provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected by the existence or non existence of any other similar agreement for anyone else employed by Company or by Co mpany's failure to exercise any of its rights under any such agreement.
- (d) Notices. In order to preserve Company's rights under this Agreement, Company is authorized to advise any potential or future employer, any third party with whom Executive may become employed or enter into any business or contractual relationship with, and any third party whom Executive may contact for any such purpose, of the existence of this Agreement and its terms, and Company shall not be liable for doing so.
- (e) <u>Injunctive Relief and Additional Remedy</u>. Executive acknowledges that the injury that would be suffered by Company as a result of a breach of the provisions of this Agreement (including any provision of Sections 18, 19 and 20) would be irreparable and that an award of monetary damages to Company for such a breach would be an inadequate remedy. Consequently,

Company will have the right, in addition to any other rights it may have, to obtain injunctive relief to restrain any breach or threatened breach or otherwise to specifically enforce any provision of this Agreement, and Company will not be obligated to post bond or other security in seeking such relief. Without limiting Company's rights under this Section or any other remedies of Company, if Executive breaches any of the provisions of Sections 18, 19 or 20, Company will have the right to cease making any payments otherwise due to Executive under this Agreement.

- (f) Covenants of Sections 18, 19 and 20 are Essential and Independent Covenants. The covenants by Executive in Sections 18, 19 and 20 are essential elements of this Agreement, and without Executive's agreement to comply with such covenants, Company would not have entered into this Agreement or employed Executive. Company and Executive have independently consulted their respective counsel and have been advised in all respects concerning the reasonableness and propriety of such covenants, with specific regard to the nature of the business conducted by Company. Executive's covenants in Sections 18, 19 and 20 are independent covenants and the existence of any claim by Executive against Company, under this Agreement or otherwise, will not excuse Executive's breach of any covenant in Section 18, 19 or 20. If Executive's employment hereunder is terminated, this Agreement will continue in full force and effect as is necessary or appropriate to enforce the covenants and agreements of Executive in Sections 18, 19 and 20. The Company's right to enforce the covenants in Sections 18, 19 and 20 shall not be adversely affected or limited by the Company's failure to have an agreement with another employee with provisions at least as restrictive as those contained in Sections 18, 19 or 20, or by the Company's failure or inability to enforce (or agreement not to enforce) in full the provisions of any other or similar agreement containing one or more restrictions of the type specified in Sections 18, 19 and 20 of this Agreement.
  - 21. Executive's Representations And Further Agreements.
  - (a) Executive represents, warrants and covenants to Company that:
- (i) Neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement by Executive nor the performance of any of Executive's duties hereunder in accordance with the Agreement will violate, conflict with or result in the breach of any order, judgment, employment contract, agreement not to compete or other agreement or arrangement to which Executive is a party or is subject;
- (ii) On or prior to the date hereof, Executive has furnished to Company true and complete copies of all judgments, orders, written employment contracts, agreements not to compete, and other agreements or arrangements restricting Executive's employment or business pursuits, that have current application to Executive:
- (iii) Executive is knowledgeable and sophisticated as to business matters, including the subject matter of this Agreement, and that prior to assenting to the terms of this Agreement, or giving the representations and warranties herein, Executive has been given a reasonable time to review it and has consulted with counsel of Executive's choice: and
- (iv) Executive has not provided, nor been requested by Company to provide, to Company, any confidential or non-public document or information of a former employer that constitutes or contains any protected trade secret, and will not use any protected trade secrets in connection with the Executive's employment.
- (b) During and subsequent to expiration of the Term, the Executive will cooperate with Company, and furnish any and all complete and truthful information, testimony or affidavits in connection with any matter that arose during the Executive's employment, that in any way relates

to the business or operations of the Company or any of its parent or subsidiary corporations or affiliates, or of which the Executive may have any knowledge or involvement; and will consult with and provide information to Company and its representatives concerning such matters. Executive shall fully cooperate with Company in the protection and enforcement of any intellectual property rights that relate to services performed by Executive for Company, whether under the terms of this Agreement or prior to the execution of this Agreement. This shall include without limitation executing, acknowledging, and delivering to Company all documents or papers that may be necessary to enable Company to publish or protect such intellectual property rights. Subsequent to the Term, the parties will make their best efforts to have such cooperation performed at reasonable times and places and in a manner as not to unreasonably interfere with any other employment in which Executive may then be engaged. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed or interpreted as requiring the Executive to provide any testimony, sworn statement or declaration that is not complete and truthful. If Company requires the Executive to travel outside the metropolitan area in the United States where the Executive then resides to provide any testimony or otherwise provide any such assistance, then Company will reimburse the Executive for any reasonable, ordinary and necessary travel and lodging expenses incurred by Executive to do so provided the Executive submits all documentation required under Company's standard travel expense reimbursement policies and as otherwise may be required to satisfy any requirements under applicable tax laws for Company to deduct those expenses. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed or interpreted as requiring the Executive to provide any testimony or affidavit that is not complete and truthful.

- 22. <u>Mutual Non-Disparagement.</u> Neither the Company nor Executive shall make any oral or written statement about the other party which is intended or reasonably likely to disparage the other party, or otherwise degrade the other party's reputation in the business or legal community or in the telecommunications industry.
- 23. <u>Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.</u> Executive agrees to comply in all material respects with the applicable provisions of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 ("FCPA"), as amended, which provides generally that: under no circumstances will foreign officials, representatives, political parties or holders of public offices be offered, promised or paid any money, remuneration, things of value, or provided any other benefit, direct or indirect, in connection with obtaining or maintaining contracts or orders hereunder. When any representative, employee, agent, or other individual or organization associated with Executive is required to perform any obligation related to or in connection with this Agreement, the substance of this section shall be imposed upon such person and included in any agreement between Executive and any such person. Failure by Executive to comply with the provisions of the FCPA shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and shall entitle the Company to terminate Executive's employment for Cause.
- 24. <u>Purchases and Sales of the Company's Securities.</u> Executive has read and agrees to comply in all respects with the Company's Securities Trading Policy regarding the purchase and sale of the Company's securities by employees, as such Policy may be amended from time to time. Specifically, and without limitation, Executive agrees that Executive shall not purchase or sell stock in the Company at any time (a) that Executive possesses material non-public information about the Company or any of its businesses; and (b) during any "Trading Blackout P eriod" as may be determined by the Company as set forth in the Policy from time to time.

## 25. <u>Indemnification.</u>

(a) If Executive is made a party or is threatened to be made a party or is otherwise involved in any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (hereinafter, a "proceeding"), by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director

or an officer of the Company or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to an employee benefit plan (hereinafter, a "Covered Person"), whether the basis of such proceeding is alleged action in an official capacity as a director, officer, employee or agent or in any other capacity while serving as a director, officer, employee or agent, shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company to the fullest extent authorized by the Delaware General Corporation Law, as the same exists or may hereafter be amended, against all expense, liability and loss (including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, ERISA excise taxes or penalties and amounts paid in settlement) reasonably incurred or suffered by such Covered Person in connection therewith; provided, ho wever, that, except as provided in Section 25(e) hereof with respect to proceedings to enforce rights to indemnification, the Company shall indemnify any such Covered Person in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by such Covered Person only if such proceeding (or part thereof) was authorized by the Board.

- (b) The Company shall pay the expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by Executive in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition (hereinafter, an "advancement of expenses"), provided, however, that, if the Delaware General Corporation Law so requires, an advancement of expenses incurred by Executive in his or her capacity as such shall be made only upon delivery to the Company of an undertaking (hereinafter, an "Undertaking"), by or on behalf of such Executive, to repay all amounts so advanced if it shall ultimately be determined by final judicial decision from which there is no further right to appeal (hereinafter, a "Final Adjudication") that Executive was not entitled to be indemnified for such expenses under this Section 25 or otherwise. The rights to indemnification and to the advancement of expenses conferred in Subsections 25(a) and (b) hereof shall be contract rights and such rights shall continue even after Executive ceases to be employed by the Company and shall inure to the benefit of Executive's heirs, executors and administrators.
- (c) If a claim under Section 25(a) or (b) hereof is not paid in full by the Company within sixty (60) days after a written claim therefore has been received by the Company, except in the case of a claim for an advancement of expenses, in which case the applicable period shall be twenty (20) days, Executive may at any time thereafter bring suit against the Company to recover the unpaid amount of the claim. If Executive is successful in whole or in part in any such suit, or in a suit brought by the Company to recover an advancement of expenses pursuant to the terms of an Undertaking, Executive shall be entitled to be paid also the expense of prosecuting or defending such suit. In (i) any suit brought by Executive to enforce a right to indemnification hereunder (but not in a suit brought by Executive to enforce a right to an advancement of expenses) it shall be a defense that, and (ii) any suit brought by the Company to recover an advancement of expenses pursuant to the terms of an Undertaking, the Company shall be entitled to recover such expenses upon a final adjudication that, Executive has not met the applicable standard for indemnification set forth in the Delaware General Corporation Law. To the fullest extent permitted by law, neither the failure of the Company (including its disinterested directors, committee thereof, independent legal counsel or its stockholders) to have made a determination prior to the commencement of such suit that indemnification of Executive is proper in the circumstances because the Executive has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in the Delaware General Corporation Law, nor an actual determination by the Company (including its disinterested directors, committee thereof, independent legal couns el or its stockholders) that Executive has not met such applicable standard of conduct, shall create a presumption that Executive has not met the applicable standard of conduct or, in the case of such a suit brought by Executive, be a defense to such suit. In any suit brought by

shall, to the extent permitted by law, be on the Company.

- (d) The rights to indemnification and to the advancement of expenses conferred in this Section 25 shall not be exclusive of any other right of indemnification which Executive or any other person may have or hereafter acquire by any statute, the Company's Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, including all rights of indemnification provided by the Indemnification Agreement entered into by Executive and the Company dated as of December 1, 2009.
- (e) The Company may maintain insurance, at its expense, to protect itself and any director, officer, employee or agent of the Company or another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any expense, liability or loss, whether or not the Company would have the power to indemnify such person against such expense, liability or loss under the Delaware General Corporation Law.
- 26. <u>Withholding.</u> Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, all payments required to be made by Company hereunder to Executive or his estate or beneficiary shall be subject to the withholding of such amounts, if any, relating to tax and other payroll deductions as the Company may reasonably determine it should withhold pursuant to applicable law or regulation.
- 27. <u>Notices.</u> Any written notice required by this Agreement will be deemed provided and delivered to the intended recipient when (a) delivered in person by hand; or (b) three days after being sent via U.S. certified mail, return receipt requested; or (c) the day after being sent via by overnight courier, in each case when such notice is properly addressed to the following address and with all postage and similar fees having been paid in advance:

If to the Company: Charter Communications, Inc.

Attn: Human Resources 12405 Powercourt Drive St. Louis, MO 63131

If to Executive: Gregory L. Doody

4603 Clairmont Avenue Birmingham, Alabama 35222

Either party may change the address to which notices, requests, demands and other communications to such party shall be delivered personally or mailed by giving written notice to the other party in the manner described above.

- 28. <u>Binding Effect.</u> This Agreement shall be for the benefit of and binding upon the parties hereto and their respective heirs, personal representatives, legal representatives, successors and, where applicable, assigns.
- 29. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the listed parties with respect to the subject matter described in this Agreement and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings and arrangements, both oral and written, between the parties with respect to such subject matter, except to the extent said agreements, understandings and arrangements are referenced or referred to in this Agreement. This Agreement may not be modified, amended, altered or rescinded in any manner, except by written instrument signed by both of the parties hereto; provided, however, that the waiver by either party of a breach or compliance with any provision of this Agreement shall not operate nor be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach or compliance. Except to the extent the terms hereof are explicitly and directly inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, nothing herein shall be deemed to override or

replace the terms of the Plan, including but not limited to sections 6.4, 9.4 and 10.4 thereof.

- 30. <u>Severability.</u> In case any one or more of the provisions of this Agreement shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction or any arbitrator selected in accordance with the terms hereof to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable in any respect, such provision shall have no force and effect, but such holding shall not affect the legality, validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement provided that the provisions held illegal, invalid or unenforceable does not reflect or manifest a fundamental benefit bargained for by a party hereto.
- 31. Assignment. Subject to the Executive's right to terminate in the event of a Change of Control hereunder, this Agreement can be assigned by the Company only to a company that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Company and which assumes all of the Company's obligations hereunder. The duties and covenants of Executive under this Agreement, being personal, may not be assigned or delegated except that Executive may assign payments due hereunder to a trust established for the benefit of Executive's family or to Executive's estat e or to any partnership or trust entered into by Executive and/or Executive's immediate family members (meaning, Executive's spouse and lineal descendants). This agreement shall be binding in all respects on permissible assignees.
- 32. <u>Notification.</u> In order to preserve the Company's rights under this Agreement, the Company is authorized to advise any third party with whom Executive may become employed or enter into any business or contractual relationship with, or whom Executive may contact for any such purpose, of the existence of this Agreement and its terms, and the Company shall not be liable for doing so.
- 33. Choice of Law/Jurisdiction. This Agreement is deemed to be accepted and entered into in St. Louis County, Missouri. Executive and the Company intend and hereby acknowledge that jurisdiction over disputes with regard to this Agreement, and over all aspects of the relationship between the parties hereto, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Missouri without giving effect to its rules governing conflicts of laws. Executive agrees that in any suit to enforce this Agreement, or as to any dispute that arises between the Company and the Executive regarding or relating to this Agreement and/or any aspect of Executive's employment r elationship with Company, venue and jurisdiction are proper in the County of St. Louis, and (if federal jurisdiction exists) the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri in St. Louis, and Executive waives all objections to jurisdiction and venue in any such forum and any defense that such forum is not the most convenient forum.
- 34. <u>Section Headings.</u> The section headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any manner the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

35.	Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which taken
together shall con	stitute one and the same instrument.

36. <u>Section 409A Compliance.</u> The Company and Executive intend that the provisions of this Agreement comply with the requirements of Code Section 409A and the regulations and guidance issued thereunder and be interpreted in accordance therewith. Executive will not have any discretion to designate the taxable year of payment of any amounts subject to Section 409A under any provision of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.

CH	IARTER COMMUNICATIONS, IN
By:	:
	Michael J. Lovett, President and
	Chief Executive Officer
EX	ECUTIVE
Mai	me: Gregory I. Doody

Address: 4603 Clairmont Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama 35222

#### AMENDED AND RESTATED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AMENDED AND RESTATED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (the "Agreement"), dated and effective as of March 1, 2010 (the "Effective Date") is made by and between CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), and Kevin D. Howard (the "Executive").

#### **RECITALS:**

WHEREAS, the Executive and the Company have previously entered into that certain Employment Agreement dated October 25, 2007, as amended (the "Old Employment Agreement") and the parties desire to amend and restate in its entirety the Old Employment Agreement;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Company to assure itself of the services of Executive by engaging Executive as its Senior Vice President-Finance, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer and the Executive desires to serve the Company on the terms herein provided;

WHEREAS, Executive's agreement to the terms and conditions of Sections 17, 18 and 19 are a material and essential condition of Executive's employment with the Company hereafter under the terms of this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of the respective covenants and agreements set forth below, the parties hereto agree as follows:

#### 1. <u>Certain Definitions.</u>

- (a) "Allen" shall mean Paul G. Allen (and his heirs or beneficiaries under his will(s), trusts or other instruments of testamentary disposition), and any entity or group over which Paul G. Allen has Control and that constitutes a Person as defined herein. For the purposes of this definition, "Control" means the power to direct the management and policies of an entity or to appoint or elect a majority of its governing board.
  - (b) "Annual Base Salary" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.
  - (c) "Board" shall mean the Board of Directors of the Company.
  - (d) "Bonus" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.
  - (e) The Company shall have "Cause" to terminate Executive's employment hereunder upon:
- (i) Executive's breach of a material obligation (which, if curable, is not cured within ten business (10) days after Executive receives written notice of such breach) or representation under this Agreement or breach of any fiduciary duty to the Company which, if curable, is not cured within ten business (10) days after Executive receives written notice of such breach; or any act of fraud or knowing material misrepresentation or concealment upon, to or from the Company or the Board:
- (ii) Executive's failure to adhere in any material respect to (i) the Company's Code of Conduct in effect from time to time and applicable to officers and/or employees generally, or (ii) any written Company policy, if such policy is material to the effective performance by Executive of the Executive's duties under this Agreement, and if

Executive has been given a reasonable opportunity to cure this failure to comply within a period of time which is reasonable under the circumstances but not more than the thirty (30) day period after written notice of such failure is provided to Executive; provided that if Executive cures this failure to comply with such a policy and then fails again to comply with the same policy, no further opportunity to cure that failure shall be required;

- (iii) Executive's misappropriation (or attempted misappropriation) of a material amount of the Company's funds or property;
- (iv) Executive's conviction of, the entering of a guilty plea or plea of nolo contendere or no contest (or the equivalent), or entering into any pretrial diversion program or agreement or suspended imposition of sentence, with respect to either a felony or a crime that adversely affects or could reasonably be expected to adversely affect the Company or its business reputation; or the institution of criminal charges against Executive, which are not dismissed within sixty (60) days after institution, for fraud, embezzlement, any felony offense involving dishonesty or constituting a breach of trust or moral turpitude;
- (v) Executive's admission of liability of, or finding of liability, for a knowing and deliberate violation of any "Securities Laws." As used herein, the term "Securities Laws" means any federal or state law, rule or regulation governing generally the issuance or exchange of securities, including without limitation the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;
- (vi) conduct by Executive in connection with Executive's employment that constitutes gross neglect of any material duty or responsibility, willful misconduct, or recklessness which, if curable, is not cured within ten business (10) days after Executive receives written notice of such breach;
- (vii) Executive's illegal possession or use of any controlled substance, or excessive use of alcohol at a work function, in connection with Executive's duties, or on Company premises; "excessive" meaning either repeated unprofessional use or any single event of consumption giving rise to significant intoxication or unprofessional behavior;
- (viii) Executive's willful or grossly negligent commission of any other act or failure to act in connection with the Executive's duties as an executive of the Company which causes or reasonably may be expected (as of the time of such occurrence) to cause substantial economic injury to or substantial injury to the business reputation of the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company, including, without limitation, any material violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, as described herein below.

If Executive commits or is charged with committing any offense of the character or type specified in subparagraphs 1(e)(iv), (v) or (viii) above, then the Company at its option may suspend the Executive with or without pay. If the Executive subsequently is convicted of, pleads guilty or nolo contendere (or equivalent plea) to, or enters into any type of suspended imposition of sentence or pretrial diversion program with respect to, any such offense (or any matter that gave rise to the suspension), the Executive shall immediately repay any compensation paid in cash hereunder from the date of the suspension. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any stock option or equity incentive plan or award agreement, all vesting and all lapsing of restrictions on restricted shares shall be toll ed during the period of suspension and all unvested options and restricted shares for which the restrictions have not lapsed shall terminate and not be exercisable by or issued to Executive if during or after such suspension the Executive is convicted of, pleads guilty or nolo contendere (or equivalent plea) to, or enters into any type of suspended imposition of

sentence or pretrial diversion program with respect to, any offense specified in subparagraphs 1(e)(iv), (v) or (viii) above or any matter that gave rise to the suspension.

- (f) "Change of Control" shall mean the occurrence of any of the following events:
- (i) an acquisition of any voting securities of the Company by any "Person" or "Group" (as those terms are used for purposes of Section 13(d) or 14(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934, amended (the "Exchange Act")), immediately after which such Person has "Beneficial Ownership" (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of thirty-five percent (35%) or more of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding voting securities; provided, however, that voting securities which are acquired in a "Non-Control Transaction" (as hereinafter defined) assuming that the acquisition of voting securities for this purpose qualifies as Merger (as hereinafter defined) shall not constitute a Change of Control; and provided further that an acquisition of Beneficial Ownership of less than fifty percent (50%) of the Company's then outstanding voting securities by any Equity Backstop Party (as defined in the Joint Plan) or the Allen Entities (as defined in the Joint Plan) shall not be considered to be a Change of Control under this clause (i);
- (ii) the individuals who, as of immediately after the effective date of the Company's Chapter 11 plan of reorganization (the "Emergence Date"), are members of the Board (the "Incumbent Board"), cease for any reason to constitute a majority of the Board; provided, however, that if the election, or nomination for election by the Company's common stockholders, of any new director (excluding any director whose nomination or election to the Board is the result of any actual or threatened proxy contest or settlement thereof) was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds of t he Incumbent Board, such new director shall, for purposes of this Agreement, be considered as a member of the Incumbent Board;
- (iii) the consummation of a merger, consolidation or reorganization with or into the Company or in which securities of the Company are issued (a "Merger"), unless such Merger is a Non-Control Transaction. A "Non-Control Transaction" shall mean a Merger where: (1) the stockholders of the Company, immediately before such Merger own directly or indirectly immediately following such Merger more than fifty percent (50%) of the combined voting power of the outstanding voting securities of the entity resulting from such Merger or its controlling parent entity (the "Surviving Entity"), (2) the individuals who were members of the Incumbent Board immediately prior to the execution of the agreement providing for such Merger constitute at least a majority of the members of the board of directors (or similar governing body) of the Surviving Entity, and (3) no Person other (X) than the Company, its subsidiaries or affiliates or any of their respective employee benefit plans (or any trust forming a part thereof) that, immediately prior to such Merger was maintained by the Company or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Company, or (Y) any Person who, immediately prior to such Merger had Beneficial Ownership of thirty-five percent (35%) or more of the contstanding voting securities of the Company, has Beneficial Ownership of thirty-five percent (35%) or more of the outstanding voting securities or common stock of the Surviving Entity; provided that this clause (Y) shall not trigger a Change of Control solely because, after such Merger, any Equity Backstop P arty or any Allen Entity has Beneficial Ownership of more than thirty-five percent (35%) but less than fifty percent (50%) of the combined voting power of the outstanding voting securities or common stock of the Surviving Entity;
- (iv) complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company (other than where assets of the Company are transferred to or remain with subsidiaries of the Company); or

(v) the sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company and its direct and indirect subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, directly or indirectly, to any Person (other than a transfer to a subsidiary or affiliate of the Company unless, such sale or disposition constitutes a Non-Control Transaction with the disposition of assets being regarded as a Merger for this purpose or the distribution to the Company's stockholders of the stock of a subsidiary or affiliate of the Company or any other assets).

Notwithstanding the foregoing a Change of Control shall not occur solely based on a filing of a Chapter 11 reorganization proceeding of the Company or the implementation of the "Joint Plan."

- (g) "Code" shall mean the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.
- (h) "Committee" shall mean either the Compensation and Benefits Committee of the Board, or a Subcommittee of such Committee duly appointed by the Board or the Committee or any successor to the functions thereof.
  - (i) "Company" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble hereto.
- (j) "Company Stock" shall mean the common stock of the Company issued in connection with the Company's emergence from its Chapter 11 reorganization and any stock received in exchange therefor.
- (k) "Date of Termination" shall mean (i) if Executive's employment is terminated by Executive's death, the date of Executive's death and (ii) if Executive's employment is terminated pursuant to Section 14(a)(ii)-(vi), the date of termination of employment, as defined in 409(A) regulations under the Code.
- (l) For purposes of this Agreement, Executive will be deemed to have a "Disability" if, due to illness, injury or a physical or medically recognized mental condition, (a) Executive is unable to perform Executive's duties under this Agreement with reasonable accommodation for 120 consecutive days, or 180 days during any twelve month period, as determined in accordance with this Section, or (b) Executive is considered disabled for purposes of receiving / qualifying for long term disability benefits under any group long term disability insurance plan or policy offered by Company in which Executive participates. The Disability of Executive will be determined by a medical doctor selected by written agreement of Company and Executive upon the request of either party by notice to the other, or (in the case of and with respect to any applicable long term disability insurance policy or plan) will be determined according to the terms of the applicable long term disability insurance policy or plan) will be determined according to the terms of medical doctor and the two medical doctors will select a third medical doctor who will determine whether Executive has a Disability. The determination of the medical doctor selected under this Section will be binding on both parties. Executive must submit to a reasonable number of examinations by the medical doctor making the determination of Disability under this Section, and to other specialists designated by such medical doctor, and Executive hereby authorizes the disclosure and relea se to Company of such determination and all supporting medical records. If Executive is not legally competent, Executive's legal guardian or duly authorized attorney-in-fact will act in Executive's stead under this Section for the purposes of submitting Executive to the examinations, and providing the authorization of disclosure, required under this Section.
  - (m) "Executive" shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble hereto.

- (n) "Good Reason" shall mean any of the events described herein that occur without Executive's prior written consent: (i) any reduction in Executive's Annual Base Salary, Target Bonus Percentage, or title except as permitted hereunder, (ii) any failure to pay Executive's compensation hereunder when due; (iii) any material breach by the Company of a term hereof; (iv) relocation of Executive's primary workplace to a location that is more than fifty (50) miles from the office where Executive is then assigned to work as Executive's princi pal office; (v) any change in reporting structure such that Executive no longer reports directly to the officer (by function) to whom Executive reports at the time of the execution of this Agreement (or equivalent position if the Company has changed functional responsibilities of its senior executive staff) (in each case "(i)" through "(v)" only if Executive objects in writing within 30 days after being informed of such events and unless Company retracts and/or rectifies the claimed Good Reason within 30 days following Company's receipt of timely written objection from Executive); (vi) if within six months after a Change of Control, Executive has not received an offer from the surviving company to continue in an equivalent position in terms of title, responsibility and compensation (except that the value of equity-based compensation after such Change of Control need only be commensurate with the value of equity-based compensation given to executives with equivalent positions in the surviving company, if any) as set herein; (vii) the Company's decision not to renew this Agreement at the end of its term, or (viii) the failure of a successor to the business of the Company to assume the Company's obligations under this Agreement in the event of a Change of Control during its term.
  - (o) "Notice of Termination" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 14(b).
  - (p) "Options" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7.
  - (q) "Performance Unit" and "Performance Shares" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 9 hereof.
  - (r) "Person" shall have the meaning set forth in Sections 13(d) and 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
  - (s) "Plan" shall mean the 2009 Stock Incentive Plan as amended by the Company from time to time.
  - (t) "Restricted Shares" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8.
  - (u) "Term" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 2.
- (v) "Voluntary" and "Voluntarily" in connection with Executive's termination of employment shall mean a termination of employment resulting from the initiative of the Executive, excluding a termination of employment attributable to Executive's death or Disability. A resignation by Executive that is in response to a communicated intent by the Company to discharge Executive other than for Cause is not considered to be "Voluntary" and shall be considered to be a termination by the Company for the purposes of this Agreement.
- (w) "Joint Plan" means the joint plan of reorganization of the Company, Charter Investment, Inc. and the Company's direct and indirect subsidiaries filed pursuant to chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532s, on March 27, 2009.
- 2. <u>Employment Term.</u> The Company hereby employs the Executive, and the Executive hereby accepts employment, under the terms and conditions hereof, for the period (the

"Term") beginning on the Effective Date hereof and terminating upon the earlier of (i) the second anniversary of the Effective Date (the "Initial Term") and (ii) the Date of Termination as defined in Section 1(k), and, if not terminated earlier, will be automatically renewed at the end of its Initial Term and on each anniversary thereafter for a period of one (1) year unless either party shall give written notice of cancellation to the other party not later than ninety (90) days prior to the end of the Initial Term or anniversaries thereof.

- 3. <u>Position and Duties.</u>Executive shall serve as Senior Vice President–Finance, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer, initially reporting to the Chief Financial Officer, but with such other reporting relationships as shall be determined by the Chief Executive Officer from time to time, with such responsibilities, duties and authority as are customary for such role, including, but not l imited to, overall management responsibility for the financial reporting and accounting operations in the Company. Executive shall devote all necessary business time and attention, and employ Executive's reasonable best efforts, toward the fulfillment and execution of all assigned duties, and the satisfaction of defined annual and/or longer-term performance criteria.
- 4. <u>Place of Performance</u>. In connection with Executive's employment during the Term, Executive's initial primary workplace shall be the Company's offices in or near St. Louis, Missouri, except for necessary travel on the Company's business.
- 5. Annual Base Salary. During the Term, Executive shall receive a base salary at a rate not less than \$297,000.00 per annum (the "Annual Base Salary"), less standard deductions, paid in accordance with the Company's general payroll practices for executives, but no less frequently than monthly. The Annual Base Salary shall compensate Executive for any official position or directorship of a subsidiary or affiliate that Executive is asked to hold in the Company or its subsidiaries or affiliates as a part of Executive's e mployment responsibilities. No less frequently than annually during the Term, the Committee, on advice of the Company's Chief Executive Officer, shall review the rate of Annual Base Salary payable hereunder; provided, however, that any increased rate shall thereafter be the rate of "Annual Base Salary" hereunder.
- 6. <u>Bonus.</u> Except as otherwise provided for herein, for each fiscal year or other period consistent with the Company's then-applicable normal employment practices during which Executive is employed hereunder on the last day (the "Bonus Year"), Executive shall be eligible to receive a bonus in an amount up to 65% of Executive's Annual Base Salary (the "Bonus" and bonuses at such percentage of Annual Base Salary being the "Target Bonus") pursuant to, and as set forth in, the terms of the Executive Bonus Plan as such Plan may be amended from time to time, plus such other b onus payments, if any, as shall be determined by the Committee in its sole discretion, with such Bonus and other bonuses being paid on or before March 15 of the year next following the Bonus Year.
- 7. <u>Stock Options.</u> The Committee may, in its discretion, grant to Executive options to purchase shares of Company Stock (all of such options, collectively, the "Options") pursuant to the terms of the Plan, any successor plan and an associated Stock Option Agreement.
- 8. Restricted Shares. The Committee may, in its discretion, grant to Executive restricted shares of Company Stock (collectively, the "Restricted Shares"), which shall be subject to restrictions on their sale as set forth in the Plan and an associated Restricted Shares Grant Letter.
- 9. <u>Performance Share Units.</u> The Committee may, in its discretion, grant to Executive performance share units subject to performance vesting conditions (collectively, the "Performance Units"), which shall be subject to restrictions on their sale as set forth in the Plan and an associated Performance Unit Grant Letter.

- 10. <u>Other Bonus Plans.</u> The Committee may, in its discretion, grant to Executive a right to participate in any other bonus or retention plan that the Committee may decide to establish for executives, but nothing herein shall require the Committee to do so.
- 11. <u>Benefits.</u> Executive shall be entitled to receive such benefits and to participate in such employee group benefit plans, including life, health and disability insurance policies, and financial planning services, and other perquisites and plans as are generally provided by the Company to its senior executives of comparable level and responsibility in accordance with the plans, practices and programs of the Company, as amended from time to time.
- 12. <u>Expenses</u>. The Company shall reimburse Executive for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by Executive in connection with the performance of Executive's duties as an employee of the Company in accordance with the Company's generally applicable policies and procedures. Such reimbursement is subject to the submission to the Company by Executive of appropriate documentation and/or vouchers in accordance with the customary procedures of the Company for expense reimbursement, as such procedures may be revised by the Company from time to time hereafter. In no event will an expense be reimbursed later than the last day of the calendar year following the calendar in year in which such expense is incurred.
- 13. <u>Vacations</u>. Executive shall be entitled to paid vacation in accordance with the Company's vacation policy as in effect from time to time, *provided that*, in no event shall Executive be entitled to less than three (3) weeks vacation per calendar year. Executive shall also be entitled to paid holidays and personal days in accordance with the Company's practice with respect to same as in effect from time to time.

#### 14. <u>Termination</u>.

- (a) Executive's employment hereunder may be terminated by the Company, on the one hand, or Executive, on the other hand, as applicable, without any breach of this Agreement, under the following circumstances:
  - (i) <u>Death</u>. Executive's employment hereunder shall automatically terminate upon Executive's death.
  - (ii) <u>Disability.</u> If Executive has incurred a Disability, the Company may give Executive written notice of its intention to terminate Executive's employment. In such event, Executive's employment with the Company shall terminate effective on the 14th day after delivery of such notice to Executive, provided that, within the 14 days after such delivery, Executive shall not have returned to full-time performance of Executive's duties. Executive may provide notice to the Company of Executive's resignation on account of a bona fide Disability at any time.
  - (iii) <u>Cause</u>. The Company may terminate Executive's employment hereunder for Cause effectively immediately upon delivery of notice to Executive, taking into account any procedural requirements set forth under Section 1(e) above.
  - (iv) <u>Good Reason</u>. Executive may terminate Executive's employment herein for Good Reason upon (i) satisfaction of any advance notice and other procedural requirements set forth under Section 1(n) above for any termination pursuant to Section 1(n)(i) through (v) or (ii) at least 30 days' advance written notice by the Executive for any termination pursuant to Section 1(n)(vi) through (viii).

Notwithstanding the foregoing Good Reason shall not occur solely based on a filing of a Chapter 11 reorganization proceeding of the Company or the implementation of the Joint Plan.

- (v) <u>Without Cause</u>. The Company may terminate Executive's employment hereunder without Cause upon at least 30 days' advance written notice to the Executive.
- (vi) Resignation Without Good Reason. Executive may resign Executive's employment without Good Reason upon at least fourteen (14) days' written notice to the Company.
- (b) Notice of Termination. Any termination of Executive's employment by the Company or by Executive under this Section 14 (other than pursuant to Sections 14(a)(i)) shall be communicated by a written notice (the "Notice of Termination") to the other party hereto, indicating the specific termination provision in this Agreement relied upon, setting forth in reasonable detail any facts and circumstances claimed to provide a basis for termination of Executive's employment under the provision so indicated, and specify ing a Date of Termination which notice shall be delivered within the applicable time periods set forth in subsections 14(a)(ii)-(vi) above (the "Notice Period"); provided that, the Company may pay to Executive all Annual Base Salary, benefits and other rights due to Executive during such Notice Period instead of employing Executive during such Notice Period.
- (c) <u>Resignation from Representational Capacities</u>. Executive hereby acknowledges and agrees that upon Executive's termination of employment with the Company for whatever reason, Executive shall be deemed to have, and shall have in fact, effectively resigned from all executive, director, offices, or other positions with the Company or its affiliates at the time of such termination of employment, and shall return all property owned by the Company and in Executive's possession, including all hardware, files and documents, at that time.
- (d) <u>Termination in Connection with Change of Control.</u> If Executive's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause either upon or within thirty days before or thirteen (13) months after a Change of Control, or prior to a Change of Control at the request of a prospective purchaser whose proposed purchase would constitute a Change of Control upon its completion, such termination shall be deemed to have occurred immediately before such Change of Control for purposes of this Agreement and the Plan.

# 15. <u>Termination Pay.</u>

(a) Effective upon the termination of Executive's employment, Company will be obligated to pay Executive (or, in the event of Executive's death, the Executive's designated beneficiary as defined below) only such compensation as is provided in this Section 15, except to the extent otherwise provided for in any Company stock incentive, stock option or cash award plan (including, among others, the Plan), approved by the Board. For purposes of this Section 15, Executive's designated beneficiary will be such individual beneficiary or trust, located at such address, as Executive may designate by notice to Company from time to time or, if Executive fails to give notice to Company of such a beneficiary, Executive's estate. Notw ithstanding the preceding sentence, Company will have no duty, in any circumstances, to attempt to open an estate on behalf of Executive, to determine whether any beneficiary designated by Executive is alive or to ascertain the address of any such beneficiary, to determine the existence of any trust, to determine whether any person purporting to act as Executive's personal representative (or the trustee of a trust established by Executive) is duly authorized to act in that capacity, or to locate or attempt to locate any beneficiary, personal representative, or trustee.

- (b) <u>Termination by Executive for Good Reason or by Company without Cause</u>. If prior to expiration of the Term, Executive terminates his or her employment for Good Reason, or if the Company terminates Executive's employment other than for Cause or Executive's death or Disability, Executive will be entitled to receive, subject to the conditions of this Agreement, the following:
  - (i) (A) all Annual Base Salary and Bonus duly payable under the applicable plan for performance periods ending prior to the Date of Termination, but unpaid as of the Date of Termination, plus (B) in consideration for Executive's obligations set forth in Section 19 hereof, an amount equal to one (1) times the Executive's then-current rate of Annual Base Salary and Target Bonus, which total sum shall be payable immediately following the Date of Termination in twenty-six (26) equal bi-weekly installments in accordance with the Company's normal payroll practices commencing with the next payroll date immediately following the 30 day anniversary of the Date of Termination, provided that, if a Change of Control occurs (or is deemed pursuant to Section 14(d) hereof to have occurred after such termination) during such twelve (12) month period (and such Change of Control qualifies either as a "change in the ownership or effective control" of the Company or a "change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets" of the Company as such terms are defined under Section 409A of the Code), any amounts remaining payable to Executive hereunder shall be paid in a single lump sum immediately upon such Change of Control.
  - (ii) if Executive's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause either upon or within thirty days before or thirteen (13) months after a Change of Control, or prior to a Change of Control at the request of a prospective purchaser whose proposed purchase would constitute a Change of Control upon its completion (and such Change of Control qualifies either as a "change in the ownership or effective control" of the Company or a "change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets" of the Company as such terms are defined under Section 409A of the Code), the Company shall treat as earned all unvested Performance Units for which the performance term has not expired as of such Change of Control at the rate calculate d pursuant to the Plan and the applicable Grant Letter, and shall immediately convert those Units into Restricted Shares and accelerate as of the Date of Termination the removal of restrictions on such shares.
  - (iii) all reasonable expenses Executive has incurred in the pursuit of Executive's duties under this Agreement through the Date of Termination which are payable under and in accordance with this Agreement, which amount will be paid within thirty (30) days after the submission by Executive of properly completed reimbursement requests on the Company's standard forms, provided that, in no event will an expense be reimbursed later than the last day of the calendar year following the calendar in year in which such expense is incurred;
  - (iv) a lump sum payment (net after deduction of taxes and other required withholdings) equal to twelve (12) times the monthly cost, at the time Executive's employment terminated, for Executive to receive under COBRA the paid coverage for health, dental and vision benefits then being provided for Executive at the Company's cost at the time Executive's employment terminated. This amount will be paid on the next payroll date immediately following the 30 day anniversary of the Date of Termination and will not take into account future increases in costs during the applicable time period; and
  - (v) notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any award agreement, Executive shall be deemed to be actively employed during the twelve (12) month period following termination of employment for purposes of vesting of all stock options, performance units and restricted stock; *provided that*, if a Change of Control occurs (or is

deemed pursuant to Section 14(d) hereof to have occurred after such termination) within such period, all remaining stock options that would have vested in the twelve (12) month period shall vest, and all remaining restricted stock and performance units whose restrictions would have lapsed in the twelve (12) month period shall have their restrictions lapse immediately upon such Change of Control; provided, however, that with respect to any equity-based compensation awards subject to Section 409A of the Code (as determined by independent tax counsel retained by the Company), vesting and/or the lapse of restrictions will only be accelerated if such Change of Control qualifies either as a "change in the ownership or effective control" of the Company or a "change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets" of the Company as such terms are defined under Section 409A of the Code, or the first subsequent time at which such distribution may be made in compliance with Section 409A of the Code; and

- (vi) pay the cost of up to twelve (12) months, as required, of executive-level outplacement services (which provides as part of the outplacement the use of an office and secretarial support as near as reasonably practicable to Executive's residence) provided that, in no event will an expense be reimbursed later than the last day of the calendar year following the calendar in year in which such expense is incurred.
- (c) The Executive shall not be required to mitigate the amount of any payments provided in Section 15, by seeking other employment or otherwise, nor shall the amount of any payment provided for in this Section 15 be reduced by any compensation earned by Executive as a result of employment by another company or business, or by profits earned by Employee from any other source at any time before or after the date of Termination, so long as Executive is not in breach of the Agreement.
- (d) <u>Termination by Executive without Good Reason or by Company for Cause</u>. If prior to the expiration of the Term or thereafter, Executive <u>V</u>oluntarily terminates Executive's employment prior to expiration of the Term without Good Reason or if Company terminates this Agreement for Cause, Executive will be entitled to receive Executive's then-existing Annual Base Salary only through the date such termination is effective in accordance with regular payroll practices and will be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses Executive has incurred in the pursuit of Executive's duties under this Agreement through the date of termination which are payable under and in accordance with this Agreement; any unvested options and shares of restricted stock shall terminate as of the date of termination unless otherwise provided for in any applicable plan or award agreement; and Executive shall be entitled to no other compensation, bonus, payments or benefits except as expressly provided in this paragraph.
- (e) <u>Termination upon Disability or Death.</u> If Executive's employment shall terminate by reason of Executive's Disability (pursuant to Section 14(a)(ii)) or death (pursuant to Section 14(a)(i)), the Company shall pay to Executive, in a lump sum cash payment following the Date of Termination, all unpaid Annual Base Salary through the Date of Termination in accordance with regular payroll practices and the Bonus previously earned for a performance period ending prior to the Date of Termination, but unpaid as of the Date of Termination, and the pro rata portion of the Bonus for such year (when and as suc h Bonuses are paid to other senior executives of the Company) for the Performance Period in which the termination occurred. In the case of Disability, if there is a period of time during which Executive is not being paid Annual Base Salary and not receiving long-term disability insurance payments, the Company shall make interim payments equal to such unpaid disability insurance payments to Executive until commencement of disability insurance payments; provided that, to the extent required to avoid the tax consequences of Section 409A of the Code, as determined by independent tax counsel, the first payment shall cover all payments scheduled to be made to Executive during the first six (6) months after the date Executive's employment terminates.

- (f) <u>Benefits</u>. Except as otherwise required by law, Executive's accrual of, and participation in plans providing for, the Benefits will cease at the effective Date of the Termination of employment.
- Conditions To Payments. To be eligible to receive (and continue to receive) and retain the payments and benefits described in Sections 15(b)(i) and 15(e), Executive must comply with the provisions of Sections 17, 18 and 19. In addition, to be eligible to receive (and continue to receive) and retain the payments and benefits described in Sections 15(b) and 15(e) Executive (or Executive's executor and personal representatives in case of death) must execute and deliver to Company, and comply with, an agreement, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Company, effectively releasing and giving up all claims Executive may have against Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates (and each of their respective controlling shareholders, employees, directors, officers, plans, fiduciaries, insurers and agents) arising out of or based upon any facts or conduct occurring prior to that date. The agreement will be prepared by Company, will be based upon the standard form (if any) then being utilized by Company for executive separations when severance is being paid, and will be provided to Executive at the time Executive's employment is terminated or as soon as administratively practicable thereafter (not to exceed five (5) business days). The agreement will require Executive to consult with Company representatives, and voluntarily appear as a witness for trial or deposition (and to prepare for any such testimony) in connection with, any claim which may be asserted by or against Company, any investigation or administrative proceeding, any matter relating to a franchise, or any business matter concerning Company or any of its transactions or operations. It is understood that the final document may not contain provisions specific to the release of a federal age discrimination claim if Executive is not at least forty (40) years of age, and may be changed as Company's chief legal counsel considers necessary and appropriate to enforce the same, including provisions to comply with changes in applicable laws and recent court decisions. Payments under and/or benefits provided by Section 15 will not continue to be made unless and until Executive executes and delivers that agreement to Company within twenty-one (21) days after delivery of the document (or such lesser time as Company's chief legal counsel may specify in the document) and all conditions to the effectiveness of that agreement and the releases contemplated thereby have been satisfied (including without limitation the expiration of any applicable revocation period without revoking acceptance).
- (h) <u>Survival</u>. The expiration or termination of the Term shall not impair the rights or obligations of any party hereto which shall have accrued hereunder prior to such expiration, subject to the terms of any agreement containing a general release provided by Executive.
- (i) <u>Definitions.</u> For purposes of this Section 15, the terms "termination of employment" or "terminate" when used in the context of termination of employment shall means separation from service with the Company and its affiliates as the terms "separation from service" and "affiliate" are defined in Section 409A of the Code or the regulations thereunder.
- (j) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 15, any of the benefits described in this Section 15 that are due to be paid or awarded during the first six-(6) months after the Date of Termination shall, to the extent required to avoid the additional taxes and penalties imposed under Section 409A of the Code (as determined by independent tax counsel), be suspended for six months and paid on the day after the sixth month anniversary of the Date of Termination.

# 16. Excess Parachute Payment.

(a) Anything in this Agreement or the Plan to the contrary notwithstanding, to the extent that any payment, distribution or acceleration of vesting to or for the benefit of Executive by the Company (within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code and the regulations thereunder),

whether paid or payable or distributed or distributable pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or otherwise (the "Total Payments") is or will be subject to the excise tax imposed under Section 4999 of the Code (the "Excise Tax"), then the Total Payments shall be reduced (but not below zero) to the Safe Harbor Amount (as defined below) if and to the extent that a reduction in the Total Payments would result in Executive retaining a larger amount, on an after-tax basis (taking into account federal, state and local income and employment taxes and the Excise Tax), than if Executive received the entire amount of such Total Payments in accordance with their existing terms (taking into account federal, state, and local income and employment taxes and the Excise Tax). For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Safe Harbor Amount" means the largest p ortion of the Total Payments that would result in no portion of the Total Payments being subject to the Excise Tax. Unless Executive shall have given prior written notice specifying a different order to the Company to effectuate the foregoing, the Company shall reduce or eliminate the Total Payments, by first reducing or eliminating the portion of the Total Payments which are payable in cash and then by reducing or eliminating non-cash payments in such order as Executive shall determine; provided that Executive may not so elect to the extent that, in the determination of the Determining Party (as defined herein), such election would cause Executive to be subject to the Excise Tax. Any notice given by Executive pursuant to the preceding sentence shall take precedence over the provisions of any other plan, arrangement or agreement governing Executive's rights and entitlements to any benefits or compensation.

- (b) The determination of whether the Total Payments shall be reduced as provided in Section 16(a) and the amount of such reduction shall be made at the Company's expense by an accounting firm selected by Company from among the ten largest accounting firms in the United States or by qualified independent tax counsel (the "Determining Party"); provided that, Executive shall be given advance notice of the Determining Party selected by the Company, and shall have the opportunity to reject to the selection, within two business days of being notified of the selection, on the basis of that Determining Party's having a conflict of interest or other reasonable basis, in which case the Company shall select an alternative auditing firm among the ten largest accounting firms in the United States or alternative independent qualified tax counsel, which shall become the Determining Party. Such Determining Party shall provide its determination (the "Determination"), together with detailed supporting calculations and documentation to the Company and Executive within ten (10) days of the termination of Executive's employment or at such other time mutually agreed by the Company and Executive. If the Determining Party determines that no Excise Tax is payable by Executive with respect to the Total Payments, it shall furnish Executive with an opinion reasonably acceptable to Executive that no Excise Tax will be imposed with respect to any such payments and, absent manifest error, such Determination shall be binding, final and conclusive upon the Company and Executive. If the Determining Party determines that an Excise Tax would be payable, the Comp any shall have the right to accept the Determination as to the extent of the reduction, if any, pursuant to Section 16(a), or to have such Determination reviewed by another accounting firm selected by the Company, in which case the determination of such third accounting firm shall be binding, final and conclusive upon the Company and Executive.
- (c) If, notwithstanding any reduction described in this Section 16, the IRS determines that Executive is liable for the Excise Tax as a result of the receipt of any of the Total Payments or otherwise, then Executive shall be obligated to pay back to the Company, within thirty (30) days after a final IRS determination or in the event that Executive challenges the final IRS determination, a final judicial determination, a portion of the Total Payments equal to the "Repayment Amount." The Repayment Amount with respect to the payment of benefits shall be the smallest such amount, if any, as shall be required to be paid to the Company so that Executive's net after-tax proceeds with respect to the Total Payments (after taking into account the payment of the Excise Tax and all other applicable taxes imposed on the Payment) shall be maximized. The Repayment Amount shall be zero if a Repayment Amount of more than zero would not result in

Executive's net after-tax proceeds with respect to the Total Payments being maximized. If the Excise Tax is not eliminated pursuant to this paragraph, the Executive shall pay the Excise Tax.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 16, if (i) there is a reduction in the Total Payments as described in this Section 16, (ii) the IRS later determines that Executive is liable for the Excise Tax, the payment of which would result in the maximization of Executive's net after-tax proceeds (calculated as if Executive's benefits had not previously been reduced), and (iii) Executive pays the Excise Tax, then the Company shall pay to Executive those payments or benefits which were reduced pursuant to this Section 16 as soon as administratively possible after Executive pays the Excise Tax (but not later than March 15 following the calendar year of the IRS determination) so that Executive's net after-tax proceeds with respect to the T otal Payments are maximized.

#### 17. <u>Competition/Confidentiality</u>.

- (a) Acknowledgments by Executive. Executive acknowledges that (a) during the Term and as a part of Executive's employment, Executive has been and will be afforded access to Confidential Information (as defined below); (b) public disclosure of such Confidential Information could have an adverse effect on the Company and its business; (c) because Executive possesses substantial technical expertise and skill with respect to the Company's business, Company desires to obtain exclusive ownership of each invention by Executive while Executive is employed by the Company, and Company will be at a substantial competitive disadvantage if it fails to acquire exclusive ownership of each such invention by Executive; and (d) the provisions of this Section 17 are reasonable and necessary to prevent the improper use or disclosure of Confidential Information and to provide Company with exclusive ownership of all inventions and works made or created by Executive.
- (b) <u>Confidential Information</u>. (i) The Executive acknowledges that during the Term Executive will have access to and may obtain, develop, or learn of Confidential Information (as defined below) under and pursuant to a relationship of trust and confidence. The Executive shall hold such Confidential Information in strictest confidence and never at any time, during or after Executive's employment terminates, directly or indirectly use for Executive's own benefit or otherwise (except in connection with the performance of any duties as an employee hereunder) any Confidential Information, or divulge, reveal, disclose or communicate any Confidential Information to any unauthorized person or entity in any manner whatsoever.
- (ii) As used in this Agreement, the term "Confidential Information" shall include, but not be limited to, any of the following information relating to Company learned by the Executive during the Term or as a result of Executive's employment with Company:
- (A) information regarding the Company's business proposals, manner of the Company's operations, and methods of selling or pricing any products or services;
- (B) the identity of persons or entities actually conducting or considering conducting business with the Company, and any information in any form relating to such persons or entities and their relationship or dealings with the Company or its affiliates;
  - (C) any trade secret or confidential information of or concerning any business operation or business relationship;
- (D) computer databases, software programs and information relating to the nature of the hardware or software and how said hardware or software is used in combination or alone;

- (E) information concerning Company personnel, confidential financial information, customer or customer prospect information, information concerning subscribers, subscriber and customer lists and data, methods and formulas for estimating costs and setting prices, engineering design standards, testing procedures, research results (such as marketing surveys, programming trials or product trials), cost data (such as billing, equipment and programming cost projection models), compensation information and models, business or marketing plans or strategies, deal or business terms, budgets, vendor names, programming operations, product names, informa tion on proposed acquisitions or dispositions, actual performance compared to budgeted performance, long-range plans, internal financial information (including but not limited to financial and operating results for certain offices, divisions, departments, and key market areas that are not disclosed to the public in such form), results of internal analyses, computer programs and programming information, techniques and designs, and trade secrets;
  - (F) information concerning the Company's employees, officers, directors and shareholders; and
  - (G) any other trade secret or information of a confidential or proprietary nature.
- (iii) Executive shall not make or use any notes or memoranda relating to any Confidential Information except for uses reasonably expected by Executive to be for the benefit of the Company, and will, at Company's request, return each original and every copy of any and all notes, memoranda, correspondence, diagrams or other records, in written or other form, that Executive may at any time have within his possession or control that contain any Confidential Information.
- (iv) Notwithstanding the foregoing, Confidential Information shall not include information which has come within the public domain through no fault of or action by Executive or which has become rightfully available to Executive on a non-confidential basis from any third party, the disclosure of which to Executive does not violate any contractual or legal obligation such third party has to the Company or its affiliates with respect to such Confidential Information. None of the foregoing obligations and restrictions applies to any part of the Confidential Information that Executive demonstrates was or became generally available to the public other than as a result of a disclosure by Executive or by any other person bound by a confidentiality obligation to the Co mpany in respect of such Confidential Information.
- (v) Executive will not remove from the Company's premises (except to the extent such removal is for purposes of the performance of Executive's duties at home or while traveling, or except as otherwise specifically authorized by Company) any Company document, record, notebook, plan, model, component, device, or computer software or code, whether embodied in a disk or in any other form (collectively, the "Proprietary Items"). Executive recognizes that, as between Company and Executive, all of the Proprietary Items, whether or not developed by Executive, are the exclusive property of the Company. Upon termination of Executive's employment by either party, or upon the request of Company during the Term, Executive will return to Company all of the Proprietary Items in Executive's possession or subject to Executive's control, including all equipment (e.g., laptop computers, cell phone, portable e-mail devices, etc.), documents, files and data, and Executive shall not retain any copies, abstracts, sketches, or other physical embodiment of any such Proprietary Items.

#### Proprietary Developments.

(a) Any and all inventions, products, discoveries, improvements, processes, methods, computer software programs, models, techniques, or formulae (collectively, hereinafter

referred to as "<u>Developments</u>"), made, conceived, developed, or created by Executive (alone or in conjunction with others, during regular work hours or otherwise) during Executive's employment, which may be directly or indirectly useful in, or relate to, the business conducted or to be conducted by the Company will be promptly disclosed by Executive to Company and shall be Company's exclusive property. The term "Developments" shall not be deemed to include inventions, products, discoveries, improvements, processes, methods, computer software programs, models, techniques, or formulae which were in the possession of Executive prior to the Term. Executive hereby transfers and assigns to Company all proprietary rights which Executive may have or acquire in any Developments and Executive wai ves any other special right which the Executive may have or accrue therein. Executive will execute any documents and to take any actions that may be required, in the reasonable determination of Company's counsel, to effect and confirm such assignment, transfer and waiver, to direct the issuance of patents, trademarks, or copyrights to Company with respect to such Developments as are to be Company's exclusive property or to vest in Company title to such Developments; provided, however, that the expense of securing any patent, trademark or copyright shall be borne by Company. The parties agree that Developments shall constitute Confidential Information.

(b) "Work Made for Hire." Any work performed by Executive during Executive's employment with Company shall be considered a "Work Made for Hire" as defined in the U.S. Copyright laws, and shall be owned by and for the express benefit of Company. In the event it should be established that such work does not qualify as a Work Made for Hire, Executive agrees to and does hereby assign to Company all of Executive's right, title, and interest in such work product including, but not limited to, all copyrights and other proprietary rights.

## 19. Non-Competition and Non-Interference.

- (a) Acknowledgments by Executive. Executive acknowledges and agrees that: (a) the services to be performed by Executive under this Agreement are of a special, unique, unusual, extraordinary, and intellectual character; (b) the Company competes with other businesses that are or could be located in any part of the United States; and (c) the provisions of this Section 19 are reasonable and necessary to protect the Company's business and lawful protectable interests, and do not impair Executive's ability to earn a living.
- (b) <u>Covenants of Executive</u>. For purposes of this Section 19, the term "<u>Restricted Period</u>" shall mean the period commencing as of the date of this Agreement and terminating on the second anniversary (or, in the case of Section 19(b)(iii), the first anniversary), of the date Executive's employment terminated; *provided that*, the "Restricted Period" also shall encompass any period of time from whichever anniversary date is applicable until and ending on the last date Executive is to be paid any payment under Section 15 hereof. In consideration of the acknowledgments by Executive, and in consideration of the compensation and benefits to be paid or provided to Executive by Company, Executive covenants and agrees that during the Restricted Period, the Executive will not, directly or indirectly, for Executive's own benefit or for the benefit of any other person or entity other than the Company:
- (i) in the United States or any other country or territory where the Company then conducts its business: engage in, operate, finance, control or be employed by a "Competitive Business" (defined below); serve as an officer or director of a Competitive Business (regardless of where Executive then lives or conducts such activities); perform any work as an employee, consultant (other than as a member of a professional consultancy, law firm, accounting firm or similar professional enterprise that has been retained by the Competitive Business and where Executive has no direct role in such professional consultancy and maintains the conf identiality of all information acquired by Executive during his or her employment with the Company), contractor, or in any other capacity with, a Competitive Business; directly or indirectly invest or own any interest in a Competitive Business (regardless of where Executive then lives or

conducts such activities); or directly or indirectly provide any services or advice to a any business, person or entity who or which is engaged in a Competitive Business (other than as a member of a professional consultancy, law firm, accounting firm or similar professional enterprise that has been retained by the Competitive Business and where Executive has no direct role in such professional consultancy and maintains the confidentiality of all information acquired by Executive during his or her employment with the Company). A "Competitive Business" is any business, person or entity who or which, anywhere within that part of the United States, or that part of any other country or territory, where the Company conducts business; owns or operates a cable television system; provides direct television or any satellite-based, telephone system-bas ed, internet based or wireless system for delivering television, music or other entertainment programming (other than as an ancillary service, such as cellular telephone providers); provides telephony services using any wired connection or fixed (as opposed to mobile) wireless application; provides data or internet access services; or offers, provides, markets or sells any service or product of a type that is offered or marketed by or directly competitive with a service or product offered or marketed by the Company at the time Executive's employment terminates; or who or which in any case is preparing or planning to do so. The provisions of this Section 19 shall not be construed or applied (i) so as to prohibit Executive from owning not more than five percent (5%) of any class of securities that is publicly traded on any national or regional securities exchange, as long as Executive's investment is passive and Executive does not lend or provide any services or advice to such business or otherwise violate the terms of this Agreement in connection with such investment; or (ii) so as to prohibit Executive from working as an employee in the cable television business for a company/business that owns or operates cable television franchises (by way of current example only, Time Warner, Cablevision, Cox or Comcast), provided that the company/business is not providing cable services in any political subdivision/ geographic area where the Company has a franchise or provides cable services (other than nominal overlaps of service areas) and the company/business is otherwise not engaged in a Competitive Business, and provided Executive does not otherwise violate the terms of this Agreement in connection with that work;

- (ii) contact, solicit or provide any service to any person or entity that was a customer franchisee, or prospective customer of the Company at any time during Executive's employment (a prospective customer being one to whom the Company had made a business proposal within twelve (12) months prior to the time Executive's employment terminated); or directly solicit or encourage any customer, franchisee or subscriber of the Company to purchase any service or product of a type offered by or competitive with any product or service provided by the Company, or to reduce the amount or level of business purchased by such customer, franchis ee or subscriber from the Company; or take away or procure for the benefit of any competitor of the Company, any business of a type provided by or competitive with a product or service offered by the Company; or
- (iii) solicit or recruit for employment, any person or persons who are employed by Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates, or who were so employed at any time within a period of six (6) months immediately prior to the date Executive's employment terminated, or otherwise interfere with the relationship between any such person and the Company; nor will the Executive assist anyone else in recruiting any such employee to work for another company or business or discuss with any such person his or her leaving the employ of the Company or engaging in a business activity in competition with the Company. This provision shall not apply to secretarial, clerical, custodial or maintenance employees.

If Executive violates any covenant contained in this Section 19, then the term of the covenants in this Section shall be extended by the period of time Executive was in violation of the same.

- (c) Provisions Pertaining to the Covenants. Executive recognizes that the existing business of the Company extends to various locations and areas throughout the United States and may extend hereafter to other countries and territories and agrees that the scope of Section 19 shall extend to any part of the United States, and any other country or territory, where the Company operates or conducts business, or has concrete plans to do so at the time Executive's employment terminates. It is agreed that the Executive's services hereunder are special, unique, unusual and extraordinary giving them peculiar value, the loss of which cannot be reasonably or adequately compensated for by damages, and in the event of the Executive's breach of this Section, Company shall be entitled to equitable relief by way of injunction or otherwise in addition to the cessation of payments and benefits hereunder. If any provision of Sections 17, 18 or 19 of this Agreement is deemed to be unenforceable by a court (whether because of the subject matter of the provision, the duration of a restriction, the geographic or other scope of a restriction or otherwise), that provision shall not be rendered void but the parties instead agree that the court shall amend and alter such provision to such lesser degree, time, scope, extent and/or territory as will grant Company the maximum restriction on Executive's activities permitted by applicable law in such circumstances. Company's failure to exercise its rights to enforce the provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected by the existence or n on existence of any other similar agreement for anyone else employed by Company or by Company's failure to exercise any of its rights under any such agreement.
- (d) Notices. In order to preserve Company's rights under this Agreement, Company is authorized to advise any potential or future employer, any third party with whom Executive may become employed or enter into any business or contractual relationship with, and any third party whom Executive may contact for any such purpose, of the existence of this Agreement and its terms, and Company shall not be liable for doing so.
- (e) <u>Injunctive Relief and Additional Remedy.</u> Executive acknowledges that the injury that would be suffered by Company as a result of a breach of the provisions of this Agreement (including any provision of Sections 17, 18 and 19) would be irreparable and that an award of monetary damages to Company for such a breach would be an inadequate remedy. Consequently, Company will have the right, in addition to any other rights it may have, to obtain injunctive relief to restrain any breach or threatened breach or otherwise to specifically enforce any provision of this Agreement, and Company will not be obligated to post bond or other security in seeking such relief. Without limiting Company's rights under this Section or any other remedies of Company, if Executive breaches any of the provisions of Sections 17, 18 or 19, Company will have the right to cease making any payments otherwise due to Executive under this Agreement.
- (f) Covenants of Sections 17, 18 and 19 are Essential and Independent Covenants. The covenants by Executive in Sections 17, 18 and 19 are essential elements of this Agreement, and without Executive's agreement to comply with such covenants, Company would not have entered into this Agreement or employed Executive. Company and Executive have independently consulted their respective counsel and have been advised in all respects concerning the reasonableness and propriety of such covenants, with specific regard to the nature of the business conducted by Company. Executive's cov enants in Sections 17, 18 and 19 are independent covenants and the existence of any claim by Executive against Company, under this Agreement or otherwise, will not excuse Executive's breach of any covenant in Section 17, 18 or 19. If Executive's employment hereunder is terminated, this Agreement will continue in full force and effect as is necessary or appropriate to enforce the covenants and agreements of Executive in Sections 17, 18 and 19. The Company's right to enforce the covenants in Sections 17, 18 and 19 shall not be adversely affected or limited by the Company's failure to have an agreement with another employee with provisions at least as restrictive as those contained in Sections 17, 18 or 19, or by the Company's failure or inability to enforce (or agreement not to enforce) in full the

provisions of any other or similar agreement containing one or more restrictions of the type specified in Sections 17, 18 and 19 of this Agreement.

- 20. Executive's Representations And Further Agreements.
  - (a) Executive represents, warrants and covenants to Company that:
- (i) Neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement by Executive nor the performance of any of Executive's duties hereunder in accordance with the Agreement will violate, conflict with or result in the breach of any order, judgment, employment contract, agreement not to compete or other agreement or arrangement to which Executive is a party or is subject;
- (ii) On or prior to the date hereof, Executive has furnished to Company true and complete copies of all judgments, orders, written employment contracts, agreements not to compete, and other agreements or arrangements restricting Executive's employment or business pursuits, that have current application to Executive;
- (iii) Executive is knowledgeable and sophisticated as to business matters, including the subject matter of this Agreement, and that prior to assenting to the terms of this Agreement, or giving the representations and warranties herein, Executive has been given a reasonable time to review it and has consulted with counsel of Executive's choice; and
- (iv) Executive has not provided, nor been requested by Company to provide, to Company, any confidential or non public document or information of a former employer that constitutes or contains any protected trade secret, and will not use any protected trade secrets in connection with the Executive's employment.
- (b) During and subsequent to expiration of the Term, the Executive will cooperate with Company, and furnish any and all complete and truthful information, testimony or affidavits in connection with any matter that arose during the Executive's employment, that in any way relates to the business or operations of the Company or any of its parent or subsidiary corporations or affiliates, or of which the Executive may have any knowledge or involvement; and will consult with and provide information to Company and its representatives concerning such matters. Executive shall fully cooperate with Company in the protection and enforcement of any intellectual property rights that relate to services performed by Executive for Company, whether under the terms of this Agreement or prior to the execution of this Agreement. This shall include without limitation executing, acknowledging, and delivering to Company all documents or papers that may be necessary to enable Company to publish or protect such intellectual property rights. Subsequent to the Term, the parties will make their best efforts to have such cooperation performed at reasonable times and places and in a manner as not to unreasonably interfere with any other employment in which Executive may then be engaged. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed or interpreted as requiring the Executive to provide any testimony, sworn statement or declaration that is not complete and truthful. If Company requires the Executive to travel outside the metropolitan area in the United States where the Executive then resides to provide any testimony or otherwise provide any such assistance, then Company will reimburse the Executive for any reasonable, ordinary and necessary travel and lodging expenses incurred by Executive to satisfy any requirements under applicable tax laws for Company to deduct those expenses. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed or interpreted as requiring the Executive to provide any testimony or affidavit that is not complete and truthful.

- 21. <u>Mutual Non-Disparagement.</u> Neither the Company nor Executive shall make any oral or written statement about the other party which is intended or reasonably likely to disparage the other party, or otherwise degrade the other party's reputation in the business or legal community or in the telecommunications industry.
- 22. <u>Foreign Corrupt Practices Act</u>. Executive agrees to comply in all material respects with the applicable provisions of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 ("FCPA"), as amended, which provides generally that: under no circumstances will foreign officials, representatives, political parties or holders of public offices be offered, promised or paid any money, remuneration, things of value, or provided any other benefit, direct or indirect, in connection with obtaining or maintaining contracts or orders hereund er. When any representative, employee, agent, or other individual or organization associated with Executive is required to perform any obligation related to or in connection with this Agreement, the substance of this section shall be imposed upon such person and included in any agreement between Executive and any such person. Failure by Executive to comply with the provisions of the FCPA shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and shall entitle the Company to terminate Executive's employment for Cause.
- 23. <u>Purchases and Sales of the Company's Securities</u>. Executive has read and agrees to comply in all respects with the Company's Securities Trading Policy regarding the purchase and sale of the Company's securities by employees, as such Policy may be amended from time to time. Specifically, and without limitation, Executive agrees that Executive shall not purchase or sell stock in the Company at any time (a) that Executive possesses material non-public information about the Company or any of its businesses; and (b) during any "Trading Blackout Period" as m ay be determined by the Company as set forth in the Policy from time to time.

## 24. <u>Indemnification.</u>

- (a) If Executive is made a party or is threatened to be made a party or is otherwise involved in any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (hereinafter, a "proceeding"), by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or an officer of the Company or is or was serving at the request of the Company as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to an employee benefit plan (hereinafter, a "Covered Person"), whether the basis of such proceeding is alleged action in an official capacity as a director, officer, employee or agent or in any other capac ity while serving as a director, officer, employee or agent, shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company to the fullest extent authorized by the Delaware General Corporation Law, as the same exists or may hereafter be amended, against all expense, liability and loss (including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, ERISA excise taxes or penalties and amounts paid in settlement) reasonably incurred or suffered by such Covered Person in connection therewith; provided, however, that, except as provided in Section 24(e) hereof with respect to proceedings to enforce rights to indemnification, the Company shall indemnify any such Covered Person in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by such Covered Person only if such proceeding (or part thereof) was authorized by the Board.
- (b) The Company shall pay the expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by Executive in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition (hereinafter, an "advancement of expenses"), provided, however, that, if the Delaware General Corporation Law so requires, an advancement of expenses incurred by Executive in his or her capacity as such shall be made only upon delivery to the Company of an undertaking (hereinafter, an "Undertaking"), by or on behalf of such Executive, to repay all amounts so advanced if it shall ultimately be determined by final judicial decision from which there is no further right to appeal (hereinafter, a "Final Adjudication") that Executive was not entitled to be indemnified for such expenses under

this Section 24 or otherwise. The rights to indemnification and to the advancement of expenses conferred in Subsections 24(a) and (b) hereof shall be contract rights and such rights shall continue even after Executive ceases to be employed by the Company and shall inure to the benefit of Executive's heirs, executors and administrators.

- (c) If a claim under Section 24(a) or (b) hereof is not paid in full by the Company within sixty (60) days after a written claim therefore has been received by the Company, except in the case of a claim for an advancement of expenses, in which case the applicable period shall be twenty (20) days, Executive may at any time thereafter bring suit against the Company to recover the unpaid amount of the claim. If Executive is successful in whole or in part in any such suit, or in a suit brought by the Company to recover an advancement of expenses pursuant to the terms of an Undertaking, Executive shall be entitled to be paid also the expense of prosecuting or defending such suit. In (i) any suit brought by Executive to enforce a right to an advancement of expenses) it shall be a defense that, and (ii) any suit brought by the Company to recover an advancement of expenses pursuant to the terms of an Undertaking, the Company shall be entitled to recover such expenses upon a final adjudication that, Executive has not met the applicable standard for indemnification set forth in the Delaware General Corporation Law. To the fullest extent permitted by law, neither the failure of the Company (including its disinterested directors, committee thereof, independent legal counsel or its stockholders) to have made a determination prior to the commencement of such suit that indemnification of Executive is proper in the circumstances because the Executive has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in the Delaware General Corporation Law, nor an actual determination by the Company (including its disinterested directors, committee thereof, independent legal couns el or its stockholders) that Executive has not met such applicable standard of conduct, shall create a presumption that Executive has not met the applicable standard of conduct or, in the case of such a suit brought by Executive, be a defense to such suit. In any suit brought by Executive to enforce a right to indemnification or to an advancement of expenses hereun
- (d) The rights to indemnification and to the advancement of expenses conferred in this Section 24 shall not be exclusive of any other right of indemnification which Executive or any other person may have or hereafter acquire by any statute, the Company's Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise, including all rights of indemnification provided by the Indemnification Agreement entered into by Executive and the Company dated as of December 1, 2009.

The Company may maintain insurance, at its expense, to protect itself and any director, officer, employee or agent of the Company or another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any expense, liability or loss, whether or not the Company would have the power to indemnify such person against such expense, liability or loss under the Delaware General Corporation Law.

- 25. <u>Withholding</u>. Anything to the contrary notwithstanding, all payments required to be made by Company hereunder to Executive or his estate or beneficiary shall be subject to the withholding of such amounts, if any, relating to tax and other payroll deductions as the Company may reasonably determine it should withhold pursuant to applicable law or regulation.
- 26. <u>Notices</u>. Any written notice required by this Agreement will be deemed provided and delivered to the intended recipient when (a) delivered in person by hand; or (b) three days after being sent via U.S. certified mail, return receipt requested; or (c) the day after being sent via by

overnight courier, in each case when such notice is properly addressed to the following address and with all postage and similar fees having been paid in advance:

If to the Company: Charter Communications, Inc.

Attn: Human Resources 12405 Powerscourt Drive St. Louis, MO 63131

If to Executive: 12405 Powerscourt Drive

St. Louis, MO 63131

Either party may change the address to which notices, requests, demands and other communications to such party shall be delivered personally or mailed by giving written notice to the other party in the manner described above.

- 27. <u>Binding Effect</u>. This Agreement shall be for the benefit of and binding upon the parties hereto and their respective heirs, personal representatives, legal representatives, successors and, where applicable, assigns.
- 28. Entire Agreement. As of the Effective Date, the Executive and the Company hereby irrevocably agree that the Old Employment Agreement is hereby terminated in its entirety, and neither party thereto shall have any rights or obligations under the Old Employment Agreement, including but not limited to, in the case of the Executive, any right to any severance payment or benefit. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the listed parties with respect to the subject matter described in this Agreement and supersedes all prior agreements, understandings and arrangements, bo th oral and written, between the parties with respect to such subject matter, except to the extent said agreements, understandings and arrangements are referenced or referred to in this Agreement. This Agreement may not be modified, amended, altered or rescinded in any manner, except by written instrument signed by both of the parties hereto; provided, however, that the waiver by either party of a breach or compliance with any provision of this Agreement shall not operate nor be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach or compliance. Except to the extent the terms hereof are explicitly and directly inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, nothing herein shall be deemed to override or replace the terms of the Plan, including but not limited to sections 6.4, 9.4 and 10.4 thereof.
- 29. <u>Severability.</u> In case any one or more of the provisions of this Agreement shall be held by any court of competent jurisdiction or any arbitrator selected in accordance with the terms hereof to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable in any respect, such provision shall have no force and effect, but such holding shall not affect the legality, validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement provided that the provisions held illegal, invalid or unenforceable does not reflect or manifest a fundamental benefit bargained for by a party hereto.
- 30. Assignment. Subject to the Executive's right to terminate in the event of a Change of Control hereunder, this Agreement can be assigned by the Company only to a company that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Company and which assumes all of the Company's obligations hereunder. The duties and covenants of Executive under this Agreement, being personal, may not be assigned or delegated except that Executive may assign payments due hereunder to a trust established for the benefit of Executive's family or to Executive's estate or to any partnership or trust entered into by Executive and/or Executive's immedi ate family members (meaning, Executive's spouse and lineal descendants). This agreement shall be binding in all respects on permissible assignees.

- 31. <u>Notification.</u> In order to preserve the Company's rights under this Agreement, the Company is authorized to advise any third party with whom Executive may become employed or enter into any business or contractual relationship with, or whom Executive may contact for any such purpose, of the existence of this Agreement and its terms, and the Company shall not be liable for doing so.
- 32. <u>Choice of Law/Jurisdiction</u>. This Agreement is deemed to be accepted and entered into in St. Louis County, Missouri. Executive and the Company intend and hereby acknowledge that jurisdiction over disputes with regard to this Agreement, and over all aspects of the relationship between the parties hereto, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Missouri without giving effect to its rules governing conflicts of laws. Executive agrees that in any suit to enforce this Agreement, or as to any dispute that arises between the Company and the Executive regarding or relating to this Agreement and/or any aspect of Executive's employment relationship with Company, venue and jurisdiction are proper in the County of St. Louis, and (if federal jurisdiction exists) the United States District Court for the Eastern Division of Missouri in St. Louis, and Executive waives all objections to jurisdiction and venue in any such forum and any defense that such forum is not the most convenient forum.
- 33. <u>Section Headings</u>. The section headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any manner the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.
- 34. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 35. <u>Section 409A Compliance.</u> The Company and Executive intend that the provisions of this Agreement comply with the requirements of Code Section 409A and the regulations and guidance issued thereunder and be interpreted in accordance therewith. Executive will not have any discretion to designate the taxable year of payment of any amounts subject to Section 409A under any provision of this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement on the date and year first above written.

## CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: <u>/s/ Michael Lovett</u> Name: <u>Michael Lovett</u> Title: Chief Operating Officer

# EXECUTIVE

/s/ Kevin D. Howard
Name: Kevin D. Howard
Address: 12405 Powerscourt Dr.

St. Louis, MO 63131



# NEWS

# Craig Jacobson Appointed to Charter Communications' Board of Directors

Audit committee now complete and NASDAQ listing process underway

St. Louis, Missouri – July 29, 2010 – Charter Communications, Inc. (along with its subsidiaries, the "Company" or "Charter") today announced that Craig A. Jacobson has been appointed to Charter's Board of Directors (the "Board"), effective July 28, 2010.

Mr. Jacobson will serve as a member of the Audit Committee of the Board, joining David C. Merritt and Christopher M. Temple.

"Craig's broad range of legal experience in the entertainment industry will be a distinct advantage for Charter, and he will strongly compliment our other board members," said Eric L. Zinterhofer, Chairman of the Board. "I'm pleased that the Board's final vacancy has been filled as we continue to support the Company's operations and growth."

Mr. Jacobson is a founding partner at the law firm of Hansen, Jacobson, Teller, Hoberman, Newman, Warren & Richman L.L.P., where he has practiced entertainment law for the past 20 years. Mr. Jacobson also is a member of the Board of Directors of Expedia, Inc., one of the world's leading online travel companies, and of Aver Media, a privately held Canadian lending institution.

With the appointment of Mr. Jacobson to the Audit Committee of the Board, Charter believes that it satisfies the requirements for listing its Class A common stock on the NASDAQ Stock Market and expects to complete the listing process in the coming weeks.

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#### **About Charter**

Charter Communications, Inc. (CCMM - OTC Bulletin Board) is a leading broadband communications company and the fourth-largest cable operator in the United States. Charter provides a full range of advanced broadband services, including advanced Charter  $TV^{TM}$  video entertainment programming, Charter Internet access, and Charter Phone Business®

similarly provides scalable, tailored, and cost-effective broadband communications solutions to business organizations, such as business-to-business Internet access, data networking, business telephone, video and music entertainment services and wireless backhaul. Charter's advertising sales and production services are sold under the Charter Media® brand. More information about Charter can be found at <a href="https://charter.com">charter.com</a>.

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

This press release 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 the listing of our shares of Class A common stock. 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 "Risk Factors" under Part II, Item 1A and the factors described under "Risk Factors" under Part I, Item 1A of our most rece nt Form 10-K filed with the SEC. Many of the forward-looking statements contained in this press release may be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "should," "planned," "will," "may," "intend," "estimated," "aim," "on track," "target," "opportunity," "tentative" and "potential," among others. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements we make in this press release 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 Internet, telephone and other services to residential and commercial customers, and to maintain and grow our customer base, particularly in the face of increasingly aggressive competition and the difficult economic conditions in the United States;
- the impact of competition from other distributors, including but not limited to incumbent telephone companies, direct broadcast satellite operators, wireless broadband providers, and digital subscriber line ("DSL") providers and competition from video provided over the Internet;
- · general business conditions, economic uncertainty or downturn and the significant downturn in the housing sector and overall economy;
- · our ability to obtain programming at reasonable prices or to raise prices to offset, in whole or in part, the effects of higher programming costs (including retransmission consents);
- · our ability to adequately deliver customer service;
- · the effects of governmental regulation on our business;
- the availability and access, in general, of funds to meet our debt obligations, prior to or when they become due, and to fund our operations and necessary capital expenditures, either through (i) cash on hand, (ii) cash flows from operating activities, (iii) access to the capital or credit markets including through new issuances, exchange offers or otherwise, especially given recent volatility and disruption in the capital and credit markets, or (iv) other sources and our ability to fund debt obligations (by dividend, investment or otherwise) to the applicable obligor of such debt; and

· our ability to comply with all covenants in our indentures and credit facilities, any violation of which, if not cured in a timely manner, could trigger a defa	ult of our
other obligations under cross-default provisions.	